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52 FOREIGN NATIONALS INTERCEPTED IN BAHAMIAN WATERS

During the past weekend, two interdictions have occurred within the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, involving suspected undocumented migrants.

In an interception off Cay Sal Bank on Sunday, October 24, the United States Coast Guard (USCG) and Royal Bahamas Defence Force (RBDF) picked up eight (8) Cuban nationals who are expected to be turned over to Immigration today.

Later that afternoon the USCG and RBDF intercepted a vessel, namely "Innocent", with forty-four (44) migrants onboard. This group is expected to be turned over to Immigration officials later today.

The public is reminded that the Department is 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 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*