

Press Release

Commissioner of INDECOM to visit London and Northern Ireland

October 29, 2010 - A team from the Independent Commission of Investigations (INDECOM), headed by Commissioner Terrence Williams will be leaving the island for London, England and Belfast, Northern Ireland respectively on November 2, 2010.

The team was invited by the British High Commission.

The objective of the visit is to observe the operations of the Independent Police Complaints Commission in London and the Office of the Ombudsman in Northern Ireland with a view to applying best practices in Jamaica.

The Commissioner and his team are also expected to have extensive discussions regarding training programmes offered by the Institute of Criminal Justice Studies (ICJS) at the University of Portsmouth, one of the UKs largest centres for research and course provision in the field of criminology and criminal justice.

“We at INDECOM want to ensure that Jamaicans are provided with the best service our law enforcers can possible provide, which is why we are looking to similar bodies and institutions around the world to see how we can best improve our services to the public, as well as training to our investigators. That is essentially what this trip is all about,” Williams said.

Mr. Williams will be accompanied by Mrs. Nora P. Reckord, director, Corporate Services, Mrs. Taneish Wisdom-Banton, acting director, Complaints & Investigations. During the Commissioner’s absence the functions of the Commission will be administered by Mr. Middleton D. March, Consultant/Advisor. The team returns to Jamaica on November 14, 2010.

Background -

Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) - Website: www.ipcc.gov.uk

The IPCC replaced the Police Complaints Authority (PCA) in England and Wales which ceased to exist on 31 March 2004. The IPCC has overall responsibility for the system for complaints against the police in England and Wales. It aims to raise standards, cut delays, increase public confidence and transform the way police forces handle complaints against the police.

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