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## **Muhammad Ali, Other Prominent U.S. Muslims to Plea for Release of American Hikers Jailed in Iran**

**WASHINGTON** – American icon and three-time World Heavyweight Boxing Champion Muhammad Ali and other prominent American Muslims and clergy will join the families of the two U.S. hikers detained in Iran to appeal to Iran's Supreme Leader to release the American hikers on the Islamic foundation of mercy, forgiveness and compassion.

A media conference will be held in the Holeman Lounge of the National Press Club on Tuesday, May 24 at 10:00 a.m. The event is open to media and coverage is welcome. Photo and video opportunities will be available.

Shane Bauer and Josh Fattal have been detained in Iran since July 31, 2009. A third hiker, Sarah Shourd was released on September 14, 2010. Ms. Shourd will also be in attendance.

**Who:**

- Muhammad Ali**, Three-time World Heavyweight Boxing Champion
- Imam Mohamed Magid**, President of the Islamic Society of North America
- Dr. Akbar Ahmed**, Ibn Khaldun Chair of Islamic Studies at American University
- Dr. Parvez Shah**, secretary general of the Universal Muslim Association of America
- Sarah Shourd**, former detainee
- Laura Fattal**, mother of detained hiker Josh Fattal
- Alex Fattal**, brother of detained hiker Josh Fattal
- Cindy Hickey**, mother of detained hiker Shane Bauer
- Al Bauer**, father of detained hiker Shane Bauer

**What:** American icon and three-time World Heavyweight Boxing Champion Muhammed Ali and other prominent American Muslims and clergy will join the families of the two U.S. hikers jailed in Iran to appeal to Iran's Supreme Leader to release the American hikers on the Islamic foundation of mercy, forgiveness and compassion.

**When:** May 24, 2011 – 10 a.m.

**Where:** Holeman Lounge  
National Press Club  
529 14<sup>th</sup> Street, NW  
13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Washington, D.C. 20045

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