



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

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NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE



The Ministry of National Security hosted the traditional National Day of Remembrance (Memorial Day) on Sunday November 13, 2022 at Memorial Park, Port of Spain. Proceedings also included a Wreath-Laying Ceremony at the Cenotaph.

Paying their respects were: President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago Her Excellency Paula Mae Weekes ORTT; Prime Minister of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago Dr. the Honourable Keith Rowley M.P.; the Honourable the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Ivor Archie ORTT;

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Minister of National Security the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P.; Members of the Diplomatic Corps; Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of National Security and other dignitaries.

The 2022 National Day of Remembrance was also held at James Park, Scarborough, Tobago.

The day is observed annually in honour of those who served and in memory of those who fell in the World Wars of 1914–1918 and 1939–1945.



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HONOURING THE FALLEN

Minister of National Security the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P. joined the Combined Services Officers' Mess for the organisation's annual Armistice Dinner held to recognize the servicemen and servicewomen who fell during the World Wars I and II of 1914-1918 and 1939-1945 on Friday 11th November, 2022.

Bringing brief remarks, Minister Hinds stated that it is important to reflect in honour of those who lost their lives in the World Wars; and the meaning of their sacrifice. He noted that their example is one of courage, perseverance, commitment, selfless sacrifice and service, in exceedingly challenging circumstances.

Also in attendance at the event were the Honourable the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Ivor Archie ORTT; Members of the Diplomatic Corps; Permanent Secretary (Ag.) of the Ministry of National Security and other dignitaries.

The Armistice Dinner is held annually to raise funds in support of the Trinidad and Tobago Legion of the Royal Commonwealth Ex-Servicemen League.



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CARICOM CRIME GUN INTELLIGENCE UNIT LAUNCHED



The Caribbean Region, including Trinidad and Tobago, established the CARICOM Crime Gun Intelligence Unit (CGIU), at the Headquarters of the CARICOM Implementation Agency for Crime and Security (IMPACS) on Monday 14th November, 2022.

This new unit will significantly enhance the Region's capacity to detect and trace firearms, especially if those firearms have been used in the perpetration of acts of crime and violence. Crime Gun Intelligence Units (CGIU) serve as intelligence hubs and coordination centers for local and regional responses to major crimes involving firearms.

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Minister of National Security, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P. participated in the launch, following which he received a courtesy call from officials of the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF); U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Homeland Security Investigations (HSI); U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP); and the CARICOM Implementation Agency for Crime and Security (IMPACS) at the Ministry of National Security, Port of Spain.

Minister Hinds noted Government's concern regarding recent increases in gun-related violence in Trinidad and Tobago. He expressed his appreciation for the work being done by the respective local, regional and international agencies, to combat the trafficking of arms and ammunition.



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WHOLE OF SOCIETY APPROACH TO CRIME

On Monday 14th November, 2022 the Trinidad and Tobago Citizens Alliance Against Crime and a coalition of organizations hosted a Multi-Stakeholder Forum on National Security at the Hyatt Regency, Port of Spain.

Bringing Remarks at the forum was Minister of National Security, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P, who assured that the government is sensitive to what is happening, responsive towards it, and reasonably aware of the solutions should be.

Discussions at the meeting centered around topics such as the digital transformation of the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service; current crime-fighting projects, namely the GRACE Program and Anti-Gang Initiatives; National Neighbourhood Watch Groups collaborating with Patrol Teams, with a feedback loop to the Operational Command Centres; the Safe City/Business Connect Initiative; and the Safe Schools Initiative.



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DEFENCE FORCE TROOPS TRAIN IN MARTINIQUE



Thirty (30) members of the Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force were deployed on Sunday 13 November, 2022 to participate in the Martinique Commando Exchange Course 2022 (MCEC22) at the Nautical and Forest Training Centre in Martinique from the 14th -25th November, 2022.

The MCEC22 intends to build on bilateral relationships between the Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force and the French Armed Forces in the Caribbean, to strengthen military cooperation through the application of exchange training.

These training exercises will allow members of the TTDF to benefit from the knowledge and expertise of their French counterparts in the conduct of military operations, which will be of benefit to the Defence Force and the wider population of Trinidad and Tobago.



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