

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 137

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 AKIL SMITH of No. 33 Picton Road, 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 AKIL SMITH of No. 33 Picton Road, 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 AKIL SMITH of No. 33 Picton Road, 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, AKIL SMITH, has been credibly identified as a member of the 9 Gang, 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 high-powered firearms and ammunition and is involved in murders, armed robberies, narcotics trafficking and firearm distribution across Laventille and Port-of-Spain. He plays an active operational role within the gang structure and is associated with the storage and movement of illegal firearms and narcotics. The detainee is presently engaged in violent conflict with rival gangs and has expressed intentions to carry out retaliatory shootings in public spaces. 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