



TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION

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TTMA appalled at the mayhem and disruption on the nation's roads

The Trinidad and Tobago Manufacturers' Association is appalled at the 'action' taken by the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS) who set up road blocks along the highways and major roadways at daybreak today under the guise of 'normal duties'. This planned action has brought Trinidad and Tobago to a screeching halt.

This has translated into unquantifiable losses in terms of time, productivity, efficiencies, and of course business. This has had an immense impact on all members of society - schools, medical patients, doctors, international travellers, banks, business operators, religious establishments, port, customs, media and professionals. Essentially the entire country was held to ransom.

What is worrying for us as an Association is at the time of this release there has been no statement or communication from the Minister of National Security or the Commissioner of Police. Was this exercise directed and sanctioned by the leadership in our protective services? The population deserves an answer to this question.

TTMA believes that actions taken by any institution in Trinidad and Tobago must not be done in a manner that results in social and economic disadvantages to the citizens. The TTPS should always seek to engage their activities in a manner that garners confidence in our protective services and ensures that law and order is made to prevail above all else in our beloved country.

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