



Danishka Williams Condemns Political Intimidation in South West St. Ann as Campaign Boards Are Removed Again

June 17, 2025 | St. Ann, Jamaica: Danishka Williams, the People's National Party (PNP) candidate for South West St. Ann, is raising fresh concerns about escalating political intimidation after several of her campaign boards were deliberately removed.

"This time, about seven of them were taken down in the Clarksonville community, from the main road to the intersection into the community, as well as the one heading into Cave Valley before you get to the police station," Williams reported.

She also confirmed that the board heading into the Calderwood Division right after exiting the bridge was removed in the wee hours of this morning.

This marks the third time Williams has had to publicly speak out about the destruction of her campaign material.

"It sends a poor signal to constituents, supporters, and voters of the People's National Party and the entire country," she stated. "This pattern of behavior reflects a growing level of political intimidation that must be confronted and condemned by all well-thinking Jamaicans."

Williams stressed that political candidates must be allowed to campaign freely and without fear.

"I, like other candidates, must be allowed to campaign in peace. There is no democracy without fair and free campaigning," she said. "The people of South West St. Ann deserve better."

She also pointed to the silence and apparent inaction from the sitting Member of Parliament, who is a former State Minister of Security, and questioned whether the Office of the Political Ombudsman exists or is able to fulfill its mandate. A formal letter was sent to the Office on May 7, 2025, but remains unanswered.

"I am again calling on the relevant authorities to address the matter of intimidation in constituencies, especially those where women are representing," Williams continued. "We must send a strong message that this type of politics will not be condoned, not in South West St. Ann, nor anywhere else in the country. It is reckless and sends the message that this election is being led down a violent path."

Williams emphasized that her statement is not a sign of weakness but a call to action — a call to protect the integrity of Jamaica's democracy and to ensure that all candidates, regardless of political affiliation or gender, are able to campaign without fear or interference.

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