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## JamaicaEye Camera nearest Santa Cruz stabbing incident fully operational

Contrary to recent media reports, the Ministry of National Security is confirming that the JamaicaEye cameras closest to the location of the stabbing attack on Saturday, December 14, 2024 in Santa Cruz, St. Elizabeth, were fully operational at the time of the incident.

The public is also being advised that footage from JamaicaEye cameras in the vicinity of the incident is available and is being utilized in the ongoing investigations by the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF).

While some cameras in the Santa Cruz area are currently offline due to technical challenges arising from maintenance delays, the Ministry is assuring the public that efforts are far advanced to fully restore these systems.

The Ministry is deeply saddened by this senseless act of violence and is reaffirming its commitment to providing the requisite resources, including technology assets such as JamaicaEye, to enhance the investigative and intelligence capacity of law enforcement in their pursuit of criminal elements across the country.

The Ministry recognizes the media as an important stakeholder in the relentless pursuit of a safer society and urges all concerned to report responsibly and accurately on this and related matters.

