

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 160

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 DARION SORZANO also known as “SMOKEY” 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 DARION SORZANO also known as “SMOKEY” 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 DARION SORZANO also known as “SMOKEY” 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, DARION SORZANO also known as “SMOKEY”, has been credibly identified as the leader of the Market Hill Gang (MHG), an organised criminal group operating in the Penal district. He directs the activities of members including the trafficking, concealment and distribution of firearms, ammunition, narcotics and prohibited equipment and coordinates violent criminal activity including public shootings, armed robberies and retaliatory gang attacks. He exercises control over subordinate members, directing them to store firearms and facilitate criminal operations and the group is presently engaged in ongoing gang conflict with a real and immediate risk of further lethal violence. His detention is necessary to disrupt and prevent further coordinated violence and criminal activity 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 1st day of April, 2026.

**R. ALEXANDER**  
*Minister of Homeland Security*