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#### **Minister of National Security Announces the Reformation of the JCF**

Minister of National Security Hon. Dr. Horace Chang is today announcing the beginning of a major reformation of the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF). The reforms will result in changes in several areas of the JCF.

“The Commissioner of Police, Major General Antony Anderson has advised the Government that in short order, major changes will come in both the management and oversight of the Police Force as well as changes of entities within the Force”, stated Dr. Chang.

The Security Minister added that the Commissioner of Police has advised that Senior Superintendent (SSP) Terrence Bent is being sent on leave to facilitate investigations at the Mobile Reserve. Additionally, Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) Warren Clarke, is to oversee the winding up of the Mobile Reserve and develop the framework for a new vetted, specialized operations organization; properly trained and equipped to respond to current and future threats.

Dr. Chang said the Commissioner has also updated the Government on the strategic plan for the JCF. The Government has given the commitment of budgetary and legislative support. These plans will be executed this year.

Commissioner Anderson will join Minister Chang next week at a press conference to provide further details to the nation on the actions to come.

According to Dr. Chang, “we are of the view that crime is the greatest threat to the development of our society. We all want to see a Force strategically purposed to deal with the current challenges effectively or we will not be able to achieve national objectives”.

Dr. Chang also added, “we ask members of the public to support the process of change and reform. We also ask members of the JCF to embrace this evolution and transformation as it will redound to their benefit, that of their family and the nation”.