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Action: SWCI

From: AMEMBASSY MANAMA (MANAMA 720 - IMMEDIATE)

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Captions: NOFORN

Subject: TORTURE ALLEGATIONS OF BAHRAINI GTMO DETAINEE -  
GUIDANCE REQUESTED

Ref: None

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Classified By: Charge d'Affaires Robert S. Ford for  
reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

1. (U) SUMMARY AND ACTION REQUEST. The Abu Gharieb prison scandal has spurred stories of Bahraini GTMO detainees being tortured. An open letter to President Bush that specified a Bahraini citizen by name has gained credibility with some government and NGO leaders. Sunni Islamist parliamentarians raised the reports of torture with the Minister of State. To the Embassy's knowledge the prisoner has made no formal complaints of abuse. ACTION REQUEST: Post requests immediate press guidance to counter allegations of abuse of a Bahraini GTMO detainee. END SUMMARY.

2. (U) On May 15 English daily "Bahrain Tribune" featured allegations by two former British-Pakistani GTMO detainees that US prison guards at Guantanamo Bay beat an ailing Bahraini detainee. In the same article vocal anti-American Parliament member Shaikh Mohammed Khalid condemned the torture and called for national mobilization to release all six Bahraini detainees. Arabic daily "Al Ayam" also reported the allegation which was derived from an open letter to President Bush. The letter named Juma Al-Dossari as the victim.

3. (U) On May 16 Arabic daily, "Akhbar Al Khaleej," published an op-ed piece by Muslim Brotherhood Friday prayer

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REMARKS: Request for Permission for [ ] Team to Visit Detainees  
on Guantanamo

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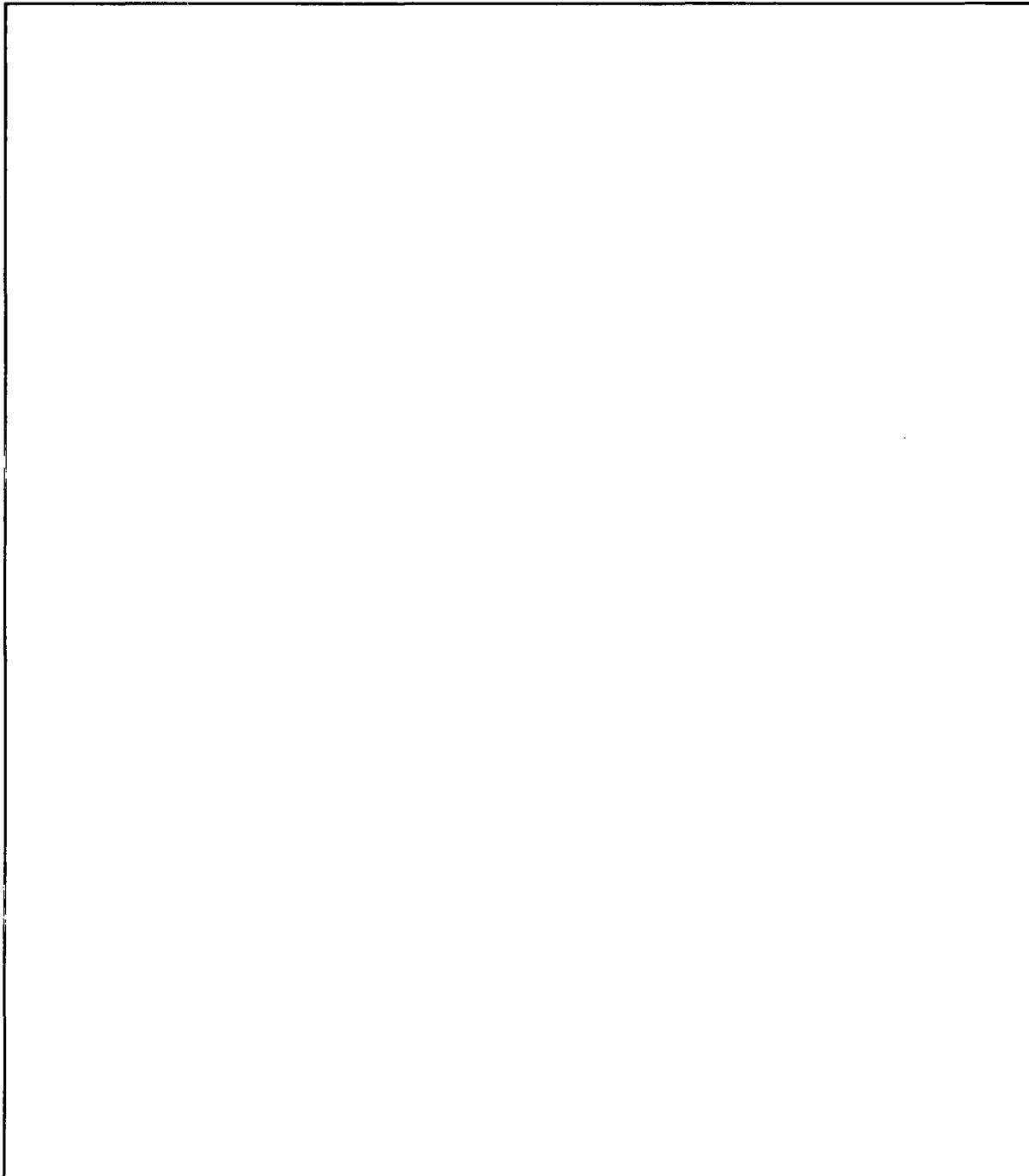
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leader Shaikh Salah Fuad Ubaid. Ubaid posited that the US Army abused Arab prisoners at GTMO because President Bush waged war against Arabs and the Muslim world. On the same day, independent newspaper "Al Wasat" reported that Bahrain Human Rights Society Deputy Secretary General Salman Kamal Al-Din questioned the credibility of the torture. He noted that a GOB security delegation recently visited Guantanamo and confirmed that the detainees were in good physical and mental condition.



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