



Holness Cabinet Escalates Assault on Democracy: PNP Warns Autocratic Pattern Now Unmistakable

Kingston, Jamaica. June 18, 2025. Dr. Dayton Campbell, General Secretary of the People's National Party (PNP), today delivered a scathing indictment of Prime Minister Andrew Holness and his Jamaica Labour Party (JLP) government, declaring their recent actions expose a deliberate and accelerating drift towards autocracy.

"The mask has fully slipped," stated Dr. Campbell. "The JLP leadership's rhetoric and conduct are no longer ambiguous; they reveal a dangerous contempt for Jamaica's democratic foundations. When a Deputy Leader declares the party will 'never surrender Jamaica' – framing the Opposition not as a legitimate competitor but as an existential enemy – it signals an intent for permanent rule, not democratic governance."

Campbell highlighted the Prime Minister's assertion that the JLP "doesn't need the Opposition" for accountability. "This dismisses Parliament's constitutional role and the very principle of checks and balances. It's the language of a leader who believes his mandate absolves him of scrutiny – a hallmark of authoritarianism."

"The PNP will relentlessly challenge this autocratic trajectory using every constitutional means," Campbell declared. "We urge civil society, the media, and every Jamaican committed to fairness and accountability to recognise this clear and present danger. The Holness cabinet's actions are an assault on the pillars of our free society. Jamaica's democracy must be defended."

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