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R-v- VIETNAMESE BLUE BOATS

Informing the court that under section 39 (3) (a) of the *Immigration Act*, 2012, the Director of Immigration released the 40 crews of the Vietnamese blue boats form Rove Police club.

- a. Director of Immigration released the 40 crews from Rove Police club detention centre to board flight back to their home country Vietnam as practical.
- b. Vietnam Embassy in Canberra officially informed SICHE-Canberra in TPN a. Note: 42 dated 17th May, 2017 that airfares and daily fines for the 43 crews including the three captains now paid. The fine of USD\$4,300.00 transferred SIG account through CBSI.
- c. The 40 crews departed under section 28 (2) of the Immigration Act, 2012 as they have duty to leave voluntarily. They departed the country as follows:-

24.05.2017	4 crews departed
29.05.2017	36 crews departed

- d. Release detention order of 4 crews that departed on the 24th May, 2017 and 36 crews that departed on the 29.05.2017 attached for court information.
- e. The investigation under Immigration act now discontinued and matter to be out to rest as all crews now in Vietnam, except the three captains to be trialed in the High Court for offences under Fishery Act.

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