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National Security Minister meets with JMA officials to discuss the impact of crime on the manufacturing sector

Officials from the Jamaica Manufacturers' Association (JMA) met with National Security Minister, Hon. Robert Montague amidst growing concerns about the security of the Jamaican citizenry. The meeting took place on Thursday July 6 at the Ministry of National Security's head office on Oxford Road.

During the meeting, Minister Montague reemphasized the Government's commitment to reducing crime and outlined the multi-pronged crime prevention framework, underpinned by the Ministry's five-pillar crime reduction strategy. The five pillars are crime prevention through social development, situational prevention, swift and sure justice processes, rehabilitation and redemption and effective policing. He noted that a unified and holistic approach is critical to the fight against crime.

Metry Seaga, President of the JMA advanced that private sector involvement in crime prevention strategies and policies is an important hallmark of the national security framework.

Mr. Seaga pledged the unequivocal support and partnership of the JMA and its membership in the initiatives and strategies to improve public safety and citizen security.

The dialogue resulted in new modalities being confirmed to monitor measure and communicate the initiatives posited by the ministry.

The model envisioned will be similar to the Economic Programme Oversight Committee (EPOC) framework, with a chairperson to be selected after consultations.

The Association has also committed to supporting the Ministry through the provision of CCTV camera access, given the extensive geographic coverage of the manufacturing sector and the provision of other resources to boost the effectiveness and operations of the Jamaica Constabulary Force.

Systematic discourse will continue between the JMA and the National Security Ministry to continue targeted crime management strategies.

This underscores the critical importance of social partnerships in creating a national coalition against crime and building a safer Jamaica for all Jamaicans.

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