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Additional Security Measures put in place for Fort Augusta Adult Correctional Centre

Minister of State in the Ministry of National Security (MNS), the Hon. Rudyard Spencer, yesterday (January 15) met with officials of the Department of Correctional Services (DCS) to address the recent developments at the Fort Augusta Adult Correctional Centre (FAACC) on South Camp Road in Kingston.

The Minister has reassured that investigations are being conducted jointly by the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF) and the Independent Commission of Investigations (INDECOM) on the assault of a female inmate at the facility.

Following the meeting, a visit with the officials was conducted at the institution and the Minister has announced that additional security measures have been implemented to prevent future occurrences of violent incidents and safe guard the basic rights of inmates.

He said, **“Six high-risk inmates housed at FAACC have now been relocated to the Horizon Adult Remand Centre. This re-classification will enhance the security of the inmates and staff and subsequently lower the risks of the violent outbreak at FAACC.”**

Minister Spencer also noted that following a health assessment by the institutions’ medical team, three inmates were diagnosed as mentally ill and were placed in singular cells.

He said, **“to further strengthen the security in these facilities, frequent random searches will be conducted and gate procedures enhanced at the institutions.”**



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Minister said additional staff will also be deployed in short order to reinforce the inmate to officer ratio in the facilities.

Another security measure that will be implemented is the removal of all electrical outlets on the cell blocks. This he noted will prevent the charging of phones which will inherently prevent the use of these devices.

The Minister further noted that the inmates are fed three nutritious meals daily, their living conditions are sanitary and is therefore dispelling the complaints and assertions made.

Minister Spencer affirmed that **“We deeply regret that this attack transpired and has even cause hurt to an inmate. The safety and well-being of all inmates and staff are of utmost importance. We continue to do everything in our power to ensure that the basic rights of inmates are protected.”**

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