

## **Four Citizens Detained by Egyptians Returned**

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[Text] The four Israeli youths who were detained by Egyptian policemen on Coral Island before the holiday (Tuesday night), were returned on the eve of the holiday [Wednesday, 7 September] through the Tabah border crossing, without conditions, following a sharp Israeli protest to the Egyptian authorities.

In a talk with a *Ha'aretz* correspondent, a senior military element said that that Egyptians will not repeat this mistake, which occurred twice in 2 days. According to him the affair ended in a meeting between Israeli and Egyptian liaison officers. The military element added that the Egyptian policemen in the Coral Island area were reckless, and this recklessness was brought to their attention. The *Ha'aretz* correspondent notes that during the holiday Israeli excursionists moved into the southern Sinai area. This tourist traffic was conducted without any problems, either on the Israeli or the Egyptian side.