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INCIDENT AT THE CUREPE INTERCHANGE PROJECT

The National Infrastructure Development Company Limited (NIDCO) wishes to address the footage that is circulating on social media regarding an incident which took place at the Curepe Interchange on Monday 6th January 2020.

In the video a large-container was seen dislocating the **temporary overhead gantry** that was erected to enforce a temporary height restriction for vehicles, and protect ongoing works on the permanent beam structure located further east (*see images attached*). Traffic restrictions were outlined in a public notice released by NIDCO on Friday 3rd January 2020.

Eye witnesses on the scene reported that upon contact with the temporary overhead gantry, the driver of the vehicle was urged to cease movement and traffic was stopped by officers onsite. However, the driver continued to attempt to free the container resulting in the collapse of the temporary overhead gantry.

A second vehicle was affected upon the collapse of the temporary overhead gantry, through its illegal action by travelling along the shoulder of the highway.

The Transport Board in the Ministry of Works and Transport will commence an investigation to determine if the height restrictions and conditions on the permit for use of the trailer were breached. The Board will advise on the appropriate action to be taken following the outcome of its investigation.

This incident has NOT resulted in any damage to the bridge infrastructure erected on Sunday 5th January 2020. The clearance on this bridge is to international standards and will facilitate all such vehicles.

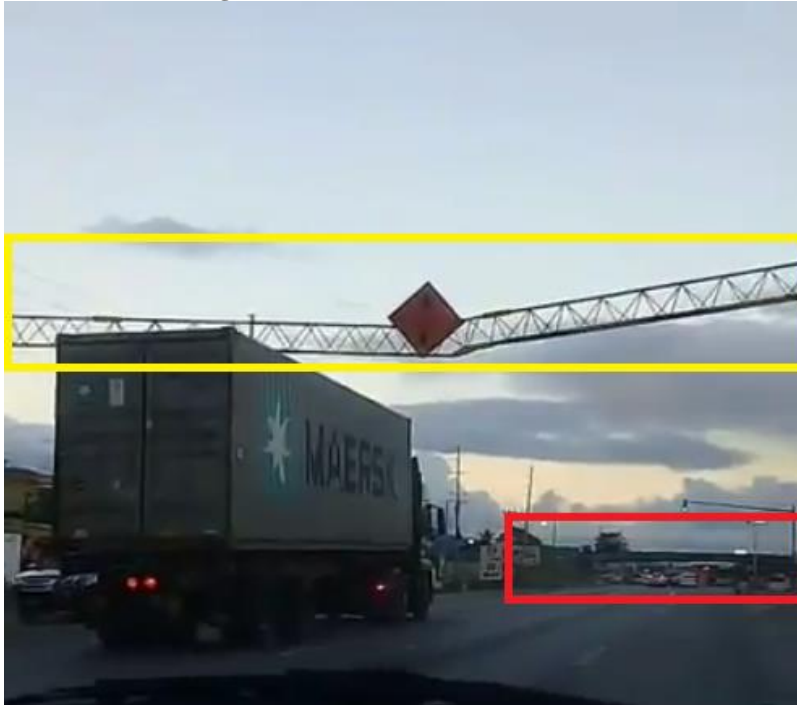
NIDCO advises all motorists to proceed with caution and abide with all rules during the construction period for the Curepe Interchange, and the temporary height restrictions currently in place until Sunday 29th February 2020.

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IMAGES

(In yellow box) – Temporary Overhead Gantry.

(In red box) – Bridge infrastructure located further east.



Unaffected bridge infrastructure erected on Sunday 5th January 2020.



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