



11 January 2012

The Honorable Barack H. Obama
President of the United States of America
The White House
Washington DC
United States

Dear Mr. President,

**IN THE MATTER OF THE KUWAITIS DETAINED AT
GUANTANAMO BAY DETENTION FACILITY SINCE 2002**

I write in respect of the above subject.

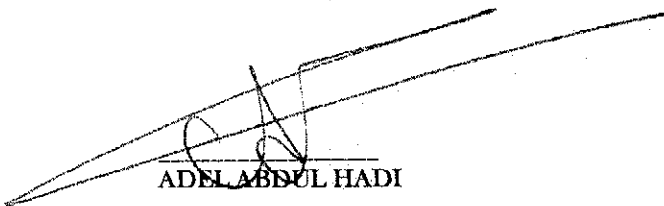
I am Lawyer Adel Abdul Hadi and I am a member of the defense team appointed to represent Fayiz Al Kandari, one of the two Kuwaitis detained at Guantanamo Bay Prisons facility since 2002. We have gathered this day at the US Embassy in Kuwait to demand the immediate release of Fayiz Al Kandari and Fawzi Al Odah from Guantanamo. Our protest is held simultaneously with the Washington protests calling for the closure of Guantanamo Bay Detention Facility and release of all Guantanamo prisoners.

It is now 10 years since Fayiz Al Kandari and Fawzi Al Odah were unlawfully detained at your Guantanamo Bay Prisons facility without a fair and proper trial till date. They have in these years been subjected to torture using advanced interrogation techniques approved by the President Bush administration which have never been condemned by your administration. Fayiz Al Kandari and Fawzi Al Odah's continued detention is based on hearsay and no concrete facts or evidence supporting the allegations made against them have been provided. You had during your inauguration speech promised to close Guantanamo in less than a year of your taking office. You however reneged on your promise and have continued to maintain this facility that has been condemned by the whole world.

It is regrettable to say the least that the US government continues to treat with contempt the demands of the Kuwaiti people that the Kuwaitis at Guantanamo be released in spite of the fact that Kuwait is the US strongest, most important and trusted ally in the Middle East. I believe that friendship with Kuwait should be based on mutual respect for each other's interests. The continued detention of Fayiz Al Kandari and Fawzi Al Odah by the US government is illegal and is in breach of the Geneva Convention, international human rights convention and even the American values of justice and preservation of human rights.

I therefore demand an immediate release of Fayiz Al Kandari and Fawzi Al Odah. I believe that releasing Fayiz Al Kandari and Fawzi Al Odah to the Kuwait government is the very least the US government can do out of respect for Kuwait.

Yours sincerely,



ADEL ABDUL HADI