



**MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY**  
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

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## MNS COMMEMORATES 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM



In support of the Elimination of Violence Against Women and Girls, General Administration staff of the Ministry of National Security wore the symbolic colour of orange and participated in an awareness event on Friday 24 November, 2023. This year, the campaign's theme designated by UN Women is: "UNiTE! Invest to prevent violence against women and girls."

The global mobilization was launched on November 25, 2023, International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women and ends on December 10, 2023, International Human Rights Day.





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Featured speaker for the event, Ms. Claire Guy-Alleyne, Head of the Gender-Based Violence Unit, Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS), held an interactive sensitization with staff surrounding this year's theme. Some of the topics covered included Guarding Against Sexual Assault, aspects of the Domestic Violence Act, Types of Violence and the work of the Victim and Witness Support Unit of the TTPS.

Staff in attendance were given the opportunity to engage with Ms. Guy-Alleyne on a number of issues and shared their own experiences in the fight against gender-based violence.



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## WALK FOR A BRIGHTER TOMORROW



**The Port of Spain Division Community-Oriented Policing Section (COPS) of the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS) made the plea for all hands on deck and “All Boots on the Ground” and their call was answered.**

**On Saturday 25 November, 2023, members of various Police Youth Clubs came out to walk for a brighter tomorrow, making their way from the Queen’s Park Savannah to Independence Square, Port of Spain, accompanied by live entertainment.**



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The event, sanctioned by Commissioner of Police, Ms. Erla Harewood-Christopher, was a collaborative effort between the Port of Spain COPS and Project GRACE to highlight that "Crime is Everybody's Business".

With Project GRACE as one of its critical stakeholders, the TTPS promotes community partnership as vital to restoring trust, confidence and effective stakeholder engagement.



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## ODPM CONDUCTS TSUNAMI EVACUATION DRILL



**On Tuesday 28 November, 2023, the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Management (ODPM) partnered with the Mayaro/ Rio Claro Regional Corporation's Disaster Management Unit (DMU) for the coordination of a Tsunami Evacuation Exercise.**

**In the Mayaro district, the DMU undertook mitigation initiatives, guided by the Sendai Framework's Priorities for Action, to reduce the Kernahan community's vulnerabilities to coastal impacts and build capacity through awareness and evacuation practice.**



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The simulation exercise was centered on an impending tsunami, where the DMU alerted Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members to assist with the activation of the Early Warning System (EWS) in the community, such as sirens and responders to assist with the evacuation.

Also participating in the exercise were members of the Mayaro community, the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS), the Trinidad and Tobago Fire Service (TTFS), the Trinidad and Tobago Coast Guard (TTCG), and the Eastern Regional Health Authority (ERHA).





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## ARMS OF NATIONAL SECURITY PARTICIPATE IN SAN FERNANDO CITY DAY PARADE



On Saturday 25 November, 2023, San Fernando marked a special milestone as it celebrated its 35th Anniversary as a City. As part of the festivities, the streets of San Fernando were filled with spectators as members of the military parade marched through the streets. The momentous occasion saw a splendid display of national pride and unity, with the participation of contingents of the Ministry National Security.







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