

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 142

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 JUSTIN CLARKE of Nos. 3–57 St. Paul Street, Port-of-Spain, 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 JUSTIN CLARKE of Nos. 3–57 St. Paul Street, Port-of-Spain, 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 JUSTIN CLARKE of Nos. 3–57 St. Paul Street, Port-of-Spain, shall be detained

and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 19th 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, JUSTIN CLARKE has been credibly identified by confidential intelligence as a member of the 6 Gang which is an Organised Crime Group ('OCG') within the legal definition of the Anti-Gang Act, 2021, which operates primarily within Beverly Hills, East Dry River, Clifton Towers and surrounding areas of Port-of-Spain. Confidential intelligence indicates that the 6 Gang is presently engaged in organised criminal activities, including extortion, drug trafficking, armed robberies and the distribution of illegal firearms. Following the killing of a 6 Gang member known as "Dappa Six" on 1st February, 2026, instructions were issued by gang leadership to carry out retaliatory shootings and violent reprisals against the rival 7 Gang. As a member within this structure, the detainee's continued presence contributes to the gang's ability to organise and execute these planned acts of violence, which pose a significant and imminent risk to public safety in densely populated communities. Intelligence assessments indicate that the 6 Gang maintains territorial control through intimidation and violent enforcement. The detainee is part of a network whose continued liberty would permit the continuation of armed criminal activity and retaliatory violence directed at rivals, which is likely to endanger the broader public.

Therefore, 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 19th day of March, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security