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Jamaica Customs Continues To Save Lives



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Through advanced scanning technology, intelligence driven operations, risk-based targeting, increased human resources and operational capacity, supported by comprehensive training initiatives, the Jamaica Customs Agency (JCA) recorded a significant 558.27% increase in arms and ammunition seized and a 182.53% increase in firearms seized in 2025 compared to 2024.

This increase forms part of a broader 28.6% increase in seizures of contraband, currency and illicit items between 2024 and 2025, underscoring the Agency's continued contribution to national crime reduction efforts and its commitment to saving lives.

The Agency's largest arms and ammunition seizure to date was recorded in May 2025 through the enhanced resource of newly installed scanners. That operation resulted in the detection and seizure of over 200 firearms, more than 20,000 rounds of assorted ammunition, approximately 10 firearm parts and approximately 81 assorted magazines.

Additionally, the JCA recorded seizure increases for marijuana, credit and debit cards and cash in currencies including United States, Canadian and Jamaican Dollars.

The Jamaica Customs Agency implores members of the public to refrain from getting involved in transnational crimes, including but not limited to drugs, guns or money laundering, as these activities negatively impact the country and threaten the lives of our loved ones.

Through these enhanced measures as well as strengthened intelligence sharing, and expanded interagency and international collaborations, "the JCA has strengthened its ability to intercept high-risk contraband, dismantle criminal networks and reinforce Jamaica's broader crime-reduction objectives.

"One round of ammunition seized is one life saved" – Border Protection Division, Jamaica Customs Agency.

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