



GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE ACTIVATES NATIONAL SECURITY RESPONSE FOLLOWING FATAL INCIDENT INVOLVING MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICER

The Ministry of Defence notes the death of a Municipal Police Officer, in the line of duty earlier today, attached to the San Fernando Municipal Police Station.

The Minister of Defence, and Minister in the Ministry of Homeland Security, the Honourable Wayne Sturge extends condolences to the family, colleagues, and the Trinidad and Tobago Municipal Police Service community.

The Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force (TTDF) has moved to an elevated operational posture and is actively supporting our colleagues at the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service; the Trinidad and Tobago Municipal Police Service; and the wider national security apparatus. Intelligence assets are engaged, monitoring is ongoing, and contingency support remains in place to contain any immediate or emerging threats.

The Ministry of Defence is synchronizing its efforts with the Commissioner of Police and the leadership of the wider national security apparatus to ensure a unified and disciplined response. All necessary resources are being applied to secure the environment and advance the investigation.

The public is urged to remain calm, avoid speculation, and allow the authorities to carry out their duties without interference.

Further updates will be provided by relevant agencies as information becomes available and is verified.

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Wayne D Sturge

Minister of Defence
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