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Sport Division	Trinidad and Tobago Guardian	Sport News Tuesday 15 th July 2025	'TTFA, Melville offers for Soca Warriors name are ludicrous - Nakhid' Page 45	Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs, Senator David Nakhid has agreed to be the mediator between the T&T Football Association (TTFA) and veteran commentator Selwyn Melville over the team's Soca Warriors nickname. There were offers from both parties involved but they were deemed ludicrous by Senator Nakhid. He will meet both Melville and the TTFA on Thursday to resolve the issue.	https://www.guardian.co.tt/sports/ttfa-melville-offers-for-soca-warriors-name-are-ludicrousnakhid-6.2.2355091.071f68427b	

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Sport Division	Daily Express	Sport News Tuesday 15 th July 2025	Time to compromise over 'Soca Warriors' brand	Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs, Senator David Nakhid is attempting to save the 'Soca Warriors' brand name for the Trinidad and Tobago football team. He stressed the importance of brand names when he said, "When you have a brand name that's recognized internationally, you don't just move on and start from scratch. That's like erasing a legacy that a country has left." He added that the ministry will be iron fisted with both Melville and the TTFA to get a compromise coming out of the meeting on Thursday.	https://trinidadexpress.com/sports/local/time-to-compromise-over-soca-warriors-brand/article_ef812945-16cd-4b4c-9f17-ef912b3a02d5.html	

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Youth Division	Newsday	News Wednesday 16 th July 2025	Watts: Practical skills just as important as academics	Yesterday, the Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs, the Honourable Phillip Watts recommissioned the Los Bajos Youth Development Centre. He said that it was more than giving youth employment but also to help empower them. Minister Watts also said his ministry was committed to making centres like Los Bajos' "engines of opportunity" for youth. To do this, he said the ministry has partnered with YTEPP under the YOUTEC programme, offering practical, income-generating courses and management "skills that young people can take to the market tomorrow and earn."	https://newsday.co.tt/2025/07/15/watts-practical-skills-just-as-important-as-academics/	

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Youth Division	TTT News	News Tuesday 15 th July 2025	Upgraded: Los Bajos Youth Development Centre Recommissioned	<p>The Los Bajos Youth Development Centre has received a much-needed upgrade, with expanded and updated facilities and services to match the changing technological landscape needed for the community's youth to help them thrive.</p> <p>Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs Phillip Watts said the space is a symbol of the renewal of a promise that their futures matter. "When we speak about youth development, we are not only talking about creating programmes. We are talking about building lives. We are talking about developing skills that can unlock job opportunities, start a business, support a family, and change a community. And here in Los Bajos, we have seen the proof."</p>	https://www.ttt.liv/e/upgraded-los-bajos-youth-development-centre-recommissioned/	

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Sport Division	Newsday	Sport News Tuesday 15 th July 2025	Nakhid calls meeting to resolve Soca Warriors nickname	Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs, Senator David Nakhid, in an effort to save the beloved nickname Soca Warriors, has called a meeting between the TT Football Association (TTFA) and ex-broadcaster Selwyn Melville. He wants the nickname to stay alive to keep a legacy intact. He said, "It means everything to everybody in TT. It is a name that we have grown accustomed to. It is part of our brand." "We went into the 2006 World Cup with that name and we have experienced enormous success with that name." He further stated that the nickname is not just about sport, but it	https://newsday.co.tt/2025/07/14/nakhid-calls-meeting-to-resolve-soca-warriors-nickname/	

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