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U.S. Soldiers Urinated on Bahraini Detainee - Lawyers

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A Bahraini detainee said that he was tortured by U.S. guards during his detention in Afghanistan.

The lawyers of a Bahraini detainee at Guantanamo Bay said that he was tortured and abused by U.S. soldiers in Afghanistan.

Abdulla Majid Al Nuaimi was arrested in Pakistan in 2001 and transferred to Kandahar in Afghanistan and then to the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Al Nuaimi detailed the abuse accusations last October during an interview with his lawyers at Guantanamo.

The accusations were made public after the U.S. Defense Department reviewed the lawyer's documents and ruled that the information isn't classified.

Al Nuaimi said that he was abused and tortured inside a large tent in the detention facility in Kandahar.

He told his lawyers that the prisoners were forced to kneel on the ground and that he heard the soldiers' zippers being unzipped.

"He then felt liquid on his head but he was unable to determine whether the soldiers had urinated on him or had pretended to do so," the lawyers said.

Once inside the tent, his clothes were cut off and he was forced to stand naked in front of male and female U.S. army staff, his lawyers said. "An object was put in his rectum and a female MP (Military Police) touched Mr. Al Nuaimi's (private parts),"

The lawyers also said that U.S. interrogators asked Al Nuaimi about the Taliban and al-Qaeda. "At one point he was told to say hello to God, which he believed that this meant he was going to be executed,"

"Mr. Al Nuaimi asked the interrogators to tell him what they wanted him to say and they responded that he should say that he had gone to Afghanistan for jihad."

The lawyers said that "During a search, an MP punched Mr. Al Nuaimi and another MP told him that it had been a long time since he had 'kicked Muslim's ****es',"

They also said that Al Nuaimi suffered from a urinary tract infection and was left without medical attention for more than 50 days.

He said that a doctor told him; "You're about to die and there's nothing we can do for you."

"After several days of having a fever, being unable to eat and stop vomiting, Mr. Al Nuaimi was taken to a clinic," they said.

"The doctor who examined him asked an MP if he (the MP) wanted to insert an IV into Mr. Al Nuaimi.

"The MP was allowed to perform this medical procedure and caused a wound that resulted in Mr. Al Nuaimi bleeding on his clothes."

Al Nuaimi said that he was then sent back to the tent despite the fact that he remained sick. "After returning to the tent, he lost consciousness and was taken once more to the clinic."

"However, he was then put in a cell by himself, purportedly to prevent his infecting others."

Al Nuaimi is one of five other Bahrainis detained by the U.S. as "enemy combatants" for over three years. They are being represented by Dorsey and Whitney, as part of a global effort to provide free legal aid to all Guantanamo detainees.