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GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

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MINISTER HINDS MEETS WITH UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR



Minister of National Security, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P. held a meeting with the Ambassador of the United States of America to Trinidad and Tobago, Her Excellency Candace Bond, and officials of the Ministry of National Security and the U.S. Embassy on Wednesday October 25, 2023 at the Ministry of National Security's Head Office, Abercromby Street, Port of Spain.

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Discussions were centered around ongoing bilateral initiatives between U.S. and local law enforcement agencies on security and defence matters.

The Minister expressed his deep appreciation to Ambassador Bond for her ongoing dedication to working with Trinidad and Tobago to counter the negative impacts of transnational organized crime, particularly trafficking in persons, firearms trafficking, and narcotics trafficking.



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IMMIGRATION DIVISION RECEIVES ELECTRONIC MAGNIFIERS FROM THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY



Immigration officers at the Immigration Forensic Document Examination Laboratory are now better equipped to quickly detect falsified passports, as well as forgeries of other forms of identification and documents. This follows a donation of 25 electronic handheld magnifiers, from the German Federal Police, facilitated by the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Trinidad and Tobago.

The brief Handover Ceremony took place on Thursday October 26, 2023 at the Immigration Division's head office located at Richmond Street in Port of Spain.

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Permanent Secretary (Ag.) in the Ministry of National Security, Ms. Nataki Atiba-Dilchan accepted the items on behalf of the Ministry of National Security and expressed gratitude to the Federal Republic of Germany for the donation geared towards enhancing the work of frontline immigration officers, through technology.

The donation formed part of the global cooperation programme of the German Federal Police and serves as an example of the good cooperation between the organization and the Trinidad and Tobago Immigration Division.



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PRISON SERVICE HOSTS DIVALI CELEBRATIONS



The Trinidad and Tobago Prison Service hosted its 14th Annual Divali Celebration at the Prisons Sports Club on Saturday 28 October, 2023, under the auspices of Commissioner of Prisons (Ag.), Mr. Deopersad Ramoutar. Themed, "The Light Motivates and Empowers Us," this year's celebration was filled with traditional Indian foods prepared on site for all patrons, lights, music, dance, bamboo bending display and tent decor competition.

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Commissioner Ramoutar delivered an inspiring speech, which emphasized the power of light to conquer darkness. He shared a profound message about the importance of character and self-improvement.

Also in attendance at the event was Minister of National Security the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P. who brought greetings from the Ministry. He thanked Commissioner Ramoutar for inviting him and complimented him and all involved for putting together a magnificent display of lights.



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CHIEF OF DEFENCE STAFF ATTENDS 10TH BEIJING XIANGSHAN FORUM



Chief of Defence Staff Air Vice Marshal Darryl Daniel represented Trinidad and Tobago at the 10th Beijing Xiangshan Forum, which was held from October 29 to 31, 2023, in Beijing. The theme for this year's Forum was "Common Security, Lasting Peace" and saw the attendance of defense and military leaders, heads of international organizations, renowned experts and scholars from over 100 countries.

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Dialogue and exchanges at the forum focused on Responsibilities of Major Countries and Global Security Cooperation, Role of Developing Countries in Global Security, Asia-Pacific Security Architecture and Regional Security and Development.

On Monday 30 October, 2023, Air Vice Marshal Darryl Daniel held discussions with Head of the International Security Affairs Department at the Directorate General for International Relations and Strategy of the Ministry for the French Armed Forces, Major General Patrik Steiger, at the Forum.

Discussions included future joint activities, recommendations for engaging in further cooperation and further bilateral initiatives for strengthening relationship between the two institutions.



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STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT DISASTER PREPAREDNESS



The Office of Disaster Preparedness and Management (ODPM) facilitated an interactive disaster preparedness session with students of the Santa Rosa Government Primary School on October 24, 2023. Discussions focused on raising awareness of various local hazards, staying informed, knowing the first responder agencies and putting together emergency kits.



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