

# **U.S.-Sponsored Torture: The Need for an Immediate Investigation**

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The National Religious Campaign Against Torture (NRCAT) is dedicated to ensuring that the United States never again engages in torture. It believes that all policies which permit torture and "cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment" must be brought to an end. No loopholes for any U.S. agency – whether military or intelligence – are acceptable.

A full, independent and public investigation into possible violations of U.S. law by high-ranking government officials in the use of "enhanced interrogation techniques" is necessary. Whether conducted by the Justice Department or by a Special Prosecutor, the investigation should be thorough and prompt. NRCAT called for such an investigation by a Special Prosecutor on December 10, 2007, and on April 7, 2008.

The American people need to know how detainees have been treated in Iraq, Afghanistan, Guantánamo and elsewhere around the world. And they need to know that every measure has been taken to ensure that no violations of U.S. law with respect to torture and "cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment" will be permitted in the future. An independent investigation is a necessary part of achieving this goal.

Use the links below to see copies of the previous letters from NRCAT to former Attorney General Michael Mukasey calling for an investigation.

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