Saudi-born Shaker Aamer, 45, a British resident, has been held there more than 100 days, said attorney Ramzi Kassem said Saturday, characterizing his client's detention circumstances "reminiscent of Guantánamo circa 2003."

Aamer is not able to see other captives, can only talk to them by shouting thorough his cellblock's metal walls and is taken to an empty recreation yard to exercise alone, Kassem said.

"In Shaker's case it's prolonged solitary confinement. The conditions are cruel," he said, adding that Aamer weighed 208 pounds when he was moved to the punishment block in July. He then went on a

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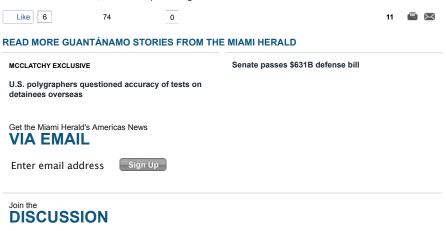
hunger strike to protest the place, and was down to 160 pounds during their last visit on Oct. 24.

Kassem said his client was put there not because of specific behavior but because he had been profiled by prison camp management as a troublemaker, "too charismatic" to be with other medium-security detainees.

It is not known when the prison commanders had the cells sealed up.

Navy Vice Adm. Patrick Walsh, investigating the camps for Geneva Conventions compliance in February 2009, described it as "an open air facility with 24 individual adjoining steel mesh cells arranged in two parallel and equal rows." Detainees were first housed there in April 2008, he said.

A cellblock shown by a U.S. Navy photographer wielding a wide-angled lens in an open doorway has a metal bunk and faucet affixed to the wall above a squat toilet in the floor. The original box-car-style cells back in 2003 had sinks, not faucets protruding from the wall.



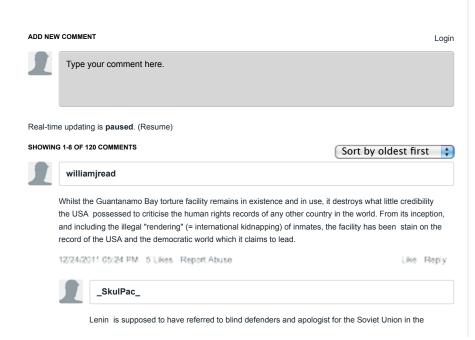
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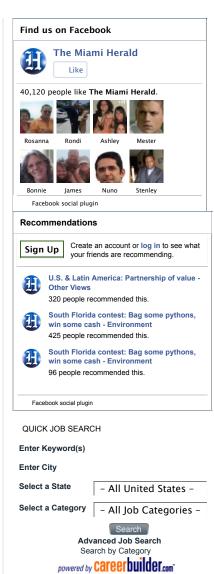
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