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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY LAUNCHES NEW UNIT TO COMBAT ORGANIZED CRIME**

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Combating and suppressing serious organized crime is the mandate of the Organized Crime Intelligence Unit (OCIU), a newly formed unit launched last Friday 22 September 2017 by the Ministry of National Security's Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS).

The OCIU represents the merging of the Organized Crime Narcotics and Firearms Bureau (OCNFB) and the Criminal Gang and Intelligence Unit (CGIU). The new Unit is an initiative of the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service and was created with the strategic and policy guidance from the Minister of National Security, Major General (Ret'd), the Honourable Edmund Dillon.

The remit of the new Unit is to pursue, target, dismantle, disrupt and prosecute organized criminal groups and organized criminal networks in Trinidad and Tobago.

The OCIU will collaborate with other units of the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service; other Ministry of National Security agencies like the Strategic Services Agency (SSA), the Transnational Organized Crime Unit (TOCU) and the Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force (TTDF); and with other government departments such as the Financial Investigations Bureau (FIB) and the Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU).

Speaking at the launch of the OCIU, the Minister of National Security Major General (Ret'd) the Honourable Edmund Dillon stated that the advent of this new Unit will produce a marked difference in the way the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service investigates and detects organized crime.

The Minister took the opportunity to also urge the officers of the new unit, to demonstrate professionalism, dedication and competence in the execution of their duties.

The new unit will have a more robust intelligence-gathering and intelligence-led policing system, which will be used to operationalize anti-crime initiatives and raise the current rate of crime detection, which in recent years has seen a marked increase from 18% in 2011 to a current rate of 31%.

Minister Dillon welcomed the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service's inclusion of this unit as part of this country's strategy to combat and stamp out organized crime networks.

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