



**PRESS STATEMENT
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Bathroom facility being used by Haitian migrants

Update on accommodation facility provided to Haitian Migrants

The Government of Jamaica wishes to provide an update to the public on the group of thirty-seven (37) Haitian migrants who arrived in Jamaica illegally, on July 10, 2023, and are currently in State care.

On Monday, June 10, 2024, the Ministry of National Security in collaboration with other Ministries, Departments and Agencies, conducted a successful relocation exercise of the Haitian migrants to a new location. The relocation was necessary to return the property donated for short-term use by the Northeastern Conference of the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

The Ministry wishes to clarify matters relating to the recent photo published in yesterday's (June 17) Gleaner news article entitled "*Human Rights watchdog alarmed over condition of 'better' facilities for Haitians*". The article indicated that an unkept bathroom facility is being used by the Haitians, however, the Ministry is confirming that this information is inaccurate. The bathroom displayed in the published article is not in the occupied section assigned to the group. The group was instructed to use the newly erected shower stalls at the back of the building. Hence, the bathroom was not prepared for use as part of the occupied section.



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The Ministry wishes to reiterate that the Government of Jamaica, in collaboration with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, continue to work with regional and international partners towards a more sustainable response to the social and political challenges being faced by Haiti.

The Ministry of National Security continues to monitor the situation in Haiti and will provide periodic updates to the public.

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