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## PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

## JAMAICA REGIMENT'S VICTORIA CROSS CELEBRATIONS CANCELLED

The 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Victoria Cross (VC) Dinner and Church Service scheduled for 28 and 30 May 2010, respectively, have been cancelled due to the operational nature of the Force.

During the latter part of May each year, the JDF commemorates the acts of bravery of two outstanding West Indian soldiers of the disbanded West India Regiment. Sergeant William Gordon and Lance Corporal Samuel Hodge made history by being the first non-Europeans to be awarded the Victoria Cross, the highest award for bravery in the Armed Forces of the Commonwealth of Nations.

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