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TTDF EXECUTES SWIFT MARITIME INTERCEPTION

The Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force (TTDF) has demonstrated its continued vigilance, efficiency and operational readiness with the successful interception of a local vessel during an early-morning maritime operation.

At approximately 1:48 a.m., Interceptor 030 intercepted TFV 1231 CHAMPION, approximately 10.8 nautical miles southwest of Barranconnes Point. Three Venezuelan nationals were onboard. A search of the vessel resulted in the discovery of eleven crocus bags containing packets of compressed, plant-like material.

The vessel was secured and escorted to Staubles Bay, arriving at approximately 2:10 a.m.

The operation is being supported by the Strategic Intelligence Unit, Immigration Division and Customs and Excise Division.

The Ministry of Defence commends the TTDF personnel involved for their swift response, discipline and operational effectiveness.

Our maritime domain remains under active watch. The TTDF will continue to detect, intercept and disrupt maritime threats, using every lawful capability available to protect Trinidad and Tobago and its territorial waters

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