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## **Lawyer for Former Guantanamo Detainee Urges Kuwaiti Court to Disregard U.S. Interrogations of His Client**

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KUWAITCITY (AP) - A lawyer for one of five Kuwaitis freed from U.S. custody at **Guantanamo Bay** urged a court Sunday to disregard information obtained by the U.S. military through interrogating his client.

"The (transcripts of) the interrogations do not have the defendant's signature, and they have no question and answer," attorney Ayyedh al-Azmi told the criminal court in Kuwait.

His client, Abdul-Aziz al-Shimiri, is on trial with the four others for joining al-Qaida, collecting money for it and fighting in Afghanistan alongside the Taliban who supported the terror group.

The men were returned from the detention center in Cuba in November. Authorities referred them to court where they denied all charges when their trial opened March 5.

Lawyers Sunday asked for an adjournment to prepare their defense statements, and the judge set the next hearing for May 7.

The prosecution contends the men have endangered their country's "political standing" and its ties with friendly nations. The defendants face up to 10 years in prison if convicted.

Another Kuwaiti ex-**Guantanamo Bay** prisoner who returned in January 2005 was initially acquitted of terror-related charges, but an appeals tribunal overturned the verdict and sentenced him to five years in prison.

Six citizens of this oil-rich state are still held in Guantanamo as terror suspects.

Kuwait has been a major ally of Washington since the U.S.-led 1991 Gulf War that liberated it from a seven-month Iraqi occupation. But some Muslim extremists oppose the American military presence in the country since the war. Scores have fought alongside militants in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Chechnya and Iraq.