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Media Release: Letters of Illegal Occupation and Notices of Unauthorized Occupation served in Five Cays

A multi-agency enforcement exercise, led by the Crown Land Unit (CLU) and coordinated by the Informal Settlements Unit (ISU), with security support from the Royal Turks and Caicos Islands Police Force (RTCIPF), was conducted on Wednesday, October 9th, 2024, in Five Cays, Providenciales. The operation aimed to inform occupants and land users of their unlawful presence on Crown Land and to ensure compliance with the Crown Land Ordinance, which prohibits illegal squatting and unauthorized development.

During the exercise, fifty-two (52) Letters of Illegal Occupation were served to occupants of illegally constructed buildings on several parcels of Crown Land. These Letters not only informed recipients of their unlawful occupation but also provided guidance on legal options available to them.

Additionally, three (3) Notices of Unauthorized Occupation were posted on unoccupied and incomplete structures during the exercise. These Notices instructed the cessation of any further development. The properties will be continuously monitored to ensure no breaches of this instruction occur.

The ISU, in partnership with the CLU and other government agencies, remains committed to ensuring that all enforcement actions are conducted with fairness and respect for the affected communities. The ultimate goal remains to foster safer, more sustainable communities for all residents of the Turks and Caicos Islands.

For more information, or to stay updated on the ISU's progress in informal settlement management, please visit www.isutci.com or contact the ISU at isu@gov.tc.

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ABOUT: The Turks and Caicos Islands Informal Settlements Unit (ISU) is a government organisation tasked with finding solutions to the growing challenges experienced within and by informal settlements across the Turks and Caicos Islands.

