



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

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## HAPPY EASTER FROM THE MNS EXECUTIVE

**The Minister of National Security, Permanent Secretaries and other members of the Executive would like to extend Easter greetings to all staff of the Ministry of National Security family.**

**As we celebrate with the Christian community the resurrection of Jesus Christ, may we all find renewal of hope, health, love, faith and the spirit of God.**

**A safe, blessed and joyful Easter to all!**



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## TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO PRISON SERVICE HOSTS INMATES GOSPEL MUSIC FESTIVAL

On Saturday 1st April 2023, sixteen (16) inmates representing the various prisons, contended in the first Inmates Gospel Music Festival at the Golden Grove Prison in Arouca, hosted by the Trinidad and Tobago Prison Service under the theme "... Who the Son sets Free, is free Indeed...".

Speaking at the event, the Minister of National Security the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds MP said he felt a sense of great hope, encouragement and inspiration by the performances. He gave thanks for the work being done within the prisons under the guidance of the Commissioner of Prisons (Ag) Mr. Deopersad Ramoutar.

He also thanked the inmates for their responsiveness to the initiative and further pledged his commitment and support and that of the government to such reformative efforts.



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Competitors representing the various stations performed their gospel selections in forms of calypso, reggae, and even rap, to an appreciative audience and deliberative judges. Ms. Melissa Thomas of the Women's Prison emerged the eventual winner and copped the Best International Song award with her presentation and performance of 'At the Cross'.



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## OFFICERS OF THE TTPS MOVE UP THE RANKS

The Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS) recently promoted twenty-eight (28) officers to higher ranks of service.

On Monday 3rd April 2023, five (5) officers were promoted from the rank of Sergeant to Inspector and twenty-three (23) officers from the rank of Corporal to Sergeant at the Police Administration building, Port of Spain.

On hand to congratulate the officers was the Commissioner of Police, Mrs. Erla Harewood-Christopher, who reminded the officers of the major leadership role they now play in transforming the culture of the TTPS to one of service and excellence.

The Ministry of National Security joins the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service in congratulating the newly promoted officers.



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## REDUCING FLOOD IMPACT IN TOBAGO

On Monday 27th March 2023, the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Management (ODPM) participated in the official launch of the Community Flood Early Warning Systems (CFEWS) project in Tobago.

At the launch, two stream flow gauges were unveiled as part of the multi-stakeholder initiative aimed to reduce flood impacts and strengthen community capacity and resilience.

Additionally, five such stream flow gauges have been installed across Trinidad in communities consistently impacted by floods.





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