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## Three More Gitmo Detainees Hospitalized

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SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico - Three more detainees have been hospitalized after refusing meals at the U.S. prison in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, bringing to 21 the number being treated from a hunger strike that involves a quarter of the camp's prisoners, an official said Wednesday.

All 21 detainees are being tube-fed through their nose, up from 13 a day ago, said Sgt. Justin Behrens, a spokesman at Guantanamo. The military has said it views a hunger strike as a form of suicide and will take steps to prevent it.

All striking detainees were in stable condition, Behrens said.

The military has said the hunger strike began on Aug. 8 with 76 detainees refusing meals. The military said the number rose to 128 before three dropped out, lowering the figure to 125.

The number differed from one given in an Aug. 31 report from the New York-based Center for Constitutional Rights, which claimed 210 prisoners were refusing meals.

The center said the prisoners are angry because the military allegedly reneged on promises to bring the prison into compliance with the Geneva Conventions if prisoners agreed to end a hunger strike that began in June.

The military has denied it reneged on any promises. It says detainees have chosen representatives to meet with military officials about living conditions at the camp.