



MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY

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MEDIA STATEMENT

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO COAST GUARD CONDUCTS REPATRIATION EXERCISE WITH VENEZUELAN COUNTERPARTS

The Ministry of National Security advises that on the morning of 11 February 2022, in keeping with established protocols, between the Trinidad and Tobago Coast Guard and its Venezuelan counterparts, a repatriation exercise was completed at the border between Trinidad and Tobago and Venezuela. Persons on this repatriation exercise included thirty-five (35) of the thirty-nine (39) Venezuelan nationals, who had entered Trinidad and Tobago illegally on 06 February 2022. Prior to their repatriation, all persons were screened by competent authorities of the

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Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, as well as by representatives of the Embassy of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, to ensure among other things, that there were no victims of human trafficking amongst them. Cooperation between the Venezuelan Authorities, both civil and military, was maintained throughout this exercise. This was to ensure the preservation of the safety and security of the nationals of both nations.

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The Trinidad and Tobago Coast Guard, which was as usual, the main operational unit in this exercise, ensured that, all of its efforts, were in keeping with the highest standards of professional conduct, consistent with the government's policy and the laws of Trinidad and Tobago.

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