



MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY
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DIVALI GREETINGS FROM THE MNS EXECUTIVE



The Minister of National Security, Permanent Secretaries and other members of the Executive Leadership Team extend greetings for a Happy Diwali 2023 to all staff of the Ministry of National Security.

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Divali, the festival of lights, symbolizes the victory of light over darkness, knowledge over ignorance and good over evil. During this special time, may the glow of the deyas and the warmth of our loved ones illuminate our lives with joy, prosperity and peace as all Divisions of the Ministry of National Security continue to work together to counter the darkness that is crime and to ensure the safety and security of everyone.

May this Divali be a time of renewal and inspiration.

Shubh Divali to all!



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DEFENCE FORCE HOSTS DIVALI CELEBRATIONS



On Wednesday 08 November, 2023, the Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force Chaplaincy Unit and the Trinidad and Tobago Coast Guard (TTCG) hosted a Divali Program with members of the Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force (TTDF) and their families. This event took place at the Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force Military Academy, Corinth, San Fernando.

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TTDF's celebration of Diwali aimed at forging a better understanding of the diverse beliefs of Trinidad and Tobago, featuring religious aspects of the Hindu faith and fostering camaraderie amongst all.



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POLICE INSPIRE YOUTH AT CAREER DAY



On Tuesday 07 November, 2023, five Police officers attached to the Manzanilla Police Station and Eastern Division Community-Oriented Policing Section engaged with pupils of the Manzanilla Presbyterian School at a career day themed 'Preparing for the Future.'

The officers encouraged the students to protect their peers who may appear defenseless and to be helpful to those in need. The youngsters were also challenged to have respect for authority and property, be disciplined and attain the highest level of education they possibly can.

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Delighted to have been given hands-on demonstrations with police equipment and the features of the police vehicle, many of the minors also expressed keen interest in becoming police officers to serve those in their community.



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ODPM COMMEMORATES WORLD TSUNAMI AWARENESS DAY



World Tsunami Awareness Day (WTAD) is commemorated around the globe yearly on 05 November to raise awareness about reducing tsunami-related risks and enhance community preparedness. The theme for WTAD 2023 is "Fighting inequality for a resilient future".

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From October 27-29, 2023, staff of the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Management (ODPM) and volunteers conducted Survival Training and a Tsunami Drill at the North Manzanilla coast, to aid in preparedness and overall resilience. Preparing for a tsunami is vital as it can save lives, protect property, and reduce the overall catastrophic impact. Community readiness and evacuation plans are essential to ensure swift responses and minimize the devastation caused by tsunamis.

Trinidad and Tobago has implemented various initiatives to ensure that the national population has access to Early Warning Systems. Two of the most recent of these initiatives are the implementation of the award winning Public Alert Notification System (PANS) and the Community Flood Early Warning System (CFEWS).



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MNS BIDS FAREWELL TO VICE CHIEF OF DEFENCE STAFF



ON MONDAY 06 NOVEMBER 2023,
THE TTFD HOSTED A FAREWELL FUNCTION FOR OUTGOING
VICE CHIEF OF DEFENCE STAFF BRIGADIER GENERAL DEXTER FRANCIS
AT THE TTCG OFFICERS' WARDROOM, STAUBLES BAY, CHAGUARAMAS.

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On Monday 06 November, 2023, the Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force (TTDF) hosted a Farewell Function for outgoing Vice Chief of Defence Staff Brigadier General Dexter Francis, at the Trinidad and Tobago Coast Guard (TTCG) Officers' Wardroom, Staubles Bay, Chaguaramas.

In attendance at the function were Minister of National Security the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P.; Permanent Secretary, Ministry of National Security, Ms. Natasha Barrow; Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of National Security, Ms. Michelle Thomas; and Chief of Defence Staff, Air Vice Marshal Darryl Daniel.

The Ministry of National Security thanks Brigadier General Dexter Francis for his years of dedication and service, and wishes him a restful retirement.



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