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## **PRESS RELEASE**

The Private Sector Organisation of Jamaica (PSOJ) Council of Presidents condemns the recent murders of members of the Jamaica Constabulary Force, with two additional murders over the last few days. We extend our sympathy to their family and colleagues and encourage all members of the security forces to continue their work and hope they will feel that in their fight against crime that they have the support of the vast majority of the public.

“On behalf of the Council and members of the PSOJ, we condemn the murders of nine Jamaican police officers this year, two in the past few days”, said Oliver Clarke, PSOJ President.

For the period from January to June 30, 2002, there were 455 reported murders. Included among those killed were 9 policemen, 4 of whom were killed during the month of May and 4 during the month of June, with 1 policeman already killed in July.

We call upon every citizen of Jamaica to work with the security forces to help to control the crime and violence taking place in our society. The PSOJ urges anyone who has information to inform the police or to call Crime Stop on 1-888-991-4000. Co-operation between the public and the police forces is one of the strongest ways of sending a message to the criminals trying to take over our country. Crime must be seen as requiring attention from all individual Jamaicans, the government and the business community.

Let us all work together. The country must stand behind the security forces.

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