



Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

**Ministry of Digital Transformation**

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Full Operations Resume at AGLA**

Further to its release dated July 7, 2023 the Ministry of Digital Transformation (MDT) advises of the full resumption of operational functionality following the cyber-security breach at the office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs (AGLA) on July 1, 2023. At that time, the breach forced a shutdown of internal network operations inclusive of emails, file access and online connectivity. The impact on various departments of AGLA included the Solicitor General's Office, Chief State Solicitor, the Office of the DPP as well as other administrative functions.

Immediate steps were successfully taken to isolate the incident and contain the impact of the security breach. Subsequent forensic investigations were able to determine the point of entry into the system and confirm that there had been no similar incidents across AGLA and other associated offices.

The Government of Trinidad and Tobago engaged the services of its local and international partners to ensure that it responded in a manner that is consistent with leading international practice and to suppress the risk exposure associated with these types of events. An inter-ministerial response team collaborated with international experts in the field of cyber-security and worked assiduously to recover data, restore and sanitize the operating systems and significantly strengthen our resilience against future occurrences of this nature.

The digital environment is both fluid and dynamic, and we have emerged from this experience with enhanced vigilance, competence and capability. This type of occurrence is among the common challenges we face in this digital era and we have demonstrated that we are capable of matching the task at hand with confidence and agility. We apologize for any inconvenience experienced during this period and look forward to continuing to serve our varied stakeholders.

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