

SAIFULLAH PIRACHI'S ARREST IN JULY 2003

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Islamabad (March 8, 2006): Senator Prof. Khurshid Ahmad has said that the reports published in the Press about the ordeal of a respected Pakistani businessman Saifullah Paracha who was arrested at Bangkok Airport in July 2003 and sent to Guantanamo Bay for interrogation and torture are very disturbing.

Saying that the facts that have come to surface now are highly revolting, Prof. Khurshid Ahmad said the fact that about 490 prisoners are being held at Guantanamo Bay but charges have been leveled against only 10 of them is a cause of great concern for us, for any civil society.

Demanding the government to take necessary measures to help the honorable Pakistani citizen, the senator said it was the duty of the government, its Foreign Office and diplomatic mission in the U.S. to protect Pakistanis against torture and humiliation to which they are being subjected to. He asked the government to immediately take all necessary steps to follow the cases of Pakistanis in "the Hell called Guantanamo", and provide legal and diplomatic support to them and seek their freedom and early repatriation.
