

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 365

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, that 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 DENESH MAHARAJ also called “DINESH MAHARAJ” also called “RATTY” of No. 10 Ross Trace, St. Helena and also of No. 52 Factory Road, Piarco and also of Caroni South Bank Road, St. Helena, Caroni, 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 upon me, hereby order that the said DENESH MAHARAJ also called “DINESH MAHARAJ” also called “RATTY” of No. 10 Ross Trace, St. Helena and

also of No. 52 Factory Road, Piarco and also of Caroni South Bank Road, St. Helena, Caroni, 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 DENESH MAHARAJ also called “DINESH MAHARAJ” also called “RATTY” of No. 10 Ross Trace, St. Helena and also of No. 52 Factory Road, Piarco and also of Caroni South Bank Road, St. Helena, Caroni, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 4th day of October, 2025.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security

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

The detainee, DENESH MAHARAJ also called “DINESH MAHARAJ” also called “RATTY”, has been credibly identified as a member of an Organised Crime Group (“OCG”) within the legal definition of the Anti-Gang Act, 2021, known as the “Resistance Gang”. The detainee is a shooter and enforcer within the OCG. The OCG has access to a cache of high-powered firearms and the detainee and the OCG are actively engaged in narcotics and firearms trafficking, extortion, contract killings and kidnapping. The detainee and others are conspiring to imminently perpetrate further acts of armed violence in public spaces using high-powered firearms.

A Preventive Detention Order pursuant to regulation 14 of the Emergency Powers Regulations, 2025, is necessary to disrupt these plans and prevent him from acting in a manner prejudicial to public safety.

Made this 4th day of October, 2025.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security