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MINISTER HINDS WELCOMES REGIONAL ARMOURY MANAGEMENT TRAINING COURSE



As part of the Government of Trinidad and Tobago's commitment to meaningfully address the proliferation of illicit firearms in the region, Minister of National Security the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P. welcomed the Regional Armoury Management Training Course (AMC), which was held over a five day period from August 21-25, 2023, at the Police Academy, St. James.

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Delivering remarks at the Opening Ceremony, Minister Hinds urged the participants to embrace the course with dedication and enthusiasm, stating that, *"We in this region are all grappling with the deleterious effects of these weapons on our people and societies, and initiatives such as these assist in minimizing vulnerabilities and maximizing the safety of our nations and citizens."*

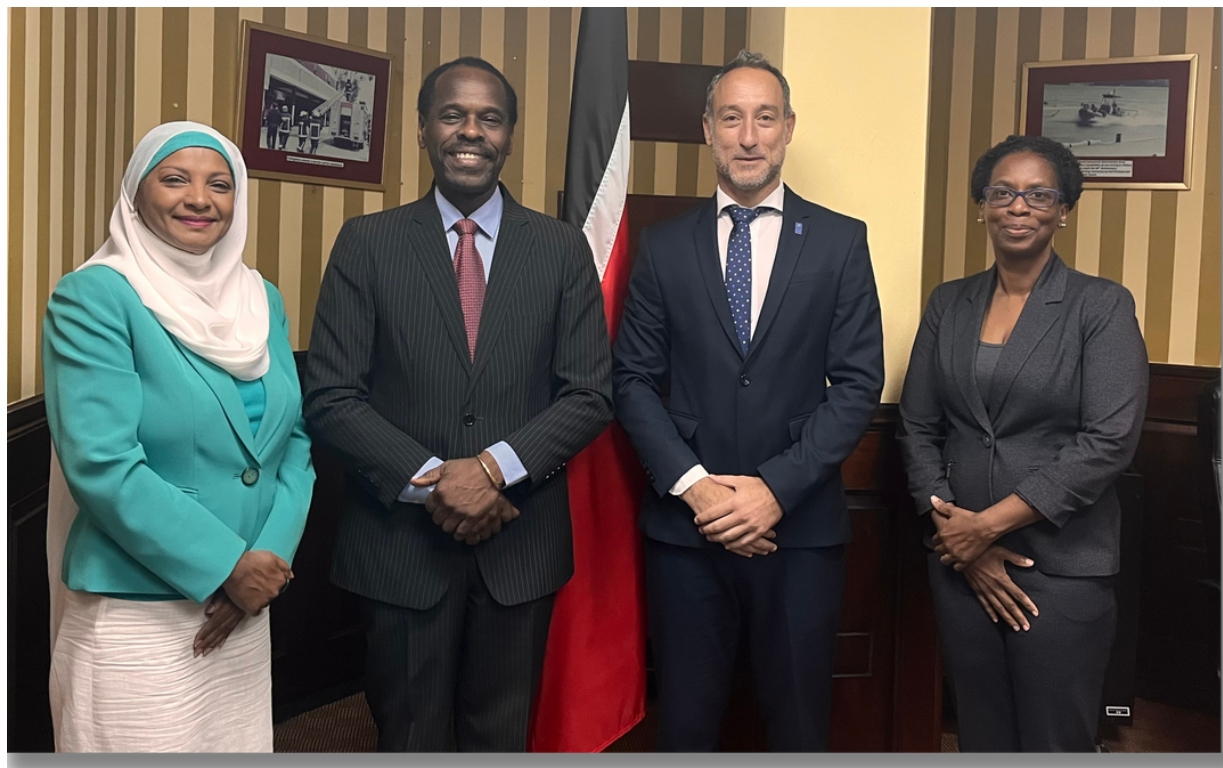
The Armoury Management Training Course is a component of the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean's (UNLIREC) engagement with Trinidad and Tobago and the region, through the Caribbean Firearms Roadmap.

The course allows law enforcement officers to receive training in the technical skills and management processes necessary for the control and management of small arms and ammunition, as well as general stockpile management to prevent the loss, theft and diversion of government and privately held arms and ammunition in the custody of state security entities. The course also trains participants in the safe and efficient inspection, repair and maintenance of commonly used service weapons.

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MINISTER HINDS MEETS WITH UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE



Minister of National Security, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P., met with Mr. Ugo Blanco, Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), on Thursday 17 August, 2023, at the Ministry of National Security's Head Office, Port of Spain.

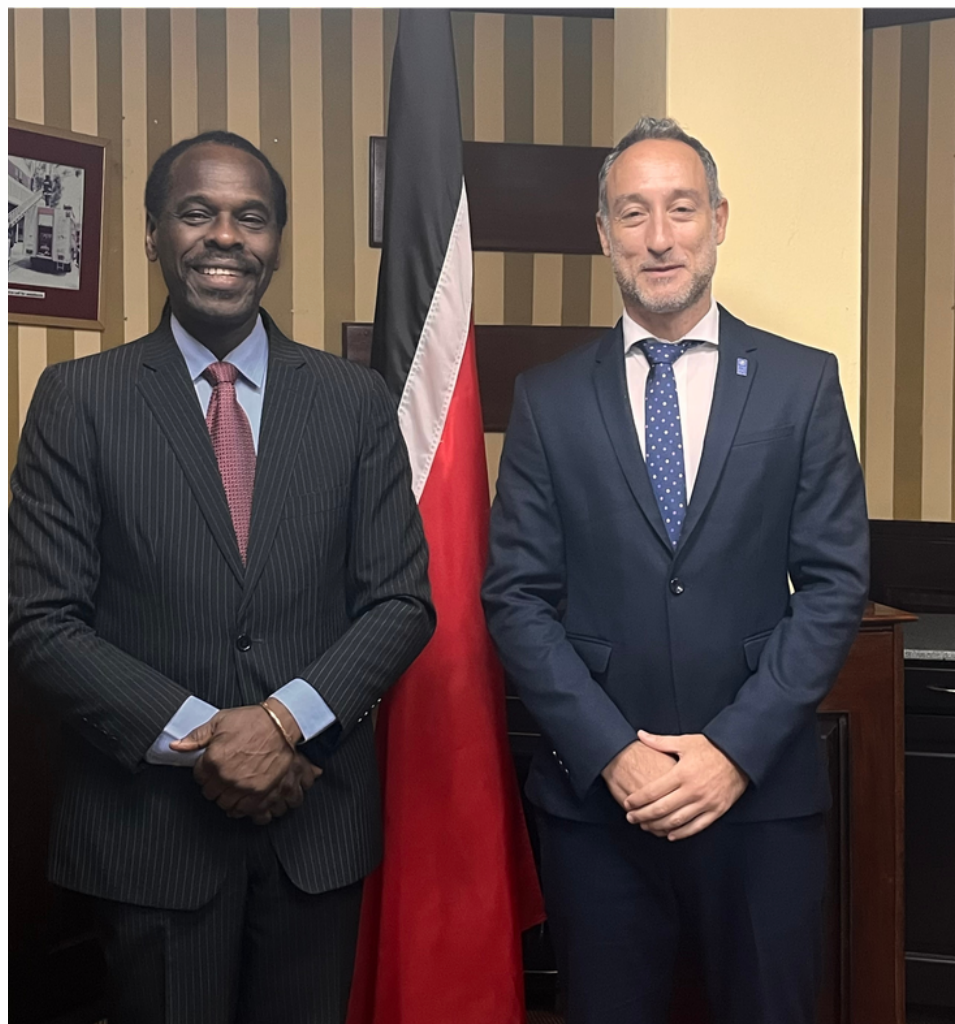
Minister Hinds welcomed Mr. Blanco to his new posting in Trinidad and Tobago and took the opportunity to extend his appreciation for the work of the UNDP, in support of national efforts to address crime and violence.

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Discussions centered on some of the ongoing areas of collaboration between the UNDP and the Ministry of National Security, such as the various initiatives under the CARISECURE 2.0 project and possible future support under this project.

Also in attendance were Ms. Sharifa Ali-Abdullah, Assistant Resident Representative, UNDP, and Mrs. Nataki Atiba-Dilchan, Permanent Secretary (Ag.), Ministry of National Security.



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POLICE RECEIVE COMMENDATIONS FROM TTPS EXECUTIVE



Four police officers were awarded commendations for 'Assistance Rendered' and 'Prompt Action' from the Commissioner of Police, Ms. Erelia Harewood-Christopher and her Executive, on Thursday 17 August, 2023, at the Police Administration Building, Port-of-Spain.

Police Constable Darion Thomas, a Special Reserve Police Motorcyclist attached to the Sangre Grande Traffic Section, was commended for providing assistance on four separate occasions, saving the lives of three babies and escorting a mother-to-be who was in labour and stuck in traffic, to the hospital.

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In another heroic event, Police Constables Ricky Isaac, Christian Samaroo and Darren Harry, attached to the Mon Repos Police Station, conducted a rescue operation at a house being swept away during heavy rains and flooding, leading a family to safety.

Each of the officers received a monetary award and a letter of commendation.



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FIRE OFFICERS ENGAGE POLICE YOUTH CLUB CAMPERS



The Trinidad and Tobago Fire Service (TTFS) Four Roads Division recently paid a visit to members of the St. James Police Youth Club Camp.

The fire officers conducted an educational presentation for approximately 40 members of the Camp on fire safety and fire prevention tips. Campers also enjoyed a brief tour of the fire truck, a water hose display and a demonstration of the Jaws of Life.



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