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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

64 HAITIAN NATIONALS REPATRIATED FROM NEW PROVIDENCE

Today at approximately 11:54 AM, the Department of Immigration working in accordance with UNHCR guidelines, repatriated fifty-seven (**57**) Males and seven (**7**) Females from Lynden Pindling International Airport to the Port-au-Prince, Haiti onboard a Bahamasair flight.

This group of migrants was escorted by a joint team of Royal Bahamas Defence Force and Immigration officers. All Ministry of Health safety protocols were strictly enforced and, overseeing the seamless process of this repatriation operation is Chief Immigration Officer, Harold Thurston.

The public is reminded that we are committed to executing the mandates of our agency by effectively coordinating efforts with other Law Enforcement agencies, and international stakeholders to ensure compliance with the Statute Laws of The Bahamas.

We further wish to remind members of the public that it is a criminal offence punishable by law to harbor illegal migrants in the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

For further information, you may visit our website at www.immigration.gov.bs or call our hotline anonymously at 1-242-502-0574.

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Mission Statement: *To regulate the movement of people across the borders of The Bahamas so as to ensure the security, facilitate economic advancement and promote the harmonious social development of The Bahamas through the collaborative efforts of responsible government and non-government agencies both nationally and internationally*