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National Security Minister Meeting with Jamaica Police Federation

The Jamaica Police Federation has asked Minister of National Security Hon Robert Montague to intervene in the current wage negotiation impasse with the Government.

In a letter, the Federation stated: *“We anxiously anticipate your kind intervention and response to this request.”*

Minister Montague has agreed to meet with the Federation at 2:00 this afternoon at the Ministry.

Earlier this week, the Minister urged members of the Jamaica Constabulary Force to show restraint while the new wage deal is being negotiated.

The National Security Minister has congratulated members of the Force for the hard won gains made this year in the fight to make Jamaica safe.

He has repeated his agreement that the police deserve more, and even in the fiscal constraints of the International Monetary Fund, he will continue to take steps to improve their welfare, respond to their critical needs and provide a suitable working environment for them.

He noted that although there's still a far way to go, progress has been made in a number of areas including:

1. Repairing 160 police stations
2. Donation of a new bus to the Federation for transporting member
3. Cabinet approval for the payment of legal fees for members
4. Donation of a new SUV to the Federation
5. Championing the call for merit-based promotions
6. Provision of funds for ballistic vests, helmets and other resources
7. Increased mobility of the JCF

Minister Montague has asked the members of the Force to remain calm, noting that he cares about the welfare of police personnel and will continue to do what is possible to continue improving their welfare.

An update on the meeting will be provided soon.