

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 135

REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

THE EMERGENCY POWERS REGULATIONS, 2026

ORDER

MADE BY THE MINISTER OF HOMELAND SECURITY IN ACCORDANCE
WITH PARAGRAPH 2 OF THE SCHEDULE TO THE EMERGENCY POWERS
REGULATIONS, 2026

DETENTION ORDER

WHEREAS it is enacted by regulation 14 of the Emergency Powers Regulations, 2026, 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, 2026, 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, 2026, 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 KAVEESH RONALDO MAHARAJ also known as “SHOO SHENG” and “SHOE SHINE” of Pasea Main Road, Tunapuna, 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:

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 KAVEESH RONALDO MAHARAJ also known as “SHOO SHENG” and “SHOE SHINE” of Pasea Main Road,

Tunapuna, shall be detained at 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 KAVEESH RONALDO MAHARAJ also known as “SHOO SHENG” and “SHOE SHINE” of Pasea Main Road, Tunapuna, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 16th day of March, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security

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

The detainee, KAVEESH RONALDO MAHARAJ also known as “SHOO SHENG” and “SHOE SHINE” has been credibly identified by confidential intelligence as a key operational member of the Resistance Gang operating in the Tunapuna district, which is an Organised Crime Group (‘OCG’) within the legal definition of the Anti-Gang Act, 2021. The OCG has confirmed access to a cache of firearms and ammunition which the detainee and others have been distributing to other gang members for use in violent criminal operations. The detainee is a violent enforcer for the OCG and carries out acts of intimidation, assault, and other violent conduct on behalf of the gang. The detainee regularly accompanies other gang members during criminal operations and has participated in shootings directed at rival gang members. He has access to firearms and ammunition connected to criminal activities and has been instructed to participate as an armed shooter in a series of imminent retaliatory attacks against rival gang members in public areas.

A Preventive Detention Order pursuant to regulation 14 of the Emergency Powers Regulations, 2026, is necessary to prevent him from acting in a manner prejudicial to public safety.

Made this 16th day of March, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security