

Haiti hopes to curtail illegal emigration

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NASSAU, Bahamas - Haiti is trying to prevent its citizens from illegally immigrating to the nearby Bahamas in search of better jobs, Haiti's prime minister says. "We want to put services in place, whether it be education or otherwise, so that people won't have to leave home to find a better life in a different country," said Haitian Prime Minister Jacques-Eduard Alexis. "Unfortunately because of political problems in Haiti there were a lot of persons that had to leave that area of work and they had to find a better life and a lot of them came to The Bahamas." The Bahamas reportedly spends about \$1 million a year repatriating illegal immigrants, many of whom come from nearby Haiti, the poorest country in the hemisphere, The Bahama Journal reported Monday.

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