



OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS &
PUBLIC AFFAIRS
TELEPHONE: 754-0030/619-6017/878-0528
FAX: 754-3601

Email: gillian.haughton@mns.gov.jm

MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY
NCB NORTH TOWER
2 OXFORD ROAD
KINGSTON 5
JAMAICA

January 12, 2018

National CCTV System to get additional funding for launch in February

National Security Minister, Hon. Robert Montague says nearly three billion Jamaican dollars is needed over the next two years for the full roll out of the national Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) System dubbed JamaicaEye.

Minister Montague says the islandwide system is now in its initial phase and implementation is expected to take place next month as the Ministry awaits Cabinet approval for the additional funds.

The Minister's disclosure comes in light of the increased incidents of shooting and murders islandwide.

JamaicaEye will allow citizens and business owners with cameras pointing in the public space to voluntarily provide their camera feed to a

restricted team of vetted security professionals at two monitoring centres.

The initial launch of the programme will utilize the feeds of 200 cameras owned by the Government and an expected 300 through public-private partnership in the initial phase.

The video feeds will be passed through a suite of video analytics.

Under the programme, citizens and businesses with CCTV systems will register via a website.

The JamaicaEye project is the brainchild of National Security Minister Robert Montague in keeping with the five pillar crime reduction strategy he presented in 2016.

It was further developed and refined after numerous stakeholder consultations with public and private stakeholder groups in November last year, including the Montego Bay Chamber of Commerce and several stakeholders in Kingston and St Andrew.

Minister Montague in an appeal for more public-private partnership to assist with the building out of the CCTV network says, *"The Ministry is going on an aggressive campaign to get private camera feeds as this will be a major step forward for the country. Jamaica is one of the few countries that has brought the use of private cameras to function in this capacity. This is how each Jamaican with a CCTV system can help in the fight against crime. We have to take this approach because otherwise the cost would be too expensive for the*

Government alone. To outfit Kingston alone would have cost the Government over one billion Jamaican dollars."

The national CCTV system will monitor public spaces islandwide and assist the authorities in providing a suitable response in the event of an incident, disaster or act of criminality. Government owned CCTV systems have already been several major towns across the island.

Minister Montague noted that the camera systems in Montego Bay will be upgraded and additional cameras have been ordered to boost security in that part of the island.

The project supports the pillar of Situational Prevention, which looks at forward planning and the use of technology to reduce incidents of crime and their likely occurrence.

The initiative follows on other recent initiatives driven by the Ministry of National Security through a development team comprising individuals from the Ministry's Departments and Agencies and local universities. The team has also recently developed and launched apps for the Jamaica Constabulary Force. These include beat patrol monitoring using QR Code Scanning and the collation of JCF statistics via the Jampolstats app.

=30=