

Kuwaiti MP quizzed over ‘threat’ to envoy

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Kuwaiti MP Mohamed Hayef (right) is congratulated by his lawyer Adel Abdulhadi after leaving the general department of criminal evidence in Kuwait City yesterday

Kuwait’s public prosecution yesterday freed Islamist MP Mohamed Hayef after detaining him for one day for questioning over alleged threats to the Syrian ambassador, his lawyer said.

Hayef was detained after he initially refused to pay a 2,000-dinar (\$7,350) bail “but later he agreed and paid the bail and was freed,” lawyer Adel Abdulhadi told AFP.

Hayef was summoned for interrogation after telling crowds at a rally against the Syrian regime two weeks ago that they should seek a fatwa, or a religious ruling, to establish if the Syrian ambassador can be killed.

Prosecutors questioned Hayef on accusations that he threatened the life of the Syrian envoy and for making remarks harmful to Kuwait’s interests, Abdulhadi said. The lawmaker denied the charges.

Abdulhadi said that a crowd of around 300 supporters of Hayef gathered at the police centre where Hayef was held and demanded his immediate release.