

1-527/1



HEADQUARTERS
JAMAICA DEFENCE FORCE
UP PARK CAMP
KINGSTON 5
JAMAICA

18 January 2010

NEWS RELEASE/PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

JDF TROOPS PROVIDES ASSISTANCE TO HAITI

The Jamaica Defence Force (JDF) continues to provide assistance to the people of Haiti by conducting Humanitarian and Disaster relief operations.

JDF medical teams, as well as Search and Rescue (SAR) teams have been deployed to various locations in Haiti. One of the SAR teams assisted in the recovery of a survivor of the wreckage at the United Nations (UN) Headquarters at Delmas, while the UN Secretary General was visiting on Sunday 17 January 2010.

The JDF medical teams have also been assisting in carrying out the following procedures: twelve (12) major surgeries including open fractures, amputations and assisting with three (3) maternity cases among other crucial procedures. The medical teams have also managed to streamline their operations for greater efficiency.

The efforts of both the JDF and Jamaican volunteers should be commended.

- END -

CONTACTS

Major Ricardo O St M Blackwood
Civil/Military Co-operation Officer
Telephone 926-7668/869-7925