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Security Minister Orders Police to Relentlessly Hunt Down Criminal Savages

National Security Minister, the Hon. Dr. Horace Chang, has come out in full condemnation of the brutal triple murders that took place in St. Ann and St. Catherine over the last 48 hours. Minister Chang confirmed that he has given clear orders to the security forces that **“these savages must be hunted down relentlessly and brought to justice.”**

According to Minister Chang, **“the security’s strong response to these heartless killing must not be a matter of debate. We will do what it takes to stop these murderers from terrorizing our children and our senior citizens. Our law abiding citizens will be protected. These murderers will be removed from our society using all legal tools available to the police.”**

The Minister further emphasized that the Government of Jamaica remains resolute in giving support to the security forces in a bid to bring to justice, these perpetrators of violent crime who seek to create mayhem and reign terror on communities.

Dr. Chang is extending condolences to the families affected by the acts of savagery, and gives his assurances that all security measures will be considered by the security forces as they hunt these criminals.

The National Security Minister says the Government will not relent in efforts to reduce violent crime in Jamaica. He says these efforts include strengthening the intelligence capacity of the force, allocation of additional resources and a constant review of the legislative arrangements which are intended to assist crime fighting efforts.

Minister Chang says he has had discussions with the leadership of the security forces about ways in which the Government may increase support as they pursue vicious gangsters, including those who are hired to kill.

Minister Chang is also calling on communities not to shield criminals but to share with the police information that may assist in apprehending criminals. There are two ways information can be given anonymously and confidentially to Crime Stop: by calling Crime Stop’s toll Free number 311 or by calling 1-888-991-4000.

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