

# Kuwait lawyer sues Lebanese PM over 'illegal arrest'

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"Today I filed a civil lawsuit against the Lebanese prime minister (Sa'ad Hariri) and interior minister (Ziad Baroud) for being illegally detained and mistreated in Beirut," Osama Al Munawer told AFP.

The lawyer, who said he was seeking unspecified damages, accused Lebanese police and intelligence agents of holding him for questioning for two days in July last year.

"Interrogators asked me for information about my (former) clients and... said they had been requested to do so by Kuwaiti authorities," Munawer said, adding he was held in small cells along with many prisoners.

Munawer said he plans to file a criminal case against the Lebanese officials before European courts since Kuwaiti courts have no jurisdiction over Lebanese officials.

A Kuwaiti court would start looking into it from January 20, he added.