



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

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## CADET FORCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS RECEIVE INSTRUMENTS OF APPOINTMENT



At a brief ceremony held on Friday 11 August, 2023, Minister of National Security the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P., presented instruments of appointment to members of the newly appointed Trinidad and Tobago Cadet Force Advisory Committee, at the Ministry of National Security's Head Office, Port of Spain.

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**Minister Hinds thanked the members of the committee for serving at this critical juncture in the history of our country and stated that, *"At a time when our youth population are under siege by nefarious elements in society, institutions like the Trinidad and Tobago Cadet Force stand as a beacon to our young persons, providing them with a road map to becoming proud, patriotic citizens, who have their grounding in social cohesion, team work, self-respect, discipline and respect for authority, society and leaders."***

**The Cadet Force Advisory Committee plays a critical role in providing strategic support to the Trinidad and Tobago Cadet Force and will serve for a period of three years. The eight members include Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of National Security, Mrs. Aarti Bedassie-Maharaj; Member of the Public Service Commission, Mrs. Jennifer Sampson-Farrell; Principal, Holy Cross College, Arima, Mr. Gary Ribeiro; Principal, Presentation College, San Fernando, Mr. Dexter Mitchell; Principal, Bishop's High School, Tobago, Ms. Cindy Ramnarine; Principal, St. Benedict's College, San Fernando, Mr. Gregory Quan Kep; Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force, Commander Zin-Mark King; and Director, Specialized Youth Service Programme, Ministry of Youth Development and National Service, Major David Benjamin.**



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## STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES LAUNCHED FOR COUNTER TRAFFICKING UNIT



**On Thursday 03 August, 2023 the Ministry of National Security in collaboration with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), launched Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for the Counter Trafficking Unit (CTU) at the Hilton Trinidad Hotel and Conference Centre.**



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The SOP is an outcome of Trinidad and Tobago's participation in an initiative implemented by the UNODC called TACK4TIP: Transforming Alerts into Criminal Justice Responses to Human Trafficking within Migration Flows. It provides a standardized framework for outlining step-by-step guidelines for the CTU's operations when a trafficking case is potentially identified.

Delivering remarks, Minister of National Security the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P. reaffirmed the country's commitment to combatting the scourge of trafficking in persons in all forms and highlighted how critical international partners are to national efforts against trafficking in persons.



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## DEFENCE FORCE PARTICIPATES IN EXERCISE TRADEWINDS 2023



**A Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force (TTDF) contingent participated in recently concluded Exercise Tradewinds 2023, held in Guyana from July 14-28, 2023. In its 38th iteration, Tradewinds 2023 is a Caribbean-focused multi-dimensional exercise conducted in the ground, air, sea, and cyber domains and aims to bring together both Officers and other Ranks of allied nations, to act as a Joint Task Force to aid a host nation in a crisis event.**



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The TTDF contingent participated in many facets of the exercise including riot control, Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) and Jungle survival training.

Participating countries included Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Belize, Bermuda, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Dominica, Dominican Republic, France, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Mexico, St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, the United Kingdom, and the United States.







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