



## First Caribbean Human Development Report “Human Development and the Shift to Better Citizen Security”

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**Who:** Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar of Trinidad and Tobago

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Rates of violent crime continued to increase in the Caribbean while they were decreasing or stabilizing elsewhere. The **Caribbean Human Development Report 2012: Human Development and the Shift to Better Citizen Security** reviews the state of crime as well as the current efforts and programmes to address the problem in two sub-regions, i.e. the English- and Dutch-speaking Caribbean countries (a sample of seven countries were analyzed). The Report offers recommendations based on the best research and scientific studies to diminish and prevent violent crime while advancing human development in this area. The *Caribbean Human Development Report 2012* seeks a better balance between crime prevention and crime control, and proposes various means to turn around the crime environment, notably through youth programmes and job creation for the urban poor.

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