

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 454

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 DARIEN BALKARAN also called “BUTTERS” of Light Pole No. 3, Madras Road, St. Helena Village, 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, Honourable Roger Alexander, Minister of Homeland Security, in accordance with the powers conferred upon me, hereby order that the said DARIEN BALKARAN also called “BUTTERS” of Light Pole No. 3, Madras Road, St. Helena Village, 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 DARIEN BALKARAN also called “BUTTERS” of Light Pole No. 3, Madras Road, St. Helena Village, Caroni, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 26th 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, DARIEN BALKARAN also called “BUTTERS” is a member of a faction of an Organised Crime Group (OCG) that falls within the definition of the Anti-Gang Act, 2021 called the Resistance Gang. The detainee is an enforcer of the OCG and a leading participant in the group’s recent violent and armed attacks. The OCG has been recently engaged in multiple acts of extortion, armed robberies utilising firearms and violent physical attacks on members of the business community. The OCG has access to cash, transport and a cache of firearms, is also actively recruiting young males in an attempt to aggressively expand the OCG’s turf. The detainee is a key figure in the execution of the OCG’s plans to imminently continue to extort members of the business community and to silence witnesses by means of violent physical assault, arson and public shootings at business places. The detainee’s preventive detention is considered necessary to disrupt these plans and prevent future acts of violence.

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 26th day of August, 2025.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security