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Twenty-five (25) new detention officers have joined the Immigration Detention Centre (IDC), after completing the prescribed training programme.

Speaking at the Graduation Ceremony which took place on Wednesday October 04, 2023 at the Office of Law Enforcement Policy (OLEP), London Street, Port of Spain, Minister of National Security, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P. extended congratulations to the new staff and thanked them for answering the call to serve Trinidad and Tobago in this capacity. The Minister stated the Ministry continues efforts to increase manpower at the IDC and noted that the new detention officers are a welcome addition.

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Also in attendance at the Graduation Ceremony were Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of National Security, Ms. Aarti Bedassie-Maharaj; Acting Chief Immigration Officer, Trinidad and Tobago Immigration Division, Ms. Vera Persad; and Director, Office of Law Enforcement Policy, Ministry of National Security, Ms. Gale Charles.

The training of Immigration Detention Officers is facilitated by the Office of Law Enforcement Policy. Areas include background investigations, Voice Stress Analysis (VSA), medical evaluation; and a ten week non-residential Level I Law Enforcement Training programme conducted by the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS) Training Academy.



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NATIONAL SECURITY OFFICERS MOVE UP THE RANKS

Nine hundred and twenty-one (921) officers of the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS) have been promoted in rank. The historic Promotion Ceremony was held on Friday September 29, 2023, at the University of the Southern Caribbean Auditorium in St Joseph. Nine hundred (900) Constables were promoted to the rank of Corporal, four (4) Sergeants were promoted to the rank of Inspector and seventeen (17) Corporals moved up to the rank of Sergeant.

The newly promoted officers committed to better assist the Executive of the Police Service in the fight against crime and enhance the operations of the TTPS. Commissioner of Police Ms. Eral Harewood-Christopher as well as other members of the TTPS Executive were present to congratulate the officers on their promotion.



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NATIONAL SECURITY OFFICERS MOVE UP THE RANKS (Con'd)

Also on Friday September 29, 2023, thirty-four (34) Prison Officers I were promoted to the rank of Prisons Officer II, in a brief ceremony at the Prison Service Administration Building, Golden Grove.

Commissioner of Prisons (Ag.) Mr. Deopersad Ramoutar and other members of the Prison Service Executive were on hand to congratulate newly promoted Prisons Officers II.

The Ministry of National Security congratulates all the police officers and prison officers on their promotion and extends best wishes to them in their respective careers.



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DEFENCE FORCE RESERVES CELEBRATE 60 YEARS OF SERVING THE NATION

Minister of National Security, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P. joined the Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force Reserves (TTDFR) on Friday September 29, 2023 for a Devotion Service to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the formation.



The Devotion Service, which took place at the TTDFR Headquarters in Tucker Valley in Chaguaramas, was a tribute to the dedication, sacrifice, and unwavering commitment of the men and women who have served and continue to serve in this vital component of our nation's defence.

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Delivering Remarks at the event, Commanding Officer of the TTDFR, Captain (Naval) Douglas Archer noted, *"Members of the TTDFR continue to play a pivotal role in supporting the Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force's efforts to safeguard our nation's sovereignty, protecting our citizens, contributing to local and regional efforts in the sphere of Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief, Youth Development under the Ministry of Youth Development and National Service, and community outreach."*

Also present to observe the occasion was Chief of Defence Staff Air Vice Marshal Darryl Daniel; Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of National Security, Ms. Michelle Ann Thomas; Vice Chief of Defence Staff Brigadier General Dexter Francis; and TTDF Formation Commanders.





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