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The mothers of Shane Bauer, Sarah Shourd and Josh Fattal issued the following statement today in response to the latest assertions by Iranian officials regarding their children's continued detention:

"We wonder how many more times Iran is going to say that our children's case is a judicial issue without doing anything at all to resolve it. As Iranian news reports note, the Foreign Ministry announced in January that Shane, Sarah and Josh would be tried "soon." It is now August and our children are in their second year of detention. They remain held in almost complete isolation without any semblance of due process in violation of Iranian and international law. If Iran believes it has any reason to charge our children, it should do so without delay and give them a fair trial in a public court of law. If it does not have any evidence against them – as we know to be the case – it should release them immediately. When we visited Shane, Sarah and Josh in May, they told us that they had not been questioned for several months. Iran should stop dragging its feet and act according to its own laws or finally come clean and admit that it is holding our children as bargaining chips." Cindy Hickey, Nora Shourd and Laura Fattal.

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