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Subject: Update 4: Hikers Are at the Airport

(SBU) The Iran Monitoring Group confirms Bauer and Fattal have arrived at the airport and are now with Swiss Amb. Leu. The Omani envoy said the hikers were in good shape and expects they will arrive in Muscat at midnight (4:00 pm EDT). The two hikers are speaking with their families. The Omani government has issued no official statement on the hikers.

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Subject: Update 3: Hikers Reportedly Arrive at the Airport

(SBU) The Iran Monitoring Group comments Swiss Ambassador Leu reports a motorcade transporting the hikers has arrived at the airport. She has not yet seen the hikers.

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Subject: Update 2: Hikers Reportedly Released

(SBU) Omani officials accompanied the hikers to the airport, according to press. The Iran Monitoring Group cannot yet confirm the reports.

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Subject: Update 1: Hikers Not Yet Released

(SBU) Contrary to earlier reports, the Iran desk comments the Swiss Ambassador to Tehran informed the Department at 0800 EDT that Bauer and Fattal had not yet been released but the process was underway and tracking closely with the process Sarah Shourd's release followed. The Iran desk adds the Ambassador does not expect to take custody of the hikers until they are taken to the airport. She believes the hikers will be transferred directly from the prison to the airport. Media report their release is imminent. The Iran Desk comments the Swiss Ambassador is outside of the prison with Omani officials.

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Subject: Iran Hikers Released, Airplane en route to Tehran (SBU)

(SBU) Embassy Muscat says Shane Bauer and Josh Fattal, the two U.S. citizens detained in Iran since mid-2009, have been released into the custody of the Omani Envoy in Tehran and notes an Omani airplane is en route to Tehran to retrieve the hikers.

(SBU) Embassy Dubai notes the Irani Judiciary's Office of Public Relations and Protocol said in a statement that Branch 36 of Tehran's Appellate Court agreed to their release. The text of the short statement follows: According to the Judiciary's Office of Public Relations and Protocol, following the two American citizens' lawyer's request to Branch 36 of the Tehran Appellate Court to implement their bail order, after they had been sentenced to mutable sentences of 8 years in prison by Branch 15 of the Tehran Revolutionary Court, Branch 36 of the Appellate Court, as the jurisdiction for this appeal, agreed to this request, and by transforming the temporary custody order to a bail order, and by issuing the approval of bail at 5 billion rials (500 million toumans, about US\$500,000) for each defendant, freed the abovementioned until the definite verdict is issued.

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