



# MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY

GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

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### **MINISTER OF NATIONAL SECURITY MEETS WITH PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO CANADA'S MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS**

**Port of Spain:** Minister of National Security, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P. met with Parliamentary Secretary to Canada's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Maninder Sidhu on Monday July 03, 2023.

Minister Hinds took the opportunity to welcome Parliamentary Secretary Sidhu to Trinidad and Tobago, who is on an official visit to Trinidad and Tobago for the period July 02 to 07, 2023. The Minister also expressed appreciation for the high level of bilateral cooperation which exists between the Governments of Trinidad and Tobago and Canada.

Parliamentary Secretary Sidhu highlighted the mutual security interests of both countries, as well as the wider region, and stated his intention to advance ongoing collaborative opportunities.

The meeting discussions focused on how Canada can support Trinidad and Tobago's efforts, through capacity building and technical assistance, in the areas of cybersecurity; prison reform; training for members of the Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force; and professionalization of the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service.

Both parties committed to furthering the longstanding partnership between the two countries, to ensure a safer and more secure Trinidad and Tobago.

The meeting took place at the Ministry of National Security's Head Office, located at Abercromby Street, Port of Spain. Also in attendance were High Commissioner of Canada to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, His Excellency Arif Keshani; Permanent Secretary (Ag.) at the Ministry of National Security, Mr. Gary Joseph; Policy Advisor to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Canada, Mr. Jeremy Bruce; Director General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Canada, Ms. Sylvie Bedard; Counsellor at the Canadian High Commission in Trinidad and Tobago, Ms. Jessica Birks; Deputy Director of the International Affairs Unit, Ministry of National Security,

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Major (Ret'd) Richard Lynch; and International Affairs Officer, Ministry of National Security, Mr. Anthony Phillips-Spencer.

**Photos and captions:**



1. Minister of National Security, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P. (*left*) met with Parliamentary Secretary to Canada's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Maninder Sidhu (*right*) on Monday July 03, 2023 at the Ministry of National Security's Head Office, Abercromby Street, Port of Spain.

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2. *From left to right:* Director General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Canada, Ms. Sylvie Bedard; High Commissioner of Canada to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, His Excellency Arif Keshani; Minister of National Security, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P.; Parliamentary Secretary to Canada's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Maninder Sidhu; Permanent Secretary (Ag.) at the Ministry of National Security, Mr. Gary Joseph; Deputy Director of the International Affairs Unit, Ministry of National Security, Major (Ret'd) Richard Lynch; Counsellor at the Canadian High Commission in Trinidad and Tobago, Ms. Jessica Birks; and International Affairs Officer, Ministry of National Security, Mr. Anthony Phillips-Spencer.

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