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**Minister of National Security commends the Jamaica Constabulary Force for
Outstanding Performance in 2024**

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Security, the Hon. Dr. Horace Chang, has extended high commendations to the High Command and the hardworking men and women of the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF) for their exceptional performance in 2024, which resulted in a significant reduction in murders and one of the safest Christmas seasons the nation has experienced in decades.

The national statistics for 2024 reveal a noteworthy achievement, with 1,139 murders recorded—a reduction of 265 murders or 19% compared to 2023. This success underscores the JCF's commitment to maintaining safety and security across the country.

“We gave the people of Jamaica and visitors alike the assurance that the police were committed to ensuring a safe and secure environment for all during the Yuletide season, and we delivered,” Minister Chang stated.

In December (2024), the country recorded 73 murders, the lowest monthly count since September 2014. Further demonstrating the success of the JCF's efforts, the week of December 22-28, 2024, recorded 6 murders—the lowest weekly count since 2001.

Minister Chang attributed this achievement to the comprehensive investments made by the Government in the JCF, saying: **“What we are experiencing at this time is a coming together of everything; the investment in expanding the human resource, the investments in training, technology, and the physical infrastructure as well as a highly motivated workforce and effective leadership.”**

Highlighting the impact of the JCF's work, the Minister emphasized the importance of the lives saved, stating, **“The saving of 265 lives in 2024 when compared to the previous year is a very significant feat, and every member of the JCF must be congratulated for their selfless and dedicated service.”**

Minister Chang said that the Government remains steadfast in its commitment to advancing its strategic investment in the JCF, empowering the courageous men and women of the Force to build on their success and achieve even greater reductions in murder for 2025.