



# NEWS ARTICLE

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## **Turks and Caicos Islands Human Rights Commission Conducts Facility Review at His Majesty's Prison, Grand Turk**

The Turks and Caicos Islands Human Rights Commission (TCIHRC) carried out a scheduled review of His Majesty's Prison in Grand Turk on January 30, 2025, as part of its mandate to oversee the welfare of individuals in places of detention. The visit focused on assessing the facility's conditions, following up on previous recommendations, and engaging with prisoners to ensure fair treatment and adherence to human rights standards. In accordance with the Human Rights Commission Ordinance, the Turks and Caicos Islands Constitution, and the international treaties to which the country is a signatory, the TCIHRC remains committed to safeguarding human rights in all detention facilities nationwide.

During the visit, the Commission was welcomed by the prison superintendent, Mr. Michael Woodbine, and engaged in discussions on various operational and rehabilitative programs. Particular focus was given to the facility's efforts in prisoner rehabilitation and reintegration, as well as the ongoing implementation of human rights-centered policies within the prison. The TCIHRC delegation, which participated in the review and discussions with prison officials, included Ms. Donisha Williams, Finance Manager; Ms. Jabrinia Gardiner, Investigations Officer; and Mr. Vernal Lightbourn, Education Officer.

The TCIHRC commends the cooperation of the prison's leadership and staff during the visit and recognizes the ongoing efforts to uphold human rights standards within the facility. The Commission remains dedicated to working alongside relevant authorities to ensure that places of detention maintain an environment that aligns with human rights principles and best practices.

Moving forward, the Turks and Caicos Islands Human Rights Commission will continue conducting regular assessments of detention facilities, advocating for human rights protections, and supporting initiatives that foster fairness, dignity, and rehabilitation. Following this visit, the Commission will produce a report outlining its findings and recommendations, which will be shared with the prison to support ongoing improvements and adherence to human rights standards.

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