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Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Security and Peace, the Hon. Dr. Horace Chang greets members of the Area 7 Team at the Jamaica Constabulary Force National Sports 2026 held on Saturday (May 30) at the UWI, Mona Bowl in Kingston.

**The JCF: Law Enforcement Force of Choice in the Caribbean – Minister Chang**

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Security and Peace, the Hon. Dr. Horace Chang, lauds the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF) for its transformation into the **“law enforcement force of choice in the Caribbean”**, through professionalism, leadership and regional influence.

Speaking at the JCF’s National Sports Day held at the UWI, Mona Bowl in Kingston on Saturday (May 30), Dr. Chang said the Force has evolved significantly over the years and is now attracting talented young men and women who see policing as a rewarding career.

**“Today it (JCF) is viewed positively as a career, and young men and young women of talent can join but beyond that, the entire Force is now seen as a law enforcement force of choice in the Caribbean and because of your hard work, your commitment and the leadership you have at the next level,”** Minister Chang expressed.



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The security minister pointed out that the JCF’s high standards of performance and professionalism have earned recognition throughout the region, resulting in increased requests for support and collaboration from police forces in the Caribbean.

**“We are required today to assist almost every police force in the English-speaking Caribbean. We have officers in Haiti, we have officers currently in Turks and Caicos, we have requests from St. Lucia and Antigua, and we have been asked by other islands as well, so the JCF is evolving into one of the finest police forces,”** Dr. Chang noted.



Commissioner of Police, Dr. Kevin Blake (first row, centre) and Assistant Commissioner of Police in charge of the Community Safety and Security Branch of the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF), Ms. Charmin Shand (first row, first left) raise the Law Enforcement Torch after completing the final 50 metres of the Law Enforcement Torch Run at the JCF National Sports 2026 held at the UWI, Mona Bowl in Kingston on Saturday (May 30).

The Government of Jamaica through the JCF has provided assistance and operational support to law enforcement partners in Brazil, Miami, Florida and most recently, the Turks and Caicos Islands. This underscores Jamaica’s commitment to enhancing national security through strengthened regional and international partnerships.

Dr. Chang further added that the JCF’s success is rooted in the pillars of commitment and professionalism which have transformed the law enforcement and public order system.

**“It is not just policing, it is the quality of commitment, the professionalism you display, your character and your general conduct that gives character to the JCF we are building today,”** Dr. Chang stated.

The JCF continues to modernise its operations through investments in training, technology and increased partnerships as the Force is well-positioned to continue to serve as a model for policing in the region.

