

## Charged Detainee Is Hijacker's Brother-in-Law

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The latest suspect facing charges before the Guantanamo Bay military court was related, by marriage, to a member of the hijacker squad that slammed American Airlines 77 into the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001, the Defense Department confirmed yesterday.

Ahmed Muhammed Haza al-Darbi, 32, of Saudi Arabia has

been held at the U.S. Navy base in Cuba as an enemy combatant since March 2003.

The military swore out charges Thursday accusing Darbi of conspiracy and providing material support for terrorism and announced in a statement that he "is the brother-in-law of the Flight 77 hijacker Khalid al Mihdhar."

The charges against Darbi, and the Sept. 11 link, were first re-

ported Thursday by the Miami Herald.

No military defense counsel has been assigned to represent Darbi at any upcoming trial before a commission of U.S. officers. He has civilian counsel and has seen civilian lawyers, according to J. Wells Dixon of the Center for Constitutional Rights in New York, which coordinates Guantanamo detainees' cases.

