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**BARBADOS TAKES HUMANITARIAN APPROACH, ACCEPTS TRINIDADIANS IN
TIME OF NEED**

On Monday, the Government of Barbados answered the call to allow a plane from the UK, carrying 35 Trinidadian nationals, to land in Barbados after it was denied entry to Trinidad and Tobago.

In an address, Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs, Dale Marshall, said while Barbados did not have legal responsibility to the passengers on board, the decision was made to accommodate them after he reached out to the Government of Trinidad and Tobago to urge them to take their citizens, but the country declined to do so.

“We were faced with a position that really was not difficult and it had to do with the humanitarian nature of it. Things in England had become increasingly worse and they have announced a further degree of lockdown in the UK... We had to make a humanitarian decision, and it was a decision that was based in principle and correct, while ensuring at all times that Barbadians were safe,” Marshall said.

The passengers were immediately screened and processed by Ministry of Health and Wellness officials, and placed in mandatory quarantine.

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While a number of Barbados' major commercial airlines have reduced or temporarily ceased operations due to COVID-19, the country's borders remain open, as do some of the island's hotels.

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About Barbados

The island of Barbados offers the most authentic Caribbean experience with its exceptionally rich culture and history rooted in remarkable landscapes. Rated as one of the world's sexiest beaches in 2008 by Concierge.com; Barbados' Crane Beach in St. Philip stands as a premier destination for travellers. Barbados is also the first Zagat-rated Caribbean island and is known as the culinary capital of the Caribbean. Barbados has hosted several world class events including: The annual Barbados Food & Rum Festival; the 2006 PGA World Golf Championships-Barbados World Cup, the ICC Cricket World Cup Finals in 2007, the Sentebale Charity Polo match with Prince Harry of Wales in 2010, and the ICC Twenty20 Cricket Finals for 2010, and the Rihanna LOUD concert in 2012. Accommodations range from picturesque plantation houses and villas, to quaint bed and breakfasts and award-winning, five-star resorts. Grantley Adams International Airport offers even more non-stop and direct service from a growing number of U.S. cities, making Barbados the true gateway to the Eastern Caribbean. Barbados was voted eighth in the World by Trip Advisor's "2008 Travelers' Choice Destination Awards" in its Top 100 Destinations category. For more information on travel to Barbados, visit www.visitbarbados.org, follow on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/VisitBarbados>, via Twitter @Barbados.