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Feature: Teenager Speaks of Torture in US Prisons

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KABUL, Mar 7 (Pajhwok Afghan News): 16-year-old, Asadullah, who was detained by American troops from a backward village in the southeastern Paktia province some four years back, could not recover of the kicks bombarded by the US soldiers in his abdomen.

He said like health his family economic condition was also deplorable and could not restore for a long time.

"No body hears me to compensate the loss that I and my family suffered during my 18-month detention," he lamented.

Recalling his ordeal, the 16-year-old sufferer, said coalition forces along with Afghan National Army (ANA) arrested him in Zurmat district when he wanted to enjoy Eid holidays with his relatives in December 2002.

The troops were searching for an eminent Taliban commander Mullah Saifurrahman but suddenly came across Asadullah that detained and blindfolded him.

The coalition forces shifted the teenager to nearby military base at Gardez, the provincial capital of Paktia, where they tortured him.

Though Kharwar district of the central Logar province is native land of Asadullah, who now lives with his brothers in Kabul.

Once they were enjoying high economical status when they had shops in Jalalabad but now they were passing through miserable condition.

Asadullah said he was treated like a soccer ball by the American soldiers in the cell. They kicked him frequently in abdomen during investigation, he said in cracking voice.

After receiving heavy blows by the American troops, Asadullah said he often fainted. Spending a troubled week in Gardez cell, Asadullah was shifted to the US main base at Bagram, just north of Kabul.

"Unbearable agonies were waiting for me at Bagram base, sleeplessness, hunger, and harsh investigation were our chums in the deep grave cell," he added.

The investigators quizzed him about the pictures of Osama Bin Laden and other Taliban leaders that he had never met, Asadullah added.

"Finally, I was flown to **Guantanamo Bay** blinded folded, the notorious prison, but the cell was not worse as I deemed," he contended.

Asadullah said with shifting to the **Guantanamo bay** he took a sigh of relief, as he experienced no more kicks and tough investigations.

One of the investigators who questioned him for eight months, appeared after a three months gap, and told him they would be released after five days, the 16-year-old said.

"After five days, they awake us up at midnight, gave us suits and sent us to Bagram base, where the International Committee of the Red Cross and UN's Children Fund provided us transport facility to home," he maintained.