

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 602

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 YASIN ABDUL-HAQQ also known as “MUHAMMED YASIM ABDUL-HAQQ” also known as “SIMMA” of 1113, Eastern Main Road, Manzanilla and Lilly Lane, North Eastern Settlement, Sangre Grande, 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 YASIN ABDUL-HAQQ also known as

“MUHAMMED YASIM ABDUL-HAQQ” also known as “SIMMA” of 1113, Eastern Main Road, Manzanilla and Lilly Lane, North Eastern Settlement, Sangre Grande, 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 YASIN ABDUL-HAQQ also known as “MUHAMMED YASIM ABDUL-HAQQ” also known as “SIMMA” of 1113, Eastern Main Road, Manzanilla and Lilly Lane, North Eastern Settlement, Sangre Grande, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 24th 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, YASIN ABDUL-HAQQ also known as “MUHAMMED YASIM ABDUL-HAQQ” also known as “SIMMA” has been credibly identified through intelligence as a member of the Muslim Organised Crime Group, an OCG within the definition of the Anti-Gang Act, 2021, which is active and operating within the Eastern Division. Intelligence further indicates that the detainee has been involved in the possession, circulation and trafficking of illegal firearms, including high-powered rifles such as an AR 15 firearm.

The detainee has been associated with the availability and distribution of high-powered firearms to criminal groups operating within the Eastern Division. Intelligence suggests that these firearms contribute to retaliatory attacks, gang-related violence, mass shootings and other serious offences involving firearms, thereby creating a significant threat to public safety.

Confidential intelligence and investigative material further indicate that the detainee possessed an AR 15 rifle, was engaged in trafficking of that firearm and was involved in dealings concerning illegal firearms. The material also indicates that the detainee made statements which intelligence assesses as consistent with prior involvement in the possession and circulation of illegal firearms.

The detainee's continued unrestricted movement presents an immediate and serious threat to public safety. 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.

Made this 24th day of July, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security