

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Fire at Clifton Hill Towers, Port of Spain

The Trinidad and Tobago Housing Development Corporation (HDC) is aware of a fire that occurred at Clifton Hill Towers in Port of Spain on Tuesday, April 23, 2024.

The HDC understands the fire started at approximately 7:30 a.m. on the top floor of Building Two (2). The main occupant of the unit was at home when the fire occurred. Residents were alerted to the fire and informed the Trinidad and Tobago Fire Service (TTFS) which arrived on the scene and extinguished the blaze. The tenant suffered minor burns to his shoulder and back, and was taken to the Hospital to be treated for his injuries.

The cause of the fire is said to be a faulty electrical fan in the unit. Damage was done to the furniture and appliances, and initial reports indicate the unit was partially destroyed. The HDC will conduct checks to determine the extent of damage to the building, including water damage to the unit below. HDC's subsidiary, the Facilities Estate Management Company Limited (FEMCoL), will ensure the unit is remediated, following the TTFS' report, and the resident will be referred to the Ministry of Social Development and Family Services for counselling.

Minister of Housing and Urban Development Camille Robinson-Regis thanked the TTFS for its swift response in rescuing the victims and bringing them to safety. She also thanked them for extinguishing the fire and preventing it from reigniting or spreading to other units. HDC's Chairman Noel Garcia and Managing Director Jayselle McFarlane expressed similar sentiments.

The HDC awaits further information following an investigation by the TTFS. It will continue to work assiduously to ensure the safety of its residents and prevent such an incident from recurring.

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