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## **Command looking into allegations of mishandling of the Koran**

**MIAMI** – Members of Joint Task Force (JTF) Guantanamo are sensitive to the religious beliefs and practices of the detainees in U.S. custody. Detainees are provided culturally appropriate meals, and items necessary in the observance of their chosen faith.

Members of the security forces receive specific cultural training and there are adequate standard operating procedures in place to ensure detainee religious faith is respected.

When information surfaced on Tuesday in regard to possible mishandling of the Koran by U.S. personnel at the U.S. detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, General John Craddock, commander, U.S. Southern Command, directed an inquiry into the validity of the information.

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