



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

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## MNS PARTNERS WITH UNDP AND USAID ON CARISECURE 2.0 INITIATIVE



**On October 11, 2022, Minister of National Security, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P., hosted the ceremonial signing and official launch of the CARISECURE 2.0 Project, in collaboration with the Embassy of the United States of America, Port of Spain, United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).**

**The CARISECURE 2.0 Project is a regional multi-country project sponsored by the United States Department of State (USDOS) through USAID, and will focus on Strengthening Evidence Based Decision Making for Citizen Security in the Caribbean.**

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**Trinidad and Tobago would specifically benefit from this project by implementing and developing reduction initiatives for Trafficking in Persons (TIP) crimes, while bolstering state capacity to facilitate timely and effective prosecution.**

**In his keynote remarks, Minister Hinds emphasized that, “the Government of Trinidad and Tobago is dedicated to improving their USDOS Trafficking in Persons ranking, and is committed to building capacity to support the national response against human trafficking.”**

**The CARISECURE 2.0 Project will take place over a period of three (3) years from 2022 to 2025.**



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## NATIONAL STAKEHOLDERS PARTICIPATE IN COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM WORKSHOP



**Local and international stakeholders met in Trinidad and Tobago on Thursday October 06, 2022 at a Workshop to share national, regional and international perspectives on 'Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism (P/CVE)'.**

**The Workshop was a collaborative initiative of the Ministry of National Security and the Delegation of the European Union to Trinidad and Tobago. It was facilitated by the Royal United Services Institute (RUSI), Europe.**

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Delivering Welcome Remarks at the Opening Ceremony held the HYATT Regency, Port of Spain, Minister of National Security, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P., noted that Trinidad and Tobago's approach to preventing and countering violent extremism and terrorism, as outlined in the National Counter Terrorism Strategy, is rooted in the country's local legislative frameworks; the use of an integrated Whole-of-Government and Whole-of-Society Approach; strengthening partnerships with the various Government Ministries, as well as Civil Society; and deepening collaboration with international partners in the areas of intelligence, coordination and capacity building.

The Minister also said that the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago and particularly the Ministry of National Security remain deeply committed to building resilient communities, empowering and protecting our nation's youth and other vulnerable elements of society, providing alternatives to criminal and radical indoctrination.



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## LITERACY PROGRAMME FOCUSES ON EAST PORT OF SPAIN



On Wednesday October 12, 2022, Minister of National Security, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P., attended the launch of Shell Trinidad and The ARROW Foundation's Literacy Day Extravaganza at the National Academy for the Performing Arts, Port of Spain.

Shell Trinidad and the ARROW Foundation have embarked on a 3-year Programme to provide a Literacy Intervention Programme for 20 primary schools in the East Port of Spain area.

Speaking at the ceremonial launch of the event, Minister Hinds said that he was particularly elated to see that the programme was focused on the children of the East Port of Spain area, which has had its challenges over the years with youth delinquency and crime. Minister Hinds spoke about the positive influence that reading can have on a young mind. He stated, "There is no way that I can overstate the positive presence of reading and literacy in expanding the experiences of children."

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## FIRE SERVICE COMMEMORATES FIRE PREVENTION WEEK WITH PUBLIC SHOWCASE



The Trinidad and Tobago Fire Service (TTFS) hosted a booth display at the Brian Lara Promenade, Independence Square, Port of Spain on Monday 10 October 2022, in commemoration of Fire Prevention Week 2022.

The initiative featured displays and safety demonstrations by TTFS Units including fire safety apparatus, life-saving equipment, safety products and public education material.

The TTFS display was also presented on Wednesday 12 October and Friday 14 October, 2022 along with booths from various other stakeholders, Government Ministries and Agencies that came to showcase their services.



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