



# MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY

GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **MINISTER OF NATIONAL SECURITY MEETS NEWLY APPOINTED DEFENCE ATTACHÉ OF VENEZUELA**

**Port of Spain:** Minister of National Security, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P. received a courtesy call from the newly appointed Defence Attaché of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Vice Admiral Reinaldo Jose Leon Fajardo, on March 03, 2023.

The meeting presented an opportunity for the Minister to be introduced to the new Defence Attaché and engage in discourse on strengthening the bilateral relationship between Trinidad and Tobago and Venezuela in the areas of Defence and Security. Discussions also focused on improving the collaboration between the Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force and the National Bolivarian Armed Forces, particularly in the area of border security.

Also in attendance at the meeting were Acting Chief of Defence Staff, Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force, Brigadier General Dexter Francis; Deputy Director, International Affairs Unit, Ministry of National Security, Major (Ret'd) Richard Lynch; Translator, Embassy of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela in Trinidad and Tobago, Ms. Indira Ramnarine; and International Affairs Officer, International Affairs Unit, Ministry of National Security, Mr. Anthony Phillips-Spencer.

#### **Photos and captions**



1. Minister of National Security, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P. (*left*) and Defence Attaché of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Vice Admiral Reinaldo Jose Leon Fajardo during a courtesy call on March 03, 2023.



2. *From left to right:* Acting Chief of Defence Staff, Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force, Brigadier General Dexter Francis; Minister of National Security, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P.; and Defence Attaché of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Vice Admiral Reinaldo Jose Leon Fajardo. The Minister of National Security (*centre*) received a courtesy call from the Defence Attaché of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela on March 03, 2023.

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