

# TARGETED KILLING TIMELINE

A timeline!

I've been working on this timeline for almost nine months, trying to pull together the known dates about strikes against Americans, the evidence supporting the strike against Anwar al-Awlaki, the legal cases surrounding both targeted killing and torture, to which targeted killing is linked via the Memorandum of Notification, and Congressional efforts to exercise oversight.

**September 17, 2001:** George Bush signs Memorandum of Notification (henceforth, Gloves Come Off MON) authorizing a range of counterterrorism techniques, including torture and targeted killing.

**September 18, 2001:** Congress passes the Authorization to Use Military Force.

**November 3, 2002:** US citizen Kamal Derwish killed in drone purportedly targeting Abu Ali al-Harithi.

**Late 2008:** Ruben Shumpert reported killed in Somalia.

**June 24, 2009:** Leon Panetta gets briefed on assassination squad program.

**June 26, 2009:** HPSCI passes a funding authorization report expanding the Gang of Eight briefings.

**July 8, 2009:** The Administration responds with an insulting appeal to a "fundamental compact" between Congress and the President on intelligence matters.

**July 8, 2009:** Silvestre Reyes announces CIA lied to Congress.

**October 26, 2009:** British High Court first orders British government to release language on Binyam Mohamed's treatment.

**October 28, 2009:** FBI kills Imam Luqman Asmeen Abdullah during Dearborn, MI arrest raid.

**October 29, 2009:** Hearing on declassifying mention of Gloves Come Off MON before Judge Alvin Hellerstein; in it, Hellerstein reveals NSA James Jones has submitted declaration to keep mention of MON secret.

**November 5, 2009:** Nidal Hasan attacks Fort Hood, killing 13.

**December 24, 2009:** JSOC tries but fails to hit Anwar al-Awlaki. On that day, the IC did not yet believe him to be operational.

**December 25, 2009:** With Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab attack, FBI develops full understanding of Awlaki's operational goals.

**January 2, 2010:** In conversation with David Petraeus, Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh