

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 561

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 AMEER ZAINOOL also called “SMALLS” of No. 40 Chinese Drive Enterprise, Chaguanas, 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 AMEER ZAINOOL also called “SMALLS” of No. 40 Chinese Drive Enterprise, Chaguanas, 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 AMEER ZAINOOL also called “SMALLS” of

No. 40 Chinese Drive Enterprise, Chaguanas, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 16th 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 AMEER ZAINOOL also called “SMALLS” has been identified in confidential intelligence and investigative reporting as a member of a gang and/or organised crime group operating in Enterprise, Cunupia, and surrounding areas engaged in a car theft network, where the stolen vehicles are used as tools to facilitate deadly gang violence. The group’s activities also demonstrate an intent to imminently escalate and facilitate gang violence. The detainee is believed to be linked to fraudulent sales of tampered vehicles, including a prior arrest after selling a tampered Nissan AD Wagon using false identification. The detainee is further identified as being responsible for marketing and distributing altered vehicles to unsuspecting buyers, thereby sustaining the criminal enterprise. His continued liberty presents a risk that stolen vehicles will continue to be distributed for criminal use, including violent offences. Investigative material indicates that vehicles associated with this network have been used in violent offences such as armed robberies and shootings in Cunupia which resulted in multiple deaths and serious injuries, demonstrating the connection between the detainee’s criminal enterprise and serious continuing threats to public safety. The detainee is therefore assessed to be a key figure within an organised criminal group involved in ongoing violent and organised criminal activity and his continued liberty poses an immediate and substantial 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 16th day of March, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security