

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 246

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 JOSHUA BENNY of No. 2 Deosaran Trace, San Francique, Penal and also of No. 6/7 Seebalack Trace, Rochard Road, Penal, 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 JOSHUA BENNY of No. 2 Deosaran Trace, San Francique, Penal and also of No. 6/7 Seebalack Trace, Rochard Road, Penal, shall be detained at the Youth Training and Rehabilitation

Centre, Golden Grove, Arouca, or such other place as I may from time to time direct as the place where the said JOSHUA BENNY of No. 2 Deosaran Trace, San Francique, Penal and also of No. 6/7 Seebalack Trace, Rochard Road, Penal, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 20th 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, JOSHUA BENNY has been credibly identified through investigative material and intelligence as a member of an Informal Crime Group (ICG) operating in the Penal district. The ICG is involved in kidnapping, false imprisonment, forced labour, grievous sexual assault, serious indecency and attempted murder. The detainee and others intend to imminently continue these acts and the intimidation of witnesses whom they have threatened to murder. His detention is necessary to disrupt his ability to facilitate violent gang activities and to prevent escalation of serious criminal conduct during the State of Emergency.

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 20th day of April, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security