



MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

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SAFETY AND SECURITY PRIORITIZED IN 2023 NATIONAL BUDGET

The National Budget 2023 was presented by the Minister of Finance the Honourable Colm Imbert M.P. in the House of Representatives on Monday September 26, 2022. Minister Imbert announced an allocation of \$5.798 billion to the Ministry of National Security (MNS) and its Divisions, to finance recurrent expenditure and new projects. Here are the highlights, as it relates to the MNS:



- ***Computerization and Digitization*** – Computerization of the MNS Head Office as well as the Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force (TTDF) to increase information collaboration, data availability, management and analysis; upgrading the Integrated Ballistics Identification System at the Trinidad and Tobago Forensic Science Centre (TTFSC), aimed at improving examination of all firearms-related evidence linked to crimes; advancing the Automated Fingerprint Identification System for the Immigration Division which will improve the border management system; and expansion of the automated fingerprint system and biometric system by the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS).

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- *Construction of facilities and infrastructural upgrades* across Divisions to provide a safe working environment for personnel and enable more efficient service delivery. These include upgrades to the power supply at Trinidad and Tobago Coast Guard (TTCG) facilities; improving base infrastructure at Trinidad and Tobago Regiment (TTR) camps at La Romain, Felicity and Forres Park; upgrade of TTPS Command Centres; as well as the expansion of the Police Academy.
- *Acquisition of additional assets* – A programme of asset acquisitions has commenced to bring the TTPS vehicle fleet to optimum operating and response capability. Also, arrangements are being made for the purchase of specialized equipment for the TTCG, as well as vehicles and equipment for the TTDF.



The MNS continues to work with all stakeholders to address public safety needs and maintain the security of all in Trinidad and Tobago.

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7,000 ILLEGAL GUNS TO BE DESTROYED



The Ministry of National Security; CARICOM Implementation Agency for Crime and Security (IMPACS); and the Mines Advisory Group (MAG) are working together to destroy seven thousand (7,000) illegal guns, seized by law enforcement agencies.

The exercise commenced on Monday September 26, 2022 at the Police Academy in St. James, Port of Spain, and will continue over the next four months.

Minister of National Security the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P. was invited for the ceremonial first cut of weapons. The Minister gave his support to the initiative, stating that the project is designed to destroy the firearms safely and prevent them from being used for nefarious activities.

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PRISON OFFICERS MOVE UP THE RANKS



Twenty-one (21) prison officers have been promoted to the rank of Prison Officer II and tasked with the mandate to effectively facilitate the rehabilitation of offenders under their charge.

Commissioner of Prisons (Ag.) Mr. Deopersad Ramoutar presented the officers with their Letters of Promotion at a brief Ceremony on Friday September 23, 2022 at the Prisons Training College in Arima. Also present to recognize the occasion were Deputy Commissioners of Prisons (Ag). Mr. Carlos Corraspe and Mr. Hayden Forde, as well as other members of the Prison Service Executive.

The Ministry of National Security extends congratulations to these members of the Trinidad and Tobago Prison Service on their promotions.

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MNS EMPLOYEE SATISFACTION SURVEY 2022 CONTINUES



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Do you want to be an agent for change?



Do you want to contribute to the Ministry's Policy decisions?



Do you want to see improvements in employee morale and satisfaction?



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Randomly selected members of staff will be invited to take the survey
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