
Cuban Migrants to Arrive in El Salvador en Route to USA

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A new group of Cuban migrants will arrive in El Salvador today, from Costa Rica, en route to the United States. After the Pilot Plan implemented on Jan. 12 and the analysis thereof, the transfer of more than 7,000 Cubans stranded in that country for three months will restart.

According to the Salvadoran Ministry of Foreign Affairs, two flights per week, scheduled for today, and on Feb. 9, 11, 16, 18, 23 and 25, should be made.

The transfer process will be similar to the experience of mobilization, on Jan. 12, when some 180 people were transported by air from Costa Rica to El Salvador, and from here on bus to Guatemala, and then to Mexico.

Salvadoran authorities will receive the Cuban migrants in the Assistance to Repatriate sector at the "Monsignor Oscar Arnulfo Romero" International Airport, about 45 kilometers south of this capital, where the respective migration processes will take place.

The team is made up of officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Directorate General of Immigration, the Directorate of Customs, the Autonomous Executive Port Commission, the National Civil Police, and the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

The administration of President Salvador Sanchez Ceren reaffirms its commitment to ensure that those new operatives for humanitarian transfer of Cuban migrants by the Salvadoran nation, are carried out in an orderly and safe manner.

El Salvador's Foreign Minister, Hugo Martinez, has expressed about the Cuban Adjustment Act and the wet-foot, dry-foot policy, which grants special benefits to those Cubans who arrive in the United States irregularly, which is a "double standard."

