



Emergency Declared in Trinidad and Tobago

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Trinidad and Tobago has declared a state of **emergency** following a surge in gang violence in the country, which has led to raising the annual death toll to the highest since 2013.

- Trinidad and Tobago has a population of **1.5 million** and records one of the **highest murder rates**.
- Previous states of emergency were declared in **2014** for gang violence and in 2021 for [Covid-19](#) restrictions.

Engagements with India:

- Trinidad and Tobago became the **first Caribbean country to adopt India's [UPI platform](#)**.
- Both countries granted each other **Most Favored Nation (MFN)** status in **1997**.
- Bilateral trade reached a record **USD 368.96 million in FY 2023-24**.
- The **Indian Diaspora** constitutes about **42%** of the total population of the country.

About Trinidad and Tobago:

- **Capital:** Port of Spain.
- **Location:** Island nation in the **southeastern West Indies**, near **Venezuela and Guyana**.
- **Independence:** Gaining independence from the **UK on 31st August 1962**, and becoming a **republic in 1976**, the nation is a member of the [Caribbean Community \(CARICOM\)](#).
- **Geographical Features:**
 - **Highest Point:** Mount Aripo.
 - **Major Rivers:** Ortoire and Caroni.
 - **Natural Resource:** Pitch Lake, the world's largest asphalt reservoir.
 - **Mountain Range:** **Northern Range**, part of the **Andes** extension.

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