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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **JAMAICA DEFENCE FORCE LOSES RIFLEMAN**

Members of the Jamaica Defence Force (JDF) are mourning the passing of one of their members.

Twenty-two year old Private Davia Rayon Thompson, who served as a rifleman at 'B' Company, First Battalion The Jamaica Regiment, died on Tuesday 09 June 2009 at approximately 1430 hrs/2:30 pm.

Private Thompson, who was on leave, was fishing with family members in the Retirement area of St. Elizabeth. While casting a net he was pulled into the water and was unable to get free. He was subsequently dragged under the water and efforts to rescue him proved futile and the young man drowned.

His Officer Commanding has already met with his family and a counsellor from the JDF will be dispatched to meet with them as well.

The JDF mourns the passing of the Late Private Thompson and extends condolences to his family and all who are grieving his untimely passing.

The Late Private Thompson joined the JDF on 24 February 2008.

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