

MEDIA STATEMENT

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COLLABORATION AND COOPERATION NEEDED TO FIGHT CRIME AND KEEP COMMUNITIES SAFE

The Trinidad and Tobago Industry and Commerce (TTCIC) expresses its dismay and distress about the rate of homicides overall, with anguish over the most recent incident involving the tragic loss of four of our nation's young lives. The recent heinous killing of young children highlights the necessity for urgent action by all.

Every day we have heard of instances of various crimes and acts of violence and our members have also been affected - some themselves or their families, friends, or communities. Crime does not discriminate - it is a plague being spread by a few people in our society. We must collectively stop and ask, "What do we do as a nation to stop them?"

We acknowledge that crime is an issue which requires a multi-pronged approach for several reasons, as articulated by experts. TTCIC also recognize there are several non-governmental organizations (NGO's), civil society organizations (CSO's), business service organizations (BSO's), and others who have been doing their part to try to assist. However, it is evident that the leadership of our country needs to collaborate and cooperate as part of the effort, and we look forward to their meeting.

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