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## **Kuwaiti to be released from Guantanamo Bay prison**

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KUWAIT CITY - A Kuwaiti man who has been held at the US military prison in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, is about to be released and will return to Kuwait in a matter of days, a senior Kuwaiti diplomat said in newspaper remarks published Thursday.

Nasser al-Mutairi, who is among 10 other Kuwaitis held in the US prison for more than two years, will be released and returned home aboard a special Kuwaiti flight within 10 days, ambassador Khaled al-Mukhamis said in comments carried by al-Siyassa newspaper.

Al-Mukhamis spoke to journalists following a meeting held Wednesday by the parliament's human rights committee that discussed the al-Mutairi case.

He attended the meeting as the Kuwaiti Ministry of Foreign Affairs representative on the issue.

Kuwaiti officials have been lobbying US government officials to return the Kuwaiti prisoners who were rounded up either in Afghanistan or Pakistan during the 2001 US military campaign to remove the Taleban government from power, but Washington has been slow to respond.

Relatives of the 11 detainees filed a case in US Federal Court in 2002 claiming that the men were rounded up unlawfully in Afghanistan or Pakistan by local tribesmen who had been paid bounties by US forces to locate Taleban or Al Qaeda sympathizers.