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TEXT OF REPORT BY RADIO AUSTRALIA ON 7 MAY

THE LAWYER FOR AN AUSTRALIAN MAN BEING DETAINED AT A US MILITARY PRISON IN CUBA SAYS HE IS BEING DENIED HIS RIGHTS TO LEGAL REPRESENTATION. SIMON LAUDER REPORTS THE 46-YEAR-OLD SYDNEY MAN IS ACCUSED OF HAVING TRAINED WITH THE TERRORIST NETWORK AL-QA'IDAH. [LAUDER] MAMDOUH HABIB WAS TAKEN INTO US CUSTODY LAST MONTH AND TRANSFERRED TO GUANTANAMO BAY ON THE WEEKEND [4 MAY]. THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL, DARYL WILLIAMS, SAYS THE US HAS AGREED FOR AUSTRALIAN AUTHORITIES TO INTERVIEW MR HABIB LATER THIS MONTH, BUT MR HABIB'S LAWYER, STEVEN HOPPER, IS UNHAPPY HE WON'T BE ALLOWED ACCESS.

[HOPPER] UNDER THE RULE OF LAW, EVERYONE SHOULD BE ENTITLED TO LEGAL REPRESENTATION WHEN THEY'RE ACCUSED OF SOMETHING, AND MR HABIB IS BEING DENIED THAT.

[LAUDER] MR HABIB'S WIFE, MAHA, SAYS THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT HAS FAILED TO SECURE HER HUSBAND'S RIGHTS.

[MAHA HABIB] THEY SAID THEY'VE BEEN TRYING TO CONTACT HIM AND TRYING TO GET ACCESS THROUGH TO HIM, BUT I DON'T THINK THEY'RE DOING ENOUGH.

[LAUDER] MR HABIB JOINS **DAVID HICKS** AS THE SECOND AUSTRALIAN TO BE DETAINED AT GUANTANAMO BAY.

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