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Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Security, the Hon. Dr. Horace Chang greets Colonel Desmond Edwards, Director General of the Major Organised Crime & Anti-Corruption Agency (MOCA) at the MOCA Strategic Management Retreat at ROK Hotel today (November 2).

**Government committed to equipping MOCA to detect and disrupt organised crime –
Minister Chang**

The Government of Jamaica is committed to equipping the Major Organised Crime and Anti-Corruption Agency (MOCA) with the resources needed to disrupt, deter, and detect organised crime, says Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Security, the Hon Dr Horace Chang.

He was speaking at the agency's two-day Strategic Management Retreat, being held at the ROK Hotel in Kingston on Thursday, November 2.

In addition to the legal framework, training and recruitment, the Minister said, **“We have to provide the tools required in the modern world to function and this means numbers in cyber forensics and technical equipment.”**



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Minister Chang said in addition that the government have had support from partner countries and international agencies.

According to the Minister, MOCA is Jamaica's elite law enforcement agency dealing not only with corruption issues but with a broad scope of major criminal activity including the handling of the vast network of organised criminals. This he said requires an organisation dedicated to the dismantling of organised criminal gangs.

“This is a big challenge and it cannot be done in too big an organisation; it has to be a specialised organisation. In that vein, I do see MOCA continuing in this light although there might be some legislative changes and we might have to bring aspects of the work closer to other law enforcement agencies,” he said.

The security minister added that intelligence, cybersecurity, cyber forensics, cyber incident response and cyber investigations remain areas he would like to see grow in importance with the influence of MOCA.

The Major Organised Crime & Anti-Corruption Agency is an independent, elite law enforcement entity with primary interest in fighting the scourge of corruption and in bringing major criminals to justice.

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