



Opposition Calls for Swift Action to Resolve Unrest at Port of Kingston

Kingston, Jamaica. January 28, 2025: Opposition Spokesperson on Investment, Trade & Global Logistics, Anthony Hylton, MP, is today calling on the government to be proactive in its response to rising tension at the Port of Kingston among a certain category of workers who have taken industrial action in reporting sick for their shift at Kingston Freeport Limited (KFTL) yesterday. The Opposition Spokesperson is urging social dialogue among all stakeholders to ensure the return to calm and the lowering of tensions necessary to foster such dialogue.

Speaking on the matter this morning, Mr. Hylton said: "the threat of instability at the Port at this time is most concerning given the congestion already existing at the Port due to uncertainties in the regional and global maritime sector, affecting local businesses during the Christmas Holiday period and continuing. A full-blown strike or other sustained industrial action by workers at this time would exacerbate the already difficult situation. Such actions could jeopardize planned investments in the further expansion of the Port of Kingston, critical to making the Port more competitive and resilient in achieving the goal of becoming a global logistics and trade hub".

Against this background, the Opposition Spokesperson is urging the government to act proactively to forestall any further escalation in this matter and urges calm among all stakeholders in the search for a sustainable solution.

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