

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 229

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 to ANDERSON JOSE VILLALBA also known as “ANDERSON JOSE” of No. 43 Debe Trace, Debe and also of Guiria esta Estado Sucre, Venezuela, 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 to ANDERSON JOSE VILLALBA also known as “ANDERSON JOSE” of No. 43 Debe Trace, Debe and also of Guiria esta Estado Sucre, Venezuela, 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 to ANDERSON JOSE VILLALBA also known as “ANDERSON JOSE” of No. 43 Debe Trace, Debe and also of Guiria esta Estado Sucre, Venezuela, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 15th 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, ANDERSON JOSE VILLALBA also called “ANDERSON JOSE” has been credibly identified by confidential intelligence as being a key figure in the transnational illegal trafficking of firearms and ammunition into Trinidad and Tobago from neighbouring countries. The detainee facilitates the importation and distribution of illegal weapons to local gang elements, directly contributing to the escalation of violent crimes and shootings in public spaces. The detainee and others plan to imminently escalate supply of these illegal firearms and ammunition for use in retaliatory gang violence in public spaces. His detention is necessary to disrupt the supply chain of illegal arms and ammunitions 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 15th day of April, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security