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PRESS RELEASE

UXO Incident in San Jose Nuevo Palmar Village, Orange Walk

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The Ministry of National Defence and Border Security takes this opportunity to convey critical information to the public regarding the Unexploded & Exploded Ordnance (UXO) incident that occurred on 4 October 2025 in San Jose Nuevo Palmar Village, Orange Walk District.

The following are key points related to the incident:

1. Type of UXO Identified:

The UXO was identified as a MK1, General Purpose Medium Capacity/ Aircraft Bomb.

2. Nature of the Device:

The UXO was confirmed to be a training bomb

These MK1 General Purpose Medium Capacity Bombs are typically armed with TNT; however, this particular training bomb contained only a “spotting charge.” This charge serves as an *exploder*, producing a small explosion to mark the point of impact during training exercises.

3. Impact of Explosion:

The explosion caused by this UXO created a crater measuring approximately three (3) feet wide and two (2) inches deep.

4. Additional UXOs Found:

Two additional UXOs of the same type were discovered at the site. These were safely stabilized and relocated by the Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Team of the Belize Defence Force (BDF).

The Ministry wishes to advise the public that this general area was once used as a training ground, and therefore, similar findings may occur. The BDF Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team, which serves as the national expert authority in such matters, emphasizes that:

- If any person encounters a suspected UXO, do not touch, move, or tamper with it.
- Immediately report the finding to the Belize Defence Force so that the ordnance can be safely disarmed and removed.
- The BDF can be contacted via the email listed below or by visiting any BDF base countrywide.

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For more information or to report a UXO, please contact:

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