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• **UKIP MEP Mike Nattrass** today accused the European Commission and Parliament of 'breathtaking hypocrisy' as a statement on the closure of Guantanamo was presented to the Parliament by the Commission.

Mr Nattrass said he wholly agreed that taking people, without their consent or judicial oversight, and depositing them in another jurisdiction was completely wrong and an affront to democracy, accountability and freedom.

"It begs the question, however, as to why the Commission and the Parliament is so keen to condemn the CIA's 'Rendition' flights, and yet wholly supports the principles of the European Arrest Warrant, which in practical purposes amount to the same thing.

"I can supply a list of names of British citizens who have been deported against their will and without any prima facie evidence. Why is the Commission and Parliament so keen to condemn the United States for something which they have themselves condoned and, worse, enshrined in legislation?

"This is hypocrisy at its worst. We should sort our own house out before we attack the United States."

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