

Cuban Ballplayers Await Word on Visas

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Four Cuban baseball players held at an immigrant center in the Bahamas awaited a formal invitation from Costa Rica offering refuge.

The players hoped to receive word soon that Costa Rica had granted humanitarian visas, said associates of a Miami-based Cuban-American sports agent working to free the players. The four fled Communist-ruled Cuba on a small boat last week.

Officials at the detention center said Tuesday that more than 150 Cubans held there had gone on a hunger strike to protest alleged preferential treatment given to the baseball players.

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