

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 230

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 ROMELL LEZAMA of Nos. 2–3, 4 Mile Mark, North Oropouche, Sangre Grande, 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 ROMELL LEZAMA of Nos. 2–3, 4 Mile Mark, North Oropouche, Sangre Grande, 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 ROMELL LEZAMA of Nos. 2–3, 4 Mile Mark, North Oropouche, Sangre Grande, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 13th 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, ROMELL LEZAMA has been credibly identified as having confirmed links to an Organised Crime Group ('OCG') within the meaning of the Anti-Gang Act, 2021. The OCG has confirmed access to a cache of high-powered firearms and ammunition. The detainee and others are engaged in extortion, malicious wounding and contract killings and are planning imminent attacks and retaliatory shootings within residential, commercial and public areas of Valencia, Sangre Grande and surrounding districts using high-powered firearms. His detention is necessary to prevent him from acting in a manner prejudicial to public safety and to disrupt planned acts of violence.

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 13th day of April, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security