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MINISTER HINDS COMMENDS IATF OFFICERS



Six (6) Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) officers received commendations from Minister of National Security the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P. at an official ceremony on April 01, 2022, in recognition of their unswerving commitment to duty, outstanding work, meritorious service and exceptional leadership capabilities over the year 2021.



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The event followed a promise made by the Minister to show in a tangible way, the Ministry's and the country's appreciation for the dedication and commitment of these officers who have served with honour and have gone beyond the call of duty.

The ceremony took place at Knowsley Building, Queen's Park Savannah, Port of Spain and was attended by Permanent Secretary (Ag.), Ministry of National Security, Mr. Gary Joseph; Chief of Defence Staff, Air Vice Marshal Darryl Daniel and Acting Commissioner of Police, Mr. McDonald Jacob.

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NEW NATIONAL TASK FORCE AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS WORKING GROUP APPOINTED

On March 29, 2022, Minister of National Security the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P. presented letters of appointment to members of the National Task Force Against Trafficking in Persons (TiPs) Working Group (NTFWG) 2021-2025 at the Ministry of National Security's Head Office, Abercromby Street, Port of Spain.



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This Working Group, led by Director of the Counter Trafficking Unit, Ministry of National Security, Ms. Alana Wheeler, will oversee the implementation of the National Plan of Action Against TiPs 2021-2025.



The NTFWG will support the Inter-Ministerial National Task Force Against Trafficking in Persons (NTFATIP), in accordance with Section 6 of the TiPs Act Chapter 12:10.

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CUSTOMS OFFICERS TRAINED TO IDENTIFY HUMAN TRAFFICKING



The Ministry of National Security's Counter Trafficking Unit (CTU) continues to equip border officers with the necessary expertise to Effectively Screen persons for Human Trafficking Indicators. On Wednesday 06 April, 2022, training was delivered to a group of 15 specially identified officers from the Customs and Excise Division, Ministry of Finance.

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The training session provided border officers with the necessary tools to conduct preliminary screening of nationals and non-nationals for indicators of Human Trafficking, in an effort to prevent and suppress Human Trafficking exercises at our nation's borders.

The training was delivered by Director of the Counter Trafficking Unit, Ms. Alana Wheeler and Superintendent of Police, Mr. Michael Veronique.



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STRENGTHENING BILATERAL COOPERATION

Chief of Defence Staff, Air Vice Marshal Darryl Daniel met with Chargé d'Affaires of the Embassy of the United Mexican States in Trinidad and Tobago, Mr. Victor Valtierra Pérez on March 29, 2022 at the Defence Force Headquarters in Chaguaramas.



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Discussions focused on exploring opportunities for future military cooperation and training activities between Mexico and the Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force.



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