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Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Security and Peace, the Hon. Dr Horace Chang delivers remarks at the Press Launch of the Superstars of Port Antonio International Marlin Tournament at the Tac Bar, Devon House, in Kingston on Wednesday, September 17.

**‘Our territorial waters are crucial to our national security and economic wellbeing’ –  
Minister Chang**

National security does not end at the island’s shoreline, says Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Security and Peace, the Hon. Dr. Horace Chang.

**“Our maritime domain is as much a part of our security environment as our towns and cities,”** the security minister said, adding, **“That is why, as an Administration, we have invested heavily to build and strengthen the capacity of our maritime domain,”** he said.

Minister Chang emphasised that the work of the security forces ensures that Jamaica not only defends its borders but also uses its territorial waters as a platform for growth, development and prosperity. These, he shared, feed directly into the strengthening of the blue economy, which is increasingly central to Jamaica’s future.



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**“The blue economy speaks to all the ways our waters contribute to development, whether through fishing and shipping; through tourism and transport; or through the cultural and recreational activities, which define us as proud island people,”** Minister Chang noted.

He reasoned that the Marlin Tournament itself demonstrates the balance that must be struck between sport and stewardship, pointing out that while sport fishing brings excitement and recognition, it must be practised in ways that safeguard marine life.

According to Minister Chang, this responsibility cannot rest with government alone but must be shared by communities, private partners and every individual who benefits from the sea.

**“Events like this remind us that national security, economic sustainability and growth are not separate agendas, but they are parts of one vision for Jamaica’s future. That is why the success of this tournament is a story of partnership. Government, private sector, security forces and local communities all play a role in making it possible,”** he said.

The eight staging of the Superstars of Port Antonio International Marlin Tournament will see top anglers and marlin fishers compete over six days while practising conservation fishing methods.

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