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[Note: The Operations Center has confirmed with NMCC that the original story is false.]

TEHRAN (Reuters) – Iran denied that border guards had detained seven U.S. troops, calling the report "unfounded", the state-run English language Press TV said. The country's Arabic language television al-Alam also quoted Iran's Revolutionary Guards, in charge of Iran's border security, as denying that any such incident had happened in the southeastern province of Sistan-Baluchestan, as earlier reported by a semi-official news agency.

Original Story: (Reuters) Iran detains seven U.S. troops--Fars news agency

TEHRAN (Reuters) – Iranian border guards detained seven U.S. troops as they tried to illegally enter the Islamic state, the semi-official Fars news agency reported, without giving a source. "Recently seven American troops were detained by Iranian guards in a southeastern province of the country ... Two Iranians accompanying the troops were also arrested," said Fars.