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MEDIA STATEMENT

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RJR GLEANER GROUP SADDENED AND IN MOURNING AT THE DEATH OF ARIF COOPER

Kingston. Jamaica. March 5, 2023. The staff, management and directors of the RJR GLEANER Communications Group have again been plunged into mourning; this time by news of the sudden death of outstanding FAME DJ Arif Cooper. He died early Sunday morning while playing at an event in Kingston.

A statement from the Group says that most staff, managers and members of the boards in the Group woke up to the awful news on Sunday morning that the 49-year old who has been with FAME since the late 1990s had collapsed at the event and attempts to resuscitate him were unsuccessful.

Speaking on behalf of the Group, Chief Executive Officer, Gary Allen, hailed “Super Coop”, Cooper as a “genius in the broadcast selection and mixing” field with his skills being known and respected nationally, regionally and internationally. He recounted that Arif has won DJ mixing competitions regionally and internationally.

A dedicated member of the FAME team, his superlative skills were always on display but were more recently revered in his participation in the two year long FAME Frequency Party Series during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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“Arif is well loved for his music knowledge and his competitiveness when it came to demonstrating that FAME had no equal in the unearthing and sharing of a wide range of music in its genre”, Allen said; adding that Cooper’s loss, coming so soon after the loss of his former boss Francois St. Juste, makes this development a difficult one for the RG family to contend with”.

On behalf of his family and the RG family, we thank the many who have been sharing their support, thoughts and prayers, even as the RG family extends our support to Arif’s immediate and professional family members.

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