



GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

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**MINISTRY OF DEFENCE CLARIFIES MISLEADING
CLAIMS REGARDING INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS**

The Ministry of Defence is aware of information currently being circulated on social media alleging that Independence Day celebrations have been cancelled. These claims are false and misleading.

At a time when the nation should be focused on unity, patriotism, and national pride, it is regrettable that some individuals continue to promote incomplete information and unsubstantiated conclusions for public consumption, with the clear intention of causing disharmony and confusion.

Members of the public are encouraged to rely on official information issued through authorised Government channels and to exercise caution when engaging with unverified claims circulated on social media platforms, particularly those with clear agendas designed to mislead.

The Ministry of Defence remains committed to supporting national observances in keeping with established Government policy and will provide official updates through the appropriate channels.

The Independence Day celebrations will proceed as planned.

Wayne D Sturge

Minister of Defence

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