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## **Saudi Reports Progress in Guantanamo Repatriation Talks**

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RIYADH - Negotiations for the repatriation of Saudi prisoners held at the US detention camp in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, have reached an advanced stage, Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal said Tuesday.

"The US-Saudi negotiations on the release of Saudi prisoners in Guantanamo have reached an advanced stage," he told a press conference in the Red Sea city of Jeddah. "We hope that they will return."

There are still 121 Saudis among the some 500 inmates from around the world held at the camp since the US-led war in Afghanistan in late 2001.

Three Saudi detainees from Guantanamo were repatriated earlier this year, and five others in May 2003.

The Saudi government is exerting continued efforts to repatriate all its citizens detained abroad.

The camp has been the focus of worldwide controversy following allegations that US forces have abused detainees.