

STATEMENT FROM THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

The National Security Council (NSC) convened a special meeting today to receive a briefing from the Commissioner of Police in light of Monday's homicide of attorney Mr. Jamal Smith.

NSC acknowledged that the Territory unfortunately recorded its first homicide for 2024.

NSC further acknowledged that the recent murder is shocking and disturbing, and therefore reiterated its zero-tolerance policy to crime.

NSC encouraged all communities throughout the Territory to support the police in the current investigations, specifically anyone who had contact with Mr. Smith over the past 24 to 48 hours, by calling Crime Stoppers and the confidential and untraceable hotline **800-8477[TIPS], 800-847-8477** and **368-9339**.

NSC continues to deliberate strategically on all options to confront and eradicate the scourge of crime in the Territory.

NSC also extended its condolences to the family of Mr. Smith, and recommitted to introducing measures and any relevant legislation to bring a resolution to this and all other unsolved crimes.

The National Security Council considers matters relating to internal security and any significant security developments in the Territory, including the occurrence of significant criminal activity. The NSC comprises the Governor, as Chairman and members, including the Premier, the Minister for Communications and Works, the Attorney General (*ex-officio*) and the Commissioner of Police (*ex-officio*).

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