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### BAHAMAS IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

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#### **303 FOREIGN NATIONALS APPREHENDED ACROSS THE BAHAMAS**

On today's date, two hundred fifteen (215) Haitian nationals were turned over to the Department's New Providence Enforcement Unit by officers from the Royal Bahamas Defence Force (RBDF); this group of migrants was found in waters west of Andros. Additionally, officers from the Enforcement Unit, Grand Bahama apprehended one (1) Pakistani and one (1) Dominican national for infractions of the Immigration Act.

Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022, upon receiving information from the United States Coast Guard (USCG), officers from the RBDF intercepted a vessel carrying a fifty-eight (58) Haitian nationals. The group was subsequently transported to Matthew Town, Inagua and turned over to Immigration officials.

Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022, USCG handed over twenty-eight (28) Cuban nationals to the Enforcement Unit, Grand Bahama. Found and rescued in Cay Sal Bank, this group was transported to Freeport Harbour.

At present, all migrants are being processed. Additional information will be made available once processing is completed.

For further information, you may visit our website at [www.immigration.gov.bs](http://www.immigration.gov.bs) or call our Public Relations Unit New Providence at **242-322-7530** 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*