



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

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TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO HOSTS REGIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON VIOLENCE AS A PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE



The Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, hosted a two-day Regional Symposium under the theme, 'Violence as a Public Health Issue-The Crime Challenge' at the Hyatt Regency, Port of Spain on Monday 17th April -Tuesday 18th April, 2023.

The symposium brought together CARICOM heads of Governments to promote dialogue and regional action for violence reduction and crime prevention through the sharing of various experiences amongst islands.

Bringing the feature and Opening address was the Honourable Dr. Keith Rowley, Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago and Lead Head with responsibility for crime and security. The Prime Minister discussed some of the benefits of the symposium and how it would benefit CARICOM's approach in addressing crime.

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Participating in a panel discussion was the Minister of National Security the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P., who spoke on Community Approaches to Restorative Justice, giving the Trinidad and Tobago perspective.

Topics discussed included: Crime and Violence: A Public Health Approach; Mental Health; Transnational Organised Crime; Global Action on Gun Violence; Education and Youth; Domestic Violence; Economic Inequalities as the Driver of Crime and Violence; and the Judicial Perspective.

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MINISTER OF NATIONAL SECURITY MEETS WITH CARICOM IMPACS OFFICIALS



Minister of National Security, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P., hosted a meeting with representatives of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Implementation Agency for Crime and Security (IMPACS) on Thursday April 20, 2023 at the Ministry of National Security.

The meeting presented an opportunity for Minister Hinds and Executive Director, CARICOM IMPACS, Lieutenant Colonel Michael Jones, to engage in a cordial discourse on significant areas of mutual strategic interest.

Minister Hinds thanked CARICOM IMPACS for the important work that it is doing and gave the assurance of continued collaboration towards the safety and security of the nation and the region.

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MNS STAFF BUILDS TEAMWORK SKILLS



General Administration Staff at the Ministry of National Security had the opportunity to put their skills to the test when they competed in the Inter-Departmental Office Feud hosted at the Ministry's Head Office, Abercromby Street, Port of Spain from March 24 to April 14, 2023.

Office Feud is a work-focused spin-off on the popular television game show Family Feud. Hosted by Mr. Wendell Bompert of the Trinidad and Tobago Prison Service, the game provided a fun setting to encourage critical thinking, as well as boost teamwork and camaraderie among co-workers.

The six competing teams included members of staff from the Information and Communications Technology Unit, Procurement Unit, Human Resource Unit, Defence and Protective Services Unit, Office Management and Forensic Science Centre.

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The ICTU team emerged as the winners, after they claimed victory over the other two finalists, Defence and Protective Services and Office Management, in the Final “Fast Money” Round on Friday April 14, 2023.

Prizes for this event were sponsored by Cascadia Hotel, Pennywise Cosmetics; Associated Brands Industries Limited (ABIL); Caribbean Bottler Trinidad and Tobago; AS Brydens and Angostura limited.

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EID MUBARAK FROM THE MNS EXECUTIVE



The Minister of National Security, Permanent Secretaries and other members of the Executive would like to extend warm Eid-ul-Fitr greetings to all staff of the Ministry of National Security.

Eid is the celebration of the breaking of the month-long fast undertaken by Muslims during Ramadan. During this period, the Islamic community, dedicate themselves to a period of intense fasting, prayer and self-discipline.

As we commemorate this most significant day in the Islamic Calendar, may we all be granted renewed strength, greater commitment and increased blessings. Let us be encouraged to practice generosity and show charity to our brothers and sisters most in need as we work together to bring unity and brightness to our nation.

A safe and blessed Eid to all!



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