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Security Minister Condemns Attack on Police Officer and Family in St. James

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Security, the Hon. Dr. Horace Chang, strongly condemns the violent ambush on a member of the Jamaica Constabulary Force and his family in Reading, St. James, on Saturday, August 9, 2025. The attack claimed the life of the officer's spouse and left both the officer and his young son critically injured.

This deliberate assault on a serving officer and his family is a grave and unacceptable act that strikes at the heart of law and order. It represents not only an attack on an individual family, but also on the men and women who put themselves in harm's way daily to serve and protect Jamaica. Such acts will not be allowed to go unanswered.

The Ministry is fully supporting the ongoing investigation being led by the Jamaica Constabulary Force and is committed to ensuring that those responsible are apprehended and brought to justice. We call on all Jamaicans with information to assist the authorities in swiftly advancing this case. Acts of violence against our law enforcement officers and their families will not be tolerated, and the full weight of the law will be brought to bear on the perpetrators.

The Ministry extends heartfelt condolences to the family of the deceased and our thoughts remain with the injured officer and his son as they receive critical medical care.

The Government of Jamaica remains steadfast in its resolve to stand by the security forces, strengthen public safety, and dismantle the criminal networks that threaten our communities and to restore peace to communities affected by violence.

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