

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 551

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 to JOSHUA BENJAMIN of Light Pole No. 19/3, Second Branch Road, Monkey Town, New Grant, 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 BENJAMIN of Light Pole No. 19/3, Second Branch Road, Monkey Town, New Grant, 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 JOSHUA BENJAMIN of Light Pole No. 19/3, Second Branch Road, Monkey Town, New Grant, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 13th day of July, 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 BENJAMIN has been credibly identified by intelligence as an active participant within a group that is linked to armed and violent robberies, shootings, woundings and other criminal acts in the Monkey Town/New Grant area and environs. This group has access to firearms and ammunition. The detainee and others are linked to a recent armed robbery and to reports of brandishing of a firearm. The detainee is the shooter/enforcer for the group. The detainee and others intend to imminently escalate their armed attacks on members of the public as part of their robbery plans using firearms in public areas.

A Preventive Detention Order pursuant to regulation 14 of the Emergency Powers Regulations, 2026, is therefore necessary to prevent him from acting in a manner prejudicial to public safety and to disrupt those activities.

Made this 13th day of July, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security