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**Advances Made in National Cybersecurity**

The Government is implementing further measures toward the development of Jamaica's cybersecurity framework with significant progress being made on the National Cybersecurity strategy and action plan. An update on the technical and operational implementation of the new Cybersecurity Strategy was presented at Thursday's (August 25) regular meeting of the National Security Council (NSC) chaired by Prime Minister Andrew Holness.

The strategy will allow Jamaica to more comprehensively address cybersecurity challenges considering increased threats, as well as to leverage opportunities in cyberspace. As part of this approach, the Government will be partnering with the United States on the further development of the Regional Cyber Institute at the Caribbean Military Academy.

Meanwhile, operational updates were received from the Security Heads. Commissioner of Police, Major General Antony Anderson, announced that the implementation of the Jamaica Constabulary Force's Station Record Management System has started, and is already in full effect at the Rockfort, Harbour View and Matilda's Corner Police Stations. This system is in keeping with the Force's thrust to digitize records as part of its modernization programme. Technological improvements at the Criminal Records Office (CRO) in Downtown, Kingston have also alleviated the previous problem of crowding as citizens can

now make their requests online. The Commissioner noted that Phase 2 of the plan for the CRO is the use of courier service.

Operational successes are also taking place with initiatives aimed at restoring law and order in various parishes including the 14-day Public Order Reset Operation in Montego Bay, Operation Leviticus in St. Ann and other operations across the island. Meanwhile, the Commissioner indicated that preparation is well underway for the start of the new school term with traffic considerations in place.

Notably, significant strides have been made by the Major Organized Crime and Anti-Corruption Agency (MOCA) which recently secured convictions in a transnational organised crime case, through collaboration with international partners.

Additionally, the Jamaica Defence Force (JDF) has reported increased operations at the nation's ports which has resulted in large seizures of cocaine and other illicit items. At the Jamaica Customs Agency, increased surveillance has resulted in the seizure of firearms, drugs and large amounts of cash.

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