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It's the first day of his tribunal; the day of his charges being dictated, and he's not given the right to consultation? It is irrelevant as to who the defendant is, those rights apply to every person in a court of law.

The Iraqi Constitution, taken from FOXnews:

Chapter 2, Article 12:

"All Iraqis are equal in their rights without regard to gender, sect, opinion, belief, nationality, religion, or origin, and they are equal before the law. Discrimination against an Iraqi citizen on the basis of his gender, nationality, religion, or origin is prohibited. Everyone has the right to life, liberty, and the security of his person. No one may be deprived of his life or liberty, except in accordance with legal procedures. All are equal before the courts."

Need a I remind you, this also applies to Saddam, regardless of his obvious guilt.

Chapter 2, Article 15 (E):

"(E) The accused is innocent until proven guilty pursuant to law, and he likewise has the right to engage independent and competent counsel, to remain silent in response to questions addressed to him with no compulsion to testify for any reason, to participate in preparing his defense, and to summon and examine witnesses or to ask the judge to do so. At the time a person is arrested, he must be notified of these rights."

Yesterday in an interview with Tim Hughes, he said (paraphrased) that they were not allowed to be with Saddam at the tribunal. You know, denied?
I suggest this be read furthermore.

The coalition has the gaul to call this a fair trail, however indirect they claim to be in the "legal/physical" custody of Saddam? I think there is a severe case of the pot calling the kettle black here.
