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Former Vietnamese refugees to help redevelop Pulau Bidong

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KUALA TERENGGANU, Fri.

Nearly three decades ago, Pulau Bidong offered refuge to homeless and hopeless Vietnamese fleeing their war-torn country.

Pulau Bidong was even dubbed Little Saigon.

Today, the former Vietnamese boat people, as they were famously known, are returning the favour by offering financial help to restore buildings and monuments on the island.

On Sept 1, about 200 Vietnamese are expected to arrive in Kuala Terengganu to meet Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Idris Jusoh on the re-development of Pulau Bidong and to chip in for the Bidong Heritage Fund, set up in October last year.



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