

Lauri Luit, head of Crisis Management (Cyber), RIA Estonia, standing, interacts with a group of workshop participants.

## Threats to cyber security tackled in workshop

There has been significant growth in Cybercrime in the Caribbean. Government web sites have been hacked, child online exploitation has infiltrated schools and the increasing use of crypto currencies to fund criminal activities are but a few of the manifestations of criminal activity in cyberspace impacting the region. These activities point to the existence of significant cyber security vulnerabilities of persons, possessions and privacy. Critical national infrastructures such as water, telecommunications, energy and health systems are also at risk of being targeted. Cybercrime could have a devastating impact on national security and, if not addressed urgently, could severely hamper the social and economic development of our Caribbean States.

In an attempt to address these critical cyber threats, 24 participants have taken part in a European Union funded cyber security in crisis response workshop geared towards enhancing their skills in identifying and analyzing critical cybersecurity threats.

Regional experts from Caricom Implementation Agency for Crime and Security (Caricom IMPACS); and its two sub-agencies – the Regional Intelligence Fusion Centre (RIFC) and the Joint Regional Communication Centre (JRCC) – along with the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA), the Jamaica Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management, the Regional Security System (RSS), the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA), the T&T Defence Force, various arms of the Ministry of National Security of T&T and the Organization of American States (OAS) converged in T&T for five days (June 6-10) to analyse trends and statistical data in cyber security and to examine tools which triage cyber security information into crisis response procedures.

The workshop was organized by the Global Crisis Response Support Programme (GCRSP), a two-year programme financed by the European Union to the tune of 2.6 million euros. The GCRSP aims to strengthen crisis response and early warning capacities in Latin American and the Caribbean and to improve the inter-connectivity between crisis response centres within the region as well as strengthen cooperation with the EU Situation Room and other EU institutions in the field of crisis response and early warning. Activities include training and coaching sessions covering risk and scenario analysis, early warning, conflict analysis, leadership and strategic planning, information management and other related topics.

The course was conducted by the Organisation of American States/Cyber Security Programme of the Inter-American Committee against Terrorism (CICTE/OAS) together with the Information System Authority of the Republic of Estonia (RIA). This activity continues the collaboration already established between Caricom IMPACS and OAS/CICTE to tackle potential cybersecurity threats in the region.

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## Corporation chairman offers \$5,000 reward for stolen items

Chairman Sangre Grande Regional Corporation Martin Terry Rondon is offering a \$5000 reward for anyone who can return several items that were stolen from him last year in Sangre Grande.

Rondon said there were several prayer books were precious to him as they were given to him some 50 years ago from his grandparent and is hoping that they would be returned.

He is appealing to members of the public who has seen or knows the whereabouts of the books which he used daily for praying.

Rondon said a daily prayer book, an everyday of the week Prayer book, an Old Testament Bible and the Power of Prayer Part Two and a book marker with the Prayer of Peace given to him during the Archbishop Joseph Harris visit to Toco were stolen.

In an interview Rondon said a 15-pound lap, eight pounds of cray fish and other seasoned fish, fudge and coconut bake were in his car that day when they were stolen.

Rondon parked his dark grey Nissan motor car and went into a supermarket at George Street. When he returned he found his vehicle has been stolen.

After keys go missing from Pos prison...

## No action to replace locks

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No action has been taken as yet to replace the locks for calls of the Port-of-Spain State Prison after keys for them went missing for over 12 hours, allegedly removed by a prison officer who failed to return them in a reasonable time.

Following the discovery that the keys had been missing for close to 24 hours, it was discussed that the locks be changed in the event that the keys are duplicated and given to inmates. The Chubb locks, a UK based company that provided the locks, are believed to costs millions to replace and as such may need the intervention of the National Security Ministry to disburse additional funds to do so.

The T&T Guardian has been informed that the locks are specialised locks made specifically for prisons and replacing them will not be an easy task. "These are not the ordinary Goparl and Seeparl locks" a prison source told the T&T Guardian.

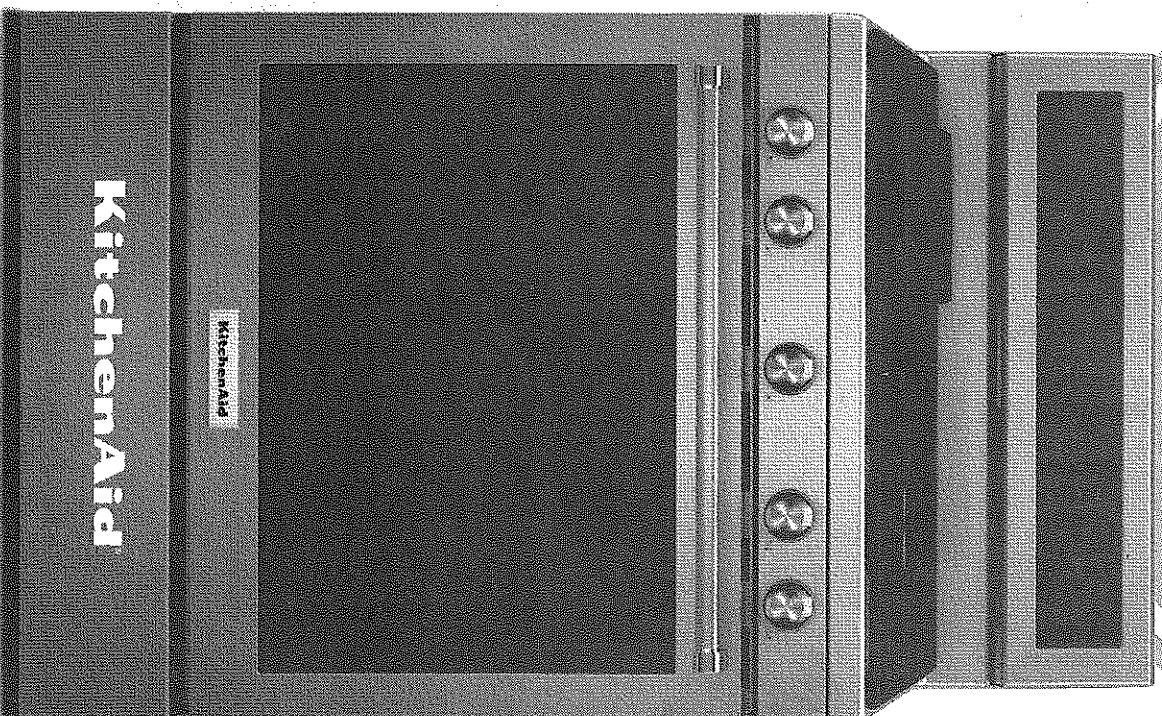
Since the incident on June 2, security measures at the over 200-year-old correctional facility on Frederick Street, Port-of-Spain, have been increased, including more frequent police patrols.

Prison officials maintained that while the keys were returned they were being cautious, especially since there had been runouts of an intended jailbreak following last year's daring daylight breakout. In April there was an increase in security at the Port-of-Spain State Prison after there was a runout of an intended jail break.

Last Wednesday, Darron Ramlochan, 28, of O'Brien Trace, Biche, appeared before Chief Magistrate Marcia Ayers-Caesar in the Port-of-Spain Magistrates' Court charged with misbehaving in public office by "willfully refusing or deliberately omitting" to return the keys which he knowingly removed from the prison.

He was granted \$80,000 bail after his attorney, Devish Narnie, told Ayers-Caesar his client was married with two children and had no criminal record.

It is alleged that after leaving work on June 2, Ramlochan, a prisons officer since 2011, failed to sign out the keys to the prison and only when police allegedly searched the St Helena home of his in-laws were they recovered.



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