

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 193

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 ENRIQUE DASS of Welcome Hill, Gonzales Village, Guapo, 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 ENRIQUE DASS of Welcome Hill, Gonzales Village, Guapo, shall be detained at the Youth Training and Rehabilitation Centre located at Golden Grove, or such other place as I may from time to time

direct as the place where the said ENRIQUE DASS of Welcome Hill, Gonzales Village, Guapo, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 25th 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, ENRIQUE DASS is a minor who has been identified by police intelligence as being involved in ongoing gang-related conflict and retaliatory firearm violence and is associated with individuals engaged in organised criminal activity within the Guapo, Point Fortin and La Brea districts. Investigative material indicates that in 2026, the detainee was directly implicated in a firearm-related incident, during which he was observed directing a co-actor to discharge a firearm at a victim, demonstrating an active leadership or facilitative role in the commission of violent criminal conduct. The detainee is embedded within an active network engaged in sustained retaliatory violence, with firearms readily accessible and used as a primary means of reprisal. The detainee is also in possession of narcotics and/or drug use paraphernalia. The totality of the intelligence and investigative material demonstrates that the detainee has both the capacity and willingness to engage in further acts of serious violence, including directing or participating in firearm attacks and that such conduct is likely to continue if he remains at liberty. Having regard to the detainee's role in directing firearm violence, his association with organised criminal networks and the ongoing cycle of retaliatory attacks, it is assessed that his continued liberty presents a serious and immediate threat to public safety, including the risk of further shootings within populated areas.

A Preventive Detention Order pursuant to regulation 14 of the Emergency Powers Regulations, 2026, is therefore necessary to prevent him from acting in a manner prejudicial to public safety.

Made this 25th day of March, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security