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Italy: **Documents sent to European Parliament committee on renditions allege other renditions and details of Abu Omar cover-up and the Britel rendition**

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Update: **Italy/Morocco: Renditions: Britel pardon request imminent.** *Statewatch* has learned that a pardon request calling on Moroccan authorities to release rendition victim Abou Elkassim Britel from Ain Bourja prison in Casablanca has been supported by 62 Italian MPs, 25 senators and 12 MEPs, and is due to be delivered by a delegation travelling to Morocco next weekend. Italian diplomatic representatives were also reportedly involved in talks to seek a positive outcome, that is, Britel's inclusion in a list of prisoners who are set to receive a royal pardon on occasion of celebrations for the birth of the king's daughter, expected to take place in a month's time. See: **MPs set to request pardon for Britel**

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UPDATE: EP: The European Parliament has adopted (14 February 2007) a highly critical report on CIA renditions and detentions and on the activities of a number of EU governments including the UK, Austria, Italy, Poland and Portugal. The report: *"gives detailed evidence of investigations of illegal rendition or CIA flight cases involving Germany, Sweden, Spain, Ireland, Greece, Cyprus, Denmark, Turkey, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM), Bosnia and Romania."*

[Full-text of the European Parliament Resolution adopted on 14 February 2007 on CIA rendition and detention](#) (pdf) [Press release on the CIA rendition debate and amendments agreed](#) (pdf)

Excellent summary in Working Document no 9 of the key evidence (eg: cases and flights) gathered on Italy, UK, Germany, Sweden, Austria, Spain, Portugal, Ireland, Greece, Macedonia, Bosnia Herzegovina, Romania and Poland to back up the Resolution above: [Evidence gathered on key EU states - CIA rendition and detention](#) (pdf) This should be read in conjunction with: [Working Document no 7](#) (extraordinary renditions) and [Working Document no 8](#): Companies working for the CIA and stop-overs in the EU. See: [Statewatch's Observatory on CIA Rendition - documentation](#)

Tony Bunyan, Statewatch editor, comments:

"The European Parliament's committee of inquiry has done a great public service in gathering evidence to show not just the extent of CIA renditions through and abductions in the EU but also the collusion - by "turning a blind eye" - of EU governments. This have been achieved with little or no help from the other EU institutions (European Commission and the Council of the European Union)."