



CENTRAL BANK OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO'S STATEMENT ON NEWSPAPER ARTICLE

The Governor and Central Bank unreservedly respect and value the principles of freedom of the press, as enshrined in our Constitution. The Governor and the Bank have no interest in hindering the media from carrying out their duties and functions. In fact, the Bank has maintained a productive and harmonious relationship with local media and, in the last two years, we have become even more accessible to the press and open in our communications.

On Friday 15th August 2014, the High Court granted an interim injunction preventing the publication by a media house of a story relating to the unauthorized access in May 2014 by unknown person(s) who used the

Bank's information technology systems to disseminate an unarguably false, malicious and defamatory communication relating to Bank employees. On Thursday 21st August 2014, the High Court, after hearing both parties, maintained the injunction. The injunction remains in place until the High Court delivers a final ruling following a trial of the matter.

The Court's intervention was sought on publication of this sensitive matter which could potentially undermine national confidence in the integrity of the Bank's information security systems. The injunction was also necessary to prevent the media house from further disseminating defamatory libel and possibly prejudicing

an ongoing investigation by the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service.

The Central Bank reiterates the unauthorized access of its information technology systems was an isolated incident and assures all stakeholders its information security framework is strong and conforms to internationally-accepted best practice and standards.

The Bank remains committed to maintaining the integrity of its information security assets and protecting the dignity and privacy of its employees.

21st August, 2014.