



NEWS

Attention: News Editor

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Security Guard Threatened At Gun Point

The National Water Commission (NWC) is reporting that its security guard assigned to the New Forest Pumping Station in St. Elizabeth was threatened at gun point.

This latest incident follows a series of threats and attacks on security personnel assigned to that facility, and which continue to hamper the company's efforts to maintain pumping operations.

The threats and attacks stem from a water regulation system, which the NWC was forced to implement to ensure a more equitable distribution of the supply among the communities of Alligator Pond, New Forest and environs, due to reduced output from the well.

However, the effectiveness of the regulation system is being obstructed by the persistent actions of individuals who insist on illegally tapping-into the NWC distribution line to water acres of farm lands, restricting supply to residents in some areas. This practice has continued despite various community interventions and special operations with the Police.

The relentless threats and attacks on personnel assigned to the New Forest Facility have raised serious concerns about the safety of NWC staff who are assigned to work in the New Forest area.

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NWC President, Mark Barnett has described the attacks as unacceptable. He noted that “while the NWC wants to serve its customers it cannot continue to put team members’ lives at risk.”

The NWC is asking anyone with information to call the St. Elizabeth Police at 876-965-2545.

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