

# *South Vietnam warns U.S. on plans to return refugees*

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HONG KONG — South Vietnam warned the United States yesterday of "serious consequences" if it were to try to repatriate about 1,600 refugees, now on Guam, to South Vietnam.

The South Vietnamese foreign ministry charged the United States with "arbitrarily planning to repatriate 1,600 Vietnamese refugees without the consent of the Provisional Revolutionary Government," the Vietnam News Agency reported.

"To give permission for Vietnamese to return is the sovereign right of Vietnam and the U.S. has no right to force the matter," the

foreign ministry said.

"The PRG will study the repatriation applications carefully and will take appropriate decisions," it said.

The U.S. Tuesday reluctantly granted permission for refugees on Guam to return to South Vietnam on one of the vessels which carried them to the island last May after the fall of the Thieu regime.

The refugees have backed up their demands with violent demonstrations in their camps.

A government spokesman on Guam said no official word from South Vietnam was received before the permission was granted.

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