



Guide to the Baher Azmy Papers, 1986-2007 and undated

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Summary

Collection Title:

Baher Azmy papers, 1986-2007 and undated

Creator:

Azmy, Baher

Abstract:

Professor of law at Seton Hall University and attorney representing Guantánamo detainee Murat Kurnaz. The Baher Azmy Papers span the years 1986-2007 and document Azmy's efforts for the writ of habeas corpus and the release and repatriation of his client Murat Kurnaz, a citizen of Turkey and permanent resident of Germany who was held in extra-judicial detention by the U.S. military at Guantánamo Bay Naval Base, Cuba. The material documents Baher Azmy's legal motions and public efforts for writ of habeas corpus and the release and repatriation of his client, Mr. Kurnaz. Legal papers are composed of filings and petitions; correspondence comprises letters from and to Baher Azmy, Murat Kurnaz, his family and friends, diplomatic officials and U.S. government offices; writings include Azmy's personal notes pertaining to the case and notes of his interviews with Murat Kurnaz; press clippings consist of media coverage regarding the Murat Kurnaz case in the U.S. and German press. Also includes electronic files of legal documents, notes, media releases, and correspondence. Materials are chiefly in English, but there are German and Arabic items, some of which are translated.

Extent:

1.8 Linear Feet

1,125 Items

Physical Location:

For current information on the location of these materials, please consult the Library's online catalog.

Language:

English

Language:

Material in English and German

Collection ID:

RL.00061

Permalink:

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Background

Scope and Content

The Baher Azmy Papers span the years 1986-2007, and consist of legal papers, correspondence, writings and press clippings. Materials pertain to the 2001 arrest in Pakistan of Turkish citizen and legal resident of Germany Murat Kurnaz, and his subsequent detention at the U.S. military base in Kandahar, Afghanistan and eventually at Guantánamo Bay Naval Base, Cuba. His detention was related to the Bush administration's responses to the September 11, 2001 air attacks in the U.S. He was released in 2006 and became the first former Guantánamo detainee to testify before Congress in 2008 about his experiences of detention, including military abuse and interrogation. The papers consist almost exclusively of written documents with the exception of a few printed images, and electronic files of legal documents, notes, media releases, and correspondence. The material documents Baher Azmy's legal motions and public efforts for writ of habeas corpus and the release and repatriation of his client, Mr. Kurnaz. Legal papers are composed of filings and petitions; correspondence comprises letters from and to Baher Azmy, Murat Kurnaz, his family and friends, diplomatic officials and U.S. government offices; writings include Azmy's personal notes pertaining to the case and notes of his interviews with Murat Kurnaz; press clippings consist of media coverage regarding the Murat Kurnaz case in the U.S. and German press. There are also several files concerning the religious group Jama'at Tapli'k (sometimes referred to as Jama'at al-Tabligh or Tablighi Jamaat). While the Baher Azmy papers contain material chiefly in English, the collection also holds German language materials, some of which are not translated into English. There is only one document written in Arabic to which an English translation is attached. Collection folders are arranged in alphabetical order by title within each box.

Biographical/Historical

Baher Azmy is an Egyptian-American lawyer and Professor of Law at Seton Hall University Law School Center for Social Justice, specializing in constitutional law. Azmy gained his law degree from the University of Pennsylvania. Aside

from his academic pursuits, he takes pro bono publico cases. He took on the high-profile case of Guantánamo detainee Murat Kurnaz in July 2004. He is one of the first attorneys who were allowed to visit the Camp Delta military detention facility in Guantánamo Bay, Cuba. Azmy discussed legal concerns and human rights issues regarding the status of and practices in Guantánamo in various national and international academic and human rights platforms, also testifying before Congress. Some of his publications include Epilogue to Murat Kurnaz Five Years of My Life (Palgrave) 2008, Rasul v. Bush and the Intra-Territorial Constitution, 62 N. Y. U. Ann. Surv. Am. L. 369 (2007), "Symposium Foreword: Guantánamo: How Should We Respond," 37 Seton Hall. L. Rev. 685 (2007).

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Administrative Information

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Processing Information

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Related Materials

Related Material

Dorsey & Whitney Records, 1997-2008, bulk 2004-2008, and undated [U.S. law firm also representing Guantánamo detainees]David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library, Duke University

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Names and Subjects

- Tapli`k Jama`at
- War on Terrorism, 2001-2009 -- Prisoners and prisons, American
- Prisoners of war -- Government policy -- United States
- Prisoners of war -- Abuse of -- Cuba -- Guantánamo Bay Naval Base
- Military interrogation -- Government policy -- United States
- Prisoners of war -- Cuba -- Guantánamo Bay Naval Base
- Guantánamo Bay Detention Camp
- Habeas corpus -- United States
- Detention of persons -- Cuba -- Guantánamo Bay Naval Base
- Azmy, Baher
- Azmy, Baher

- Kurnaz, Murat, 1982-

Collection Inventory

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Physical Description: 3 boxes

Administrative Review Board (ARB) proceedings	Box 1
Attorney-client private motion	Box 1
Azmy correspondence to Murat and government and news clippings	Box 1
Azmy v. Department of Defense (DoD) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) - challenged documents	Box 1
Complaint, FOIA/Kurnaz	Box 1
Correspondence and documents from Murat Kurnaz and Rami Ben Saad Al Utaybi	Box 1
Detention of Murat Kurnaz and other case files of Guantánamo detainees I-II	Box 1
Physical Description: 2 folders	
Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request	Box 1
Kurnaz client note 2005 July 23	Box 1
Kurnaz correspondence 2006 Feb. 2	Box 1
Kurnaz declassified documents - interview notes, letters	Box 1
Kurnaz - Filings (M. Kurnaz and R. Kurnaz v. Bush, Rumsfeld, Hood, Cannon)	Box 1
Kurnaz interview notes	Box 1
Kurnaz motion for preliminary injunction (PI) and exhibits	Box 1

Petition for habeas corpus and Azmy's notes on meetings with German and Turkish diplomats	Box 1
Administrative Review Board (ARB) materials and submissions	Box 2
Appointment of counsel motion and order	Box 2
Counsel access procedures	Box 2
Court orders (J. Green)	Box 2
Declassification request	Box 2
Defendant's motion for summary judgment	Box 2
German affidavits and interrogation, translated	Box 2
Government's consolidated opposition and exhibits	Box 2
Government's response re: Murat	Box 2
Habeas submission, key documents	Box 2
Kurnaz transition memos	Box 2
Materials sent to Turkey	Box 2
Other Turkish detainees	Box 2
Photos from Germany trip, 2005 Spring	Box 2
Re: Defendant's motion for summary judgment	Box 2
Second declaration of David M. Hardy	Box 2
Azmy's research notes on Jama'at Taplik (religious apolitical group)	Box 3
Azmy's research on Jama'at Taplik	Box 3
Defendant's motion for summary judgment I-II Physical Description: 2 folders	Box 3
Electronic Records, 2004-2008	Box 3

Scope and Contents note

Electronic files of legal documents, correspondence, research notes, publicity and media documents, memos from U.S. and German officials, and other material pertaining to Azmy's defense of Murat Kurnaz.

Access Restrictions:

[Files are located on the library server. For access to these materials, please consult with a reference archivist.]

Experts on Jama'at Taplik	Box 3
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Review of Combatant Status Review Board re: Kurnaz I-IV	Box 3
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Physical Description: 4 folders

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