



Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago
Ministry of Justice

Ministry of Justice Presents Presidential Pardons to 17 Recipients MEDIA RELEASE

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The Honourable Devesh Maharaj, Minister of Justice and Minister in the Office of the Attorney General, as Chairman of the Advisory Committee on the Power of Pardon (Mercy Committee), presided over the distribution of Warrants of Presidential Pardon to 17 recipients at the Ministry's Head Office in Port of Spain on Tuesday, July 28, 2026.

This was attended by senior officials of the Ministry, including Ms. Trudy Lewis, Permanent Secretary (Ag.); Ms. Ayanna Gaspard Clarke, Permanent Secretary (Ag.); and Ms. Fran Chaitoo-Jacob, Deputy Permanent Secretary (Ag.).

Minister Maharaj thanked the Mercy Committee and its Secretariat for their dedicated work. He spoke candidly about the long process and backlog involved, emphasising the Ministry's commitment to pushing applications forward and ensuring the efficient and timely administration of this important constitutional function. Commending recipients for changing their lives, he highlighted the significance of second chances, rehabilitation, and restorative justice.

This distribution of Warrants of Presidential Pardon underscores the Ministry's dedication to advancing restorative justice, supporting rehabilitation, and strengthening public confidence in the administration of justice through effective institutional oversight and adherence to the rule of law.

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Photo: *The Honourable Devesh Maharaj, Minister of Justice and Minister in the Office of the Attorney General; Ms. Trudy Lewis, Permanent Secretary (Ag.); Ms. Ayanna Gaspard Clarke, Permanent Secretary (Ag.); and Ms. Fran Chaitoo-Jacob, Deputy Permanent Secretary (Ag.). at the distribution of Warrants of Presidential Pardon.*



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