



LAW ASSOCIATION OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

MEDIA RELEASE

The Law Association of Trinidad and Tobago (“*the LATT*”) roundly condemns and deplors the brutal murder of its member, Mr Randall Hector. Mr Hector was a well-respected member of the legal profession and the national community.

Mr Hector was admitted to practise in Trinidad and Tobago in 2006. Throughout his career, he has played an integral part in the administration of the criminal justice system and was a prosecutor in the office of the Director of Public Prosecutions. The LATT joins with Mr Hector’s family, friends and colleagues in mourning his death and calls upon the Police to swiftly bring the perpetrators to justice.

The alarming level of violent crime in Trinidad and Tobago, to which our citizens have been subjected for many years now, is cause for very serious concern. The murder toll reached an all-time high in 2024. Indeed, it was the threat of a further escalation in gang-related violence that forced the Executive to declare a State of Emergency in accordance with Part III the Constitution, on the basis:

“that action has been taken, or is immediately threatened, by any person, of such a nature and on so extensive a scale, as to be likely to endanger the public safety or to deprive the community or any substantial portion of the community of supplies or services essential to life.

Mr Hector’s brutal murder was perpetrated 1 day after the declaration of a State of Emergency. The LATT is of the view that given the role that Mr Hector played in the administration of criminal justice in Trinidad and Tobago, there is an urgent need for the implementation of security measures for all prosecutors and judicial officers in the criminal justice system.

The objectives of the State of Emergency cannot be realised without the fearless efforts of the legal and judicial officers who are engaged in the criminal prosecution of violent offenders.

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