CIA HOLDS TERROR SUSPECTS IN SECRET PRISONS

DIRECTIONS: Read the article and answer the questions. Mark “T” for True and “F” for False.

1. ____ The CIA has been holding and interrogating some of its most important al Qaeda suspects in a Soviet-era compound in Eastern Europe.
2. ____ Secret facilities have been established in eight countries.
3. ____ The existence of the prisons was fully disclosed to member of Congress, because they have oversight of the CIA’s covert actions.
4. ____ The secret prisons are referred to as “black sites” in White House, CIA, Justice Department and congressional documents.
5. ____ Congress has demanded answers about how the program is run in open testimony that may be viewed by the public.
6. ____ Virtually nothing is known about who is kept in the facilities, what interrogations methods are used or how decisions are made about whether they should be detained and for how long.
7. ____ The CIA has fully acknowledged the existence of its black sites, much as they have with Abu Ghraib.
8. ____ Vice President Cheney and CIA Director Porter Goss asked Congress to exempt CIA employees from legislation that would bar cruel and degrading treatment of any prisoner in U.S. custody.
9. ____ The black sites operate under the same restrictions imposed by the U.S. legal system regarding prisons.
10. ____ The Washington Post revealed the names of all participating Eastern European countries that host black sites.
11. ____ The secret prison system was conceived in the first months after the 9/11 attacks.
12. ____ There is debate in the CIA about the legality, morality and practicality of holding terrorists in such isolation and secrecy.
13. ____ According to one former senior intelligence officer, there was a grand plan for how the prisons would be used and run.
14. _____ It is illegal for the government to hold prisoners in such isolation at secret prisons in the USA, which is why they were placed overseas.

15. _____ Host countries are allowed to use the CIA’s “enhanced interrogation techniques” even though they are prohibited by the UN and U.S. military law.

16. _____ Canada, France, Italy Sweden and the Netherlands have opened inquiries about alleged CIA torture of their or legal residents and transfer them to the CIA’s system.

17. _____ More than 100 suspected terrorists have been sent by the CIA into the covert system.

18. _____ There are 2 types of prisoners – those considered major terrorist suspects and those that are considered less important.

19. _____ Thailand and Guantanamo Bay held prisoners considered to be less important.

20. _____ First tier black sites are run by the CIA, but jails in other countries are operated by the host nations.

21. _____ The top 30 al Qaeda prisoners exist in complete isolation, kept in dark sometimes underground cells, with no recognized legal rights, with no one outside the CIA being allowed to talk or see them.

22. _____ The Eastern European nations the CIA convinced to work with them, still have Sovie-style governments and not much rule of law.

23. _____ Holding terrorists outside the U.S. legal system was being considered before 9/11.

24. _____ On the day of the attacks, the CIA already had a list of High-Value targets.

25. _____ Under U.S. law only the President can order a covert action, by signing a document known as a “presidential finding.”

26. _____ President Bush never gave the CIA increased powers after 9/11.

27. _____ It is not known whether President Bush gave a presidential finding to establish the black sites.

28. _____ It is generally believed that the black-sites program was approved by a small circle of White House and Justice Department lawyers.

29. _____ The CIA considered holding prisoners on ships in international waters.

30. _____ The CIA originally put its highest-value prisoners in shipping containers at Bagram Air Base.

31. _____ The largest prison in Afghanistan was code-named “the Salt Pit,” where one detainee was stripped naked, chained to a concrete floor, and eventually froze to death.

32. _____ The Salt Pit is still in operation at its original location.

33. _____ Abu Zubaida and Ramzi Binalshibh were both imprisoned in Thailand.

34. _____ As the war went on, the CIA began to apprehend more people whose intelligence value and link to terrorism were less certain.

35. _____ The original standard for consigning suspects to the covert system was lowered or ignored.