

# T&T, US pledge further cooperation on security

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RELATIONS between Trinidad and Tobago and the United States of America continue to be fostered, as discussions were held this week with representatives of the military arms of both countries.

The Ministry of National Security held a press briefing on Tuesday at Tower C at the International Waterfront Centre in Port of Spain, which was chaired by Minister Edmund Dillon and Admiral Kurt Tidd, Commander, US Southern Command.

Tidd said the two organisations had spent the past two days discussing security issues of mutual concern to the two nations, as well as the region, something which he said could only be "combated" with bilateral and regional cooperation.

"The United States respects and values the significant contribution Trinidad and Tobago makes to stability in the Caribbean and the hemisphere," said Tidd. "We appreciate the opportunity to share perspectives and ideas on effective ways to collaborate against threats of mutual concern and we salute T&T's willingness to address the tough issues, including the challenge of radical extremism."

"Our dialogue and partnership allow us to more effectively address the trans-regional networks that enable criminal and extremist activities. Our partnership also enhances our ability to support humanitarian assistance operations to save lives and ease suffering in the aftermath of disasters," he added.

"The US Southern Command is committed to working with Trinidad and Tobago and all of our Caribbean partners, to contribute to lasting peace in the Americas and protect our shared interests, foremost among them the safety and security of our citizens. I have greatly appreciated the opportunity to visit your country, and hear the perspectives of your leaders on the challenges and opportunities we face together."

Dillon expressed similar sentiments, noting that he was very appreciative to have face-to-face discussions with the admiral on the strategies that the two nations could be utilising to combat crime.

"The most fruitful part would be sharing of information, because, at the end of the day, no one country can treat with all of the issues. Building and working with other nations is what will push us forward," Dillon said.



*Bruce  
Almroth  
Mc Intosh  
Procope, Q.C.*

**BRUCE ALMROTH MC INTOSH PROCOPE, Q.C. departed this world peacefully on Monday November 6, 2017 at 5pm. He was born on June 18, 1925 to Lois Eunice Mc Intosh Procope (Deceased) and Jack Arthur Procope (Deceased).**

He enters his eternal rest joining his siblings: Norris, Clayton and Grace and his daughter; Joy. He was the husband of Claire (Deceased) and Pamela (Deceased). He will be forever loved and greatly missed by his children: Anne Procope-Garcia, Rebecca Procope-Crosby, and John Procope. He was the doting grandfather of Aryann, Anais, Christian, Stephanie, Alexandra and Sophia; great-grandfather of Azaria, Alexis, and Zion. Father-in-law of Gary and Cloyde; Step-father of Nigel Thomas and Rachel Telemaque; step-father in law of Michael and Susan; Brother-in-law of Monica, Judith (Deceased), and Hugh Ferreira (Deceased).

He will be greatly missed by his nephews: Lanny, Rolf, Julian, Andre, Adam and his buddy Reese; his cousins: the Mc Intosh, Clarke, Gollop and Dore families; and many family, friends and colleagues.

The celebration of the life of the late Bruce Procope will be held on **Saturday November 11, 2017 at 10:00am at All Saints Anglican Church, Marli Street, Newtown, Port of Spain.** He will be interred at the Lapeyrouse Cemetery.

*May He Rest In Peace.*

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We are proud to publicly express that Mr Aboud is laudable of such an honor, having had a remarkable series of successes, starting small and building his way to the top as a leader in private security. This award is the corporeal proof of three decades of pioneering business with unflinching and selfless dedication to employees and customers. While enjoying consistent progression and accomplishments, Mr. Aboud dedicatedly motivates our cadre of professionals towards achieving higher levels of academic, professional and personal development. Words such as groundbreaking, forward thinking and visionary cannot fully describe our Chairman's exceptional approach to entrepreneurship and innovation.

Cognizant that Mr Aboud holds in high esteem anyone who strives to become expert in their field, this award from UTT attests to his level of personal accomplishment. We sincerely thank the University of Trinidad and Tobago for recognizing and attesting to our Chairman's achievements and contribution to society.



*Congratulations Mr. Aboud! We all celebrate your achievement.*

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