

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 433

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 JOSIAH STAFFORD also known as “ZAI ZAI” of No. 8 Mt. Hope Extension, San Juan, 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, do hereby order that the said JOSIAH STAFFORD also known as “ZAI ZAI” of No. 8 Mt. Hope Extension, San Juan, 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 JOSIAH STAFFORD also known as “ZAI ZAI” of No. 8 Mt. Hope Extension, San Juan, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 5th day of November, 2025.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security

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

The detainee, JOSIAH STAFFORD also known as “ZAI ZAI” is an associate of the Mt. Hope faction of the Seven Gang, which is an Organised Crime Group within the legal definition of the Anti-Gang Act, 2021. The OCG has access to a cache of high-powered firearms. He and others are actively engaged in an ongoing campaign of retaliatory violence stemming from a narcotics dispute against the Six Gang. The detention of this individual is therefore necessary to disrupt the active campaign of retaliatory attacks which are planned to take place in densely populated areas using high-powered firearms thereby preventing further loss of life and neutralising the imminent 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 5th day of November, 2025.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security