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260 HAITIAN NATIONALS REPATRIATED TO CAP-HAITIEN, HAITI

On Wednesday, October 6, at 9:00AM a Bahamasair charter flight departed Matthew Town, Inagua bound for Cap-Haitien, Haiti with one hundred twenty (**120**) females, nine (**9**) males, and three (**3**) minors onboard. An additional repatriation flight later departed Matthew Town at approximately 11:39AM also en route to Cap-Haitien, with a group of one hundred ten (**110**) males and eighteen (**18**) females.

Repatriations are set to continue this week.

On Monday, October 4, three hundred sixty-eight (**368**) Haitian nationals appeared before Chief Magistrate Joyann Ferguson-Pratt and Magistrate Shaka Serville and pled guilty to the charge of Illegal Landing. Subsequently, they were conditionally discharged and deportation was recommended.

The Department of Immigration is committed to carrying out the mandates of our agency to combat illegal migration by establishing effective border control management to ensure compliance with the Statute Laws of our country.

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*