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Ministry of National Security reassures public on JamaicaEye

The Ministry of National Security is reassuring members of the public that there is no risk to their data being breeched as part of the JamaicaEye initiative.

In light of the recent article published by the Jamaica Gleaner on the legality of the JamaicaEye programme, Project Manager of Jamaica Eye, Major Sheldon Bryan has provided clarity on how JamaicaEye works.

He said, *“The JamaicaEye programme does not take recorded video from private citizens or businesses. We connect directly to the cameras donated to the programme and record our own feeds, which are stored and accessed through an established protocol at the facility in Up Park Camp. There is no requirement for any citizen to share any recorded images that they have on their devices for their personal use. The data recorded by the security forces is independent from the video which is recorded at the individual’s home or business place. Therefore, the video recorded to be used for public safety, crime fighting or any case of emergency is not that of any citizen but that which belongs to the MNS.”*

The JamaicaEye programme was implemented with five hundred cameras with a view to building out the project as citizens and private business operators with cameras overlooking public spaces allow their feeds to be accessed by the security forces.

The Ministry of National Security has already installed cameras in public spaces in Kingston, St James (Montego Bay), Manchester (Mandeville), St Ann (Ocho Rios), Clarendon (May Pen) and Westmoreland (Negril).

The programme has been endorsed by members of the private sector, citizen's associations and Parish Consultative Committees across the island.

Members of the public and business owners with CCTV systems can sign up at www.jamaicaEye.gov.jm.

The initiative forms part of the Ministry's Five Pillar Crime Reduction Strategy with emphasis on situational prevention.