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Swift and decisive action needed to deal with criminal attacks on businesspeople

The shooting of Chaguanas businessman Darryl Dindial yesterday is a tragedy and unfortunately follows a pattern of increasing attacks upon businesspeople. The Trinidad and Tobago Chamber of Industry and Commerce condemns this most recent incident in the very strongest manner and again calls for urgent action on crime in Trinidad and Tobago.

The recent killings of Nicole Moses which was witnessed by her family, the attack on Brian Manswell and his staff at Reliable Appliances and this most recent event confirms that the business community continues to be the target of criminal elements in this country. Furthermore, the citizens of Trinidad and Tobago have also been affected by the increase in criminal activity and continue to live in fear. The brazen and brutal nature of so many of the crimes committed disrupts the peace and productivity of our society.

Equally distressing is the fact that many of the persons associated with these crimes have pending charges for robberies, home invasions and larceny. The fact that they are allowed to continue to circulate in public because of bail entitlements, notwithstanding the clear fact that criminal activity is a part of their way of life, is equally appalling.

We strongly appeal to our lawmakers and those governing our country to set aside partisan positions and to implement legislation and policies that will protect citizens. We believe that further support of the protective services is needed.

The Chamber stands ready to collaborate with Government in the interest of urgent action. This must be about the call of duty to a nation and to the citizens that need to be served.

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