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US attorneys visit Yemen over Gitmo detainees

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SANA'A, Dec. 22(Saba)- Some US lawyers started a visit to Yemen on Tuesday to meet families of Yemeni detainees in the US Bay in **Guantanamo** as well as detainees in Afghanistan because of alleged links to al-Qaeda.

Chairman of the National Organization for Defending Rights and Freedoms (HOOD), said the US attorneys had already started interviews with some families.

Mohammad Naji Alaw said the visit of new US attorneys comes in the framework of coordination between HOOD and a number of American lawyers to defend Yemeni detainees in Gitmo.

Alaw did not offer detains on families and governorates to be targeted by the US lawyers' visit, but he said the visit was among a series of visits by American attorneys last months as they met with detainees families in Taiz, Hadramout and Sana'a.

In a previous statement, HOOD stated that it had got authorizations from families of 95 detainees and that the Constitutional Rights Center could summon lawyers for 55 detainees. The organization said that it continues collecting more authorizations so it can find more voluntary lawyers.

The statement said that the organization also got last week authorizations from the families of detainees whom US authorities released in order to claim compensations against US authorities.

Noteworthy, Yemen received in last two years nearly five detainees. It is said that negotiations between Yemeni and American authorities are ongoing over extraditing 13 detainees out of 106 Yemeni detainees in **Guantanamo** Bay who US authorities alleged they associated with al-Qaeda and former Taliban government in Afghanistan.