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The Trinidad and Tobago Chamber Calls For Swift Action Against Crime

The Trinidad & Tobago Chamber of Industry and Commerce strongly condemns the recent spate of violent crime. We call on Dr. The Honourable Keith Rowley, Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago as the Head of the National Security Council, the Minister of National Security and the Acting Commissioner of Police to address this increase in crime with a swift and effective action plan to eliminate the recent criminal activities in our society.

The brutal killing of businesswoman Nicole Moses in the presence of her family and children is barbaric. This incident occurred a few days after Brian Manswell and his staff at Reliable Appliances were also attacked and beaten by bandits. While these incidents impact members of the business community, the citizens of Trinidad and Tobago have also been affected by the increase in criminal activity.

It is of concern that in the most recent murder, two of the perpetrators collectively have 21 pending charges for robberies, home invasions and larceny. This fact highlights the loopholes in our justice system and we ask the question: How were these men allowed to continue to circulate in public because of bail entitlements?

We call on lawmakers and those governing our country to set aside partisan positions to put in place the legislation that will protect us. In this regard, the Chamber also calls for urgent action on bail reform and other elements of our justice system.

The Government needs to act swiftly and urgently to eradicate this level crime in the country that continues to put fear and heartache on the shoulders of our law-abiding citizens.

The way we are today cannot be the way we go forward. The Chamber stands ready to collaborate with Government in the interest of urgent action.

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