



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

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The Ministry of National Security (MNS) joined with twenty-one (21) other Ministries to stage an Inter-Ministerial Carnival Cooler Event on Thursday February 16, 2023 at Licensing Office car park, Wrightson Road, Port of Spain.

The collaborative event included a Calypso Competition and an Innovative Cooler Competition, as well as performances from guest artistes, and the Trinidad and Tobago Prison Service Band.

The Ministry of National Security team represented well to secure the winners' title in both the Calypso Competition and the Innovative Cooler Competition.



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In the Calypso competition, Prison Officer, Mr. Nicholas Ashby took first place with his scintillating rendition. Coming in at second place, with her entertaining performance, was Ms. Claire Williams, MTS Security Officer representing MNS General Administration.



MNS Units, including the Records Management Unit and MTS Building Maintenance came together to design and construct the winning creative cooler display.

The Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force, Trinidad and Tobago Police Service, and Trinidad and Tobago Fire Service also provided support services for the event.



The Ministry of National Security congratulates the winning team and thanks all members of staff who attended and supported the Inter-Ministerial Carnival Cooler Event.

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WHOLE OF NATIONAL SECURITY APPROACH ENSURES SAFE CARNIVAL 2023

Minister of National Security, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P. conducted the customary Carnival walkabout in downtown Port of Spain on Tuesday February 21, 2023. Accompanying Minister Hinds were Acting Chief of Defence Staff, Brigadier General Dexter Francis; Commissioner of Police, Ms. Erla Christopher; Commissioner of Prisons (Ag.), Mr. Deopersad Ramoutar; and Chief Fire Officer, Mr. Arnold Bristo.



The Minister thanked all members of the Defence and Protective Services for their strong commitment to duty during the Carnival Season and engaged with masqueraders, bandleaders, nationals, tourists, members of the media, and members of the public in general.

Inter-Agency operations were in effect across Trinidad and Tobago throughout the Carnival period to ensure the safety of all.



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PRISON INMATES CALYPSO COMPETITION 2023 GRAND FINALE

Minister of National Security, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P. joined the Trinidad and Tobago Prison Service for the culmination of the organization's 2023 Inmates' Calypso Competition on Wednesday February 15, 2023 at Woodford Square in Port of Spain.



The highly anticipated event featured showcase performances by all the competition winners from the individual stations – Port of Spain Prisons, Women's Prison, Youth Training and Rehabilitation Centre (YTRC), YTRC (for Females), Maximum Security Prison, Extended Remand Facility (ERF), Golden Grove Prison, and Carrera Convict Prison.

Speaking at the event, Minister Hinds commended the quality of renditions by all participating inmates. The Minister encouraged the inmates to use what they have learnt in the various rehabilitation programmes at the nation's prisons to turn their lives around to become productive, law-abiding citizens.

Also on hand to congratulate participants was Commissioner of Prisons (Ag.), Mr. Deopersad Ramoutar.



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FIRE PREVENTION TIPS

The fire season in Trinidad and Tobago is from December 01st to June 30th. The dry season, which runs from January to May, is the period during which time most bush fires occur. Bush fires place people and property at serious risk and can originate from both human activity and natural causes (sun rays).



Here are some handy bits of advice on how you can prevent bush fires in your area:

- Do not set outdoor fires during the dry season without first obtaining a valid Fire Permit from a fire station near you. This is in accordance with the Agricultural Fires Act Chapter 63:02 Section 18. If a permit is granted, guidelines will be provided by Fire Guardians which should be adhered to during the period specified on the permit.
- Keep houses and surroundings clear of combustibles (fire hazard items) at all times.
- Do not discard lighted cigarette butts or matches. Ensure that they are properly extinguished and disposed of in an approved manner.
- Do not burn items/vegetation/garbage in large heaps. It is more appropriate to burn items in smaller heaps or in barrels. Never leave garbage heap fires or agricultural fires unattended.
- Construct and maintain a fire trace {at least ten (10) feet} around homes which are close to open lots or wooded areas.
- If a fire occurs, even if small, call the Fire Service immediately at 990.

DO YOUR PART. BE FIRE SMART!



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