

Prakash ready to fight legal battle over protest

ROSEMARIE SANT

St Augustine Member of Parliament Prakash Ramadhar says he is ready to do legal battle with National Security Minister Edmund Dillon over his "descent into dictatorship by the use of state resources to intimidate law abiding citizens," by ordering an investigation into the

protest at the Couva Hospital last Friday. Ramadhar said he is well prepared to attend, "at any place at any time to be interviewed in connection with this investigation."

Dillon has blamed the protest led by Ramadhar for the massive traffic jam which he said affected not just southerners making their way home, but

also persons who were heading to the Brian Lara Cricket Academy for the opening ceremony.

Ramadhar advised Dillon to seek legal advice because "the Ministry of National Security has no power in law, statutory or otherwise, to conduct investigations of the genre which you have stated. It seems that as the Minister of National

Security you are either unaware or ill-advised as to your role and/or powers and I call upon you to take legal advice in this regard."

Citing the country's growing crime problem which has citizens living in fear, Ramadhar said, "It is deeply disconcerting that you would take a decision to deploy any investigatory resources towards a matter where citizens

of this country decide to demonstrate their opposition to a clearly ill-conceived policy and use of public funds."

He said the decision to investigate "is nothing more than an attempt to use the resources of the state to intimidate citizens of this country who have the courage to voice their dissatisfaction with your abysmal gov-

ernment policies." Ramadhar said, "given your descent into dictatorship by the use of State resources to intimidate law-abiding citizens, I wish to inform you that I was

present during the alleged protest action and I now stand ready and willing to attend any purported investigation being conducted by your offices, in the company of my lawyers.



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Notice Of A Special General Meeting

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE LAW ASSOCIATION OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Law Association of Trinidad & Tobago hereby calls a **SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING** of the Law Association of Trinidad & Tobago pursuant to Section 23, First Schedule of the Legal Profession Act to take place on **THURSDAY 1 JUNE, 2017 at 3 pm** in the Hall of Justice, Convocation Hall, Knox Street, Port of Spain, in response to a written Requisition signed by 62 members of the Law Association and served on the Secretariat of the Law Association on Friday 5 May, 2017. The objects of the meeting as set out in the Requisition are as follows:

- To resolve that voting at this Special General Meeting on any of the resolutions be by secret ballot;
- To resolve that having regard to the importance and public interest in the matters to be debated members of the media be allowed to observe and report on the meeting;
- To resolve that the LATT do express its loss of confidence in the Honourable Chief Justice Ivor Archie as Chief Justice of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago;
- To resolve that the LATT do express its loss of confidence in the Honourable Chief Justice Ivor Archie as Chairman of the Judicial and Legal Services Commission (JLSC);
- To resolve that LATT do express its loss of confidence in Justice Roger Hamel-Smith, Ms. Marjori Thorpe and Justice Humphrey Stollmeyer as members of the JLSC;
- To resolve that LATT do call upon the Chief Justice Ivor Archie to resign forthwith as Chief Justice of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago;
- To resolve that LATT do call upon Justice Roger Hamel-Smith, Ms. Marjori Thorpe and Justice Humphrey Stollmeyer to resign as members of the JLSC.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE THAT the attachments to the Requisition may be inspected by any member at the Law Association's Main Office, 2nd Floor, 95-97 Frederick Street, Port of Spain between the hours of 9.00 am and 4.00 pm, Monday to Friday, and are also accessible in the members' section of the Association's website.

Only those practitioner members who hold a valid practicing certificate for the law term 2016-2017 or who produce a receipt for the 2016-2017 law term with a 2015-2016 practicing certificate can attend and vote at the meeting.

Dated this 14th day of May 2017

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