

Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

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Attention All Editors

For Immediate Release

Commission Confirms Readiness for 2025 Parliamentary Elections

The Elections & Boundaries Commission (the Commission) confirms its readiness for the Parliamentary Elections scheduled for tomorrow, Monday, April 28, 2025. Following extensive planning, rigorous training, and collaboration with stakeholders to execute what is perhaps the single most logistically complex exercise a country can undertake, the Commission has carried out the following:

- 1. <u>Voter Education</u>: Through a series of nationwide outreach initiatives, the Commission has informed citizens about the voting process, polling locations, voters' rights, electoral regulations, and potential electoral offences. Comprehensive campaigns have been conducted across social media platforms, radio, television, and print media to engage and educate the public.
- 2. <u>Polling Station Readiness</u>: All 2316 polling stations have been established and are equipped with the necessary staffing, materials and supplies. Inspections have been conducted to ensure that each location meets high standards of accessibility, functionality, and safety.
- 3. <u>Staff Training</u>: Over 13,000 Election officials and polling day staff have received training to equip them with the skills needed to assist voters and administer the voting process efficiently. Training included voting procedures, conflict resolution strategies, and the implementation of health and safety protocols.
- 4. <u>Security Measures</u>: Under the stewardship of the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service, the Commission has collaborated with the police to ensure that robust security arrangements have been instituted to safeguard voters, election personnel, and the integrity of the electoral process.

"Our team has worked diligently to ensure that every eligible voter can exercise their right to vote safely and confidently as they participate in this vital democratic exercise," stated Ms. Fern Narcis-Scope, Chief Election Officer.

All voters are encouraged to plan ahead and allocate sufficient time to cast their ballots between the official polling hours of 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. On Poll Day, the Commission also encourages its stakeholders to call its Hot Lines at 785-8206 or 785-8211 or the Communications Unit at 625-5924 should any urgent information be required.

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