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### BAHAMAS IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

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#### **200 FOREIGN NATIONALS REPATRIATED FROM NEW PROVIDENCE**

This week the Immigration Department effectively executed the repatriation of three (3) groups of illegal migrants from the Lynden Pindling Int'l Airport, New Providence back to their homelands. On Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2023 two groups of migrants were repatriated.

Firstly, at approximately 6:24 a.m., a Bahamasair chartered flight UP903 departed enroute to Port-au-Prince, Haiti with sixty-five (65) Haitian nationals onboard; fifty-three (53) males, ten (10) females and two (2) minors.

Additionally, at approximately 12:02 p.m., a Copa Airlines flight CMP197 departed enroute to Panama City, Panama with seven (7) migrants onboard; three (3) Peruvians, two (2) Colombians and two (2) Chinese nationals.

Lastly, on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2023 at approximately 11:12 a.m., a Bahamasair chartered flight UP901 departed enroute to Havana, Cuba with one hundred twenty-eight (128) Cuban nationals onboard; one hundred eight (108) males and twenty (20) females.

The Department's Deportation and Enforcement Units led both escorts. All security and health protocols were observed as the safety and welfare of our officers, law enforcement counterparts and migrants remain the highest priority.

For more information, call the Public Relations Unit at **1-242-322-7530**, visit our website at [www.immigration.gov.bs](http://www.immigration.gov.bs), or call our Investigation hotlines (anonymously) at **1-242-604-0249**, **1-242-604-0171-2** or **1-242-604-0196**.

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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*