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On October 31, a French judge dismissed the case brought by the families of two French nationals being held at Guantanamo base. The families were seeking to force the GOF to designate the two detainees as prisoners of war. Today's decision follows the hearing on October 18 (reported reftel). According to AFP, the judge, Jean-Pierre Marcus, said that the government's position that the case had no standing in French courts was "solid" and lead to his decision to reject the case.
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