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**BAHAMAS IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE**

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### **An Excess of 400 Illegal Migrants Found in Bahamian Waters**

Today, the Agency reports the lawful custody of some four hundred (400)-plus illegal migrants following the alleged capsizing and subsequent sinking of a Haitian vessel, off the Exumas. This new group is currently being processed by Immigration officials, Ministry of Health personnel, and all other relevant agencies (in accordance with local and international immigration laws), with the intent of repatriation to their homeland at the earliest opportunity.

It is advised that the general public NOT engage any suspected vessels/sloops that they may encounter. Instead, we strongly urge you to contact the proper authorities at 919 so that appropriate lawful action may be taken.

As events progress, the media will be informed

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.

For further information, you may visit our website at [www.immigration.gov.bs](http://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*