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Media Release
Extremely Urgent Message!
Announcing Vigil for Peace II
Sunday December 7th
Woodford Square, Port of Spain
4.30 pm to 6.30 pm

We the People Must Say
- **A US Military Attack - Not in Our Name!**
- **War in the Region – Not in Our Name**
- **Extra-judicial Killings (murder) in the Caribbean Sea - Not in Our Name!**
- **US Troops and Radar in T&T - Not in Our Name!**

The Organisers of the Vigil for Peace, which was held on Sunday November 9th in Woodford Square, Port of Spain, announce Vigil for Peace II. This will be held on Sunday December 7th at Woodford Square from 4.30 pm to 6.30 pm. This Vigil will feature youth voices.

The holding of Vigil for Peace II has become extremely urgent given developments over the last two weeks.

- The arrival of the USS Gerald Ford – the world's largest battleship – and its accompanying flotilla of destroyers to the Caribbean, adding to the other destroyers with guided missile capabilities, a nuclear submarine and any number of fighter jets and B52 bombers stationed in Puerto Rico
- The presence of US Marines (the US 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit) in Trinidad for the second time in three weeks and the presence of several US destroyers in the Gulf of Paria
- The US Federal Aviation Authority has warned commercial airlines of flights by non-commercial planes (that is military aircraft) at all altitudes in the Caribbean area
- The designation of the so-called "Cartel of the Suns" and President Maduro as its head as a "Foreign Terrorist Organisation" (FTO) which the US believes gives them the authority to attack Venezuela. In the words of President Trump himself *"it allows us to do that…"*
- The visit to Trinidad and Tobago by General Caine, the Chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff – the first ever, which could not have been to eat doubles – to meet with the Prime Minister
- The arrival of US military aircraft to Tobago on at least 3 occasions in the past few days and the offloading of equipment
- The presence of US military troops in Tobago
- The announcement yesterday by President Trump in addressing US troops, that land strikes against Venezuela will start "very soon"

What makes this scenario of grave concern to the people of Trinidad and Tobago are the statements by the Government:

- "We did not discuss Venezuela" said the PM about the meeting with the Joint Chiefs of Staff, but what then was discussed? Combatting drug trafficking is not part of his job responsibility but making preparations for war or to defend the US against attack, are.
- The US planes are here to "help with the airport, with a bit of roadway" said the PM but the day after admitted that there are US Marines here and that they are installing a radar system at the airport in Tobago. This is most likely the radar system that the US requested Grenada to have installed at the Maurice Bishop International Airport and which permission has to date not been granted by the Grenadian Government. Was the installation of the radar in Tobago a request by General Caine?
- The Minister of Homeland Security requests the US to revoke the visas and "green cards" of Trinidad and Tobago nationals who are making statements about US-Trinidad and Tobago-Venezuela issues; and suggests that there will be a clampdown on social media – a clear attempt to clamp down on or intimidate voices who oppose what is happening
- The PM and Minister of Homeland Security insist that the presence of US troops – not once but twice in three weeks – is normal and was just about training.
- The refusal of the PM when asked by the media to state if she recognizes the Government in Venezuela, instead referring to standing with the people of Venezuela; and saying that Trinidad and Tobago will not be used to attack the "people" of Venezuela, trying to avoid the issue of being used to attack the government of Venezuela.

The facts should now be clear to everyone. The US President is very close to deciding on an attack on Venezuela. General Caine's swing through the region – he also visited troops stationed in Puerto Rico and on board some naval ships – was to do his job which is to assess the preparedness of the US to attack Venezuela and advise the President.

The US has now placed military assets on Tobago which, in the event of war, makes Tobago a fair target for Venezuela since it will not be attacking Trinidad and Tobago but a US military installation. That means Tobago is at risk. And if the US decides to locate naval ships in our territorial waters, will these – and therefore Trinidad and Tobago not be a target for Venezuela?

We have to be real. The possibility of war is growing rapidly. The decisions by the government have placed us squarely as a war ally of the US. This has placed Trinidad and Tobago at risk. Our citizens have been placed at risk. Our fisherfolk are at risk. Businesses have been placed at risk. And yet the government has refused to make a definitive and honest statement about the situation. Ministers have refused to answer key questions in Parliament. The country has been given nanci stories about doubles and paving a road at the Tobago airport.

We, the people, need to say with a very loud voice – US Troops and Radar in Tobago! War! Military Attack on Venezuela! Murder in the Caribbean Sea! These are Not in Our Name!

We stand for Peace! The Caribbean Must Remain a Zone of Peace Cause Nobody, Nobody wins a War!

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- Concerned Muslims of Trinidad and Tobago
- The Emancipation Support Committee
- Fishermen and Friends of the Sea
- Ifa/Orisa Council of Trinidad and Tobago
- Movement for Social Justice
- Network of NGOs for the Advancement of Women
- Trinidad and Tobago Scrap Iron Dealers Association
- Trinbago for Palestine
- Warao Nation of Trinidad and Tobago