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At 1920 hours on 3 April a South Vietnamese Hercules military aircraft landed at Paya Lebar Airport without prior notification or clearance. On landing it was discovered that the plane was crewed by 4 South Vietnamese Air Force Officers with 52 passengers. These were 28 males and 24 females (including children). Since they entered Singapore without complying with the provisions of the Immigration Act and are therefore illegal immigrants, the plane has been impounded.

The Charge d'Affaires of the Embassy of the Republic of Vietnam has been informed that they are being treated as illegal immigrants. He has been asked to arrange for their repatriation. Pending repatriation they are being detained in prison.

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