

Food to be Flown to Stranded Kamchatka Villagers

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A lonely outpost in the remote Kamchatka region. **Juliia Phillips**

Emergency food aid will be flown to villagers on the remote Kamchatka peninsula stranded by ice, an official said Tuesday.

Ships cannot reach the Olyutorsky district to deliver goods because of a "difficult ice situation," Kamchatka special programs minister Sergei Khabarov told RIA Novosti.

A ship carrying supplies successfully made it to the region last week, bringing with it the first delivery of goods in a month, but a second ship is still drifting in ice and has been unable to make port, Khabarov said.

Nine tons of supplies have been delivered by an Antonov An-26 plane, though the villagers' supplies are still running low, with only about two days' supply of flour left.

Another plane is expected to deliver another 4.5 tons of flour.

Khabarov said that the operation will cost about 700,000 rubles, which has already been

disbursed from a 1.5 million ruble reserve fund.

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