

Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago Ministry of Education

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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Dear Editor/Head of Department,

## Investigation Underway Following Reported Intrusion at Malick Secondary School

The Ministry of Education is currently investigating reports regarding a security incident that occurred at the Malick Secondary School during the early hours of Sunday, July 6, 2025.

According to initial reports, a group of unidentified individuals unlawfully entered the school compound. During the intrusion, two security officers were reportedly ambushed and accosted.

The matter was reported to both the relevant supervisory personnel and relayed to law enforcement. The Ministry views this incident with the utmost seriousness and is currently working closely with the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS), MTS Security Services, and other relevant authorities to support ongoing investigations.

In the interim, the Ministry has initiated measures to assess and strengthen security infrastructure at the school, such as improvements to perimeter fencing, on-site lighting, and a review of patrol protocols and procedures. These immediate and long-term considerations will also inform the planning and implementation of the national Vacation Repair Programme, with the aim of mitigating future security risks across the education sector.

Commenting on the situation, Dr the Honourable Michael Dowlath, Minister of Education, stated:

"This Ministry will continue to act decisively and responsibly to prevent future breaches. This incident underscores the importance of our ongoing infrastructure review and reinforces the role of the national Vacation Repair Programme in addressing security vulnerabilities. Targeted responses to safety and security have already begun in this respect."

The Ministry continues to work collaboratively with all security service providers and encourages the ongoing exercise of vigilance in safeguarding school compounds, including the timely reporting of any unusual activity or concerns.

The safety and security of all students, staff, and property remain a top priority of the Ministry. Further updates will be provided as investigations continue.

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