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## "If you see it, suspect it...it is your duty to report it,"- Hon. Keisal Peters

Minister of National Mobilisation Hon. Keisal Peters is calling on Vincentians to report any case of Child Abuse or neglect, as this country commemorates Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month.

Delivering her message today, April 1, the Minister said the protection and wellness of children is priority and the responsibility of every citizen, stressing that "protecting children is not only the responsibility of parents."

"There is never an excuse for violence against children, nor is there any justification for failing to report abuse. The scars of child abuse are deep.... children look to us to protect them, and they deserve love, respect and the opportunity to thrive," Minister Peters said.

The Minister noted that the Government remains committed to the protection of all children, working together with families, communities and institutions.

The Child Development Division within the Ministry of National Mobilisation will host a series of activities for the month of April, including a Child Abuse Awareness campaign and a Children Symposium among others.