



# **A Citizen's Observations** **of the Jamaican National Security Apparatus**

# Jamaica's Current Situation

---

The conviction rate even for some serious crimes is low, for homicide

it is just

**5%**

# Jamaica's Current Situation

---

» someone believed to be a murderer is about three times more likely to be killed and five times more likely to be acquitted than they are to be sentenced.

**Incidentally:**

**Real per capita income has risen by ~0% in the 40 years from 1976 - 2016**

# The Economic Cost of Crime

---

## » WIFE'S BIRTHDAY DINNER 1969



# The Economic Cost of Crime

---

## » WIFE'S BIRTHDAY DINNER 1979



**Suh Raul Wha Wi A Guh Duh!?!**

---

**what is  
needed?**

**POLITICAL  
WILL**

» It would not necessarily take long.

---

## COLUMBIA

In just six years (2002-2008)

reduced

↓ 87%

Kidnappings

↓ 82%

Terrorist attacks

↓ 53%

Homicides



# SOLUTIONS

---

**In Columbia four key policies made the difference:**

- 1. Changing the primary goal of national security from the defence of the state to the protection of all citizens.**

# **SOLUTIONS**

---

- 2.** Deploying a 'clear, hold and build strategy' to reclaim the country from the narco-traffickers and extortionists.

# SOLUTIONS

---

- 3.** Isolating hard-core gang members, and giving the peripheral members a way out of the gangs.

# SOLUTIONS

---

- 4.** **Reforming the legal system, so that the time needed for a criminal case was reduced by 80%, and the conviction rate rose from 3% to 60%.**

# The 'CLEAR' ASPECT

---

## Prime Minister's Growth Council Recommendations:

» Staff JCF to full establishment of

**14,091**

Quotes current number as

**11,219**

» EGC says we simply do not have the money to hire 3000 additional police

# The 'CLEAR' ASPECT

---

- » Keep in mind when we needed **\$40 BILLION** extra dollars to assuage the IMF we extracted it from the NHT and **retroactively changed enabling legislation**
- » Increasing JCF net headcount by 3000 would likely **cost <\$10 billion**

# The 'CLEAR' ASPECT

---

- » The current force can apparently only maintain **2 ZOSOs** at a time.
- » Estimates by policing experts for **effective policing of Jamaica** have been as high as **20,000**
- » The PM's growth agenda also states that given the capacity of the existing training facilities and resignation rate in the JCF, the gap would take far too long to fill at the current rate.

# INEFFICIENT SYSTEM

---

- » **Agenda also recommends rapid replacement of the station diaries with computer based systems.**



# A PICTURE OF INEFFICIENCY

---

- » A recent episode exemplifies the ineffectuality of the Jamaican justice system. A state attorney travelled ~200 KMs for a court date recently. Keep in mind the taxpayer spends for his travel and hotel stay. Court is not held, for the second time in ~2 months for the matter. **Why?**  
**The policeman didn't turn up.**

# ACTION POINTS

---



**Automatic asset forfeiture for convicted [crime bosses], including all assets that cannot be proven to be clean, plus an estimate of the lifetime personal profits derived from similar cases, and confiscation of those estimated profits.**

# **ACTION POINTS**

---

## **Seized funds allocation:**

- » Re-investment in the asset seizure program and the fight against organized crime;**

# **ACTION POINTS**

---

## **Return to the community to fund development:**

- » New schools, clinics, community centers, roads, water and drainage systems and street lighting.**
- \* This is an essential part of the 'hearts and minds' strategy needed to win the support of the community, and turn them against the criminals).**

# ACTION POINTS

---

- » **Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time.**

**- 1 Corinthians 15: 3b-6a**

**PREPARED BY**

