



The Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago  
Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs

CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

**MEDIA RELEASE**

In December, 2018 the Office of the Attorney General & Legal Affairs was successful in securing Orders from the High Court of Justice in respect of a total of 135 individuals and 5 entities listed on the United Nation's Security Council 1988 Sanctions List ('UN's 1988 Sanctions List'), declaring those individuals listed entities and freezing their funds pursuant to the provisions of the Anti-Terrorism Act, Chap. 12:07. This brings the total number of local and foreign persons and entities who have been listed under the Anti-Terrorism Act and whose funds have been frozen to 506.

The effect of the Order is also to require that a financial institution or listed business immediately inform the Financial Intelligence Unit if any listed entity has funds with the financial institution or listed business in Trinidad and Tobago and further, if the listed entity attempts to enter into a transaction or continue a business relationship, a suspicious activity report is to be filed to the FIU immediately. The financial institution or listed business is also obliged not to proceed with such transaction or continue such relationship. These and other measures implemented through such Orders thus have the effect of restricting the access of listed entities and individuals to our domestic financial market, thereby protecting the integrity and enhancing the transparency of Trinidad and Tobago's financial system in the fight against terrorism and terrorism financing.

This addresses another key deficiency in our country's compliance with obligations under the United Nations regime as well as our Financial Action Task Force (FATF) obligations. Trinidad and Tobago continues to work diligently to ensure targeted financial sanctions are implemented without delay and to address all identified deficiencies in our AML/CFT framework and other threats to the global financial system, making significant strides to lift our status on the Compliance Document with the FATF as we move to the next reporting and reassessment due on **January 4, 2019**.

Trinidad and Tobago also continues to fulfill its obligations under United Nations Security Council Resolutions 1988(2011), ensuring that all entities and individuals currently listed under the UN's 1988 Sanctions List have been declared listed entities and their funds and property have been frozen. These

targeted financial sanctions regime remain a significant component of the whole of Government approach to preventing and countering violent extremism and our continued collaboration with our international counterparts to disrupt the activities of terrorist entities and individuals. Moreso, Trinidad and Tobago remains steadfast in working diligently with our regional partners in the Caribbean basin in order to effectively address terrorism and the financing of terrorism and remains cognizant that our fight emanates firstly in dealing with this from our ground.

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