

#### MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY

GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

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### MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE MNS EXECUTIVE

The Minister of National Security, Permanent Secretaries and other members of the Executive Leadership Team, extend heartfelt Season's Greetings to all staff of the Ministry of National Security and their families.

Christmas is a time to give whole-heartedly, especially to those in need. Let us be encouraged to lend a helping hand whenever possible, share a smile or offer words of hope to help brighten someone else's day.

During this season, let us also keep our law enforcement officers in our thoughts and prayers as they continue to work tirelessly to create a safer Trinidad and Tobago.

During the holiday festivities, let us all stay vigilant and enjoy the season responsibly.

May you all have a blessed and happy Christmas!

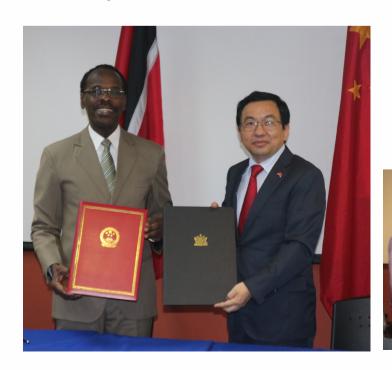
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#### **NEW FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTRE COMING**

On Monday December 18, 2023, Minister of National Security the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P., hosted a Signing Ceremony for an Implementation Agreement with Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to Trinidad and Tobago, His Excellency Fang Qiu, with regard to the construction of a new Trinidad and Tobago Forensic Science Centre (TTFSC).

The Project, which is funded by the People's Republic of China, is facilitated through a series of Economic and Technical Cooperation Agreements between both governments. The new building will be located on Farm Road, St. Joseph, and will allow the TTFSC to increase its operational capacity to efficiently meet the demands of forensic examinations and storage for evidence exhibits.

The Signing Ceremony took place at the Ministry of National Security's Office at Tower C, International Waterfront Complex, Port of Spain.









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#### TT REGIMENT WELCOMES NEW RECRUITS

Minister of **National** Security Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P., welcomed one hundred and thirteen (113) recruits into the Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force (TTDF) at a Passing Out Parade for new Regiment officers on December 16, 2023, held the Teteron at Barracks in Chaguaramas.



Delivering remarks at the event, the Minister applauded the recruits for their decision to serve the nation as a member of the Trinidad and Tobago Regiment and encouraged them to perform their duties with character, decorum and dedication.

Also in attendance to welcome the recruits were Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of National Security, Ms. Natasha Barrow; Chief of Defence Staff, Air Vice Marshal Darryl Daniel; and TTDF Formation Commanders.



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#### **WORKING TOGETHER TO COMBAT HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

In a collaborative effort to better support child victims of human trafficking, the Children's Authority hosted a Signing Ceremony for the Victims of Trafficking Process Manual, with the Ministry of National Security's Counter Trafficking Unit (CTU), the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS) and the Immigration Division, on December 14, 2023 at the Authority's Office, Queens Park West, Port of Spain.

The Process Manual provides a framework for coordinated inter-agency response and step-by-step guidelines for supporting victims of human trafficking. It aims to ensure the protection of children's human rights, using a victim-centred approach.

Attending the signing ceremony were Director of the Children's Authority, Mr. Sheldon Cyrus; Chief Immigration Officer, Ms. Vera Persad; CTU Director, Dr. Samantha Chaitram and; Head of the TTPS Special Victims Department, Superintendent of Police Claire Guy-Alleyne.







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