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## **Habib psychologically scarred: US lawyer**

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Former Australian terrorist suspect Mamdouh Habib is suffering from emotional and psychological problems as a result of his detention in Guantanamo Bay, his lawyer has said.

Mr Habib's US counsel Joe Margulies said he did not wish to elaborate on the extent of Mr Habib's condition, but said he would need specialist treatment.

"Mr Habib has some chronic medical conditions as a result of his incarceration, that we're going to get taken care of or at least have specialists take a look at," Mr Margulies told reporters at Sydney Airport.

"He has developed some emotional and psychological conditions that will require even more time (to recover from)."

Mr Margulies said it was important that Mr Habib received the medical care he needed.

"Our first consideration is to get him the medical care, both from a mental health and a GP perspective, that he demands," he said.

Mr Habib's family also needed time to adjust to having him home, Mr Margulies said.

"We want to give his family as much time as we can to gradually get used to having him back in their lives," he said.

"Frankly, his youngest daughter didn't even remember him."

Mr Habib was detained by US forces for more than three years for his suspected involvement in terrorist activity.

He was released without charge by the US government and returned to Australia on Friday.

Mr Margulies declined to comment on whether Mr Habib would be pursuing compensation for his time in detention at Guantanamo Bay.