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David Hicks pleads guilty

David Hicks pleaded guilty for providing material support for terrorism at a hearing at Guantanamo Bay US base in Cuba earlier this week.

In December 2001, David Hicks, a former Adelaide man, was captured by Taliban forces in Afghanistan and handed over to the United States military. He was detained in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, for interrogation and had been held there ever since.

Although it is currently unclear what sentence Hicks will serve, as reported in *The Sydney Morning Herald*, US prosecutors have suggested Hicks is likely to spend time in an Australian jail. The US has been criticised for their treatment of Hicks. His day in court came more than five years after he was captured.

For educational programs about the alleged terrorist, take a look at this episode of [Behind the News](#) that has a segment on David Hicks and asks why some people want him freed. Review an interview with Major Michael Mori, Hick's US Marine Lawyer, on [Enough Rope With Andrew Denton](#) and [Insight: David Hicks on Trial](#) brings together the main players in Hicks' case. For upper secondary and tertiary students, the program [Hot Docs: The President Versus David Hicks](#) sets out to answer the question of how Hicks ended up as a "Taliban fighter" ([study guide also available](#)). Explore the similar story of Guantanamo Bay detainee, Samj al-Hajj, with [Cutting Edge: Prisoner 345](#) that traces his movements before and after his arrest and examines the way he's allegedly been treated by his jailers. Most recently, [The 7.30 Report](#) reflects on Hicks' hearing in Guantanamo Bay and speaks with his defence team and [Four Corners: David Hicks – The Untried Case](#), screening 2nd April, attempts to answer questions surrounding the court case.
