



**PRESS STATEMENT
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DPM, heads of Agencies meet to review state of public security

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Security, the Hon. Dr Horace Chang today chaired a post-sectoral meeting of the heads of the national security agencies to review the current status of public security and ensure investment is aligned to outcomes.

The discussion included public safety, crime, legislation and budgeting with the hope of strengthening inter-agency operational activity.

“We intend through these discussions to get things done that can be done quickly to impact the efficiency of the Force and the Agencies,” said Minister Chang.

The meeting was held at the offices of the Police Commissioner in Kingston today (Saturday, June 11, 2022), and included State Minister the Hon. Zavia Mayne, Permanent Secretary Courtney Williams, the Commissioner of Police, Major General Antony Anderson, the Major Organized Crime and Anti-Corruption Agency (MOCA) Director-General Retired Colonel Desmond Edwards, and Deputy Commissioner of Police Selvin Hay, Head of the Financial Investigation Division (FID).

Minister Chang described the talks as **“frank”**, as it evaluates the state of affairs regarding the output of the Agencies and recommendations for the way forward.

He said while the Agencies have been doing well, there is still a need for further strengthening in the all-out battle against organized crime and attendant issues that flow from it.

Over the past four years, the Government has invested heavily in the security Agencies. The JCF, being the country’s premier law enforcement entity continues to see dramatic transformational changes.

“The Police High Command is executing the Government’s policy to modernise and transform the police force to be better prepared to ensure public safety and reverse the criminal violence that plagues the society,” Minister Chang said.