

# *No rights in Guantanamo prison*

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White House officials give the Cubans many hours, all to make it more difficult for them to dodge the serious effects of the blockade, intensified by Trump and sustained by Biden.

However, they turn their backs on the serious human rights violations committed at the Guantanamo prison, infamous for being located on a base in territory usurped from the Cubans.

Twenty years have passed since its opening, where hundreds of foreigners have spent long periods of imprisonment, without trial, in most cases without access to defense lawyers.

The Democratic administration looks with its prejudiced gaze at Cuba, without stopping at the Guantanamo dungeons.

While claiming, without providing evidence, that the authorities in the Caribbean nation are breaking the rules to prosecute citizens for their alleged participation in the July 11, 2021 riots, the Biden administration ignores the accusations of atrocities in the Guantanamo Bay prisons.

The macabre compound housed more than 700 prisoners, allegedly terrorists, without legal proof, although such procrastination contrasted with the speed with which they were subjected to torment.

Apparent drowning, sleep deprivation or exposure to exaggerated temperatures were among the range of abuses used by U.S. jailers in the enclave in territory taken from Cuba.

This was confirmed by several of them who managed to get out, such as Mohamedou Ould Slahi, held captive in Guantanamo for 14 years, tortured, he said, for 70 days and interrogated 18 hours a day for three years.

Of course, President George W. Bush said when he opened the prison that the Geneva Convention did not protect its prisoners.

A blank check for the regents, without the tenants of the White House doing enough to prevent it.

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