

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 329

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 MALIQUE NERO also called “FATBOY” of Light Pole No. 5, Bypass Road, Maturita Extension, Arima, 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 MALIQUE NERO also called “FATBOY” of Light Pole No. 5, Bypass Road, Maturita Extension, Arima, 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 MALIQUE NERO also called “FATBOY” of Light Pole No. 5, Bypass Road, Maturita Extension, Arima, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 22nd 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, MALIQUE NERO also called “FATBOY”, has been credibly identified as a leader of an Organised Crime Group (OCG) falling within the definition of a gang under the Anti-Gang Act, 2021. The OCG is presently involved in trafficking of marijuana, extortion, the smuggling of contraband into correctional facilities and shootings. The OCG has access to a cache of high-powered firearms and has recently initiated a series of attacks on rival OCG’s. He and others plan to imminently launch further attacks on rival gangs in public spaces using high-powered firearms. He has been credibly identified as being a main and active participant in a criminal network which facilitates the planning of violent acts from within prison walls. His detention is necessary to prevent further acts of violence and criminal activity that pose a clear and present threat 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 22nd day of August, 2025.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security