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MINISTER DILLON AFFIRMS GOVERNMENT PAYMENT OF \$1MILLION COMPENSATION PACKAGE FOR ALL OFFICERS OF THE DEFENCE FORCE AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES SLAIN IN THE LINE OF DUTY

The Minister of National Security Major General (Ret'd) Edmund Dillon, the Minister under whose authority the Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force (TTDF) and the Protective Services fall, wishes to categorically state that this caring Government will honour the \$1 million compensation package proposed by the previous administration to families of all members of the services slain in the line of duty.

Minister Dillon wishes to clearly highlight that the \$1 million compensation package will be paid to all of the following agencies: Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force (TTDF), Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS), Trinidad and Tobago Prison Service and Trinidad and Tobago Fire Service (TTFS).

It must be noted that this government recognizes the sacrifices that these men and women make on a daily basis to defend and protect the citizens of our country.

In September 2014, the previous Government had accepted the proposal from the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service to pay \$1 million to relatives of any member of the Protective Services killed in the line of duty. However, there has been no disbursement of the promised payment to date notwithstanding the death of Police Constable Sherman Maynard who was on duty outside the Port of Spain Prison on July 24, 2015.

The Minister of National Security is committed to putting in place the mechanism to get the Cabinet approval to effect the payment to family members of officers killed in duty.

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