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Iran: U.S. Hikers Charged

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[Iran](#) has charged three young Americans with illegal entry into the country, Iranian state television reported Tuesday. The Americans were arrested last week while hiking near the country's border with Iraq. "We don't know whether they are tourists or not," Iraj Hassanzadeh, a security official, told Iran's Al Alam television, Reuters reported. "We are questioning them." The three were traveling on Syrian and Iraqi visas and were therefore not legally permitted to cross the border, Iran's Press TV reported.

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