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## **German Interior Minister: Close Guantanamo**

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BERLIN, Dec. 19 (UPI) -- Germany's Interior Minister, Wolfgang Schaeuble, has said Washington should close its detention center at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

"It would be better if that facility were relocated within the U.S. judicial system," Schaeuble said in an interview with Sunday's Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung. "I told my U.S. partners time and again: What hurts the reputation of the United States most is that they detain terrorism suspects in camps outside the U.S. judicial system."

Schaeuble added he remained confident the U.S. democracy was "strong enough to rethink" such a practice and "correct its position."

The German opposition meanwhile has said Schaeuble should act according to his statements and press Washington to inform Berlin of each "enemy combatant" the CIA has transported or will transport via Germany to the prison in Cuba.

Schaeuble himself has come under fire recently for wanting to use information obtained by German intelligence while interrogating Murat Kurnaz, a Turkish inmate in Guantanamo. The inmate had lived most of his life in the northern German city of Bremen.