

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 440

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 PHILLIP MARCUS AWING of 6, Roy Mootoo Avenue, Sangre Grande, 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 PHILLIP MARCUS AWING of 6, Roy Mootoo Avenue, Sangre Grande, 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 PHILLIP MARCUS AWING of 6, Roy Mootoo Avenue, Sangre Grande, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 19th 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, PHILLIP MARCUS AWING, is member of an Organised Crime Group ('OCG') within the legal definition of the Anti-Gang Act, 2021. The OCG is involved in trafficking of illegal arms, money laundering and illegal quarrying. The OCG has access to a cache of high-powered firearms. The detainee and others intend to imminently execute the assassination of a Government Minister and to escalate attacks against rival gangs in public spaces using high-powered firearms. The detainee, who is an active duty police officer, provides the OCG with sensitive details of police operations and provides operational support. The detention of this individual is therefore necessary to disrupt the group's operational planning and to prevent further acts of violence 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 19th day of November, 2025.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security