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## **Danish Prime Minister Says Guantanamo Prison is a Weakness for U.S.-Led Coalition**

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COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP) - Denmark's prime minister said Tuesday that the Guantanamo Bay detention center is a weakness for the U.S. and its allies who want to be seen as promoting democracy and human rights worldwide.

Anders Fogh Rasmussen said he would raise the issue again during his June 9 meeting with U.S. President George W. Bush at Camp David in Maryland.

"In their own interest, the Americans should find a solution because we all work globally to promote freedom, democracy and respect for human rights," said Fogh Rasmussen, a staunch supporter of Washington in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"It's a weakness for the coalition, as such. It's a weakness to have Guantanamo," he told reporters. "You cannot keep people for years without giving them a judicial clarification."

A Danish citizen, Slimane Hadj Abderrahmane, was released Feb. 24, 2004, after being held for 747 days at the former U.S. Navy base-turned-detention center. Abderrahmane was never charged.

The United States has said it has treated Guantanamo prisoners humanely, but classifies them as enemy combatants, which gives them with fewer legal protections than prisoners of war under the Geneva Conventions

There are about 490 prisoners at Guantanamo.