



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

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE MNS EXECUTIVE**

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Merry  
Christmas

Thank you for being a big part of our  
MNS Family



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**The Minister of National Security, Permanent Secretaries and other members of the Executive Leadership Team, extend warmest Season's Greetings to all staff of the National Security family.**

**Christmas is a season for peace, love, goodwill and cheer. It is a time when many of us renew our bonds with family, friends and neighbours, symbolically opening our homes to guests and sharing food, drinks and gifts. Despite the challenges we may face as a society, let us strive to keep our hearts open all year long with this same spirit of giving, love and togetherness.**

**Let us also remember to be our brother's keeper and look out for those less fortunate among us. Share what you can - food, gifts, a helping hand, your time or even a smile - and spread good cheer. As we return to a semblance of normalcy following the COVID-19 pandemic, please remember to be safe and enjoy the season responsibly.**

**We take the opportunity to extend our heartfelt appreciation to those staff members who are away from your families at this time as you continue to serve the nation, with dedication and selflessness.**

**Best wishes to all for a peaceful and safe Christmas! We look forward to a prosperous and productive New Year!**

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## MINISTER HINDS HOSTS SIGNING CEREMONY



**On Monday December 19, 2022, Minister of National Security, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P., hosted a Signing Ceremony for an Exchange of Letters with Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to Trinidad and Tobago, His Excellency Fang Qiu, with regard to the construction of a new Trinidad and Tobago Forensic Science Centre (TTFSC).**



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**The new Forensic Science Centre will be located on Farm Road, St. Joseph, and will have dedicated spaces and laboratories for biology, chemistry, toxicology, documents, ballistics, motor vehicles, pathological anatomy and other technical inspections, storage rooms, administrative office rooms, electrical and standby power rooms and other supporting facilities.**

**The Signing Ceremony took place at the Ministry of National Security's Office at Tower C, International Waterfront Complex, Port of Spain.**



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## OLEP PRESENTS DRAFT POLICIES TO MINISTER HINDS



**Drafts of the Firearm Users Licenses (FUL) Policy, as well as the National Border Security Policy were presented to the Minister of National Security, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P. on Monday 18 December, 2022, by Director of the Office of Law Enforcement Policy (OLEP), Ms. Gale Charles, at a brief handover ceremony held at the Ministry of National Security, Abercromby Street, Port of Spain.**



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**Speaking at the Handover Ceremony, Minister Hinds thanked OLEP for its work on both policy documents and commended them for presenting thorough documents.**

**Also giving remarks at the ceremony was OLEP Director, Ms. Charles, who said that the Draft Policies will be critical in improving law enforcement policies and provide guidelines for more efficient border control and migration systems which will be based on integrity, coordination, technological capabilities and organisational development.**





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## POLICE IN ACTION



The Trinidad and Tobago Police Service's Operation DEER (Detect and deter, Enforce, Engage and Respond) continued this week, as police officers of the Court and Process Branch, Port of Spain City Police and officers of the Central Division patrolled the streets of the cities, engaging with members of the public and ensuring a safe environment for citizens as they conducted business and shopped during the Christmas Season.

The crime plan, Operation DEER, seeks to achieve greater detection and disruption, enforcement, education, awareness and a rapid response to ensure greater security and safety throughout the city.



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## 45 POLICE OFFICERS PROMOTED



**Acting Commissioner of Police, Erla Christopher presided over two short but significant promotion ceremonies last Friday 16 December, 2022, which saw 23 Superintendents of Police being promoted to the position of Senior Superintendent of Police, and 22 Assistant Superintendents of Police being promoted to Superintendent of Police.**

**In her congratulatory message to the newly minted officers, the Acting Commissioner noted, “This is an important rank as you prepare for Executive positions; you are expected to transform the TTPS”. She encouraged all to keep focus as they work to improve service delivery for 2023.**



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