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**Autopsy Suite components at advanced stage of installation -
works on the multi-million-dollar project edges closer to completion**

Construction of the Forensic Pathology Autopsy Suite which began on October 14, 2021, now stands at approximately seventy per cent complete.

Major components of the building are either completed or at an advanced stage. These include works on the substructure, superstructure, heating ventilation air-conditioning (HVAC) and electrical systems, wall finishes, ceiling frames and plumbing installations.

Based on the pace of construction, the facility is expected to reach practical completion by December 2023, meaning that the contractor would have satisfactorily completed one hundred per cent of the works under his contract with the Ministry.

When completed and commissioned into service in 2024, the Institute of Forensic Science and Legal Medicine will be able to conduct medico-legal autopsies in a state-of-the-art facility by first-world standards to scientifically establish the cause of death, where required.

This will contribute significantly to the Jamaica Constabulary Force's investigative capabilities and by extension, the delivery of justice in Jamaica.

The Forensic Pathology Autopsy Suite, Jamaica's first, is being built in downtown Kingston at a cost of approximately \$600 million.