



MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY

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FLYING OF THE NATIONAL FLAG AT HALF-MAST FOLLOWING THE PASSING OF FORMER PRIME MINISTER MR. BASDEO PANDAY

***Port of Spain:* The Ministry of National Security is advising all state and non-state agencies; and Trinidad and Tobago diplomatic missions abroad, that the National Flag of Trinidad and Tobago is to be flown at half-mast TODAY, beginning immediately (Tuesday January 02, 2024) in observance of the passing of former Prime Minister, the Honourable Basdeo Panday. The former Prime Minister passed away on Monday January 01, 2024.**

Mr. Basdeo Panday served as Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago from 1995 to 2001.

The National Flag should be flown at half-mast or half-staff. This requires lowering the flag by its own depth, from its normal position at the peak of the staff.

At half-mast, the flag is first hoisted to the top of the staff for an instant, and then lowered to the half-mast position. Before lowering the flag for the day, the flag is again raised to the top of the staff and then lowered.

Other flags on the same stand of poles should also be at half-mast or should not be flown at all when the National Flag is at half-mast. Flags of foreign nations should not be flown at half mast, unless their country is also observing the particular period of mourning.

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