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## **PRIME MINISTER PLACES SPECIAL FOCUS ON CRIME REDUCTION**

**ST. GEORGE'S, GRENADA, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2011\_** Prime Minister Tillman Thomas is placing special emphasis on strengthening law enforcement to maintain Grenada's reputation as one of the safest tourism destinations in the region.

The Prime Minister, in his capacity as Minister for National Security, on Tuesday hosted a meeting with the hierarchy of the Royal Grenada Police Force (RGPF) and his National Security team and to discuss plans for improving the national security arrangements.

"The development of our country, improvements in our economy and the stability of Grenada, depend on the maintenance of a secure environment," the Prime Minister said in a short opening statement.

The Grenadian leader told the senior management of the RGPF that his administration will continue to seek the assistance of friendly governments to provide the force with the tools necessary to deliver its services throughout the country.

"It is widely accepted that we are among the safest destinations in the Caribbean. We must work together to maintain and protect that reputation. Failure is not an option for us, especially as the light of recovery begins to shine at the end of the dark tunnel of economic recession," the Prime Minister said.

The Commissioner and his team used the opportunity to update the Minister of National Security on the plans of the RGPF to increase its effectiveness around sensitive areas of the country, including heritage sites and those frequented by tour operators and visitors. He said the RGPF will strengthen its community interacting through a focused community policing programme, public education, sustained foot and mobile patrols.

The Commissioner noted that the RGPF's "zero tolerance" approach to crime continues to yield results, with the seizure of a significant quantity of weapons, especially cutlasses and knives.