

UK gave freed Guantanamo inmate £1million in compensation... now he's fled to Syria and joined ISIS

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A terror suspect given £1million compensation by Britain after he was freed from Guantanamo Bay has fled to join Islamic State.

Muslim convert Jamal al-Harith was awarded the payout after being released from the US military jail in 2004.

The suspected Taliban sympathiser was flown to the notorious camp in Cuba and locked up after being captured in Afghanistan by US troops in March 2002.

But after intense campaigning by Tony Blair's government, British citizen al-Harith – who had pleaded his innocence – was let out two years later.

He launched a compensation claim on the grounds British agents knew or were complicit in his mistreatment and was handed up to £1million of taxpayers' money to stay silent.

But last night it emerged that, despite security services being fully aware of his previous detention, al-Harith was able to escape the UK 18 months ago to fight with IS in Syria. His journey has been revealed following an escape from IS-controlled Syria last month by British mother Shukee Begum and her five children.

Channel 4 News disclosed that Miss Begum, 33, is married to al-Harith, and had flown to the war-torn country to try to persuade the fanatic to return to the UK.

However, her attempts failed, and she endured a ten-month ordeal being passed between hostages and rebel groups as she tried to escape...