



**MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY**  
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## MNS COUNTER TRAFFICKING UNIT ADVANCES COLLABORATION WITH THE FIUTT



On Monday October 17, 2022 a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Ministry of National Security's Counter Trafficking Unit (CTU) and the Ministry of Finance's Financial Intelligence Unit of Trinidad and Tobago (FIUTT), was signed in an effort to strengthen cooperation and collaboration between the two units.

The MOU enables the sharing of information and intelligence for the purpose of investigating matters related to Trafficking in Persons (TiPs), money laundering, terrorist financing, proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and other related criminal matters.

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**Permanent Secretary (Ag.) of the Ministry of National Security, Mr. Gary Joseph presided over the signing and was joined by Director (Ag.) of the Financial Intelligence Unit of Trinidad and Tobago, Mr. Nigel Stoddard.**

**Discussions focused on enhancing the efficiency and thoroughness with which Human Trafficking matters are investigated and strengthening the national counter trafficking response.**





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## FIRST EVER COHORT OF SPECIAL SERVICE OFFICERS GRADUATE FROM DEFENCE FORCE ACADEMY



On Tuesday October 18, 2022 the Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force Military Academy held a graduation ceremony for the first ever cohort of Special Service Commissioned Officers for Training Course 2201 comprising fifteen officers, four from the Barbados Defence Force.

This special cohort of officers marks the first time in almost a decade that the TTDF has included the participation of CARICOM nationals as part of their training programme at the academy.

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**The Special Service Commissioned Officer Training Course (SSCOTC) is designed to orient participants to the military and equip participants with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary for employment in the military environment. The course further aims to develop the leadership and management competencies required to hold a Commission in a modern Defence Force.**

**In his address to the graduates, Acting Minister of National Security, the Honourable Stuart Young MP; commended the graduating officers and observed how committed the Academy was to providing quality training to its students, while solidifying the DFMA's place as a key training entity in the Caribbean.**





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## HAPPY DIVALI 2022

**The Minister of National Security, Permanent Secretaries and other members of the Executive Leadership of the Ministry of National Security extend greetings on the celebration of Divali 2022, which will be observed on Monday October 24, 2022.**

**Just as the lighting of the deya symbolizes the ushering of light and the lifting of spiritual darkness, similarly let us join together to ensure that in word and deed, good always conquers evil and light vanquishes darkness in our lives and in our beloved country.**





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