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gone too far. Amnesty International revived its call for the appointment of a special counsel to investigate any torture and ill-treatment of prisoners in U.S. custody.

The Justice Department disavowed a memo written in 2002 that appeared to justify the use of torture in the war on terror. The memo also argued that the president's wartime powers superseded anti-torture laws and treaties.

That 50-page document, dated Aug. 1, 2002, will be replaced, Justice Department officials said. White House counsel Alberto Gonzales said that some legal memos contained "unnecessary and overbroad discussions" that could be "subject to misinterpretation." But he added, "The analysis underpinning the president's decisions stand and are not being reviewed."

A new memo will instead narrowly address the question of proper interrogation techniques for al-Qaida and Taliban detainees, the Justice Department said.

Bush had outlined his own views in a Feb. 7, 2002, document regarding treatment of al-Qaida detainees from Afghanistan. He said the war against terrorism had ushered in a "new paradigm" and that terrorist attacks required "new thinking in the law of war." Still, he said prisoners must be treated humanely and in accordance with the Geneva Conventions.

"I accept the legal conclusion of the attorney general and the Department of Justice that I have the authority under the Constitution to suspend Geneva as between the United States and Afghanistan, but I decline to exercise that authority at this time," the president said in the memo, entitled "Humane

Treatment of al-Qaida and Taliban Detainees."

Explaining Bush's memo, Gonzales said the United States "is fighting" an enemy that does not fight, attack or plan according to accepted laws of war — in particular the Geneva Conventions."

In a separate Pentagon memo, dated Nov. 27, 2002, the Defense Department's chief lawyer, William J. Haynes II, recommended that Defense Secretary Rumsfeld approve the use of 14 interrogation techniques on detainees at Guantanamo Bay, such as yelling at a prisoner during questioning and using "stress positions," like standing, for up to four hours.

Haynes also recommended approval of one technique among harsher methods requested by U.S. military authorities at Guantanamo: use of "mild, non-injurious physical contact such as grabbing, poking in the chest with the finger and light pushing."

Among the techniques that Rumsfeld approved on Dec. 2, 2002, in addition to the grabbing, the yelling and the stress positions:

- _ Use of 20-hour interrogations.
- _ Removal of all comfort items, including religious items.
- _ Removal of clothing.
- _ Using detainees' "individual phobias such as fear of dogs to induce stress."

Rumsfeld scribbled a note on Haynes' memo that said, "However, I stand for 8-10 hours a day. Why is standing limited to 4 hours."

In a Jan. 15, 2003, note, Rumsfeld rescinded his approval of Haynes' recommendations and said a review would be conducted to consider legal, policy and operational issues relating to interrogations of detainees held

by the U.S. military in the war on terrorism.

Rumsfeld's decision was prompted at least in part by objections raised by some military lawyers who felt that the techniques might go too far, officials said earlier this year.

The review was completed in April 2003, and on that basis Rumsfeld reissued his guidance on April 16, 2003. He approved 24 interrogation techniques, to be used in a manner consistent with the Geneva Conventions, but said that any use of four of those methods would have to be approved by him in advance: the use of rewards or removal of privileges; attacking or insulting the ego of a detainee; alternating the use of friendly and harsh interrogators, and isolation.

The April 2003 review said that removing a detainees' clothing would raise legal issues because it could be construed as degrading, which is against the international convention on torture. The removal of clothing, approved by Rumsfeld for use at Guantanamo Bay in late 2002, was not among the authorized techniques in his revised guidelines issued in April 2003.

At the Justice Department, senior officials said that the 50-page memo issued to the White House on Aug. 1, 2002, would be repudiated and replaced.

The memo, signed by former Assistant Attorney General Jay Bybee, included lengthy sections that appeared to justify use of torture in the war on terrorism

and it contended that U.S. personnel could be immune from prosecution for torture. The memo also argued that the president's powers as commander in chief allow him to override U.S. laws and international treaties banning torture.

Critics on Capitol Hill and elsewhere have said that memo provided the legal underpinnings for subsequent abuses of prisoners in Afghanistan and Iraq.

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LEGAL NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE
FY 2004
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House release, Vermont Sen. Patrick Leahy, the senior Democrat on the Judiciary Committee, accused the administration of continuing to withhold information.

"Though this is a self-serving selection, at least it is a beginning," Leahy said. "But for the Judiciary Committee and the Senate to find the whole truth, we will need much more cooperation and extensive hearings."

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Goal for Fiscal Year 2005

The Nevada Department of Transportation's proposed Disadvantaged Business Enterprise goal for Federal Fiscal Year 2005 is six percent (6%). The proposed goal and the rationale are available for inspection at the Nevada Department of Transportation Contract Compliance Division office until August 1, 2004. The Nevada Department of Transportation will accept public comment until August 1, 2004, at the following address: Nevada Department of Transportation Contract Compliance Division 1263 S. Stewart St. Carson City, NV 89712

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REQUEST FOR APPLICATION SUBMITTAL FOR FTA GRANT FUNDS

The Nevada Department of Transportation is accepting applications postmarked no later than July 15, 2004 for Federal Transit Administration Grant Sections 5309, 5310, and 5311 for the Federal Fiscal Year of 2005. These grants are available to small urban and rural areas within Nevada for transit services. Eligible applicants must be private non profit or public/tribal agencies. Information for these applications can be obtained from the Intermodal Planning Division at (775) 888-7464.

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CLARK COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Clark County Public Works requests Statements of Qualifications (SOQ) over the internet from firms to provide various professional engineering, surveying, landscape architecture and related services for Public Works projects during the period of January 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006. Firms responding should: (1) have an office located in Clark County, Nevada; and (2) be prepared to perform the majority of any work offered in Clark County, Nevada.

Beginning July 7, 2004, an Electronic - Statement of Qualifications (E-SOQ) Users Guide is available online at www.accessclarkcounty.com/pubworks/soq and from the Clark County Public Works SOQ Coordinator at 500 South Grand Central Parkway, 2nd Floor, Las Vegas, Nevada 89155. The E-SOQ Users Guide describes the types of Services and Works requested, qualifications desired for each Service and Work, the combination of Services required for each type of work, the submittal requirements and Internet submittal instructions.

Selection is based upon evaluation of the following factors: (1) The firm's qualifications and experiences to provide the desired services; (2) Experience and qualifications of the firm's employees to perform the desired services; (3) The firm's equipment resources; and (4) Past history of providing similar services in the last five years.

All submittals are evaluated and ranked for each type of Service proposed and for the several types of Services needed to complete a specific kind of project. The final rankings will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners for approval in December 2004.

It is mandatory for interested firms to review the E-SOQ Users Guide and submit according to the instructions. Only properly completed SOQs will be considered.

Interested firms can work on their submittals online from July 19, 2004 to September 20, 2004 at 5:00 p.m. Submittals will be automatically accepted online at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time on September 20, 2004. No SOQs will be considered after the posted closing date and time. To assist firms in the preparation of their submittals, five (5) workshops will be held beginning July 7, 2004. Please contact the Workshop Coordinator at (702) 455-6028 for additional information and to be scheduled for a workshop.

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Empire

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gious violence. Sokoto today is part of 12 predominantly Muslim states that have adopted strict Islamic Shariah laws since 2000. Christians in Sokoto are few.

Dan Fodio is still widely revered by Muslims as a hero for spreading piety and Arabic literacy. Yet some Christians remember his uncompromising attitude toward nonbelievers, for whom he was once quoted as saying "there is no free place of the intellect."

Battle sites and burial grounds for Dan Fodio and his followers have been turned into monuments and mausoleums.

"He fought for Islam. He captured many places and spread knowledge," said Muhammadu Tambari, Dan Fodio's great-great-grandson, an ostrich farmer.

"The jihad we are doing now is teaching and preaching to our children and the children of others. Spreading Islam," Tambari said. Modern day religious violence had no value, the jihad fighter's descendant said - only "creating more problems."