

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 191

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 JONATHAN VICTOR PENCO also known as “JOHNNY” of No. 10 Thomas Trace, Arouca, 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 JONATHAN VICTOR PENCO also known as “JOHNNY” of No. 10 Thomas Trace, Arouca, 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 JONATHAN VICTOR PENCO also known as “JOHNNY” of No. 10 Thomas Trace, Arouca, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 5th 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, JONATHAN VICTOR PENCO also known as “JOHNNY”, has been credibly identified as a principal figure in the 6ixx Organised Crime Group (OCG) operating in the Arouca district, which is an OCG within the definition of the Anti-Gang Act, 2021. The OCG has confirmed access to a cache of high-powered firearms and ammunition. The detainee is engaged in the planning and direction of imminent retaliatory gang violence, including the mobilisation of armed operatives for shootings linked to narcotics, stolen vehicles, and targeted killings. The detainee has capacity to organise, direct, and act through a wider criminal network with access to weapons and manpower. The intended retaliatory attacks and firearm violence are to take place in well populated areas using high-powered rifles. His detention is necessary to disrupt these planned attacks and to prevent him from acting in a manner 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 5th day of April, 2026.

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