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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### Inaccurate Newsday Article About Funding For The Trinidad And Tobago Police Service

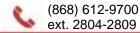
The Ministry of Finance has taken note of an inaccurate article in today's edition (Sunday January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019) of the Trinidad and Tobago Newsday entitled "*Squeeze for Police*" which erroneously alleges that since the 2018/2019 budget last year, the Ministry of Finance has only released funds to meet obligations for salaries for the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS).

#### This article is wholly incorrect.

In particular, based on a December 2018 letter from the Commissioner of Police for \$80 million in funding for goods and services for the Police Service, and in consultation with the Commissioner, the Ministry of Finance has so far released \$20 million to the Police for equipment, materials, services and supplies. A further \$20 million is scheduled to be released for this purpose within the next two weeks and a balance of \$40 million in February 2019.

The Newsday article thus has no basis in fact.

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