
Guantanamo Bay Detainee Repatriated to Mauritania - Pentagon

WASHINGTON, October 29 (Sputnik) – Guantanamo prison detainee Ahmed Ould Abdel Aziz has been released from the detention facility and sent to his home country of Mauritania, the US Defense Department said in a press release on Thursday. “The Department of Defense announced today the repatriation of Ahmed Ould Abdel Aziz from the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay to the Government of Mauritania,” the release said. In January 2009, Aziz was granted approval for release by the Guantanamo Review Task Force that investigated his case per an executive order by US President Barack Obama. “The United States coordinated with the Government of Mauritania to ensure this transfer took place consistent with appropriate security and humane treatment measures,” the Pentagon said. As of today, 113 detainees remain imprisoned at the US Guantanamo Bay detention facility in Cuba. On October 20, Guantanamo Bay detainee Ba Odah’s lawyer Omar Farah told Sputnik that the US government was doing everything it could to oppose the release of Odah, a Saudi Arabian citizen nearing death as a result of a hunger strike.