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13 Aboard Plane Remain in Cuba

BARRANQUILLA, Colombia (AP) — A hijacked Ecuadorean airliner freed by Cuban authorities landed here Friday minus 13 of 23 passengers.

This was believed to be the largest number of persons to remain in Cuba as a result of a single hijacking.

Marlene Romer, a passenger aboard the SAETA Airline DC3, said the hijackers were led by a man who identified himself as Dr. Cesar Valderena. She said he was accompanied by his wife and two children, and appeared to be Cuban.

The other members of the hijacking party were described as Ecuadoreans and Colombians, and included three women.

The plane was seized Thursday while on a domestic flight from Tulcan to Quito in Ecuador.

It landed here Friday for refueling and an overnight stop after being released by Cuban authorities.