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## Fresh Allegations of Abuse At Guantanamo Bay

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WOLF BLITZER: There are fresh allegations of abuse concerning the treatment of terror detainees at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba.

Our Brian Todd is standing by. He has details -- Brian.

BRIAN TODD, CNN CORRESPONDENT: Wolf, one attorney for detainees says the U.S. military was embarrassed by recent hunger strikes at Guantanamo Bay, and determined to stop them.

(BEGIN VIDEOTAPE)

TODD (voice-over): Attorneys representing nine detainees at Guantanamo Bay make allegations of abusive treatment to end recent hunger strikes.

**TOM WILNER, ATTORNEY FOR DETAINEES:** Some decision was made somewhere, saying, we don't a hunger strike anymore.

TODD: Tom Wilner visited Guantanamo very recently. He says his client, a Kuwaiti named Fawzi al-Odah, was warned recently he would be punished if he continued his hunger strike. Wilner says al-Odah, who had allowed himself to be fed through tubes, ended his hunger strike last month, after seeing another detainee being strapped to a restraint chair like this one.

WILNER: They would strap people to a chair, strap them all up, put a mask, basically, on them, I'm told, hold their head back, and force tubes in, and take them out at the end of each feeding.

TODD: Wilner and another attorney say some detainees bled and fainted after that treatment.

Joshua Colangelo-Bryan represents three detainees. He won't say what happened to his clients. But, during a recent visit to Guantanamo, he says he heard, hunger-striking were overfed while restrained.

JOSHUA COLANGELO-BRYAN, ATTORNEY FOR DETAINEES: After the feeding WAS done, detainees were kept strapped into their chairs. So, they couldn't go to the bathroom, except on themselves.

TODD: The chief military spokesman at Guantanamo tells CNN, a restraining system is used to feed hunger-striking. But he said -- quote -- "Allegations of inhumane treatment for hunger-striking detainees are absolutely false."

The White House also weighed in.

SCOTT MCCLELLAN, WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY: We know that al Qaeda is trained in trying to make wild accusations and so forth. But the president has made it very clear what the policy is. And we expect the policy to be followed. And he's made it very clear that we do not condone torture and we do not engage in torture.

(END VIDEOTAPE) TODD: Something, however, has clearly happened recently at Guantanamo to affect the hunger strikes. U.S. military officials there say, from 84 hunger-striking reported at around Christmastime, there are now four, three of them being forced-fed through tubes -- Wolf.

BLITZER: All right, Brian, thank you very much -- Brian Todd reporting.