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CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION BOARD APPOINTED



Minister of National Security, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P. presented Instruments of Appointment to persons who will serve as members of the new Criminal Injuries Compensation Board (CICB), which is under the purview of the Ministry of National Security.

The brief Ceremony took place on Monday 15 May, 2023, at the Ministry of National Security's Office located at Tower C, International Waterfront Complex, Port of Spain.

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Mr. Alvin Pascall, Attorney-at-law, has been reappointed to serve as Chairman of the CICB and will be supported by six other Board Members: Dr. Suresh Moonan, Medical Practitioner; Ms. Sasha Franklin-Wilson, Attorney-at-law; Ms. Kimoy Thomas-Williams, Attorney-at-law; Mr. Swanye-Leo Hosein-Cadogan, Forensic Psychologist; Mr. Wendell Jones, Acting Supervisor III, Social Welfare Division, Representative from Ministry of Social Development and Family Services; and Mr. William Nurse, Retired Assistant Commissioner of Police, Representative of the Tobago House of Assembly. All members have been appointed for a three year period with effect from March 22, 2023.

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MINISTER HINDS COMMISSIONS NEW STREAM GAUGES IN TRINIDAD



Minister of National Security, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P. attended the Commissioning Ceremony of stream flow gauges under the Community Flood Early Warning System Project (CFEWS) at the Diego Martin South Community Centre, on Wednesday 17 May, 2023.

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in collaboration with the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Management (ODPM) installed five (5) stream gauges in Trinidad, which will be used to monitor riverine levels across the country.

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Minister Hinds delivered the feature address and expressed his gratitude to the UNDP for the installation of the flow stream gauges in Trinidad, following the recent commissioning of two (2) similar stations in Tobago.

The stream gauges will enhance the capacity to detect, monitor, analyse, forecast and make decisions that could save lives and property.



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CTU SENSITIZES STUDENTS ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING



This week, more than 80 Standard Five students were sensitized on the dangers of Human Trafficking as they prepare to transition to Secondary School. Deputy Director of the Counter Trafficking Unit (CTU), Mrs. Kimoy Thomas-Williams conducted two sensitization sessions with students of the Aranguez T.I.A. Primary School and Barataria Anglican Primary School, on Wednesday 17 and Thursday 18 May, 2023.

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Topics covered in the sessions included what is Human Trafficking; types of Human Trafficking; the role of the CTU; who can be a victim of Human Trafficking; signs of Human Trafficking; who can be a Trafficker; online grooming; and reporting suspected cases of Human Trafficking.

The students exhibited a keen interest in the topics covered, especially that of Online Grooming and how they can guard themselves against Human Trafficking.



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FIREFIGHTERS RECEIVE TRAINING



Seven (7) senior Trinidad and Tobago Fire Service (TTFS) officers were selected to participate in an International Brigade Command Course at the Fire Service College, Moreton-in-Marsh, England.

Upon successful completion, these officers will be equipped with certification which would allow for more efficient execution of duties in their managerial roles and can be utilized for upward mobility within the ranks of the TTFS.

The seven officers selected were Assistant Chief Fire Officers, Noel Stewart and Ansar Ali, and Divisional Fire Officers, Mukhraj Rampersad; Lalchan Arjoon; Dave Isaac; Gary Sookdeo; and Marlon Charles.

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ODPM CONDUCTS SENSITIZATION SEMINAR WITH STUDENTS



As part of this year's ongoing National Disaster Prevention and Preparedness Month (NDPPM) sensitizations, the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Management (ODPM) in partnership with the Ministry of Education visited the Audrey Jeffers School for the Deaf to conduct a Disaster Awareness and Emergency Preparedness session with the students, placing emphasis on bush fire safety.

The session, which took place on Tuesday 16 May, 2023, was followed by a fire drill facilitated by the Trinidad and Tobago Fire Service (TTFS).



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