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The suit was filed by the Haitian Refugee Center Inc. on behalf of several **Haitians** held at the Krome Avenue **Detention** Center near here. More than 580 **Haitians** have been at the Krome center. Other detainees from Haiti are in compounds in New York, Arizona and Puerto Rico.

In a case last week, a Federal judge in New York ruled that the Government illegally **detained** eight **Haitians** at a Brooklyn center. He termed discriminatory the refusal by the Government to parole the eight before their requests for political asylum were settled.

Meanwhile, 225 lawyers in Miami have indicated that they would volunteer to assist the Krome **Haitians**.

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