

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 54

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 COLIN LAWRENCE also known as COLLIN LAWRENCE also known as “POLLY” of 61, Acono Road, Maracas, St. Joseph, 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 COLIN LAWRENCE also known as COLLIN LAWRENCE also known as “POLLY” of 61, Acono Road, Maracas, St. Joseph, shall be detained at the Remand Prison, Golden Grove, Arouca,

or such other place as I may from time to time direct, as the place where the said COLIN LAWRENCE also known as COLLIN LAWRENCE also known as “POLLY” of 61, Acono Road, Maracas, St. Joseph, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 12th 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, COLIN LAWRENCE also known as COLLIN LAWRENCE also known as “POLLY” is a high-ranking member of the Resistance Gang which is an Organised Crime Group (‘OCG’) within the definition of the Anti-Gang Act, 2021. Despite being incarcerated, he orchestrates the smuggling of contraband, including cellular devices and prohibited articles, into maximum-security prisons using drone technology and corrupt persons in the prison service. The detainee has utilised illicit communication devices to manage and finance violent crime externally, including orchestrating high-profile murders and firearm and narcotic smuggling plots. He and others have issued direct threats to the lives of prison officers and law enforcement personnel and are currently planning to smuggle firearms into the prison. His detention is necessary 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 12th day of March, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security