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MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY WELCOMES NEW REGIMENT RECRUITS

Port of Spain: One hundred and thirteen (113) recruits have been initiated into the Trinidad and Tobago Regiment (TTR), which is tasked with defending and providing safety and security for Trinidad and Tobago.

Welcoming the recruits of Intake 2302, at a Passing Out Parade on Saturday December 16, 2023, Minister of National Security, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P., commended them all for *"choosing a career in the Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force (TTDF), to serve this nation in a manner that will make a positive difference, by contributing to the greater security of our Republic."*

He reminded them, *"You recruits are a key part of national security's crime fighting efforts and act as a repellent to those who are involved in, or may be considering criminal activities, particularly organized groups and gangs."* Minister Hinds encouraged the Regiment's newest members to practice the principles instilled during their training - courage, loyalty, integrity, mutual respect, discipline and teamwork. He urged them to *"never find yourselves in situations that compromise your integrity and bring the office into disrepute. Stay on the right side of the law."*

The Minister applauded the dedicated instructors and staff of the Defence Force Military Academy responsible for preparing the recruits for national duties. He thanked them for their dedication, time and efforts, to developing the human resources of the TTDF, by transiting recruits and serving members into future leaders.

Additionally, the Minister took the opportunity to recognize the TTDF's current support of law enforcement and the restoration of security and comfort to communities across Trinidad, with on-going joint Regiment and Police Service patrols across the country.

Minister Hinds also stated that the Ministry of National Security continues to provide the necessary support to the TTDF, in the areas of maintenance of law and order, public safety and protecting our nation's borders. He noted that procurement is

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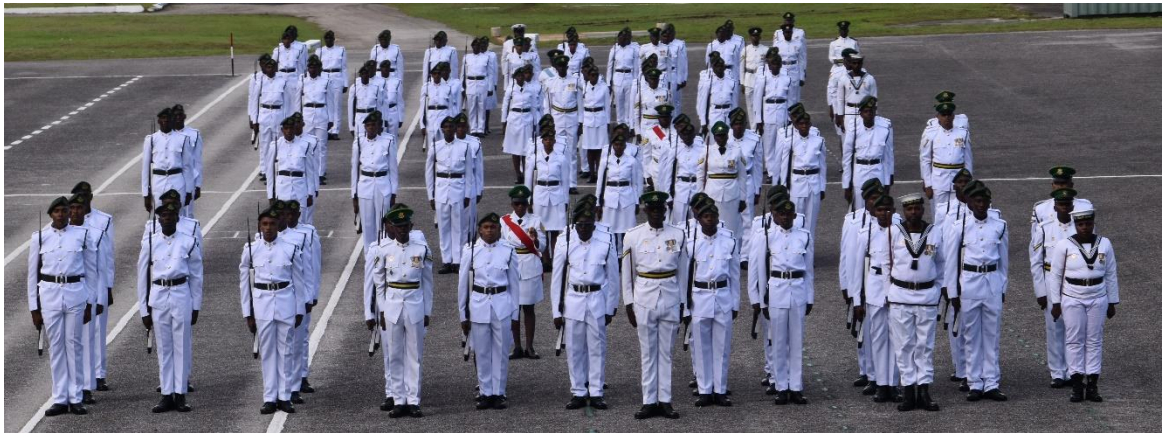
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underway for fifty (50) new patrol vehicles for the TTDF and that repairs will soon commence for four (4) patrol vessels and two (2) supply vessels.

The Passing Out Parade was held at Teteron Barracks, Chaguaramas. Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of National Security, Ms. Natasha Barrow; Chief of Defence Staff Air Vice Marshal Darryl Daniel; Commanding Officer of the Trinidad and Tobago Regiment, Colonel Keston Charles, along with all other Formation Commanders were also in attendance to welcome the recruits to military service.

Photos and captions:



1. Members of Recruit Intake 2302 of the Trinidad and Tobago Regiment at a Passing Out Parade on Saturday December 16, 2023, at Teteron Barracks in Chaguaramas.



2. Minister of National Security, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P. engages with recruits at the Trinidad and Tobago Regiment Passing Out Parade on Saturday December 16, 2023, at Teteron Barracks in Chaguaramas.



3. Trinidad and Tobago Regiment Recruit Ms. Nakaylia Gibson (centre) receives the Award for Best Female Recruit Intake 2302. At left is Minister of National Security, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P. and Chief of Defence Staff, Air Vice Marshal Darryl Daniel at right.



4. Trinidad and Tobago Regiment Recruit Mr. Casique Young (centre) receives the Award for Best Male Recruit Intake 2302. At left is Minister of National Security, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P. and Chief of Defence Staff, Air Vice Marshal Darryl Daniel at right.

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