

Costa Rican President Sends Message to Stranded Cubans



Havana, December 11 (RHC)-- Costa Rican President Luis Guillermo Solís sent a message to the Cuban immigrants stranded in his country hoping to reach the United States, saying that efforts to have other regional countries to accept them in their route have been fruitless.

Solís has also made a call to stop the continued arrival in Costa Rica of more immigrants who want to reach the U.S. through Central America, which would further aggravate the already complex situation in his country.

The Costa Rican head of state asked for calm, saying that any desperate action that may lead to violence or public disorder would only make it more difficult. He said they have called on all governments, from Ecuador to Panama, to help control the flow of immigrants, Prensa Latina news agency reported.

Over 1,000 Cubans are calculated to be in Panama with the intention of continuing on their way through the Central American corridor encouraged by the U.S. "dry-foot, wet-foot" policy. Along with the Cuban Adjustment Act, the policy is a fast track to residency for Cubans who manage to reach the United States, either legally or illegally.

Cuban authorities have ratified their commitment to legal, orderly and safe migration and continue to guarantee citizens' right to travel and emigrate and also return to the country in tune with the Cuban migration law.

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