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Kuwaiti parliament discusses citizens held in Iraq, Guantanamo

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Kuwait, 22 December: The National Assembly (parliament) Human Rights Committee discussed Wednesday [22 December] the issues of a Kuwaiti citizen detained in Iraq and others detained in the US Guantanamo Bay camp in Cuba, in addition to a proposal to honour the children of personnel who died while on duty.

Head of the committee MP Walid al-Tabtaba'i told reporters, following the meeting today, the meeting considered a petition by the detainee's father and a letter from the Red Cross saying that this Kuwaiti citizen was detained in the Abu-Ghraib prison in Iraq.

"The committee has requested the Foreign Ministry to interfere for the release of the Kuwaiti citizen, who had been arrested near the Iraqi-Iranian borders without announcing any charges against him," he said. He added that the ministry has contacted the Iraqi human rights minister on that regard and hoped for the soon release of the Kuwaiti national.

On a different though related arena, Tabtaba'i said the committee has considered a report by Ambassador Khalid Maqamas related to the Kuwaitis detained in the Guantanamo camp. "The Foreign Ministry will dispatch a private jet to receive a Kuwaiti citizen from there," noting that this process has been delayed for two months due to relevant arrangements. [Passage omitted]

The committee meeting was attended by First Deputy Premier and Interior Minister Shaykh Nawaf al-Ahmad al-Jabir al-Sabah and Deputy Premier and Defence Minister Shaykh Jabir al-Mubarak al-Sabah.