

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 171

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 SELVON ANDREWS also called “BONZO” of No. 241 Mandingo Road, Princes Town, 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 SELVON ANDREWS also called “BONZO” of No. 241 Mandingo Road, Princes Town, 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 SELVON ANDREWS also called “BONZO” of No. 241 Mandingo Road, Princes Town, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 3rd 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, SELVON ANDREWS also called “BONZO”, has been credibly identified as the leader of an organised criminal group and gang known as the “Mandingo Boys”, operating within the Barrackpore Police District and surrounding areas. This gang is involved in serious and ongoing criminal activity, including home invasions, housebreaking and larceny dwelling houses, narcotics trafficking and offences involving illegal firearms, all of which are prejudicial to public safety. The detainee exercises leadership, coordination, and operational control over this group, recruiting and acting in concert with known associates, including individuals identified as his subordinates and second-in-command. The detainee and his associates maintain a pattern of coordinated and repeated criminal conduct and has also been linked to possession of narcotics for the purpose of trafficking. There exists a clear, ongoing, and immediate risk that he will continue to organise, facilitate, or participate in further home invasions, narcotics trafficking and related criminal conduct and his continued liberty presents a real and substantial threat to residents, property and 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 3rd day of April, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security