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Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Security, the Hon. Dr Horace Chang delivering the main address at the Jamaica Constabulary Force's Distinguished Mensa Lecture and Transformations Expo Launch held at AC hotel in Kingston on Friday (June 6).

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Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Security, the Hon. Dr Horace Chang is noting the transformation of the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF) in achieving desired outcomes in bringing peace and good order to the society.

Speaking at the **Mensa Lecture and Transformations Expo 2.0** launch at the AC Hotel in Kingston on Friday (June 6), Minister Chang used the occasion to indicate his pleasure at the growth of the JCF, as it continues to embrace technology and a more people-centric approach in its delivery of service to the Jamaican citizen.



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The inaugural JCF expo was held in Kingston in 2023, and Minister Chang said that this year's iteration is built upon solid foundations and reflects a deep commitment to excellence, strategic innovations and a high standard of service delivery.

“This Expo is not merely a showcase; it is a declaration. It declares that the police force, this force for good, is not static but dynamic and is firmly rooted in its people and technology to deal with any action criminals take,” he said.

He added: **“This marks another pivotal moment in the forward march of the JCF as it continues to reimagine, retool and reform in alignment of 21st Century demands.”**

Minister Chang emphasised that the novel Mensa Lecture, delivered by the Commissioner of Police Dr. Kevin Blake, embodies a new and elevated effort of the law enforcement agency. It also affirms the value of a rigorous intellectual engagement and positive discourse around public safety.

The security minister stated further that the JCF is taking a more cerebral approach to policing. A significant change in approaches will help to realise strategic goals and tangible outcomes which include the reduction in serious crimes, especially murder.

“We have some tough characters to deal with out there; therefore, the police have to be well-trained, well-armed and equipped with the tools for law enforcement,” Minister Chang noted.

The JCF Mensa is a peer review journal dedicated to advancing scholarship, thought leadership and best practices policing and law enforcement and will first be publicly available during Police Week in November 2025.

The Transformations Expo is scheduled for June 19-22 in Kingston and Montego Bay.

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