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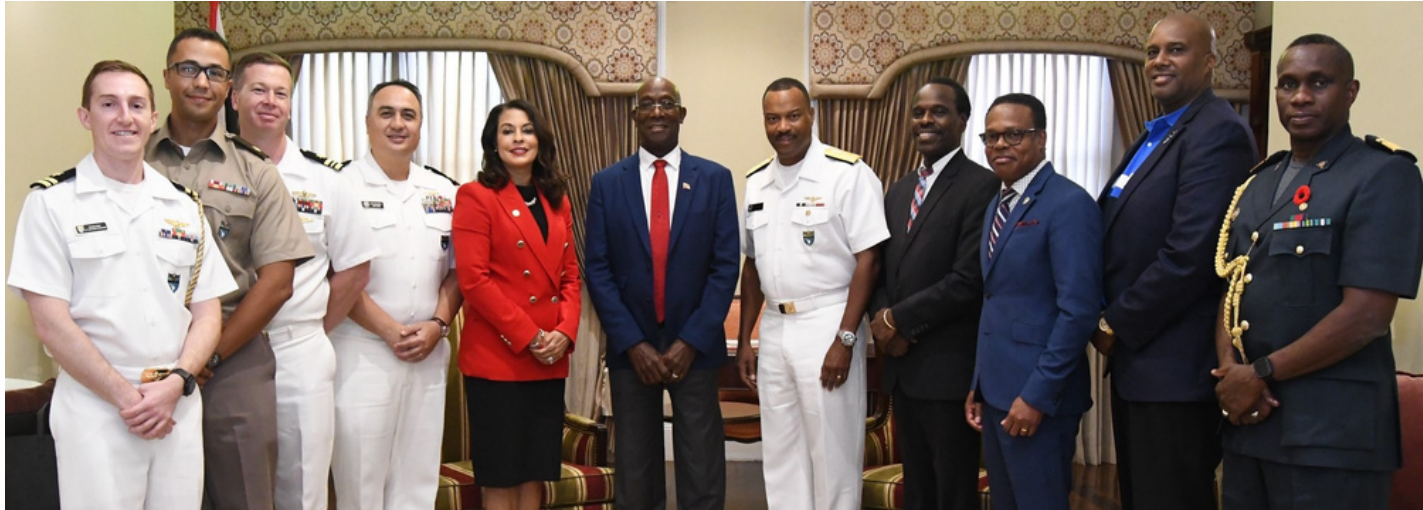
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## DEEPENING BILATERAL COOPERATION WITH US SOUTHCOM



**Minister of National Security the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P. joined Prime Minister Dr. the Honourable Keith Rowley M.P. for a courtesy call from the United States Southern Command (SOUTHCOM) Military Deputy Commander Vice Admiral Alvin Holsey, on Monday October 23, 2023 at Whitehall, Port of Spain.**

**Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs, Senator Dr. the Honourable Amery Browne; Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, Her Excellency Candace Bond; and Chief of Defence Staff of the Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force, Air Vice Marshal Darryl Daniel were also in attendance at the meeting.**

**Discussions included ongoing bilateral collaborative initiatives in the area of security.**

**The SOUTHCOM Military Deputy Commander visited Trinidad and Tobago over the period October 22-25, 2023. His visit follows the successful Continuing Promise 2023 mission stop in Trinidad and Tobago in September 2023.**

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## CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER MAKES PRESENTATION AT UNODC TECHNICAL CONSULTATION

Chief Probation Officer, Ms. Deokie Sintra Maharaj participated in an Informal Technical Consultation hosted by United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), where she presented the Probation Services Division's implementation principles of the Case



Care Management (CCM) Pilot Project, in collaboration with CCM Coordinator, Inter American Drug Abuse Control Commission of the Organization of American States (CICAD/OAS), Ms. Elisa Rubini.

The Consultation was held on October 02 - 04, 2023 at the Vienna International Centre in Austria, to address the Principles for Treatment and Care for People with Drug Use Disorders in Contact with the Criminal Justice System: Alternatives to Conviction or Punishment (ATI).

The UNODC aims to develop implementation principles and guidance to increase access to treatment and care for this vulnerable population. Consultation participants included experts in the field from across the world.

In September 2023, the Probation Services Division hosted a Graduation Ceremony for thirteen (13) successful participants of the CCM Pilot Project. The CCM Pilot Project is a care-infused, client-centred and community-based approach to treating with persons in conflict with the law, with Substance Use Disorders (SUDs).

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## STAKEHOLDERS MEET TO STRENGTHEN CAPACITY TO MITIGATE CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

Representatives from local and international organizations have participated in a United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) Workshop entitled *"Strengthening the capacities of Trinidad and Tobago to effectively prevent and counter online child sexual abuse and exploitation and related crimes"*.

The four-day workshop, which took place from October 23 -26, 2023, at the Brix Hotel, Port of Spain, was delivered in Spanish and focused on care for victims of online child sexual exploitation, with emphasis on psychosocial support and other types of specialized support for these victims.

On day three of the Workshop, Director of the Counter Trafficking Unit TT (CTU), Dr. Samantha Chaitram presented the CTU's Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) in Spanish, providing stakeholders with an understanding of the process to be followed when a potential case of trafficking arises. The SOP which was jointly prepared by the UNODC and the CTU under UNODC's TRACK4TIP initiative, supported by the United States Department of State, helps beneficiary countries strengthen their criminal justice response in cases of human trafficking.



Participants included several sections from the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service, International Organization for Migration (IOM Port of Spain), the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) Caribbean, Pan American Development Foundation (PADF), La Casita Hispanic CC, The Heroes Foundation and Living Water Community - Ministry for Migrants and Refugees.

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## NATIONAL SECURITY OFFICERS PROMOTED IN RANK

Six (6) members of the Trinidad and Tobago Regiment (TTR) have been promoted to the rank of Sergeant from Corporal.

On Tuesday October 24, 2023, the Acting Commanding Officer of the First Infantry Battalion, Major S. Benny, oversaw the promotion. Acting Regimental Sergeant Major, Warrant Officer Class One, R. Yankaran, was also present to offer congratulations.



On the same date, ten (10) Prisons Officers IIs were appointed to the rank of Prisons Supervisor, in a brief ceremony at the Administration Building, Golden Grove Prison, Arouca.

Commissioner of Prisons (Ag), Mr. Deopersad Ramoutar along with Deputy Commissioner of Prisons (Ag). Mr. Felix Alexis and other senior Prison Service officials were in attendance to commend to prison supervisors on attaining the leadership role.



The Ministry of National Security congratulates all the TTR Sergeants and Prison Supervisors on their promotion and extends best wishes to them in their respective careers.



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