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PRESS RELEASE

"LET'S TAKE JAMAICA BACK! HELP US TO FIGHT CRIME"

The Private Sector Organisation of Jamaica (PSOJ) is working with the security forces on a number of programmes to encourage the public to give the Police more information on crime and drugs.

One of the first initiatives will be a call-in session, to be held on Thursday, 13th June, 2002 at the PSOJ office.

PSOJ President, Oliver F. Clarke, says, "This is a very important first step in our campaign to encourage greater collaboration between private citizens and the police. This is saying very clearly to Jamaicans that the police force is working towards greater accountability and transparency. The public should, therefore, start giving their support to the law enforcement agencies in their fight against crime and drugs".

This initiative is being promoted to the public through an advertising campaign, in the print and electronic media.   Manning the telephone lines this Thursday will be Commissioner of Police, Francis Forbes at Tel: 927-6930, Monsignor Richard Albert on Tel: 927-6931, Dr. Vivian Panton, Chaplain to the Jamaica Constabulary Force at Tel: 927-6409, Mr. Peter Moses, Country Corporate Officer, Citibank N.A., Tel: 978-6797 and Chief of Staff Rear Admiral Hardley Lewin on Tel: 978-6404.

This "Phone-In" will take place on Thursday, 13th June between 7.00 p.m. – 9.00 p.m., during which time the above-mentioned individuals will answer questions and deal with queries from callers on crime and corruption.

The "Phone-In" is expected to be repeated on a monthly basis, with different guests each month.

The PSOJ encourages the public to participate in this programme by calling in, asking questions, providing information and suggestions – "Make the call – You can make a difference".

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