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123 HAITIAN NATIONALS HANDED OVER TO IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS, GRAND BAHAMA

On Friday, 4th March, 2022, Coast Guard cutter Harriet Lane interdicted 123 Haitian migrants at Cay Sal Bank.

At 0900 hours this morning, the group of **fifty** (50) adult males, **thirty-four** (34) adult females, and **thirty-nine** (39) minors were handed over to a joint law enforcement team consisting of Bahamas Immigration, Bahamas Customs, Royal Bahamas Defence Force, and officers from the Royal Bahamas Police Force at the Lucayan Harbour.

All migrants appeared to be in good health; however, out of abundance of caution, and in keeping with the COVID-19 protocols set forth by the Department's Health and Safety Committee, the group is presently being examined by the Disease and Surveillance Unit. The Department considers the health and safety of our officers, fellow law enforcement colleagues, as well as the migrants in our custody a high priority.

Normal processing of migrants in accordance with Statute Laws and Department's Policies will ensue following completion of required health checks.

As a reminder, the public is advised that the Department is committed to executing its mandate by effectively coordinating efforts with other Law Enforcement agencies, as well as international stakeholders; thus ensuring compliance with the Statute Laws of our country.

For further information, you may visit our website at **www.immigration.gov.bs** or call our Public Relations Unit Grand Bahama at 602-9744 or the Department's hotline anonymously at **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*





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