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**National Security Minister and Chief of Defence Staff attend  
LAAD Security Exposition in Brazil**

National Security Minister, Hon. Robert Montague and Chief of Defence Staff, Major General Rocky Meade returned to the island on the weekend after attending the 11th Latin America and Aerospace (LAAD) Defense and Security Exposition, as specially invited guests.

The exposition, which is the largest event of its kind, brought together private and public sector authorities from across the globe, security industry experts and international manufacturers of defense and security products and services.

The four day event, held every two years was geared toward offering business solutions for security problems to include areas such as cyber defense and cyber security, counter terrorism, forensic and criminal expertise, ammunition and weaponry, armed vehicles and training.

The LAAD said there were over 600 exhibitors with over 100 delegations from 85 countries around the world. The event provided an open floor for trade among international organisations that specialize in supplying equipment and services and government agencies, special forces and security services.

Participants included Ministers of Defense and Security and other and high-ranking officials from the Caribbean and Latin America, North America, Africa, the Middle East, Europe and Asia.

The LAAD also facilitated an overall programme for the promotion of discussion on key issues related to the defence and security sectors, highlighting technical and strategic aspects.

The event provided an opportunity for participants to engage in meetings with the exhibitors and set up bilateral meetings with Brazilian authorities and other country representatives.

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National Security Minister, Hon. Robert Montague (right), Chief of Defense Staff, Major General Rocky Meade (left) and Jamaican Ambassador to Brazil, Alison Stone Roofe (background) on tour of the LAAD Defense and Security Exposition