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STATEMENT

September 11, 2023 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

The Southern Regional Health Authority wishes to inform the public that additional security measures have been put in place at the May Pen Hospital in Clarendon, following an incident on Sunday, September 10, 2023 at about 11:00 p.m. where a nurse was injured.

Following a meeting today, September 11, with the management team, the nursing group and other personnel; the team received additional information on the severity of the incident.

The nurse was repeatedly hit with a stone by the man, who is apparently mentally challenged, on the hospital's compound. She is receiving treatment.

The below measures will be implemented immediately.

- Staff members on the night shift who are leaving the compound will be accompanied to their vehicles or point of pick up by security officers.
- 2. The police officers assigned to the police post at the hospital will be doing increased patrols.
- 3. The Clarendon police have agreed to increase mobile patrol on the compound.

The SRHA will be providing counselling to the injured nurse and her family, as well as other staff members.

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