



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

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NO GLASS BOTTLES FOR CARNIVAL 2023

The Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago has implemented a ban on the use of glass bottles at Carnival events for Carnival 2023.

The Carnival (Prohibition of Glass Bottles) Regulations, 2023 come into effect at 4:00 a.m. on Monday 20 February, 2023 and will expire at midnight on Tuesday 21 February, 2023.

The Regulations specify that:

- No person, other than an authorised person, shall have a glass bottle in their possession, in or in the vicinity of, a Carnival event in any public space during the period of Carnival.
- No person, other than an authorised person, shall serve or consume a beverage from a glass bottle, in or within the vicinity of, a Carnival event in any public place during the period of Carnival.
- During the period glass bottles will be seized by law enforcement officers and unauthorised persons found in possession of such bottles are liable to be fined one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) and face up to six (6) months imprisonment.



Let us all do our part to ensure a safe 2023 Carnival Season!

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WOMEN'S PRISON GREENHOUSE AND YTRC GROW ROOM COMMISSIONED

Minister of National Security, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P. joined the Trinidad and Tobago Prison Service for a Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony on Friday February 10, 2023 to formally open the Women's Prison Greenhouse and Youth Training and Rehabilitation Centre (YTRC) Grow Room. The Greenhouse and Grow Room, which utilize hydroponics technology, were donated by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and will complement the Prison Service's inmate rehabilitation initiatives in agriculture.

Forty-eight (48) inmates and residents also received certificates for successfully completing a training course entitled Introduction to Agriculture, which focused on modern agricultural approaches to hydroponics and indoor farming. The training was organized by the UNDP and facilitated by the Inter-American Institute for Co-operation on Agriculture (IICA). Nine (9) prison officers also participated in the training sessions.

The Greenhouse and Grow Room were constructed with the assistance of Solaris Greenhouse Agricultures Limited. Crops produced on a small-scale project to date include sweet peppers, lettuce, patchoi, celery, chive and hot peppers.



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COMMUNITY SAFETY IN FOCUS

Minister of National Security, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P. engaged residents during a community walkabout in the Tunapuna area on Wednesday February 15, 2023 along with Commissioner of Police, Ms. Eral Harewood-Christopher.

The Minister and the Police Commissioner embraced the opportunity to interact with members of the community and the public, listened to their concerns, welcomed suggestions and received positive comments and residents' appreciation for law enforcement efforts in dealing with serious crimes in the area.

They were joined by Member of Parliament for Tunapuna, the Honourable Esmond Forde M.P.; other members of the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service; and representatives of the Greater Tunapuna Chamber of Industry and Commerce.

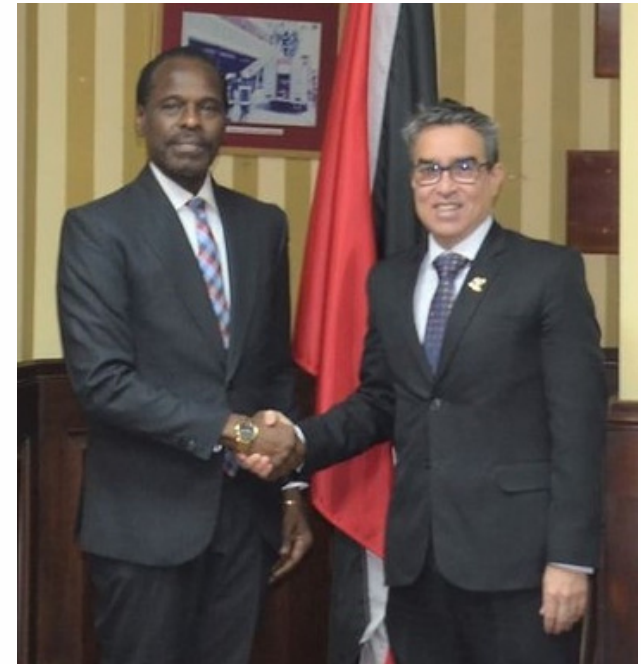


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MINISTER HINDS MEETS WITH AMBASSADOR OF VENEZUELA

Minister of National Security, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P. received a courtesy call from Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, His Excellency Álvaro Enrique Sánchez Cordero on Wednesday February 15, 2023.



The meeting presented another opportunity for Minister Hinds and His Excellency Cordero, to engage in a cordial discourse on significant areas of mutual strategic interest.

The courtesy call took place at the Ministry of National Security Head Office, Abercromby Street, Port of Spain.

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TIPS FOR SAFE DRINKING THIS CARNIVAL



PLAY it SAFE

Here are tips for Safe Drinking this Carnival!

- **Know your Limit:** Avoid excessive consumption of alcoholic beverages as these can make you more vulnerable to accidents or unwanted sexual advances and can also make you more likely to engage in aggressive behaviour or risky activity.
- **Protect Yourself:** Avoid Accepting Drinks from Strangers as drinks can be spiked with tasteless, odourless and colourless substances that can make you a victim of kidnapping, robbery or sexual assault.
- **Pace Yourself:** Space out your alcoholic beverages. Drink lots of water as alcohol dehydrates you. Eat while consuming alcohol as the consumption of food slows down the absorption of alcohol.
- **Party Drug-Free:** New Psychoactive Substances (NPS) are substances of abuse, either in a pure or prepared form. NPS such as Ecstasy and Crystal Meth are designed to mimic the effects of legal and illegal substances such as marijuana and cocaine. Because NPS are not regulated, effects of these drugs can be life threatening.
- **Be Aware:** In Trinidad and Tobago, it is a criminal offence to possess Ketamine, Methamphetamine (Crystal Meth), 3,4-Methylenedioxymethamphetamine (ecstasy) and other dangerous drugs without a licence. Use of these drugs can lead to paranoia, seizures, heart problems, addiction, and renal failure.



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