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Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Security and Peace, the Hon. Dr. Horace Chang (left) greets Detective Inspector Rohan Brown (2<sup>nd</sup> right) and his son, Constable Raheem Brown (right) who was a member of the freshly minted batch of officers who joined the ranks of the Jamaica Constabulary Force on Wednesday (March 25). Also photographed is Assistant Superintendent of Police Samantha Bryan (2<sup>nd</sup> left) who beamed with pride. The profound moment was captured at the Jamaica Constabulary Force Passing Out Parade and Awards Ceremony held at the National Police College of Jamaica in Twickenham Park, St. Catherine.

**Two Thousand Two Hundred Police Promoted as Gov't strengthens Crime Fighting  
and Police Services – Hon. Dr. Chang**

In a major boost to Jamaica's national security and public safety architecture, 2,200 officers have been promoted in the police force. The move forms a key part of the ongoing investments in infrastructure, training, technological upgrades and expansion of the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF).

**“We have invested heavily in human resource development. In a focused way, recruitment has been expanded and training capacity has been increased. New training programmes and certification opportunities have been introduced to ensure that every officer is equipped not only with the physical skills required for the job, but also with the intellectual and ethical foundation necessary for modern policing,”** emphasised Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Security and Peace, the Hon. Dr. Horace Chang.



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Speaking at the Passing Out Parade and Awards Ceremony held at the National Police College of Jamaica on Wednesday (March 25), he outlined that the government continues to the strengthen crime-fighting efforts and policing services offered to citizens through enhanced training, improved welfare arrangements and competitive compensation.

**“We have restructured compensation for police officers, ensuring that those who serve and protect are better rewarded for their sacrifice. We have strengthened staff welfare arrangements, recognising that a motivated and supported officer is a more effective officer. We have established clear pathways for career advancement, so that your progress within the Force is determined by merit, discipline, and performance,”** he explained.

The Minister added that **“more than 2,200 police officers including over 250 Gazetted ranks have been promoted through transparent, merit-based systems. This is not accidental; it is intentional. It reflects a commitment to fairness and to excellence.”**



Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Security and Peace, the Hon. Dr. Horace Chang inspects the 295 new Constables of Batch 163 and 164 at the Jamaica Constabulary Force Passing Out Parade and Awards Ceremony held at the National Police College of Jamaica in Twickenham Park, St. Catherine on Wednesday (March 25).

He noted that the progress of the JCF is not only visible in operational outcomes, but also in growing respect, confidence and credibility being placed in the Force both locally and regionally.

The Security Minister explained to Batches 163 and 164 that they are joining a force that has **“transformed to reflect its true purpose: to serve and protect, grounded in genuine partnership with the people,”** and reminded them that **“every interaction you have with a citizen is an opportunity to build or destroy trust and public trust is the currency of effective policing.”**

As the graduation ended, Minister Chang expressed confidence in the new recruits, calling on them to be role models, catalysts for change and urged them to **“choose integrity over convenience. Choose discipline over impulse. Choose service over self-interest.”**



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The government, through the Ministry of National Security and Peace, remains steadfast in its mission to strengthen the JCF, ensuring it continues to be a Force for Good in the fight against crime and violence.

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