



**Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago**  
**Ministry of Housing**

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**Minister of Housing Offers Support to Families Affected by Fort Picton Fire**

**Port-of-Spain, January 15, 2026** – Dr the Honourable David A. Lee, Minister of Housing, extended condolences and support to two families of Fort Picton, Laventille, who were affected by a fire incident which tragically claimed one life.

The Minister was informed of the incident by Mr Kareem Marcelle, Member of Parliament for Laventille West.

In an immediate response, on the same day of the incident - Wednesday, January 14, 2026 - the Ministry of Housing, through its agency, the Trinidad and Tobago Housing Development Corporation (HDC), reached out to the affected families and took the necessary steps to provide temporary accommodation to bring relief to those impacted by the incident.

Senator the Honourable Phillip Alexander, Minister in the Ministry of Housing, visited the site of the fire to obtain a first-hand assessment of the damage. During the visit, he presented keys for temporary housing accommodation to the affected families and conveyed sympathies and condolences on behalf of the Ministry. The Ministry of Housing and the HDC will continue to monitor the situation closely and provide further assistance to the families as needed.

The Ministry of Housing remains committed to supporting citizens through the provision of housing solutions during times of crisis and extends sincere sympathies to all those affected by this tragic event.

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