



Obama statement on Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl

resident Obama made remarks about the release of Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl from Taliban forces Saturday. He was joined by Bergdahl's parents, Jani and Bob in the White House Rose Garden. May 31

The following is the text of a statement by President Obama on the release of Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl:

Today the American people are pleased that we will be able to [welcome home Sergeant Bowe Bergdahl](#), held captive for nearly five years. On behalf of the American people, I was honored to call his parents to express our joy that they can expect his safe return, mindful of their courage and sacrifice throughout this ordeal. Today we also remember the many troops held captive and whom remain missing or unaccounted for in America's past wars. Sergeant Bergdahl's recovery is a reminder of America's unwavering commitment to leave no man or woman in uniform behind on the battlefield. And as we find relief in Bowe's recovery, our thoughts and prayers are with those other Americans whose release we continue to pursue.

Army Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl, the only American soldier held prisoner in Afghanistan, was freed Saturday in exchange for the release of five Afghan detainees at Guantanamo Bay. (Associated Press)

For his assistance in helping to secure our soldier's return, I extend my deepest appreciation to the Amir of Qatar. The Amir's personal commitment to this effort is a testament to the partnership between our two countries. The United States is also grateful for the support of the Government of Afghanistan throughout our efforts to secure Sergeant Bergdahl's release.

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