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5 From Guantanamo Get Bail in Kuwait

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KUWAIT, March 5 -- A Kuwaiti court on Sunday ordered the release on bail of five Kuwaitis who were returned to Kuwait in November after spending three years in the Guantanamo Bay detention center in Cuba, judicial officials said.

The five are charged with belonging to the Taliban and fighting a friendly state. They are among 500 captives who had been held at the base since the 2001 American-led war in Afghanistan after the Sept. 11 attacks in the United States.

The court set bail at \$1,712 for each of the suspects, who are to be released Monday, the officials said.

Khaled al-Odah, chief of a support committee for the detainees, said, however, that one of the five, Adel al-Zamel, would not be freed because he faced charges in another case not linked to militancy.

The other four are Saad al-Azmi, Muhammad al-Daihani, Abdullah al-Ajmi and Abdulaziz al-Shimmari.

Kuwait, an American ally, is a main transit route for American forces going to Iraq. Up to 25,000 American troops are based here.