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MINISTER HINDS WELCOMES STRATEGIC TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS ADVISOR



Strong security relations with the United States of America and key partners were reinforced on Friday May 05, 2023 when Minister of National Security, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P., hosted a meeting with Ambassador of the United States of America to Trinidad and Tobago, Her Excellency Candace Bond, and officials from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP).

The meeting served to introduce the Strategic Trafficking in Persons (TIP) Advisor, Mrs. Antoinette Lucas-Andrews, who was presented by Ambassador Bond. The engagement of the Strategic TIP Advisor is part of a multi-country capacity building initiative called CARISECURE 2.0.

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The Strategic TIP Advisor will be working closely with the Ministry of National Security, specifically the Counter Trafficking Unit, to prioritise activities of the National Action Plan for Combatting Trafficking in Persons, and provide guidance to the Counter Trafficking Unit to improve Trinidad and Tobago's annual United States Department of State (USDOS) Trafficking in Persons Report ranking.



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MINISTER HINDS MEETS WITH CHINESE AMBASSADOR



Minister of National Security the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P. met with Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Trinidad and Tobago, His Excellency Fang Qiu on Tuesday 09 May, 2023, to discuss continued partnership regarding matters related to national security and public safety.

Minister Hinds expressed his gratitude for the generosity of the Government of the People's Republic of China, for its continued assistance in the areas of disaster preparedness and forensics.

Minister Hinds and Ambassador Qiu committed to building on the strong bilateral ties that already exist, through new and ongoing national security initiatives.

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NDPPM COMMENCES WITH SCHOOL EVACUATION DRILLS



In commemoration of National Disaster Prevention and Preparedness Month (NDPPM), the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Management (ODPM), the Ministry of Education and the Trinidad and Tobago Fire Service (TTFS) have partnered to conduct Emergency Drills in various primary and special needs schools across Trinidad and Tobago.

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The campaign forms part of the Ministry of Education's overall Emergency Operations Plan initiative that highlights the importance of safe learning facilities, school disaster management, as well as risk reduction and resilience education, which involves each school developing its own Emergency Operations Plans to prepare responses to the specific hazards that can potentially impact them. This effort aims to incorporate principals, staff, students, parents, school boards, past student associations, the private sector, and other Ministries, Divisions and Agencies.

This year, the ODPM and the MOE, along with the TTFS, will visit eleven (11) schools during the months of April and May, for various hazard sensitization seminars and evacuation drills, with an emphasis on fire and earthquake safety.



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CADET FORCE LEADERSHIP MEETS WITH PRESIDENT KANGALOO



President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, Her Excellency Christine Carla Kangaloo ORTT, met with the leadership of the Trinidad and Tobago Cadet Force at the Office of the President on Tuesday May 09, 2023.

President Kangaloo, Patron of the Trinidad and Tobago Cadet Force, was briefed by Acting Commandant Lieutenant Colonel Reynold York, Major Genevieve Jones-Dos Santos and Flight Lieutenant Bilal Milette on the current state of operations of the Cadet Force. Also discussed were upcoming opportunities for the President to engage with the Cadet Force as their Patron.

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CADET FORCE HOSTS 113TH ANNIVERSARY INTER-FAITH SERVICE



Minister of National Security, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P. and Chief of Defence Staff, Air Vice Marshal Darryl Daniel joined the Trinidad and Tobago Cadet Force in celebrating its 113th anniversary at an Inter-faith Service, held at St. Phillip and St. James R.C. Church, Chaguanas, on Sunday 07 May, 2023.

The momentous occasion saw a significant turnout of cadets, recruits and ex-cadets showing their commitment to the ideals of the Cadet Force and support to our nation's youth.

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COMMISSIONER OF POLICE RECEIVES VISIT FROM US AMBASSADOR



Commissioner of Police Erla Harewood-Christopher received a courtesy call from United States Ambassador to Trinidad and Tobago, Her Excellency Candace A. Bond, on Monday 08 May, 2023. The meeting took place at the Office of the Commissioner of Police, Police Administration Building, Port of Spain, where discussions focused on areas of crime reduction and the provision of technical and training resources to the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS).

Commissioner Harewood-Christopher expressed her commitment to strengthening the already existing partnership between the TTPS and the US Embassy, which she acknowledges will continue to redound to the benefit of all citizens of Trinidad and Tobago.

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DEFENCE FORCE PERSONNEL PARTICIPATE IN CORONATION PROCESSION FOR KING CHARLES III



Members of the Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force (TTDF) represented Trinidad and Tobago and formed part of history on Saturday 06 May, 2023, when they joined members of the armed forces of 33 Commonwealth Nations and six British Overseas Territories to take part in a joint military procession ahead of the monumental occasion of the Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla. The ceremonial procession for this once in a generation event was held at Westminster Abbey, London.

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REGIMENT HOSTS MARCH AND SHOOT COMPETITION



The Trinidad and Tobago Regiment (TTR) hosted its first March and Shoot Competition for the year, on Wednesday 03 May, 2023. The Competition began at the Trinidad and Tobago Coast Guard (TTCG) Headquarters, Staubles Bay, Chaguaramas and ended at the 300m bank on the Tucker Valley Range.

The competition aims to improve the Regiment's fitness level and marksmanship capabilities, practice soldiers in core and basic skills, build competence and confidence in the execution of skills, encourage teamwork, create friendly rivalry and build camaraderie.

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Emerging as the victorious team was Alpha Company of the 1st Infantry Battalion, followed by Support Squadron & EME of the 1st Engineer Battalion in second place and HQ Company of the Second Infantry Battalion rounding out the third spot.





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