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No Guantanamo detainee has been prosecuted

WASHINGTON, DC, Oct. 24 (UPI) -- Three years after the first detainees were held in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, not one alleged terrorist has been prosecuted, the New York Times reported Sunday.

The Times said only four of the 560 men being held at the Guantanamo Bay detention facility have been charged and preliminary hearings for those four had produced such a barrage of procedural challenges and public criticism that verdicts could still be months away.

A Supreme Court decision in June gave the detainees the right to challenge their imprisonment in federal court, and since, the Pentagon has stepped up efforts to send home hundreds of men who had been held.

"We've cleared whole forests of paper developing procedures for these tribunals, and no one has been tried yet," said Richard Shiffrin, who worked on the issue as the Pentagon's deputy general counsel for intelligence matters. "They just ended up in this Kafkaesque sort of purgatory."