



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

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## MINISTER HINDS OFFICIALLY OPENS LEARNING CENTRE FOR FEMALE YOUTH OFFENDERS

Minister of National Security the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P. joined the Trinidad and Tobago Prison Service and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to formally open the new Learning Centre at the Youth Transformation Rehabilitation Centre for Females (YTRCF), Golden Grove Road, Arouca with a brief Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony on Tuesday August 23, 2022.



The Learning Centre, donated by the UNDP, provides a dedicated space with access to cutting-edge academic tools to conduct classes for females housed at the YTRCF.

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**On this occasion, thirty-seven prison (37) officers and three (3) probation officers also received certificates for successfully completing a Youth Mentorship and Motivation Training Series in May 2022. The Presentation of Certificates took place at the Youth Training and Rehabilitation Centre (YTRC), Golden Grove Road, Arouca.**

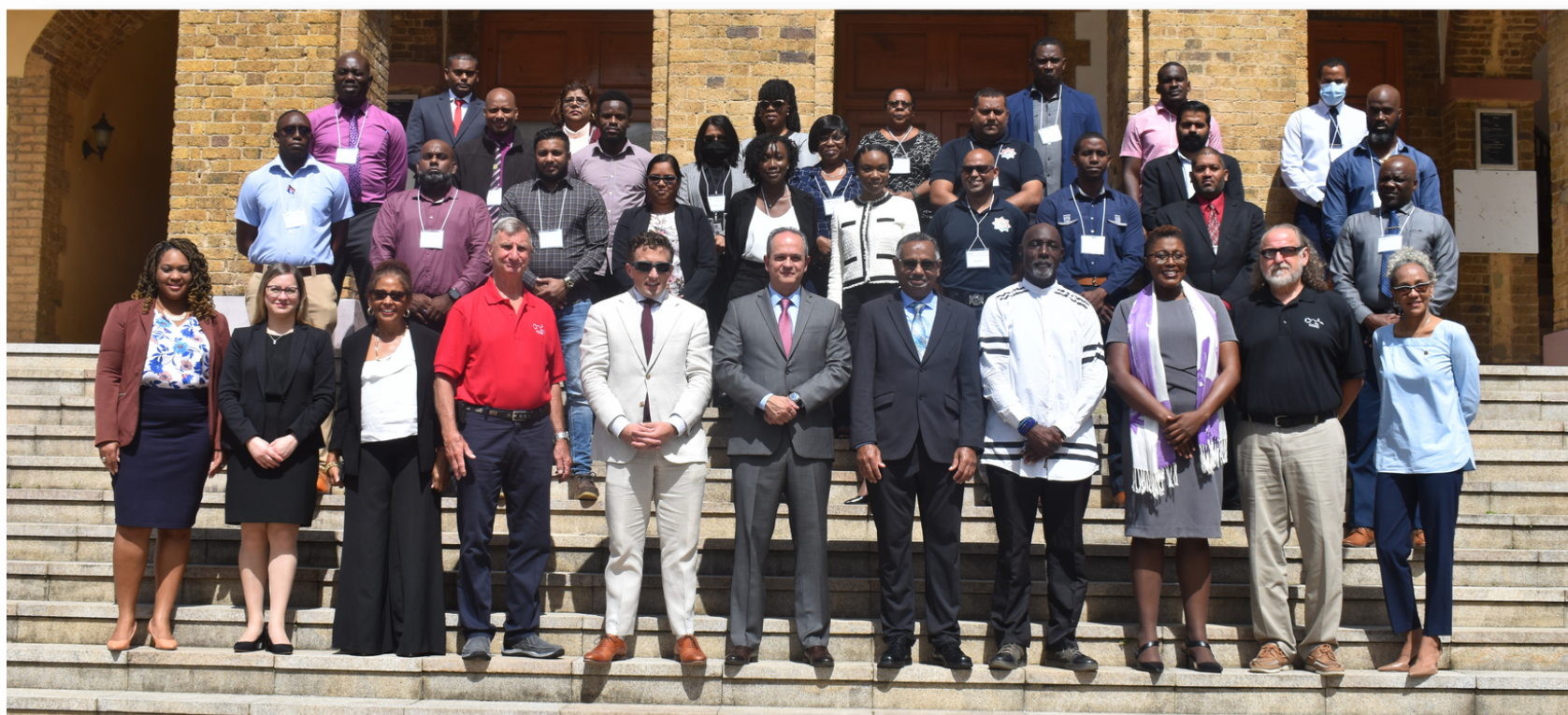
**The Training Series was organized by the UNDP and conducted by a global expert in juvenile justice assessments and training. It aimed to further expose prison officers and probation officers to training in approaches that enhance their capacity to effectively deal with the youth under their charge.**

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## **LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES OFFICERS RECEIVE TRAINING ON IDENTIFYING SYNTHETIC DRUGS**

**A total of twenty-eight (28) officers from across several Law Enforcement and Protective Services agencies benefitted from the National Training Seminar for the Detection and Identification of Synthetic Drugs, including New Psychoactive Substances (NPS) and their Precursor Chemicals. This was hosted by the National Drug Council (NDC) of the Ministry of National Security, in collaboration with the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission of the Organization of American States (CICAD/OAS) from August 22 to 26, 2022 at the Trinidad and Tobago Police Academy, St James.**



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**During his address at the opening ceremony on August 22, 2022, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of National Security, Mr. Gary Joseph welcomed the visiting lecturers and coordinators to Trinidad and Tobago and thanked them for sharing their expertise with the officers. He stated that the Ministry of National Security saw this initiative as a capacity building tool so that officers can better identify and cope with existing and emerging transnational drug challenges.**



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## FIRE SERVICE OFFICERS MOVE UP THE RANKS



On August 25, 2022, the Trinidad and Tobago Fire Service promoted twenty-seven (27) Sub-Station Officers to the rank of Fire Station Officers at a brief ceremony held at the Trinidad and Tobago Fire Service Headquarters, Wrightson Road, Port-of-Spain.

Three (3) female firefighters were among the top ranked officers on the merit list. This was the largest promotion conducted by the Fire Service since 2016.

Chief Fire Officer Mr. Arnold Bristow congratulated the officers and urged them to continue fulfilling the mandate of the Fire Service in their new position through effective firefighting and fire prevention practices.

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## PREPARATIONS UNDERWAY FOR DIAMOND JUBILEE INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

Members of the Ministry of National Security's (MNS) Defence and Protective Services are currently engaged in preparations and rehearsals for the traditional Independence Day Military Parade that will take place on Wednesday August 31, 2022, commencing at the Queen's Park Savannah, Port of Spain.



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**The Military Parade forms part of Trinidad and Tobago's Diamond Jubilee anniversary festivities, celebrating 60 years as an independent nation. The Parade will be inspected by the President of Trinidad and Tobago, Her Excellency Paula Mae-Weekes O.R.T.T. and will consist of a display of this country's uniformed services and their assets, including their music bands. The contingent will then continue its march through the streets of Port of Spain.**



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