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A SLAP IN THE FACE OF JUSTICE, POLICE FEDERATION OUTRAGED BY ALLEGATIONS OF CRIMINAL PRACTICES BY INDECOM

Kingston Jamaica, July 5, 2019. The Police Federation says recent allegations in two court matters involving police officers have shown gross injustice to members by the corrupt practices of INDECOM. The Federation says that the allegations are damning against INDECOM as that body seeks to secure convictions against police officers by any means necessary.

Chairman of the Police Federation, Detective Sergeant Patrae Rowe says there is no redress for police officers as INDECOM is protected by Section 27 of the INDECOM Act which prevents its operatives from being sued even when criminal acts are committed by them during their investigations.

According to the Federation, a statement submitted in court in the Clarendon matter was not corroborated by the witness who gave evidence that the statement was not signed by him. Of concern is the allegations of a witness that he was forced by INDECOM to lie on the two police officers. While this matter is under investigation, the Federation says there must be an oversight body to review the operations of INDECOM in light of the fact that the agency is seeking to take on greater powers as they have appealed the Court of Appeal ruling concerning their powers.

INDECOM cannot be a law unto themselves. The Federation states that it is calling on Parliament to make the necessary legislative changes to amend the INDECOM Act so that the Constitutional Rights of police officers are not trampled on.

Detective Sergeant Rowe says embedded in the 2010 Legislation is a provision for a timely review of the Act. To date, no review has been done. The Federation must act now to protect the constitutional rights of our membership the Federation says.

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