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A BOOST FOR THE MUNICIPAL POLICE SERVICE

Kent House, Maraval: November 25th 2016. Senator the Honourable Kazim Hosein, Minister of Rural Development and Local Government, yesterday approved the recruitment of three senior officials to lead the Municipal Police Service. It is expected that these appointments will contribute to ensuring the safety of citizens in their communities.

As part of the Local Government Reforms proposed by this Administration, the Municipal Police will receive a welcome boost thanks to the recruitment of a Municipal Assistant Commissioner of Police and two (2) Municipal Senior Superintendents of Police, one for North and the other for South Trinidad. This is a critical first step towards establishing the new Municipal Police Service structure to facilitate the management of the one thousand one hundred and seven (1,107) Municipal Police Officers who will be recruited over the coming fiscal year. It is the implementation of the ruling by the Privy Council to facilitate the management of Municipal Police Officers. Letters of appointment will be issued shortly to the successful candidates shortly.

This follows a meeting held on September 28th, 2016 with the Minister of National Security, representatives of the Office of Law Enforcement Policy (OLEP) of the Ministry of National Security, the Minister of Rural Development and Local Government and representatives of this Ministry to discuss the recruitment of 1,107 Municipal Police Constables. The two Ministries are working together to tackle crime at the community level, by reforming the recruitment process to increase the complement of Municipal Police Officers in each Corporation.

Minister Hosein said, “As part of the Local Government Reform process, the Ministry will recruit eleven hundred and seven new Municipal Police officers to complete the fourteen hundred count as articulated in the PNM’s 2015 manifesto which has since become Government policy and our vision for effective local governance. These Municipal Police Officers will work within their assigned communities ensuring a closer relationship with the burgesses to better serve their needs.” According to this vision, the Municipal Police will take on more responsibilities to improve overall law enforcement efforts and to enhance public safety at the community level.

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