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## **Minister Zakour Undertakes Tour of Piarco International Airport to Boost Aviation Sector**

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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

The Hon. Eli Zakour, Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation, conducted an extensive tour of the Piarco International Airport facility and the Airports Authority of Trinidad and Tobago (the Authority) corporate headquarters on May 20, as part of his strategic initiative to strengthen the nation's aviation industry.

This tour follows Minister Zakour's meeting with the Civil Aviation's Management Team on May 19, where detailed discussions were held on strengthening the country's aviation framework and capabilities.

During the visit, Minister Zakour received comprehensive briefings on critical airport facilities including the Airport Operations Command Center, the innovative Piarco Solar Park, Diplomatic and VIP lounges and the International Departure Concourse. The Minister also met the Authority's staff and Traffic Wardens on duty at the airport.

Minister Zakour is leading the charge to develop the local aviation industry, acknowledging its potential for sustainable economic growth through attracting international investment, establishing robust foreign exchange revenue streams, and creating diverse employment opportunities.

The Minister was accompanied by Executives of the Authority, including Hayden Newton, General Manager; Col. Albert Griffith, Deputy General Manager – Security; Emmanuel Baah, Deputy General Manager - Estates Planning and Business Development and Jason John, Deputy General Manager – Operations.



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The Hon. Eli Zakour, Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation is briefed by Hayden Newton, General Manager, Airports Authority (right) at center is Jason John, Deputy General Manager - Operations



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The Hon. Eli Zakour, Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation (center) is accompanied by Hayden Newton, General Manager, Airports Authority (left) and Col. Albert Griffith, Deputy General Manager - Security

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