



# Press Release

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### **JUTC Responds to Incident Involving Student on Rural School Bus in St. Mary**

**Spanish Town, St. Catherine** - The Jamaica Urban Transit Company Limited (JUTC) confirms that an incident involving a student occurred on a JUTC-operated Rural School Bus on the Buff Bay to Highgate route in St. Mary on Monday, December 1, 2025. The company responded immediately, prioritising the student's safety and ensuring swift medical attention.

Preliminary reports indicate that at approximately 12:10 p.m., the bus driver was alerted by students that a passenger had been pushed from the vehicle. The driver immediately stopped the bus, assessed the situation, and ensured that the student received urgent medical attention.

A JUTC dispatcher promptly transported the student to the Annotto Bay Hospital, where she was treated for injuries and subsequently released. The dispatcher also made efforts to engage the student's parents and provide updates on the situation. JUTC takes this opportunity to reiterate that the safety and wellbeing of students remain a top priority.

The matter was immediately reported to the Jamaica Constabulary Force, and the bus was examined by the Island Traffic Authority. Initial assessments confirmed that there were no mechanical defects with the bus door. The incident remains under active investigation by both the police and JUTC's internal security team, and further inquiries are ongoing.

JUTC is cooperating fully with all authorities and will continue to support the investigative process to ensure that all facts are thoroughly established. The company remains committed to maintaining a safe, secure, and reliable Rural School Bus Programme and continues to work closely with schools, parents, and law-enforcement agencies to uphold student safety.

JUTC thanks the public for its patience and assures stakeholders that appropriate action will be taken once investigations are concluded.

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