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## **Kuwait Says to Give Fair Trial for Guantanamo Detainees**

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KUWAIT -- Kuwait on Sunday affirmed keenness on holding a just trial of its nationals who were held captive in the US detention camp of Guantanamo.

The stand was voiced during the weekly session of the Kuwait council of ministers which was presided over by Acting Prime Minister and Interior Minister Sheikh Nawaf al Ahmad al Jaber al Sabah, Deputy Prime Minister Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs and Minister of State for National Assembly Affairs, Mohammad Sharar said in a written statement sent to KUNA following the session.

"The council followed the positive efforts exerted by Foreign Minister Sheikh Dr. Mohammed Sabah al Salem al Sabah with senior US administration officials on the health state of the Guantanamo detainees who went on a hunger strike recently", the statement read.

"Kuwait is keen on subduing all detainees for a just trial according to the legal state of each detainee and adherence to implementation of the just verdict issued against each detainee", the statement went on.

On Friday, the Kuwaiti foreign minister met with the US Ambassador at large for war crimes, Pierre Prosper, discussing Kuwait's concern over the reported deteriorating health state of the Kuwaiti detainees.

"I have also explained to him that the measures you have taken have no legal grounds and are not in conformity with the American constitution and such measures are more harmful than that the acts taken by terrorists against American interest," he told reporters after the meeting.

During the meeting Sheikh Mohammed stressed the significance of the "humanitarian treatment of those on hunger strike, then the cause of the hunger strike must be addressed and third there has to be a solution to the legal status of the detainees".

He said Kuwait is discussing with the United States the possibility of handing over to Kuwait five Kuwaiti detainees, saying that Kuwait has the desire "to receive all the 11 detainees".

For his part, the American Ambassador said he discussed with Sheikh Mohammad a way to find a solution to the issue of the detainees, but stressed that the two sides agreed that the issue of the detainees is a "complex situation".

"It is a complex situation because there are things to examine and make sure that security means or needs are met. but we also understand the humanitarian side of it," he said. Elaborating on the humanitarian side, he said it is logical that the detainees and their parents want to know about the future of the detainees.

Prosper pledged to work on a solution to some cases of the detainees who have been held in Guantanamo for over three years now.