

Iran's Ahmadinejad says Americans to be freed soon
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WASHINGTON, Sept 13 – Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said today that two American men arrested near Iran's border with Iraq and sentenced for espionage will soon be released in a humanitarian gesture.

"I think these two persons will be freed in a couple of days," Ahmadinejad said through an interpreter in an interview broadcast on NBC's "Today" show. "These two persons will be released. It's going to be over," he added.

The men, Shane Bauer and Josh Fattal, were sentenced in Iran last month to eight years in prison following their July 2009 arrest along with a third American, Sarah Shourd, who was freed on US\$500,000 (RM1.52 million) bail in September 2010 and returned home. – Reuters

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