



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

CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Order of the High Court under Section 22B of the Anti-Terrorism Act against Shane Crawford**

On Wednesday, March 29, 2017 the Attorney General filed an application in accordance with Section 22B(1)(b) of the Anti-Terrorism Act, Chap. 12:07 seeking an Order of the High Court declaring Shane Crawford to be a listed entity and freezing his funds. That Order was granted today, Friday, March 31, 2017.

The Order against Shane Crawford, also known as “Abu Sa’d at-Trinidadi” and as “Asadullah,” comes after several months of intelligence sharing and investigative co-operation between Trinidad and Tobago and our foreign counterparts, including the United States and United Kingdom. Today’s success is due in large part to the joint efforts of, the Ministry of National Security (Strategic Services Agency and Immigration Division), the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (Financial Investigations Branch and Special Branch), the Financial Intelligence Unit and the Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs (Registrar General’s Department, Central Authority and Anti-Terrorism Desk).

Unlike other jurisdictions where the process of designating terrorist entities is administrative, Trinidad and Tobago’s listing mechanism is a judicial process. The Attorney General therefore has an obligation to make an application to the High Court only where there is sufficient evidence to satisfy the High Court that the requisite standard of proof has been met. The Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs continues to make significant progress in implementing the provisions of the Anti-Terrorism Act, which remained largely unutilized until the first ever Order under Section 22B was obtained from the High Court on December 3, 2015.

Shane Crawford is now the 341st individual or entity listed in accordance with Section 22B and the fifth designation by Trinidad and Tobago in accordance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1373 (2001). Such action against Mr. Crawford however represents a new threshold in Trinidad and Tobago's fight against terrorism and the spread of violent extremism ideologies.

Vigorous work continues domestically and with our international partners in respect of Mr. Crawford and other persons and entities of interest. As we press forward, the Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs and the Government of Trinidad and Tobago remain resolved to use all legal means at our disposal to combat terrorism in all its forms.

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DATED: March 31<sup>st</sup> 2017