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According to a June 7 report by Inter Press Service, Trinidad and Tobago will be forced to import liquified petroleum gas (LPG) from Venezuela to compensate for an expected production decline result of the June 5 explosion and fire at an oil and gas refinery in Pointe-a-Pierre, south Trinidad. The explosion at the state-run Trintoc refinery put the country's only LPG production facility out of commission. LPG is used mainly as fuel for cooking. The Trintoc facility production interruption will also affect the supply of LPG to eastern Caribbean islands, many of which import LPG from Trinidad. Trintoc managing director Ben Dash said that while the extent of the damage has not yet been determined, the plant will not be operating for about two to three months.

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