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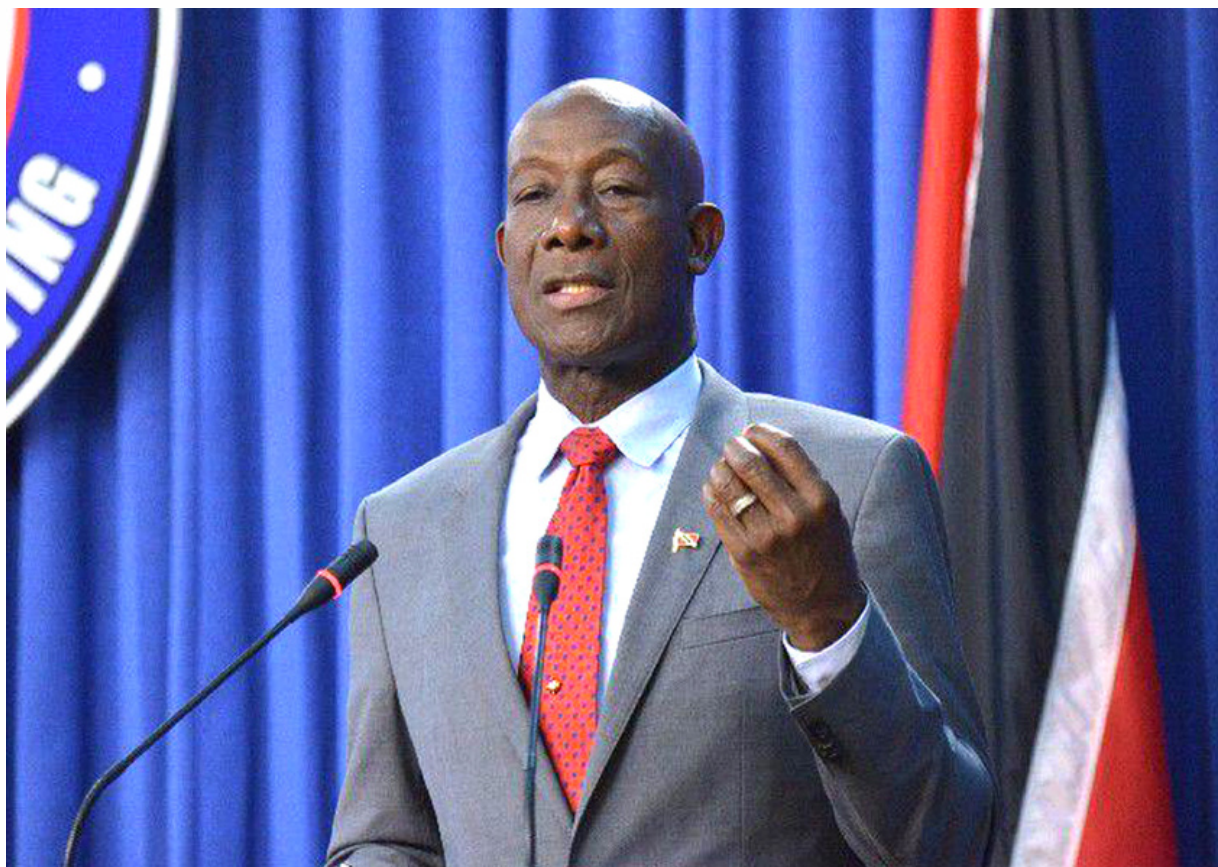
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NATIONAL PLAN OF ACTION TO DETER YOUTH FROM CRIME



A national plan of action is being developed by the Government of Trinidad and Tobago which would deem crime as a public health issue.

This was announced by Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago, Dr. the Honourable Keith Rowley MP on Monday July 18, 2022 at a Media Briefing held at the Diplomatic Centre, St Ann's. The Prime Minister stated that a new anti-crime plan is being formulated that would focus on and treat crime as a public health issue and deter youngsters from choosing a life of crime.

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The effort will involve the Office of the Prime Minister, the Ministry of National Security, the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS), the Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force (TTDF), the Ministry of Sport and Community Development, the Ministry of Education and it will be led by the Permanent Secretaries of the Ministries of Social Development and Family Services and Health.

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HOPE HOUSE OPENS FOR FORMERLY INCARCERATED WOMEN



The Trinidad and Tobago Prison Service recently collaborated with the US based organization, Ladies of Hope Ministries, to open the Hope House facility located at Cunapo Southern Main Road, Sangre Grande.

This is an initiative of the Ladies of Hope Ministries, whose mission is to aid disenfranchised and marginalized women to transition back into society, after their stay in prison through spiritual empowerment, education, entrepreneurship and advocacy. It is dedicated to providing a safe environment, support, mentorship and guidance for formerly incarcerated women to thrive, through collaboration with community-based organizations, business leaders and health service providers.

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Commissioner of Prisons, Mr Deopersad Ramoutar delivered the feature address at the opening ceremony and commended the Ladies of Hope Ministries for affording the Trinidad and Tobago Prison Service the opportunity to collaborate in the noble initiative, indicating that it diminished vulnerability and encouraged meaningfulness, while creating a safety net.

He also discussed the role of the Trinidad and Tobago Prison Service in preparing incarcerated persons for life after prison and gave his commitment to ensure that all opportunities are available to them.

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TTDF MEETS WITH CHINESE EMBASSY OFFICIALS

On Monday July 18, 2022 the Chief of Defence Staff, Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force, Air Vice Marshal Darryl Daniel and Commanding Officer of the Trinidad and Tobago Coast Guard, Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force, Captain Don Polo met with Mr. Yang Han, Political Counsellor and Deputy Head of Mission of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China, Port of Spain.



The meeting was held at the Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force Headquarters, Chaguaramas. Discussions focused on military relations between Trinidad and Tobago and China and the TTDF's participation in Military exchanges with China for the purpose of training in military strategy, command, and tactics at various levels.



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