



**PRESS STATEMENT
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Ministry of National Security and Peace clarifies statements on JCF uniforms and body-worn cameras

The Ministry of National Security and Peace wishes to correct the inaccurate reporting by the Jamaica Gleaner in its article published on Friday, May 1, 2026, titled “*Chang: Current JCF Uniform not designed for body-worn cams.*” The article misrepresents remarks made by the Hon. Dr. Horace Chang during his address at a pipeline project event in Montego Bay on Wednesday, April 29, 2026.

The Minister did not indicate that the current uniform of the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF) is incompatible with body-worn cameras. Instead, Minister Chang referenced the historical pinstriped uniforms worn by police officers in earlier periods, reiterating that “**those uniforms were not designed to accommodate modern policing tools such as body-worn cameras.**”

His remarks were made to highlight the evolution and modernisation of the JCF.

The Minister underscores that the current navy blue JCF uniform represents a deliberate and strategic upgrade, designed to meet the operational demands of modern law enforcement.

“**The present uniform is constructed with functionality in mind, allowing officers to seamlessly integrate essential equipment into their daily duties,**” he said.



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These include reinforced utility belts, attachment points, and adaptable fabric structures that support the secure use of body-worn cameras, communication devices, and other tactical tools.

This transition, forms part of the Government's broader effort to strengthen crime-fighting capabilities through improved technology, enhanced officer safety, and greater accountability.

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