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## **Detainee Has Last Guantanamo Panel Review**

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SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico - The U.S. military held its last review tribunal in Guantanamo Bay on Saturday, hearing from a prisoner accused of running an Afghan business that was laundering money for terrorism, an official said.

The 30-year-old detainee was the last of 558 men who had their cases considered by the Combatant Status Review Tribunals, which are meant to determine whether they are properly held as "enemy combatants" or should be freed, said Navy Lt. Terry Green, a tribunal spokesman.

The prisoner allegedly ran an operation known as a "hawala," which U.S. authorities say is used by terrorists to secretly launder money and transfer millions of dollars, including money siphoned from Islamic charities.

There were no details on what the business allegedly posed as. Two major customers had suspected links to the al-Qaida terrorist network, Green said.

It was impossible to determine what the prisoner said at his hearing, which no press attended. The military has not released transcripts of testimonies from the review tribunals, which started in July. The Associated Press filed a Freedom of Information Act request more than two months ago for transcripts.

Journalists were not allowed to stay at the U.S. Naval base in Cuba indefinitely to cover all the tribunals. At hearings the media attended, some prisoners denied the allegations against them.

So far, the review tribunals have ordered three men released and 327 others to remain in custody as "enemy combatants," a classification that affords fewer legal protections than that of prisoners of war. Decisions on the rest are pending. The military has not released reasons for the rulings.

Human rights advocates and defense attorneys have called the review tribunals shams, in part because prisoners are not allowed to have lawyers present and are only told unclassified portions of the allegations against them.

The government says the tribunals are administrative. They were established in response to a Supreme Court ruling in June that allowed prisoners to challenge their incarcerations in U.S. civilian courts.

The military also has held at least 11 Administrative Review Boards, new proceedings that could free prisoners determined no longer to pose a threat to the United States or to have intelligence value.

But the military has refused to release details on the hearings, which no press have attended, saying it is still determining its media policy.