

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 147

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 KEON NELSON also known as “VADO” of No. 3 Regent Street, Belmont, 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 KEON NELSON also known as “VADO” of No. 3 Regent Street, Belmont, shall be detained at the Remand Prison, Golden Grove, Arouca, or such other place as I may from time to time

direct, as the place where the said KEON NELSON also known as “VADO” of No. 3 Regent Street, Belmont, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 29th 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, KEON NELSON also known as “VADO” of No. 3 Regent Street, Belmont has been credibly identified through confidential intelligence as a member of an Organised Crime Group (‘OCG’) within the meaning of the Anti-Gang Act, 2021. He is a key internal participant in the ongoing systematic smuggling of prohibited articles into a correctional facility. Although incarcerated, the detainee maintains control over a system involving the introduction of prohibited articles into the prison system and their distribution. The prohibited articles are illegal narcotics, knives, cigarettes, firearms, mobile telephones, SIM cards, chargers and lighters. The articles are being supplied to high-risk inmates and provide for the maintenance of contact with elements external to the prison system for the carrying out of instructions for the commission of various offences from incarcerated individuals. Such activities are prejudicial to public safety as they allow incarcerated criminal elements to continue directing criminal operations and maintain influence over organised crime groups from within the facility.

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 29th day of March, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security