

**RELEASED IN PART B6****Mack-Wilson, Joslyn G**

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**From:** Wild, Heather L  
**Sent:** Monday, June 07, 2010 9:28 AM  
**To:** Mack-Wilson, Joslyn G  
**Subject:** RE: Nearly J\$300 million worth of contracts for Dudus' firm; his car found? and other stories

**Categories:** Working

Sure thing! Just want to loop you in on some things, are you free for a quick call right now?

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Thanks! JMW

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**Sent:** Sunday, June 06, 2010 5:29 PM  
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**Subject:** Fw: Nearly J\$300 million worth of contracts for Dudus' firm; his car found? and other stories

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**From:** Specians, Nicole E  
**To:** Wild, Heather L; Brown, Kevin  
**Sent:** Sat Jun 05 03:02:06 2010  
**Subject:** Fw: Nearly J\$300 million worth of contracts for Dudus' firm; his car found? and other stories

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**From:** Emma Lewis <petchary@gmail.com>  
**To:** Park, Rebecca C; Parnell, Isiah L; White, Fern; Baker, William D; Carter, Nathan C; Moss, Lloyd W; Marple, Lee R; Hilliard, Karen (USAID/Jamaica/DIR); Specians, Nicole E; Stone, David L; Abiose, Adijatu C  
**Sent:** Fri Jun 04 20:44:14 2010  
**Subject:** Nearly J\$300 million worth of contracts for Dudus' firm; his car found? and other stories

Nationwide reported this evening that Incomparable Enterprise, the firm owned by Dudus Coke with his partner Justin O'Gilvie, has in fact obtained J\$290 MILLION in government contracts since 2006.

The MOST RECENT was awarded by the National Works Agency - in February 2010.

**REVIEW AUTHORITY: Alan Flanigan, Senior Reviewer**

Other government agencies that have awarded contracts to Incomparable are:

Urban Development Corporation  
 Jamaica National Heritage Trust  
 Jamaica Cultural Development Commission  
 Ministry of Education  
 Early Childhood Commission  
 National Solid Waste Management Authority

TVJ reports this evening: A 2010 model BMW car "believed to belong to Dudus" valued at J\$20 million was seized by the Hunts Bay police today. It was registered in the name of a man of a Regent Street address in downtown Kingston...which turned out to be a shack. The man was not able to say how he came to be in possession of the car.

The number of guns seized since the Tivoli operation has increased to 56. 12,020 rounds of assorted ammunition and 19 hand grenades have also been found, as well as 31 IEDs and 34 other explosives.

Six firearms and some ammunition were found today (Observer says seven). Three AK-47 rifles were found buried in Rose Town and three other firearms were found in "Congo Town," Norbrook and Red Hills (TVJ and CVM).

47 bodies have now been identified by relatives. (all media).

The police say the threat level against them is "extremely high" as they believe criminals will be seeking to take revenge for the Tivoli operation.

CVM reports: an alleged "torture chamber" near the Tivoli Gardens Community Center (another story that has been circulating for years, along with the tunnels). The only visible "evidence" they showed were some ropes tied in nooses, and a metal baseball bat. JDF soldier also took reporter Delonna Fleming into a very hidden away part of an area called "Rasta City." There they found what appeared to be shallow graves. In fact, what certainly looked like the top of a skull showed just beneath the surface, as if the person was buried vertically. There was also a terrible smell, she reported. Not far away, a body was exhumed, buried three feet down near an abandoned railroad truck and is now at Madden's Funeral Home. Ugh. This part looked much more convincing than the "torture chamber"...

On that gruesome note I conclude this evening's media reports...

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"The journey is the reward"

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From: Mack-Wilson, Joslyn G  
 Sent: 6/9/2010 5:34:50 PM  
 To: svcSMARTCrossLow

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Subject: FW: JAMAICA / COKE EXTRADITION CASE: SUPREME COURT REFUSES APPLICATION FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW; MANHUNT CONTINUES

## Update:

- A quick heads up: the Supreme Court has issued a 22-page ruling refusing the application by Coke's attorneys for leave to seek a review by the Judicial Review Court of Minister of Justice Dorothy Lightbourne's decision to issue an authority to proceed on the extradition request. This ruling effectively allows the security forces to continue the ongoing manhunt for Coke
- Post submitted a 1207 proposal to. . .
- We continue to review Jamaica's request for additional funding for the JCF.
- - Post received a diplomatic note dated May 27th, outlining the Jamaican government's request for additional support and equipment for the Jamaican Constabulary Force, including 6 armored vehicles, 3,000 ballistic vests, and 3,000 helmets.
- - INL will send a survey team to review the request for additional USG resources.
- - On June 4, Amb Marks emphasized that a political sign from the United States that Jamaica is back on track was equally as important as additional resources.
- - We are still awaiting a decision by Chief Justice McCalla on Coke's attorneys' application contesting the arrest warrant and seeking leave to go to the Judicial Review Court challenging the Justice Minister's signature to authorization to proceed on the extradition. Coke's attorney's argue the extradition would be unconstitutional.

Good morning. I saw the police and JDF chiefs y'day and neither gave the impression that there were following "hot" leads in pursuit of Coke. Coke's lawyers continue to tell me that they've had no contact with him since the arrest attempt and have no idea regarding his whereabouts or intention to surrender. The police follow "leads" as they appear and the search continues. Otherwise, things are slowly returning to "normal". We're recommending a modification of our travel alert to more accurately reflect conditions here and we've provided some technical support to GOJ inquiry teams now working in Tivoli.

I suspect FM Baugh will raise the following issues:

1. continue to press for a S visit to Jamaica asap.
2. reiterate need for large-scale bi-lateral support for law enforcement, economic development, and social programs for inner-city areas like Tivoli. As you know, we're taking a several-pronged approach to this matter by asking for INL funding for police equipment; 1207 money for social/economic development projects; and USAID crisis assistance money.
3. status on new US Ambassador to Jamaica.

There are no pressing issues here now,

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From: Smith, Willard T  
 Sent: Wednesday, June 09, 2010 5:21 PM

**From:** Moss, Lloyd W; Mack-Wilson, Joslyn G; Gallegos, Gonzalo R; Holland, Cameron; Kluesener, Amber K; Reynoso, Julissa  
**Subject:** RE: JAMAICA / COKE EXTRADITION CASE: SUPREME COURT REFUSES APPLICATION FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW;  
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Thanks for the skinny.

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**Willard Smith • Deputy Director Office of Caribbean Affairs • U.S. Department of State**

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**Cc:** Parnell, Isiah L; Kersellius, Gavin (DEA eMail); Kersellius, Gavin I; Stone, David L; Brault, Steven F; Baker, William D; Carter, Nathan C; Collins, Bianca M; Grant, Courtland; James, Elvis M; Lee, Stephanie R

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Many thanks & best regards,  
Lloyd Moss  
P/E Kingston

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 [redacted]@fco.gov.uk; [redacted]@fco.gov.uk  
**Cc:** Kingston Embassy Americans-DL; Operations Center; Mack-Wilson, Joslyn G; Smith, Willard T  
**Subject:** Latest re Coke Extradition: Court Does Not Issue Stay of the Arrest Warrant  
**Importance:** High  
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All the best,  
Lloyd

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**To:** [redacted]@international.gc.ca  
**Subject:** RE: Latest re Dudas

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Chris:

We're still awaiting word from DPP, who planned to be present at Court in any case.

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**Cc:** Parnell, Isiah L <ParnellIL@state.gov>; Baker, William D <BakerWD@state.gov>

**Sent:** Fri May 21 12:24:33 2010

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Lloyd,

I'm hearing that there is an emergency cabinet meeting underway now amid reports that there are increased incidents of shootings downtown. Apparently the Denham Town police station is on fire. Any discussion of modifying your travel advisory?

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**From:** Luoma-Overstreet, Charles E  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 26, 2010 6:13 PM  
**To:** Gallegos, Gonzalo R; Mack-Wilson, Joslyn G  
**Cc:** WHA-Press  
**Subject:** FW: (AP) - Strongman Christopher Coke may have left Jamaica

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**Categories:** Working

FYI – and the probable subject of tomorrow’s tasking... -C

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**From:** Beer, Jeremy H  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 26, 2010 6:10 PM  
**To:** NEWS-WHA  
**Cc:** SES-O\_Shift-III  
**Subject:** (AP) - Strongman Christopher Coke may have left Jamaica

KINGSTON (AP) - After a slum raid that left nearly 50 people dead in four days of gunbattles, the reputed drug kingpin who was the target may have fled the country, the government said.

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**Cc:** Mack-Wilson, Joslyn G; Gallegos, Gonzalo R; Smith, Willard T; Chang, Frances, Holliday, Lynn  
**Subject:** (SBU) FW: Christopher "Dudus" Coke  
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**From:** Chang, Frances [<mailto:Frances.Chang@usdoj.gov>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 26, 2010 11:40 AM  
**To:** Holland, Cameron  
**Cc:** Holliday, Lynn  
**Subject:** FW: Christopher "Dudus" Coke

Cameron,

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Thanks,  
Frances

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**Sent:** Wednesday, May 26, 2010 11:33 AM  
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Here you go....

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**From:** Michael Campbell [<mailto:Michael.Campbell@jcf.gov.jm>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 26, 2010 10:30 AM  
**To:** Ahmad, Charles (USMS)  
**Cc:** Leslie Green  
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Charlie,

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Cameron:

Thanks for your continuing help on this difficult matter.

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I'll touch base with the attorney later tonight to see how his talks with his client are progressing.

Thanks again. Isiah

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**Attachments:** StateSeal.gif

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Thanks Lloyd -- we are in the process of closing our mission tomorrow

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**Subject:** JAMAICA: SECURITY FORCES ASSAULT TIVOLI GARDENS STRONGHOLD; CIVIL UNREST AND STATE OF EMERGENCY IN KINGSTON

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### Summary

1. Security forces continue their all-out assault against the heavily-defended "garrison" community of a reputed criminal overlord wanted for extradition to the USA, while violent civil unrest has escalated in several parts of metropolitan Kingston. Prime Minister Bruce Golding has declared a limited state of emergency in the Kingston/St. Andrew area. Airlines have cancelled May 24 – 25 flights to/from Kingston. End Summary.

### Assault on Tivoli Gardens Stronghold

2. Following two days of civil unrest and gang-related violence in several parts of the metropolitan Kingston area, at midday on May 24 the Jamaica Defence Force (JDF) launched an all-out assault on the heavily-defended Tivoli Gardens "garrison" stronghold controlled by Christopher "Dudas" Coke, the alleged overlord of the "Shower Posse" international crime syndicate who is wanted to face extradition to the USA on drugs and weapons trafficking charges (reftel A). The JDF fired mortars and then used bulldozers to break through heavy barricades which Coke's supporters had erected to block entry to the fortified enclave. As of 6:00 p.m. May 24, heavy fighting continued within Tivoli Gardens, and a fire was burning out of control in the adjacent Coronation Market. The JDF plans to continue operations through the night. Large numbers of women and children have fled the area. While casualty figures are not yet available, at least six JCF/JDF officers are known to have been killed in recent days, and many more wounded; the numbers of gang members and civilians killed or wounded are not yet known.

### Civil Unrest, State of Emergency

3. Elsewhere in the metropolitan area, armed gangs attacked police stations, overturned vehicles, and erected roadblocks. The Hannah Town Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF) station was destroyed by fire, and the police were pinned down by gunfire at their Denham Town station. Armed gang members also surrounded and threatened to overrun the central police compound and central lock-up. In response to the escalating civil unrest, Prime Minister (PM) Bruce Golding declared a limited state of emergency, which took effect at 6:00 p.m. on May 23 and is expected to last a month. In a televised address to the nation on the evening of May 23, Golding said that civil liberties would be suspended in the Kingston/At. Andrew area, and that police would exercise sweeping powers of arrest and detention for indefinite periods. However, the PM also encouraged law-abiding citizens to go about their business as usual, and said that schools would re-open as scheduled on May 25 (following the May 24 public holiday); nevertheless, on the evening of May 24, the Government announced that a number of schools in areas affected by unrest would remain closed. Thus far, the parts of Kingston which have seen violence in recent days include Tivoli Gardens, Denham Town, Hannah Town, Grant's Pen, and Mountain View. Elsewhere in Jamaica, Spanish Town has seen gang-related violence and shootings, while Montego Bay, Ocho Rios, and other areas on the North Coast have remained calm. (Note: the Embassy compound and



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Thanks. Very useful. I think that we have a listing of all weekly flights in and out of NMIA in the EAP. If not, or if we think info has changed since last EAP update, pls see if Elvis can put that together for our information. Isiah

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Isiah:

Nate reconfirms that AA and AirJ (rather than CAA) chose to cancel their May 24 flights. (As you can see from below e-mail, BA and Virgin May 24 flights ended up landing at Kingston NMIA, after all.)

Kingston NMIA Security Chief John McFarland indicates that AirJ's Toronto flight on the evening of May 25 has been cancelled, but that otherwise all flights to/from Kingston are back on schedule and operations at NMIA will proceed normally (unless of course conditions deteriorate).

Nate will check on plans by AA, AirJ, BA going forward.

Thanks,  
 Lloyd

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Thanks, Lloyd. As it happens both BA and Virgin flights from London landed and departed successfully from NMIA yesterday. We accompanied both crews with security escort from Pegasus to NMIA. The route to the airport was clear. Most passengers also made both flights.

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**Summary**

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#### Assault on Tivoli Gardens Stronghold

2. Following two days of civil unrest and gang-related violence in several parts of the metropolitan Kingston area, at midday on May 24 the Jamaica Defence Force (JDF) launched an all-out assault on the heavily-defended Tivoli Gardens "garrison" stronghold controlled by Christopher "Dudas" Coke, the alleged overlord of the "Shower Posse" international crime syndicate who is wanted to face extradition to the USA on drugs and weapons trafficking charges (refTel A). The JDF fired mortars and then used bulldozers to break through heavy barricades which Coke's supporters had erected to block entry to the fortified enclave. As of 6:00 p.m. May 24, heavy fighting continued within Tivoli Gardens, and a fire was burning out of control in the adjacent Coronation Market. The JDF plans to continue operations through the night. Large numbers of women and children have fled the area. While casualty figures are not yet available, at least six JCF/JDF officers are known to have been killed in recent days, and many more wounded; the numbers of gang members and civilians killed or wounded are not yet known.

#### Civil Unrest, State of Emergency

3. Elsewhere in the metropolitan area, armed gangs attacked police stations, overturned vehicles, and erected roadblocks. The Hannah Town Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF) station was destroyed by fire, and the police were pinned down by gunfire at their Denham Town station. Armed gang members also surrounded and threatened to overrun the central police compound and central lock-up. In response to the escalating civil unrest, Prime Minister (PM) Bruce Golding declared a limited state of emergency, which took effect at 6:00 p.m. on May 23 and is expected to last a month. In a televised address to the nation on the evening of May 23, Golding said that civil liberties would be suspended in the Kingston/At. Andrew area, and that police would exercise sweeping powers of arrest and detention for indefinite periods. However, the PM also encouraged law-abiding citizens to go about their business as usual, and said that schools would re-open as scheduled on May 25 (following the May 24 public holiday); nevertheless, on the evening of May 24, the Government announced that a number of schools in areas affected by unrest would remain closed. Thus far, the parts of Kingston which have seen violence in recent days include Tivoli Gardens, Denham Town, Hannah Town, Grant's Pen, and Mountain View. Elsewhere in Jamaica, Spanish Town has seen gang-related violence and shootings, while Montego Bay, Ocho Rios, and other areas on the North Coast have remained calm. (Note: the Embassy compound and housing are not located in areas which thus far have been affected by unrest. The Embassy has received only one vague threat thus far, via the internet. End Note.)

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