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SECOND EVACUATION FLIGHT FROM SOUTH AFRICA OPERATED BY AIR PEACE ARRIVES IN LAGOS WITH 269 RETURNEES

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs wishes to inform that the second evacuation flight from Johannesburg, South Africa, operated by Air Peace, arrived at Murtala Mohammed International Airport, Lagos, on Tuesday, 30th June 2026, at 10.48am, with 269 returnees. This is in addition to 66 returnees who arrived via South African Airways, facilitated by a good-spirited Nigerian, on the 24th of June, 2026.

The batch of 269 evacuees, escorted by officials of the Nigerian Mission in South Africa, were officially received at the airport by senior officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs led by the Director, African Affairs Department, Ambassador Haruna Ali-Gombe, mni, who conveyed the heartfelt greetings and assurances of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR, to the returning nationals, reaffirming the Federal Government's steadfast commitment to ensure the safety of Nigerian nationals living outside the country.

With the June 30 deadline on undocumented foreigners to leave South Africa, the Federal Government wishes to reiterate the fact that the evacuation process is still on course and more flights are expected in the country in the next few days to evacuate all Nigerians that have been screened and cleared to voluntarily return to the country.

Government will continue to engage South African authorities at the highest levels to ensure the protection of Nigerian nationals living in the country.

Signed:

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