

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 323

REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

THE EMERGENCY POWERS REGULATIONS, 2025

ORDER

MADE BY THE MINISTER OF HOMELAND SECURITY IN ACCORDANCE
WITH PARAGRAPH 2 OF THE SCHEDULE TO THE EMERGENCY POWERS
REGULATIONS, 2025

DETENTION ORDER

WHEREAS it is enacted by regulation 14 of the Emergency Powers Regulations, 2025, that the provisions of the Schedule shall have effect for the purpose of the preventive detention of persons:

And whereas it is provided in paragraph 2 of the Schedule of the Emergency Powers Regulations, 2025, that the Minister may, if satisfied with respect to any person that, with a view to preventing him from acting in any manner prejudicial to public safety and, it is necessary to provide for his preventive detention, make an order that he be detained and stating concisely the grounds for such detention:

And whereas it is further provided in paragraph 3(1) of the Schedule of the Emergency Powers Regulations, 2025, that any person in respect of whom a detention order is in force may be arrested without warrant by any police officer and may be detained in such place and under such conditions as the Minister may from time to time direct:

And whereas I, the Honourable Roger Alexander, Minister of Homeland Security, am satisfied with respect to MESHACH NORAY also called “MISHAK MATTERSON” of No. 115 Guapo Main Road, Fyzabad, that it is necessary to provide for his preventive detention with a view to preventing him from acting in a manner prejudicial to public safety of Trinidad and Tobago:

Now, therefore, I, the Honourable Roger Alexander, Minister of Homeland Security, in exercise of the powers conferred on me, do hereby order that the said MESHACH NORAY also called “MISHAK MATTERSON” of No. 115 Guapo Main Road, Fyzabad, shall be detained, and do hereby authorise the Eastern Correctional Rehabilitation Centre, located at Santa Rosa, Arima, or such other

place as I may from time to time direct, as the place where the said MESHACH NORAY also called “MISHAK MATTERSON” of No. 115 Guapo Main Road, Fyzabad, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 20th day of August, 2025.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security

TAKE NOTICE that the grounds upon which this detention order is made are as follows:

The detainee, MESHACH NORAY also called “MISHAK MATTERSON” (hereinafter referred to as “the detainee”), has been credibly identified as a member of an Organised Crime Group (OCG) within the legal definition of the Anti-Gang Act, 2021. The OCG is based in Fyzabad and affiliated with a well-organised criminal network based in Port-of-Spain. The OCG is actively involved in trafficking of illegal drugs and violent crimes together with other related persons. The detainee has a criminal record, including charges for drug related offences, attempted murder, robbery and assault. The detainee and others in the OCG plan to imminently carry out revenge attacks on rival OCGs following threats and a shooting which involved the detainee’s son, relative and other rival OCG members. These planned attacks are to occur in public areas, utilising high-powered firearms, to which the OCG has access, creating a high risk of injury or death to civilians and bystanders. The detention of the detainee is considered necessary to prevent him from acting in a manner prejudicial to public safety. A Preventive Detention Order pursuant to regulation 14 of the Emergency Powers Regulations, 2025, is necessary to prevent him from acting in a manner prejudicial to public safety.

Made this 20th day of August, 2025.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security