

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 565

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 ATIBA AKO RICHARDS of No. 11 Tasker Avenue, Cashew Gardens, Longdenville, 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 ATIBA AKO RICHARDS of No. 11 Tasker Avenue, Cashew Gardens, Longdenville, 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 ATIBA AKO RICHARDS of No. 11 Tasker Avenue, Cashew Gardens, Longdenville, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 17th 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, ATIBA AKO RICHARDS has been credibly identified as an active member of a criminal enterprise where he and others are involved in the trafficking of women and the operation of illegal brothels. The detainee has access to firearms and ammunition. At a recent search of a dwelling linked to the detainee a concealed firearm and ammunition were discovered. Confidential intelligence indicates that the detainee is involved in the trafficking and intimidation of women being mostly foreign nationals into forced labour at illegal brothels. Further intelligence indicates that the detainee utilizes firearms to force these women to participate in the operation of these brothels. The detainee has a history of involvement in gang-related, human trafficking and child exploitation offences. Further intelligence indicates that the detainee and others intend to imminently escalate these activities using violence and firearms in public spaces.

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

Made this 17th day of July, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security