

## **MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY**

GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

## MINISTER OF NATIONAL SECURITY MEETS WITH HIGH COMMISSIONER OF CANADA

*Port of Spain:* On Tuesday January 03, 2023, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds MP; Minister of National Security received a courtesy call from the recently accredited High Commissioner of Canada to Trinidad and Tobago, His Excellency Arif Keshani at the Ministry of National Security, Abercromby Street, Port of Spain.

Minister Hinds took the opportunity to welcome High Commissioner Keshani to Trinidad and Tobago, and extended congratulations for his first appointment as Head of Mission.

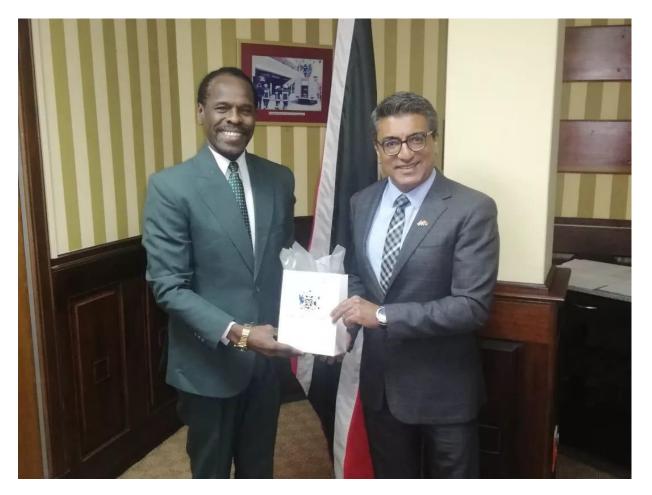
Minister Hinds reaffirmed his commitment to furthering the longstanding bilateral security cooperation and friendship with Canada towards a safer and more secure Trinidad and Tobago. He conveyed gratitude for the technical support from Canada at the bilateral and multilateral level in all areas of national security.

High Commissioner Keshani signalled the intention of Government of Canada to support the advancement of existing and future security initiatives in Trinidad and Tobago. He advised on Canada's Feminist International Assistance Programme that seeks to promote gender parity and encourage women in leadership.

High Commissioner Keshani expressed that he expected thousands of tourists from Canada to visit Trinidad and Tobago for Carnival 2023. Minister Hinds gave his commitment that the Ministry of National Security and its agencies will be out in full force to ensure a safe and secure Carnival for all.

Also present at the meeting were Ms. Jessica Birks, Head of Chancery, High Commission of Canada and Mr. Jason Camacho, International Affairs Coordinator, International Affairs Unit.

## **Photo and Caption**:



**Caption**: The Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds MP; Minister of National Security received a courtesy call from the newly appointed High Commissioner of Canada to Trinidad and Tobago, His Excellency Arif Keshani, at his office on Abercromby Street in Port of Spain on Tuesday January 03, 2022.

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