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## Havana Halts Exodus Of Refugees on Boats

KEY WEST, Fla., Nov. 3 (UPI) — The Cuban government permanently halted the small-boat exodus of refugees from the port of Camarioca today.

An estimated 200 small boats waiting at the Cuban north coast embarkation port will be allowed to leave when rough seas in the Florida Straits subside, the announcement said — but only with their crew members and not with refugees.

The order from the Cuban Ministry of the Interior was broadcast by the Havana radio and monitored in Florida.

The small-boat exodus was halted at noon today because of "persistent bad weather and to facilitate the transportation by other means more adequate," the announcement said.

The Ministry reported that negotiations between Cuba and the United States through the Swiss Embassy in Havana "are almost completed" for an airlift of "those persons who wish to reunite themselves with their relatives and live" in the United States.

The announcement left stranded as many as 3500 anti-Castro refugees waiting at Camarioca to board the small boats.

They will be eligible, however, to participate in the planned airlift that is expected to haul about 4000 persons per month from the beach resort of Varadero, near Camarioca, to Miami.

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