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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Public Urged to Stop Attacking Vector Control Workers

The Southern Regional Health Authority (SRHA) is urging members of the public to desist from attacking vector control workers, while carrying out their duties.

The call comes against the background of a stoning incident of a vector control team in Siloah, St. Elizabeth on the evening of Tuesday, November 18.

The team stopped to address a machine malfunction, when one team member was struck on the shoulder by a stone. Another team member was then hit and the team retreated after observing additional stones being thrown at them.

Two team members suffered physical injuries and pain and had to seek medical attention. The matter was reported to the police.

The SRHA is reminding the public that vector control workers are properly identified by uniforms and identification cards and operate from marked Ministry of Health & Wellness vehicles.

The chemical used in the fogging process is certified and approved for use, and is safe to operate or be applied around an environment with residents.

Additionally, the team has romped up its environmental health activities to minimize adverse health related outcomes in the parish. They have been doing health education, inspections, activities and assessments in areas of food safety, waste water management, water quality monitoring, vector control (fogging, oiling) and general sanitation.

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