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Confirmed Arson at Bamboo #1 Pump Site

On October 12th 2020, the Trinidad and Tobago Fire Service (TTFS) confirmed a deliberate attack of arson on the Bamboo #1 Pump Site, Bamboo #1 Settlement, Valsayn.

This malicious act has severely impacted the operations of the pump site as the structural integrity of the building, intake lines, electrical pump and fuel lines were considerably damaged. A preliminary assessment by the Mechanical Services Division of the Ministry of Works and Transport (MOWT) has estimated damages in the amount of \$300,000.00-\$500,000.00.

At a site visit today, Senator the Honorable Rohan Sinanan, Minister of Works and Transport stated that “Any act of sabotage is grossly irresponsible and unpatriotic. Over the last year, the Ministry of Works and Transport has invested considerably in the upgrade of this facility which plays a critical role in the flood mitigation plan for the area”.

Minister Sinanan further expressed that “a large percentage of the area including a significant number of residents, businesses and farmers are now at risk of flooding due the irresponsible actions of a few. The Ministry is now forced to take equipment from other sites to supplement this shortfall at Bamboo#1, placing other communities at

risk”.

The Minister vehemently expressed his concerns and assured that a full investigation into this matter will be conducted. He wishes to remind the general public that during this time of economic constraints, the availability of resources should be best spent in the interest of tax payers and not to remedy unlawful actions.

In the interim, emergency mobile units will be mobilized to assist with flood mitigation while repair works are being undertaken.
