

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 159

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 HEZEKIAH FORBES also known as “HEZE” of No. 38 Ramlal Street, Penal, 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 HEZEKIAH FORBES also known as “HEZE” of No. 38 Ramlal Street, Penal, 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 HEZEKIAH FORBES also known as “HEZE” of No. 38 Ramlal Street, Penal, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 1st day of April, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security

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

The detainee, HEZEKIAH FORBES also known as “HEZE” has been credibly identified as an active member and enforcer of the Market Hill Gang. He functions as a shooter and operational enforcer, involved in violent criminal activity including shootings, armed retaliation and the movement and concealment of firearms and ammunition. He is part of an organised structure engaged in reprisal violence, firearm trafficking and coordinated criminal conduct, with a present and continuing risk of further armed attacks. His detention is necessary to prevent imminent acts of violence and protect 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 1st day of April, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security