



**STATEMENT
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**Ministry of National Security and Peace Dismisses False Claims About Third Country
Nationals Being Housed in St. Mary**

The Ministry of National Security and Peace is dismissing as false and misleading, the assertion made during the Television Jamaica Prime Time News broadcast on June 25, that Third Country Nationals (TCNs) will be housed in the parish of St. Mary.

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Security and Peace, Hon. Dr. Horace Chang, reiterates that the Government of Jamaica has not approved the transfer of any Third Country Nationals to any location in Jamaica at this time.

“There is no Third Country National in Jamaica at this time and the government has no arrangements for housing TCNs in St. Mary. Any housing arrangements for TCNs are the responsibility of the International Organization for Migration,” Dr. Chang stated.

“There will be no transfers until the required operational procedures are finalized, therefore, the video circulating online misrepresents the Government's stated position and risks causing unnecessary public concern,” he continued.

The Ministry further reminds the public that Jamaica maintains full sovereignty over all decisions related to the programme. Members of the public are therefore encouraged to verify information through official Government sources and to refrain from sharing unsubstantiated claims that may mislead the public or undermine confidence in official communications.

The Ministry will continue to provide timely and accurate updates as necessary.

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