

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 252

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 LESTER HALL also called “TOWIE” also called “TALL MAN” of No. 8 Hall Street, Todd’s Road, Caparo, 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 LESTER HALL also called “TOWIE” also called “TALL MAN” of No. 8 Hall Street, Todd’s Road, Caparo, 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 LESTER HALL also called “TOWIE” also called “TALL MAN” of No. 8 Hall Street, Todd’s Road, Caparo, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 23rd 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, LESTER HALL also called “TOWIE” and “TALL MAN” has been credibly identified as a member an organised criminal group/gang engaged in violent and coercive criminal activity. The detainee has been directly involved in coercive attempts to obtain land and money through threats of death, acts of intimidation and interference with property, repeated confrontations with a victim involving threats of lethal violence and malicious damage to property. The detainee’s conduct demonstrates a pattern of aggressive, persistent and violent behaviour aimed at enforcing unlawful demands through fear and intimidation. The detainee operates within a wider organised criminal structure engaged in extortion, firearms activity and coordinated violence and he operates in concert with others to maintain territorial and financial control. The detainee was involved in planning a retaliatory armed attack upon a public business establishment using high-powered firearms, thereby posing an imminent and indiscriminate risk to members of the public. The detainee’s continued liberty poses a serious threat of execution of planned armed violence and organised criminal activity within affected communities. His detention is necessary to prevent the escalation of serious criminal conduct and to safeguard 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 23rd day of April, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security