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### **For Immediate Release**

## **Minister of National Security meets with JRA executive, gives timeline for March 21 to clear lockers**

National Security Minister, Hon. Robert Montague today met with the executive of the Jamaica Rifle Association, JRA amidst recent concerns about the operational structure of the organisation.

During the meeting which also involved the Acting CEO of the Firearm Licensing Authority, FLA, Letine Allen, the Minister stated unequivocally that there are unopened lockers at the JRA that should be cleared by March 21, 2017. Currently, the internal policies of the JRA do not allow access to the lockers of its members by any authority, including the FLA.

The Minister emphasized the need for increased accountability noting that an audit of the JRA is to be conducted by the FLA and that by-laws are to be established to allow the FLA to access JRA members' lockers.

The Minister said this forms part of the general audit of all the ranges across the island, which falls within the authority of the FLA and the broader mandate of the Ministry of National Security to create a safer Jamaica.

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National Security Minister, Hon. Robert Montague (right) during the meeting yesterday with the Jamaica Rifle Association executive, President, Col. (Ret'd) Audley Carter, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Andrew Gardner, Public Relations Officer, Dr. George Stewart and Artillery Captain, Neil Yap Sam.



National Security Minister, Hon. Robert Montague (2<sup>nd</sup> left) and Chairman of the Firearm Licensing Authority, Dennis Wright (left) during the meeting yesterday with the Jamaica Rifle Association President, Col. (Ret'd) Audley Carter (r), Acting CEO of FLA (2<sup>nd</sup> right), Lincoln Allen and other representatives from the Ministry.