

53rd Anniversary of Independence Message

By Prime Minister

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Today, we celebrate the day on which Trinidad and Tobago gained its independence in 1962.

All the people of Trinidad and Tobago – whether at home or abroad – can be very proud of our achievements, development and influence as an independent nation.

We recall that day on 31st August 1962 when our red, white and black flag was first hoisted. We salute all patriots who have served our nation with distinction. Since that day we have made our own destiny and guarded our own rights and freedoms.

We are a model to the world as a diverse nation of people of many origins who have been able to forge an enduring unity.

We are richer for our diversity and differences and we are stronger as a nation because of the harmony which exists.

Today is a day for all our people whatever their race, background or location.

The responsibility is on us all to remain true to the founding principles of our nation. The challenge to us is to ensure an even better future for our children.

We can be very proud of the performance of our economy, our education system, our healthcare, our infrastructure and our provision of homes. We can also be proud of our achievements in sports, through cricket, football, boxing, and athletics. But let us make the most of what we have and move forward to a better tomorrow.

Let us all work to continue the progress made since independence and to secure an even better future for Trinidad and Tobago.

May God Bless you and your families, and may God Bless our nation, Trinidad and Tobago.