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Russian Unlawfully Held In Guantanamo for 13 Years – Foreign Ministry

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Russian national Ravil Mingazov has been detained at the Guantanamo Bay military prison unlawfully for 13 years, as no formal charges have ever been brought against him, the Rossiiskaya Gazeta newspaper reported Monday, citing Konstantin Dolgov, the Russian Foreign Ministry's commissioner for human rights.

"Once again, we have to acknowledge, that the American side promised during the coming weeks to determine the fate of Mingazov. This still hasn't happened," Dolgov said, Rossiiskaya Gazeta reported.

Mingazov was arrested in Pakistan in 2002. He was allegedly involved with a terrorist group, but hasn't faced any formal charges. According to Dolgov, he is categorized as an "unprivileged enemy combatant." He is the only Russian that remains in the prison — another seven Russian convicts were extradited to Russia in 2004.

"Guantanamo is yet another example of serial non-compliance by the United States of many of the recommendations made to them by the UN Human Rights Council," he added.

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