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### **Get Every Illegal Gun initiative claiming major successes – Chang**

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Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Security, the Hon. Horace Chang has credited improved technological solutions and increased collaboration between the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF), the Jamaica Customs Agency, the Major Organised Crime & Anti-Corruption Agency (MOCA) and the Jamaica Defence Force (JDF) to the recent successes of the Government’s Get Every Illegal Gun Campaign.

He noted that there is now a whole of government approach to crime fighting, with a strong focus on guns, gunmen and gangs.

He is commending the security forces and the Jamaica Customs for their successes so far, **“I would like to commend the police and the Jamaica Customs for these recent important finds”**.

**“Getting these illegal guns and ammunition off the streets saves lives and, yesterday’s gun find is a testament to what can be accomplished when all agencies work together for a common good. These gangs and gunmen can run but they cannot hide, we will find them and dismantle them,”** Minister Chang said.

The Minister pointed out that the state will be relentless in its pursuit of guns, gunmen and gangs and noted, **“Yesterday’s seizure of 21 firearms, several rounds of ammunition and three pounds of marijuana from a West Kingston warehouse means the police, Customs and other partners in the fight against crime have to be alert about suspicious activities at our ports. The Customs Agency and the Counter-Terrorism and Organised Crime Investigations Branch (CTOC) have done a good job.”**

The ‘Get Every Illegal Gun’ campaign is an initiative of the Government to remove illegal guns, capture gunmen and dismantle gangs across the island. The inclusion of the Jamaica Customs Agency and other arms of port authority under this campaign is an effort to increase border security and prevent illegal guns from penetrating Jamaica’s ports. So far the initiative has seen record finds of guns and ammunition across the island.

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