

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 52

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 HENRY JESUS CEDENO VILLAVA also known as HENRY JESUS CEDENO VILLABA of Indio Libra, Guiria, 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 HENRY JESUS CEDENO VILLAVA also known as HENRY JESUS CEDENO VILLABA of Indio Libra, Guiria, Venezuela,

shall be detained in 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 HENRY JESUS CEDENO VILLAVA also known as HENRY JESUS CEDENO VILLABA of Indio Libra, Guiria, Venezuela, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 11th day of March, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security

TAKE NOTICE that the grounds upon which this detention order is made are as follows:

The detainee, HENRY JESUS CEDENO VILLAVA also known as HENRY JESUS CEDENO VILLABA is a member of an Organised Crime Group ('OCG') called Tren De Aragua within the legal definition of the Anti-Gang Act, 2021. The OCG, which emanates from Venezuela, has been confirmed to have members operating within Trinidad and Tobago. The detainee and others are engaged in kidnapping, extortion and trafficking in firearms and narcotics using maritime routes. The detainee and others plan to imminently escalate their activities by targeting nationals and other persons in Trinidad and Tobago. The detention of this individual is therefore necessary to disrupt the group's operational planning and to prevent further acts that pose a clear and present threat 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 11th day of March, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security