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**CHARLES JR REAFFIRMS EFFORTS TO PURSUE WINDRUSH
CASES DURING JAMAICA DIASPORA UK CONFERENCE**

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State Minister in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade Pearnel Charles Jr. revealed that the ministry has received several cases related to the Windrush immigration crisis.

While speaking at the 6th Biennial Jamaican Diaspora UK Conference on Saturday, June 16, the State Minister said, "To date thirty (30) cases have been referred to the British High Commission by the Ministry, twenty (20) of which were as a result of the advertisements that were placed in print and on social media. The Ministry is aware that two persons on this list were granted visas to travel to the UK. We continue to closely monitor this situation."

In highlighting the efforts of the government to assist undocumented migrants, the State Minister stated, "The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade through the Consular Affairs Department and the Jamaican High Commission in London, continue to actively monitor developments to inform our responses and advice to our nationals. The Ministry has consulted with stakeholders including the British High Commission in Kingston, the National Organization of Deported Migrants (NODM); Open Heart Shelter in Montego Bay and Open Arms Shelter in Kingston, in order to identify individuals who may have been deported and are eligible for their cases to be reviewed."

The State Minister continued to urge those affected by the Windrush crisis to make contact with the Foreign Ministry in how to pursue their cases by the British High Commission in Kingston. He also used the occasion to pay tribute on the behalf of the Government of Jamaica, to the Windrush Generation for their "bravery, endurance and tenacity."

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