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## Invasion fear

# Anguilla expels Britons

ANGUILLA (AP) — Anguilla has ordered its four British residents to leave this tiny Caribbean island temporarily to prevent Britain from using their presence as an excuse to invade it.

Chief executive Ronald Webster said during the weekend the island's 6,000 citizens have nothing against British subjects, but want to "prevent Britain from invading the island under the pretense of protecting British lives."

The move came in the wake of renewed trouble between Britain and the rebel republic two years after it seceded from the British associated state of St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla.

William Whitlock, a British envoy, was ordered to leave the island only a few hours after he arrived Tuesday on a peace mission.

Whitlock allegedly snubbed Webster at the airport.

Later, in London, Whitlock said Anguilla is dominated by "Mafia-type elements, including some Americans." Webster subsequently denied the charge.

The British citizens ordered to leave were two nurses, a teacher and an Anglican priest.