



PNP Calls on Government to Present Clear Plan for Incoming Deportees

Kingston, Jamaica. January 31, 2025: The People's National Party (PNP) has noted that the first Deportation flight from the United States of America under the new Donald Trump Administration has landed without any plan from the Government of how our country is going to absorb the over five thousand (5,000) individuals who are expected to be deported to Jamaica within the next 3-5 months.

Our country has never faced this volume of deported persons in such a short period. While deportation is not a new phenomenon, the volume which is now presenting itself poses significant problems to the country in terms of crime management and social services as well as pressure on our already fragile economy.

To date, while the Minister has issued a statement saying that the Government is considering a plan, we still have not heard the key elements of what will be put in place to minimize the negative effects on our country.

Therefore, we ask the Government to outline a plan of absorption of the deported individuals into the country via a multi-ministry/agency approach, which will protect security interests while providing avenues for these nationals to reintegrate successfully into our society and contribute to the economic and social development of our country. The Opposition stands ready to assist in the formulation of this plan and we are available once consulted.

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