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**Major Renovation Efforts Underway at Linstead Police Station and Other Key
Facilities Across Jamaica**

The Ministry of National Security recognises the longstanding infrastructure challenges at the Linstead Police Station in St. Catherine and has taken proactive steps to retain a contractor to renovate the facility.

Following a thorough procurement process, a contract worth \$21 million has been awarded for comprehensive renovation works. These upgrades are part of the Ministry's Project Rebuild, Overhaul, and Construct (R.O.C.) programme, which has successfully completed 150 projects to date.

The scope of work at the Linstead Police Station includes roof repairs, floor retiling, installation of new air conditioning units, electrical upgrades as well as painting of ceilings and walls, following damage exacerbated by Hurricane Beryl.

These renovations are expected to commence on October 22, 2024, lasting three months and will end in January 2025.

The Linstead renovation is indicative of the government's broader commitment to upgrading police facilities nationwide, ensuring they are fit for purpose and comfortable for both officers and the public.



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Under Project R.O.C., the Ministry has consistently worked to provide members of the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF) with work environments that support productivity while fostering a welcoming atmosphere for citizens to engage with the police.

In the 2023/2024 financial year, more than \$506 million was invested in police facilities renovations across the island. So far this financial year, ten (10) major projects have been completed with another twelve (12) projects in various stages of completion.

These include significant work at the National Police College of Jamaica, Rio Bueno Police Station, the new CISOCA Headquarters, Castleton Police Station, Ocho Rios Police Lock-up, Constant Spring Police Station, Greater Portmore Police Station, the Traffic Ticket Processing Unit at Elletson Road Police Station, and the Major Investigation Division.

Additionally, waterproofing of the Black River CCTV Monitoring Centre's roof is nearing completion, while extensive work continues at the Narcotics Division in Kingston.

The upgrades at the Narcotics and Major Investigation Divisions follow a 2023 visit by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Security, Hon. Dr. Horace Chang. During the visit, Minister Chang committed to swift infrastructure improvements.

To date, approximately sixty-eighty per cent of the work has been completed, such as floor retiling, painting of internal walls, plumbing upgrades, air conditioning replacement, installation of new kitchen cupboards, replacement of doors, and installation of new bathroom amenities to include toilets and face basins.

The \$84 million renovation project has been met with approval from police officers, who will soon benefit from a modern, clean, and functional workspace.

