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Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Security, the Hon. Dr. Horace Chang addresses members of the Jamaica Constabulary Force after touring the Gregory Park Mobile Police Post in Portmore, St. Catherine on December 4. He was accompanied by Acting Deputy Commissioner of Police, Warren Clarke, Acting Assistant Commissioner of Police in charge of Area 5, Christopher Phillips and other senior officers.

National Security Minister commends collaborative efforts of Jamaica Customs Agency and security forces in the recovery of firearms and ammunition

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Security, the Hon. Dr. Horace Chang is commending the collaborative efforts of the Jamaica Customs Agency, the security forces and international partners for their swift response in the recovery of firearms and several rounds of ammunition yesterday (December 11).

Two assembled firearms with multiple parts and over 2000 rounds of ammunition were concealed in barrels containing food items, which are customary to be sent to Jamaica during the Christmas season.

The Security Minister is strongly advising persons involved in trafficking firearms to Jamaica to desist from engaging in such transnational organised crime.

“I am therefore warning all persons who plan to traffic guns to Jamaica through our ports, that we will find them and the persons who facilitate the trafficking, and they will experience the full force of the law,” Minister Chang warned.



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He further added: **“I encourage all our Jamaicans overseas to continue supporting your families locally with the customary barrel of goodies at Christmas. It is appreciated. However, do not send guns to Jamaica, you are only putting your family and friends at risk and you will be caught”**.

The Ministry of National Security supports the National Security Council’s efforts in the development of a policy with a focus on strengthening capabilities to detect weapons and other contraband coming into the island through the country’s air and seaports.

As part of the government’s commitment to border security, this policy will aid in bolstering the technology capacity of all agencies with security responsibilities, which the Jamaica Customs Agency is part of.

