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**JDF CONDUCTS WIDE RANGE OF OPERATIONS TO SUPPORT
HURRICANE BERYL DISASTER RELIEF EFFORTS**

Kingston, Jamaica: The Jamaica Defence Force (JDF) has been actively involved in a comprehensive range of operations across the island to support the Government of Jamaica's disaster relief efforts in response to Hurricane Beryl.

During the hurricane, JDF servicemembers were deployed nationwide to assist the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management (ODPEM), the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF), and various Government Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs).

Chief of Defence Staff, Vice Admiral Antonette Wemyss-Gorman, stated that the Force "secured strategic assets and critical infrastructure, assisted in relocating citizens to shelters, and conducted joint patrols to ensure national security and public safety."

In the past 24 hours, the JDF has been actively engaged in damage assessments, road clearance, and search and rescue operations.

"We are proud to announce that within hours of being notified about the fishermen who went to sea before the storm and had not returned, we successfully located and brought them to safety. Additionally, the JDF supported the Jamaica Public Service Company (JPS Co) by conducting transmission line surveys to aid in the swift and safe restoration of electrical power across the island," Vice Admiral Wemyss-Gorman said.

The JDF extends its gratitude to our dedicated servicemembers who have selflessly sacrificed time with their loved ones to serve our country during this national emergency.

Our efforts will continue in the days and weeks ahead to ensure Jamaica can return to normal conditions as swiftly as possible.

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