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peruvian prime minister praises cuba's militant solidarity:

havana, Jan 2, reuter - the prime minister of peru, luis alva castro, told journalists here that the presence of two large cuban boats in peruvian waters which are catching fish for distribution to disadvantaged cubanperuvians +is a manifestation of militant saolidarity which we have received with optimism and sastisfaction.+

the news conference took place shortly before alva castro held his second and final conversation with cuban president fidel castr. he said that follwoing the conversation he would fly back to lima.

the prime miinister said that his offical visit to cuba affirms +the ties of friend sship and solidarity between the two nations.+ he said the first peruvian ambassador to havana in five years will arrive shortly. dimpplomatic relations were reduced to charge d'affair level when the peruvian embassy in havana granted asylum to over 10,000 cubans. the peruvian action helped provoke the mariel boatlift during which 125,000 cubans disaffected cubans went to the united states with cuban government perimission.

alva castro ~~said that his visit to cuba symbolizes the ties of friendship between peru and cuba~~ said that the improvement in relations is being +reintitiated with great prudance, without precipitation and without desperation.+

the peruvian prime minister said that collaboration and collooperation between cuba and peru in fields such as sports, fishing, sugar production and otherws was can be expected.

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