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Bahraini detainees unveils Guantanamo tortures

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LONDON - A Bahraini detainee at Guantanamo Bay was urinated on by US soldiers, had cigarettes put out on him, was made to walk on barbed wire and was told he was going to be killed, according to his lawyers.

The latest allegations, which were made by Juma Mohammed Abdul Latif Al Dossary, date back to when he was first detained by US forces in Afghanistan three years ago.

He had a soldier's boot put in his mouth, was beaten so severely by US soldiers that he vomited blood, had tea poured over his head and was given electric shocks during interrogation.

The latest claims were made during the same interview with lawyers, who visited Guantanamo Bay last October. However, they can only be released now after the US Defence Department reviewed their notes and deemed the information to be unclassified.

Al Dossary was arrested in Pakistan in December 2001 and was held by Pakistani authorities for several weeks. He was then handed over to US authorities who moved him from Pakistan to Kandahar, Afghanistan, via airplane.

Upon arrival in Kandahar, Al Dossary and other detainees were allegedly lined up on the ground in a tent. He told lawyers US Marines urinated on them and put out cigarettes on them.

"A US soldier pushed Al Dossary's head into the ground violently and other soldiers walked on him," said a statement issued by the lawyers, who added that he has scars consistent with cigarette burns.

"He lay on the ground for approximately an hour, wearing only a thin pair of overalls despite the fact that it was January and the weather was quite cold."

New York-based legal firm Dorsey and Whitney is representing the six Bahraini detainees with support from the now-dissolved Bahrain Centre for Human Rights (BCHR).

Lawyers say the next morning Al Dossary was made to walk on barbed wire, was given electric shocks and had tea poured over his head.

However, when he asked for a doctor he claimed he was spat on by a US soldier who said "we brought you here to kill you". During the subsequent two weeks, Mr Al Dossary was allegedly housed in freezing tents with other detainees who were lined up at night, threatened with being shot and were then beaten.

Al Dossary was allegedly interrogated several times while in Kandahar, during which he was beaten to the point that he began to cry, said his lawyers. Eventually, Al Dossary vomited blood and then fainted," they said in a statement.

It is also claimed that Red Cross representatives visited Al Dossary in Afghanistan and were able to observe clear signs of physical abuse.

Al Dossary, who has an eight-year-old daughter in Bahrain, has been detained for over three years as an "enemy combatant" along with Essa Ali Abdulla Al Murbati, Salah Abdul Rasool Al Blooshi, Adel Kamel Hajee, Shaikh Saman bin Ebrahim al Khalifa and Abdulla Majid Al Naimi.