

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 72

REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

THE EMERGENCY POWERS REGULATIONS, 2024

ORDER

MADE BY THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL SECURITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH
PARAGRAPH 2 OF THE SCHEDULE TO THE EMERGENCY POWERS
REGULATIONS, 2024

DETENTION ORDER

WHEREAS it is enacted by Regulation 15 of the Emergency Powers Regulations, 2024, 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, 2024, 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 or public order or the defence of Trinidad and Tobago, 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, 2024, 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 Fitzgerald Hinds, Minister of National Security, am satisfied with respect to FRANCIS DESPOT also called “FRANO” or “MEL” of 255, Richardson Street, Pepper Village, Fyzabad and also of Red Brick Road, Oropouche, that it is necessary to provide for his preventive detention with a view to preventing him acting in a manner prejudicial to public safety or public order:

Now, therefore, I, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds, Minister of National Security, in exercise of the powers conferred on me, do hereby order that the said FRANCIS DESPOT also called “FRANO” or “MEL” of 255, Richardson Street, Pepper Village, Fyzabad and also of Red Brick Road, Oropouche be detained, and do hereby authorise the

Eastern Correctional Rehabilitation Centre located at 26 Kilometre Mark, Churchill-Roosevelt Highway, Santa Rosa, Arima or such other place as I may from time to time direct, as the place where the said FRANCIS DESPOT also called “FRANO” or “MEL” of 255, Richardson Street, Pepper Village, Fyzabad and also of Red Brick Road, Oropouche shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 24th day of February, 2025.

F. E. HINDS
Minister of National Security

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

The detainee, FRANCIS DESPOT also called “FRANO” or “MEL”, has been credibly identified as a member of a criminal organization known as the Oropouche Gang involved in narcotics and firearms trafficking and murders, and as a person conspiring with others, and intending and with the means, to execute a plan to carry out violent retaliatory reprisal murders involving the use of high powered weapons.

Dated this 24th day of February, 2025.

F. E. HINDS
Minister of National Security