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Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Security, the Hon. Dr. Horace Chang in conversation with Commissioner of Police, Dr. Kevin Bake and Head of the St. Elizabeth Police Division, Superintendent Minto at the opening of the Lacovia Police Station in St. Elizabeth on February 26, 2025. (file photo)

Minister Chang commends JCF for another record low month – Government's strategy delivering results

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Security, the Hon. Dr. Horace Chang is lauding the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF) for its continued commitment to the safety and security of the Jamaican people, as the country records its lowest monthly murder total in 25 years.

April ended with 44 reported murders, surpassing the previous low of 48 recorded just two months earlier in February of this year. These two months now represent the lowest murder figures recorded in a single month over the past 25 years.

The Security Minister emphasised that this downward trend is no coincidence, but rather the outcome of intentional and strategic actions by the JCF. **“These results are not accidental. They reflect discipline, strategic policing and responsible use of the resources provided to the Force,”** shared Minister Chang.



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He further noted, “**The government’s comprehensive, intelligence-driven approach to crime fighting is yielding results. We are on a sustainable path toward safer communities.**” While acknowledging that there is still much work to be done, the Minister expressed confidence that Jamaica is making a meaningful shift.

“Our crime figures, over the past three months, speak volumes. April not only followed February’s record but also improved upon it. The JCF’s operational focus and its commitment to community partnership have been vital,” he added.

Minister Chang also stressed that the progress being made is a clear example of what can be achieved when the government, law enforcement and citizens unite around a shared goal.

The Ministry is encouraging all Jamaicans to continue supporting the efforts of the police and to do their part in sustaining the momentum. **“We remain focused, vigilant, and committed to building a Jamaica that is safe and secure for all,”** Minister Chang affirmed.

The government remains committed and will ensure the JCF and supporting security formations have adequate resources to continue and maintain the fight against the criminal elements.

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