

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 136

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 ANTHONY RAWLINS of 107, Upper Erica Street, Laventille, 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 ANTHONY RAWLINS of 107, Upper Erica Street, Laventille 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 ANTHONY RAWLINS of 107, Upper Erica Street, Laventille, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 18th 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, ANTHONY RAWLINS, has been credibly identified as a member of the an organised criminal network linked to the 6, 7 and 9 gang conflict operating in Port-of-Spain and Laventille. These gangs are engaged in coordinated criminal activities including firearm trafficking, narcotics distribution, and violent reprisals. He plays an active operational role within the gang structure and is associated with the storage and movement of narcotics and illegal firearms. The detainee and gang are presently engaged in violent conflict with rival gangs with intentions to carry out retaliatory shootings in public spaces using high-powered firearms. His detention is necessary to disrupt the gang's operational capacity and prevent acts prejudicial to public safety.

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 18th day of March, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER  
*Minister of Homeland Security*