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The families of Shane Bauer, Sarah Shourd and Josh Fattal released the following statement today in response to a report in [The Nation](#) regarding the circumstances of their arrest by Iranian forces on July 31, 2009:

“We thank the Nation and the Investigative Fund at the Nation Institute for their independent efforts to investigate the circumstances in which Shane, Sarah and Josh were arrested almost 11 months ago. While we obviously cannot corroborate the accounts of the witnesses quoted in the article, we know that Shane, Sarah and Josh have consistently told investigators that they had absolutely no intention of entering Iran. This report appears to confirm that and raises deeply troubling questions, not only about our children’s arrest but also about why they remain held without due process or access to their lawyer in violation of Iranian and international law. Consistent with the rule of law, the Iranian judiciary must act urgently and either release Shane, Sarah and Josh immediately or allow them to answer any allegations against them in a fair and open legal proceeding in the presence of their attorney, Mr. Masoud Shafii.”