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Mr. Reines:

Here's the latest ticker we have. We are reaching out to NEA for more context and will pass it on once we get it. Greg Macris, SWO

Iran charges three detained Americans with espionage

(Adds background)

TEHRAN, Nov 9 (Reuters) - Iran has charged three detained U.S. citizens with espionage, the official IRNA news agency quoted a judiciary official as saying on Monday. "The three are charged with espionage. Investigations continue into the three detained Americans in Iran," Tehran general prosecutor Abbas Jafari Dolatabadi said. The three were held after they strayed into Iran from northern Iraq at the end of July. The three, Shane Bauer, 27, Sarah Shourd, 31, and Josh Fattal, 27, crossed into Iranian territory nearly two months ago. Their families say they strayed across the border accidentally. Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad suggested in an interview with the American television network NBC in September that the Americans' release might be linked to the release of Iranian diplomats he said were being held by U.S. troops in Iraq. Under Iran's Islamic sharia law, espionage is punishable by death.

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The 3 detained hikers in Iran were charged with espionage?