

UAE minister checks out project sites

MINISTER of Works and Infrastructure Jearlean John has discussed avenues for collaboration with Noura bint Mohammed Al Kaabi, Minister of State at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

In a ministry release, it was reported that, as part of its ongoing global economic development drive, Government on Saturday held high-level discussions with a senior delegation from the UAE led by Al Kaabi.

The meeting was hosted by the John and was also attended by Minister of Land and Legal Affairs and Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries Saddam Hosein.

'The engagement builds on recent ministerial outreach to the Middle East, where initial discussions were held to explore new avenues for collaboration and investment aligned with Trinidad and Tobago's national development priorities,' the release stated.

During the meeting, John outlined key initiatives under the Government's Revitalisation Blueprint-'a bold, multi- sector infrastructure programme comprising more than 129 projects designed to drive economic diversification, strengthen national resilience in a rapidly changing global environment, and generate sustainable employment opportunities.

'Minister John reaffirmed that Trinidad and Tobago is open for business, highlighting the country's strategic geographic location, competitive advantages, and continued improvements in the ease of doing business, which together position the nation as an attractive destination for international investment.'

The ministry reported that Al Kaabi welcomed the discussions and expressed strong interest in deepening engagement, noting the significant potential for mutually beneficial partnerships and future investment opportunities. As part of the visit, she and members of her delegation conducted site visits at key locations, including the Invaders Bay Development Project, the Port of Point Lisas (Plipdeco) and the Couva Children's Hospital.

'These visits provided first-hand insight into areas with strong potential for development and investment. Through sustained international engagement and strategic partnerships, the Government continues to advance initiatives that support long-term national development, expand economic opportunity, and reinforce Trinidad and Tobago's position as a competitive and forward-looking economy,' the release stated.



THE BIG PICTURE: Minister of Works and Infrastructure Jearlean John, Noura bint Mohammed Al Kaabi, Minister of State at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, UAE; Saddam Hosein, Minister of Land and Legal Affairs and Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture and

Fisheries, and Shankar Bidaisee, chairman of the Urban Development Corporation of Trinidad and Tobago Ltd (UDeCOTT), look at the plans for the Invaders Bay Development Project.