



**PRESS STATEMENT  
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**Response to Recent Bomb Scare Incidents Across Jamaica**

The Ministry of National Security wishes to address the series of bomb scare incidents that have occurred across Jamaica in the last 24 hours. Our dedicated law enforcement teams have diligently responded to and investigated over 45 reports. These incidents have targeted various institutions, including schools, healthcare facilities, and courts.

Following a thorough investigation, all these reports have been identified as hoaxes. While we are grateful that these were not actual threats, we must emphasize the significant strain such incidents place on our law enforcement resources, which are already in high demand.

We continue to collaborate with the Jamaica Constabulary Force, the Jamaica Defence Force and other elements of the Security forces together with the Ministry of Education and Youth to reassure our citizens and to ensure that our students are safe.

The repercussions of these hoaxes are far-reaching, affecting the daily lives of many. They cause unwarranted fear, anxiety, and significant disruption to essential services and public order. We strongly condemn these acts of misinformation and false reporting.

At this juncture, we urge the public to remain calm and vigilant. Do not succumb to panic. It is imperative that any suspicious activity be reported immediately to the police. We also appeal to everyone to refrain from participating in or propagating such hoaxes. We remind you that these actions are not only irresponsible but also illegal. Those found engaging in such activities will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

The Ministry of National Security is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all Jamaicans. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding in these challenging times.

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