



MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY

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MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY RECEIVES INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT UNDER THE PACE JUSTICE PROGRAMME

Port of Spain: Minister of National Security, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P. received, on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, twenty-six (26) desktop computers with monitors and two (2) colour laser printers, as part of the Partnership of the Caribbean and the European Union on Justice (PACE Justice) Regional Programme. The equipment will be utilized by the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS), for case management and case progression.

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Presenting the information technology equipment were Head of Delegation of the European Union (EU) to Trinidad and Tobago, His Excellency Peter Cavendish and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Resident Representative, Mr. Ugo Blanco.

The Handover Ceremony took place on Tuesday December 12, 2023 at the Ministry of National Security's Head Office, Abercromby Street, Port of Spain. Also in attendance were Assistant Resident Representative of the UNDP, Mrs. Sharifa Ali-Abdullah; and Director, International Affairs Unit, Ministry of National Security, Major (Ret'd) Richard Lynch.

Minister Hinds thanked the EU and the UNDP for their unwavering support and commitment to capacity building in the Ministry of National Security, and gave the assurance that the Ministry would deepen its collaboration with both organizations in 2024.

His Excellency Cavendish expressed the EU's satisfaction with providing support for its counterparts and colleagues in Trinidad and Tobago, and expressed the willingness to expand cooperation with the Ministry of National Security.

Mr. Blanco, reaffirmed the support of the UNDP for national anti-crime activities as a key component to promoting good governance.

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The PACE Justice programme is a four-year collaborative initiative of the European Union, the United Nations Development Programme and the Eastern Caribbean, aimed at improving case management capacity of the police services, prosecutors and the courts, in the Caribbean. The programme provides funding and resources, geared towards reducing backlogs in the criminal justice system. Trinidad and Tobago is one of eight countries to benefit from the programme.

Photos and captions:



1. Minister of National Security, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P. (*centre*) accepts twenty-six (26) desktop computers with monitors and two (2) colour laser printers, from Head of Delegation of the European Union to Trinidad and Tobago, His Excellency Peter Cavendish (*left*) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Resident Representative, Mr. Ugo Blanco (*right*). A Handover Ceremony took place on Tuesday December 12, 2023 at the Ministry of National Security's Head Office, Abercromby Street, Port of Spain.



2. ***From left to right:*** International Affairs Officer, International Affairs Unit, Ministry of National Security, Mr. Anthony J. Phillips-Spencer; Director, International Affairs Unit, Ministry of National Security, Major (Ret'd) Richard Lynch; Head of Delegation of the European Union to Trinidad and Tobago, His Excellency Peter Cavendish; Minister of National Security, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P.; United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Resident Representative, Mr. Ugo Blanco; and Assistant Resident Representative of the UNDP, Mrs. Sharifa Ali-Abdullah.

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