

Saigon Holds 42 From Old Government

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South Vietnamese authorities have arrested at least 42 former soldiers and police officers including four who are accused of working for the CIA, the new government's official newspaper reported yesterday.

The paper, Liberation Daily, said that most of those arrested were charged with failing to report for the compulsory political reeducation courses.

It said two men arrested, a former private and an ex-navy officer, had been plotting to smuggle former Saigon soldiers into the jungle and launch a resistance movement.

Although the story in Liberation Daily did not make it clear, it appeared that the four charged with working for the CIA had been employees of the old government's intelligence agency, which had close ties with the CIA. Government officials have previously said that they feel that the CIA left Vietnamese workers behind to harass the new authorities.

The government news agency, in a dispatch monitored in Hong Kong, said that 140 families living in Saigon had returned to their native provinces to resume farming. The provinces cited were Baria, Longkhanh, Binhlong and Phuoclong, all to the north of the capital.