

POLICE COMMUNIQUE

REGIONAL FIELD TRAINING EXERCISE (FTX) ON OIL SPILL RESPONSE

Members of the public are hereby informed that a Regional Oil Spill Exercise will be held from Tuesday 26 to Thursday 28 September 2023 about 03 Nautical Miles off Black River. The exercise will simulate oil spilling from a casualty ship with the possibility of oil impacting on the shorelines of the Western coast (Pointe Koenig beach up to La Balise Marina).

2. Part of the beach will be restricted to public as from 1800 hrs on Tuesday 26 September 2023 till 1600 hours on Thursday 28 September 2023 for safety and security reasons. The Police will be present onsite for policing and assisting members of public.

3. In addition, the ships of the National Coast Guard (NCG) will operate within an Exercise Area at Sea from Wednesday 27 September 2023 till 1600 hours on Thursday 28 September 2023, as demarcated by the following coordinates A- 20° 18' 20" S, 057° 14' 30"E; B-20° 18' 20" S, 057° 17' 43"E; C- 20° 21' 18" S, 057° 17' 43"E; D-20° 21' 18" S, 057° 14' 30"E. Members of the Public are advised not to venture within the mentioned area and extending 500 metres around the designated area. The NCG will be present onsite for policing and assisting members of the public.

4. Their attention are drawn that during the abovementioned days, they are to exercise caution and abide to directives given by the Police in that area.

5. The cooperation of members of the public would be very much appreciated.

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