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**PRESS STATEMENT  
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Monday, October 16, 2023**

**Suspected Haitian Smuggler Returns with More Haitians**

The Government of Jamaica confirms reports that another group of approximately thirty-five (35) Haitian nationals arrived in Jamaica yesterday and attempted to enter the country illegally. Information from preliminary investigations indicates that the captain of the vessel is suspected to be the same individual who illegally brought another group of Haitian nationals who were repatriated in September 2023.

Based on this information, the police are seeking to lay charges against the suspect after investigations. We wish to commend the swift action by the community and the police in identifying and detaining the illegal entrants. The group is currently being processed by the Police, Immigration and the Health authorities.

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