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PRESIDENT ASSIGNS PRISONS PORTFOLIO TO MINISTER JOEL MORGAN

President James Michel has assigned to Minister Joel Morgan the portfolio of the Prisons with immediate effect.

“In view of the need to review and restructure Montagne Posée Prison as a matter of urgency due to national security concerns, I am appointing Minister Morgan to manage and supervise the portfolio of the prison,” said President Michel.

President Michel said that the change in portfolio is needed to ensure better coordination of the projects to reinforce the penal services in the context of the assistance of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to build an extension to the prison facilities as well as technical assistance, in view of adapting the prison to hold prisoners suspected of piracy.

Minister Morgan, who is also Head of the High Level Committee on Piracy, has been mandated to reorganize the prison and introduce a new management structure.