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## **US Pledges to End Case of Kuwaiti Guantanamo Detainees "Quickly"**

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WASHINGTON, Nov 9 (KUNA) -- Kuwaiti Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Mohammad Al-Sabah, on a visit to Washington, said the US Administration has pledged to end the file of Kuwaiti detainees in Guantanamo "quickly." "The US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice promised that the US Administration will review the file of the Kuwaiti detainees in Guantanamo quickly and with a serious manner, especially those who are suffering from health difficulties," Sheikh Mohammad told KUNA after a meeting with Rice last night.

Sheikh Mohammad said the Kuwaiti government is keen on the importance of handing over the six detainees to the Kuwaiti authorities and the health problems of some detainees required the need to speed up the process to hand them over to the Kuwaiti authorities. The United States has handed over five detainees to the Kuwaiti authorities last week and they are now under interrogation.

The Kuwaiti Foreign Minister said the US State Secretary praised the legal measures taken by the Kuwaiti judiciary system and the "seriousness" of the Kuwaiti government in dealing with those handed over to Kuwait.

He said he has informed Rice that the Kuwaiti authorities "deal with those handed over to Kuwait in accordance with the Kuwaiti legal system and that they are now under judiciary measures." "This proves the keenness of the Kuwaiti government that justice takes its role completely and that all of those be tried fairly," he said. He said his talks with Rice also tackled the upcoming conference "future forum" due to be held in Bahrain later this week which will discuss political and economic reform in the Middle East.

Rice along with several ministers representing world capitals are expected to attend the conference.

There has to be a strategic vision to support political and economic reform in the greater Middle East, Sheikh Mohammad said on the conference.

He added that his talks also touched upon the upcoming elections in Iraq in December, the resolution pertaining to the assassination of former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafiq Al-Hariri and the upcoming Palestinian elections in January next year.

He described his talks with Rice as "important" which fall within the framework of cooperation and continuous consultations between Kuwait and the United States.