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Migrants saved by U.S. Coast Guard from sinking ship off Florida's coast will be deported



A U.S. Coast Guard cutter patrols the area of debris on July 2, 2021, from a 737 cargo plane that crashed off Oahu near Honolulu. The United States has signed a new agreement with Palau, which gives American ships the ... [more >](#)



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The migrants were provided with food, water and medical aid aboard a Coast Guard cutter. None of the people rescued suffered injuries, and all of the sinking vessel's passengers were accounted for, the [Coast Guard](#) said in a post on X.

Key Colony Beach resident and Main Attraction Sportfishing Charters Capt. Marty Lewis spotted the sinking ship and called the [Coast Guard](#). The boat and the people aboard were nearly sunk by the time Capt. Lewis spotted them.

"At least they all stayed on the boat and hung on to what was left. I mean, 90% of the boat was submerged," Capt. Lewis [told](#) WPLG-TV.

His wife, Katie Lewis, said the weather may have encouraged the migrants to attempt their voyage.

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I guess we're kind of numb to this, only because we've seen it so many times. To be honest, it hasn't happened in a long time, but we've also had calmer weather lately, so they saw their window, I'm sure," Ms. Lewis told the local Keys Weekly newspaper.

Once the identities and nationalities of the rescued people are determined, they will be deported, the Coast Guard said on X.

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