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TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO DEFENCE FORCE RESPONDS TO CONCERNS ABOUT THE RECALL AND ROTATION OF MILITARY PERSONNEL

The Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force (TTDF) has noted that certain media houses and members of the public have expressed concern and questioned the rotation of members of the Defence Force out of specific positions within organizations and ministries following the change of administration.

The Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force (TTDF) is advising the public that it remains a professional organization that is headed by the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS), who as the Institutional Leader is responsible for the operational command and deployment of servicemen and women as provided for in the Defence Act. As a consequence, the TTDF remains proficient in respect of how it treats with its members, their profession and its responsibility to the state and the public.

Contrary to claims made in the media, all postings of military service personnel are based on a rotation that considers among other factors the portfolio, the suitability of available personnel, training, professional development and career management requirements, disciplinary standards, re-currency training, and force re-integration.

This procedure is common practice and enables the institution an opportunity to arrange the necessary administrative processes specific to the job requirements, while allowing personnel who would have been assigned to organizations and ministries outside the force, a chance to return to their respective formation.

The Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force (TTDF) assures the public that they treat seriously, their commitment and service to the state and citizens of Trinidad and Tobago. The Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force's policies, guidelines and standard operating procedures that are applied to all operational activities, are in accordance with best practices and are in alignment with the top militaries worldwide. In addition, the Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force continues to serve the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago with unswerving dedication and loyalty as they have done during the past fifty-three (53) years.

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