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Cuba detainees deliver petition

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Two former Guantanamo Bay detainees have taken a petition to the Home Office demanding allegations of torture be investigated.

Moazzam Begg and Martin Mubanga are also demanding the release of five British residents still at the camp.

Mr Mubanga told BBC News that US torture had been aimed at making inmates at the Cuban camp "go crazy".

The 3,500-signature petition was handed in ahead of Saturday's anti-war march in central London.

'Humiliating treatment'

Mr Mubanga said: "The main object of Americans in their torture... is to make you go crazy.

"There are a number of other detainees who have gone insane. I've seen beatings, I've seen humiliating treatment."

The former inmate said he found life back in the UK "strange".

At a press conference, actor Corin Redgrave said: "There are five British residents who have not returned and for whom, shamefully, the Home Office and the British government have disclaimed responsibility."

"They have families here, most of their families are British citizens and they have children here."