

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 257

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 MENELIK CHARLES of No. 117 Coora Road, Siparia, 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 MENELIK CHARLES of No. 117 Coora Road, Siparia, 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 MENELIK CHARLES of No. 117 Coora Road, Siparia, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 25th 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, MENELIK CHARLES has been credibly identified as key facilitator of an Organised Crime Group ('OCG') operating in the Siparia district. The OCG has confirmed access to firearms and is involved in armed robberies and motor vehicle larceny. The detainee and others intend to imminently escalate armed attacks and robberies and distribution of illegal firearms. His detention is necessary to disrupt his ability to facilitate violent gang activities and to prevent the continuation or 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 25th day of April, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security