

A [Justice Department](#) lawyer yesterday urged a federal judge to continue the detention of six Algerians at the [U.S. military](#) prison in [Guantanamo Bay](#) , contending they would "take up arms" and attack Americans if released.

The government alleges that the six Algerians were planning to go to Afghanistan to fight U.S. forces. But the detainees' lawyers said the men are innocent, never should have been confined and, after nearly seven years of captivity, should be freed. The lawyers described the detainees as hardworking family men.

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