



PRESS STATEMENT
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**Ministry of National Security and Peace Condemns Murder of 10-Year-Old Girl in
Trelawny**

The Ministry of National Security and Peace is profoundly grieved by and condemns the brutal rape and murder of the 10-year-old girl in Trelawny on Tuesday (July 21).

“This is a heartbreaking tragedy for the family, the community, and for all Jamaicans. On behalf of the Government, I extend my deepest condolences to her family and all those who mourn her loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with them at this unbearable time,” said Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Security and Peace, Hon. Dr. Horace Chang.

The Jamaica Constabulary Force has been directed to deploy all necessary resources to ensure a prompt, thorough, and transparent investigation. I assure the family and the public that the security forces will pursue this matter until justice is served. As a Ministry, we will actively review and pursue mechanism to effectively manage how we deal with sex offenders. Decisive action will be taken and the team has been directed to continue to undertake work in this regard,” Dr. Chang continued.

The Ministry remains fully committed to the safety and dignity of the nation's children and stands firmly with the Child Protection and Family Services Agency (CPFSA) in its efforts to support the grieving family and protect children across Jamaica.

We owe it to this young life and to every child in our country to remain resolute in our commitment to justice, accountability, and the creation of communities where every child can grow up safe, protected and free from fear.

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