

# JAMAICA

## Shackelia Jackson: Harassed for standing up to police violence

Shackelia Jackson will not give up searching for justice. When police gunned down her brother, she rallied dozens of families whose loved ones were similarly killed and took them with her to court. In response, the police have repeatedly raided and harassed her community.



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The day that Shackelia's brother died in 2014, the police had been chasing a "Rastafarian-looking" suspect in a robbery, and Nakiea fitted that description. They found him in his small restaurant and shot him dead. Shackelia made sure that independent investigators secured the crime scene and launched a case in court.

Since then, police raids in the community have coincided with many of the court dates and they have continuously intimidated Shackelia and her family for defending the right to live free from violence, including police violence. This has not silenced Shackelia. She says their attempts only reinforce her belief in what's right.

*"I fight because I have no other choice," she says. "To stop would mean I am giving another police officer permission to kill another of my brothers."*

Police killings of mainly young and poor men is all too common in Jamaica. Officers have killed about 2,000 in the past decade. Police are not above the law. Even though they are issued weapons and allowed to use force to arrest someone or protect people, they must use the least amount of force necessary in each situation. Any excessive use of force must be investigated.

**Shackelia defends the right to live free from police violence. We defend her rights.**

**Tell Jamaica to protect Shackelia and ensure justice for all those killed by police.**

Everyone has the right  
to...security of person.

Article 3,  
Universal Declaration  
of Human Rights

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## Unleash your pens and keyboards!

### Please write to the Prime Minister.

- ◆ Start with Honourable Andrew Holness.
- ◆ Describe who you are and what concerns you about the intimidation experienced by Shackelia Jackson and her family.
- ◆ Ask him to fully protect Shackelia Jackson and her family.
- ◆ Urge him to ensure justice for all those killed by police.

### Send your message to

Honourable Andrew Holness  
Office of the Prime Minister  
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Kingston 10  
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Postage: \$2.50

Email: [primeminister@opm.gov.jm](mailto:primeminister@opm.gov.jm)

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### Please send a copy to

Her Excellency Janice Avonne Miller  
High Commissioner for Jamaica  
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Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5H3

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### Sample Tweets

@AndrewHolnessJM Women like Shackelia Jackson are threatened by police & live in fear in #Jamaica. Protect them. It's #Time4JusticeJA

Call on @AndrewHolness to provide justice for 2000 ppl killed by Jamaican police in last 10 years #Time4JusticeJA #W4R17 #Write4Rights



Shackelia Jackson in the cookshop where police killed her brother. Photo taken July 2016 © Amnesty

### Support Shackelia!

Send her a message of courage or tweet a photo or video message of you with the hashtags #Time4JusticeJA and #W4R17 ([www.time4justice.org](http://www.time4justice.org))

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