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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE ISSUES UPDATE FOLLOWING RESCUE OF ST.VINCENT VII CREW

The Ministry of Defence wishes to advise that in the hours following the rescue of the six-member crew of the fishing vessel ST VINCENT VII, one member of the rescued crew, 66-year-old Trinidadian Ship Captain Mr. Anthony Murray started exhibiting signs of shallow breathing, although appearing stable and showing no signs of pain or discomfort.

The Ministry of Defence was subsequently advised by the crew of the MV MARVEL KITE that Mr. Murray appeared lifeless within a few hours of the observation, whilst the vessel was en route to St. Lucia for a rendezvous with the crew of Trinidad and Tobago Coast Guard vessel CG25.

Following the passing of Mr. Murray, a decision was made to divert to St. Vincent for the delivery of the body and a formal declaration of death as well as for medical examination and treatment of the remaining rescued crew members.

Once medically examined, the remaining rescued crewmen would be returned to Trinidad by the Trinidad and Tobago Air Guard.

The Ministry apologizes for the delay in disseminating this announcement as a decision was taken to withhold the announcement of the passing of Captain Murray until his immediate family members were first notified.

The Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago wishes once more to express its heartfelt gratitude to the crew of MV MARVEL KITE and all others who participated in the search and subsequent rescue of the crew of ST VINCENT VII and to offer sincere condolences to the family of Captain Murray upon his untimely and unfortunate passing.

The Ministry of Defence will provide further updates as more information becomes available.

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