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MINISTER HINDS SIGNS SEACOP MOU WITH HEAD OF EU IN TT



Efforts to combat transnational crime, in particular the transshipment of illicit narcotics, have been bolstered following the signing the Seaport Cooperation Project Phase V (SEACOP V) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), between Minister of National Security the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P. and Head of Delegation of the European Union to Trinidad and Tobago, His Excellency Peter Cavendish. Expertise France will be administrating the SEACOP in this region.



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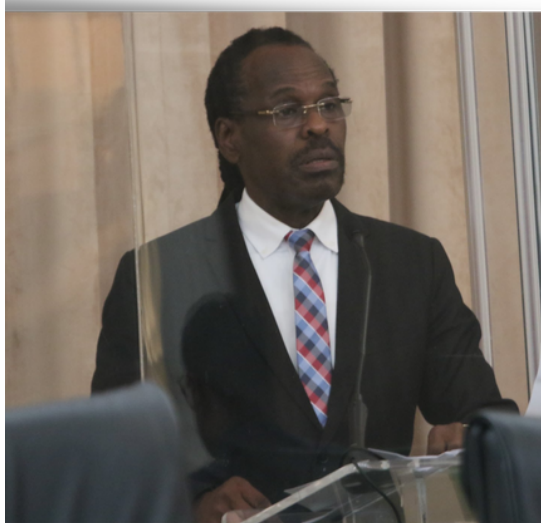
Speaking at the Signing Ceremony on Wednesday May 18, 2022, both Minister Hinds and His Excellency Cavendish stated that the MOU signing demonstrates the further strengthening of collaboration between Trinidad and Tobago and the European Union; and will redound to bolstering domestic, regional and international security. Also speaking and signing the MOU, on behalf of Expertise France, was Project Director of the SEACOP Mr. Dominique Bucas.

SEACOP Phase V will facilitate increased cooperation and information sharing at the national, regional and trans-regional levels; as well as support capacity enhancing initiatives for law enforcement officers in Trinidad and Tobago; and provide equipment for use in operations to reduce maritime trafficking.

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NATIONAL SECURITY PRIORITIZED IN 2022 MID-YEAR BUDGET REVIEW



The 2022 Mid-Year Budget Review was presented by the Minister of Finance the Honourable Colm Imbert M.P. in the House of Representatives on Monday May 16, 2022.

Minister of National Security the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P. also contributed to the debate on the motion to adopt the report of the Standing Finance Committee. Here are the highlights of his contribution, as it relates to the MNS:

- Increases in allocation, across Divisions, for salaries and cost of living allowance; increments; acting allowances; travelling allowance; allowances of all descriptions; protective suits allowance for the Fire Service in particular; N.I.S. payments; gratuities; and maintenance of vehicles.
- Supplementary funding allocation for the Trinidad and Tobago Prison Service and the Immigration Division.

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Minister Hinds also noted:

- An improvement in operations at the Trinidad and Tobago Forensic Science Centre in recent time; as well as the employment of an additional pathologist and two mortuary attendants.**
- Increased search and seizure exercises at the Trinidad and Tobago Prison Service.**
- Continued investment in the Trinidad and Tobago Cadet Force, and the restart of that Division's activities following the physical reopening of schools.**
- Increased efforts to treat with gender-based violence, via the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service.**

The Finance (Supplementation and Variation of Appropriation) (Financial Year 2022) Bill, 2022

**2022 MID-YEAR
BUDGET REVIEW**

The Minister assured the continued allocation of necessary resources to all MNS Divisions, to maintain safety and security for all in Trinidad and Tobago.

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MINISTER HINDS MEETS WITH AMBASSADOR OF VENEZUELA



On Monday May 16, 2022, Minister of National Security the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P. received a courtesy call from Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, His Excellency Álvaro Enrique Sánchez Cordero

Minister Hinds and His Excellency Cordero engaged in a cordial discourse on significant areas of mutual strategic interest, towards the safety and security of the citizens of both nations.

The courtesy call was hosted at the Ministry of National Security Head Office, Abercromby Street, Port of Spain.

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FEMALE INMATES COMMEMORATE MOTHER'S DAY WITH THEIR CHILDREN



The Trinidad and Tobago Prison Service, as part of its rehabilitative initiatives aimed at strengthening the bonds between inmates and their children, hosted a programme aptly entitled '*A Mother's Love*' at the Golden Grove Prison on Saturday May 14, 2022.

The initiative, undertaken by the Programmes Department, brought together twenty-five (25) incarcerated mothers and their children to spend some quality time, in commemoration of Mother's Day.

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Minister of National Security the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P. and Permanent Secretary (Ag.) of the Ministry of National Security Mr. Gary Joseph, who were visiting on other business, took the opportunity to speak with the inmates and their children. The Minister commended the bonding initiative, noting that many benefits can be derived from enabling this type of interface. Also sharing in the emotional event were Commissioner of Prisons (Ag.) Mr. Deopersad Ramoutar and Deputy Commissioner of Prisons (Ag.), Programmes and Industry, Mr. Carlos Corraspe.

The children and families of the inmates participated in karaoke, and were presented with tokens, goody bags, and take-away photos.





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