

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 608

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 MANESSAH FRANCIS MAUGHN also known as “MANESSAH” also known as “STEPHEN” also known as “JAMAL EDWARDS” of Light Pole No. 50, First Street, Upper Sixth Avenue, Malick, Barataria and also of 25, Rosemary Street, Upper Cantaro Village, Upper Santa Cruz, 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 MANESSAH FRANCIS MAUGHN also known as “MANESSAH” also known as “STEPHEN” also known as “JAMAL EDWARDS” of Light Pole No. 50, First Street, Upper Sixth Avenue, Malick, Barataria and also of 25, Rosemary Street, Upper Cantaro Village, Upper Santa Cruz, 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 MANESSAH FRANCIS MAUGHN also known as “MANESSAH” also known as “STEPHEN” also known as “JAMAL EDWARDS” of Light Pole No. 50, First Street, Upper Sixth Avenue, Malick, Barataria and also of 25, Rosemary Street, Upper Cantaro Village, Upper Santa Cruz, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 28th 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, MANESSAH FRANCIS MAUGHN also known as “MANESSAH” also known as “STEPHEN” also known as “JAMAL EDWARDS” has been credibly identified as an active member of an amalgamation of three Organised Crime Groups (‘OCGs’) known to law enforcement as the “ABG/Rasta/6 Gang”. The OCGs have confirmed access to a cache of firearms and ammunition and are involved in trafficking of illegal narcotics, firearms and ammunition, extortion, shootings, home invasions and robberies. The detainee is a leader of a group operating within the OCGs and the proceeds are channeled back to the OCGs to fund their operations. Confidential intelligence links the detainee and others to a series of recent armed robberies in which victims were lured by online advertisements to various locations in the East-West corridor and Central Trinidad where the detainee and others would rob the victims of cash, mobile telephones, motor vehicles and jewelry using physical violence and firearms. Further intelligence indicates that the detainee and others intend to imminently escalate their attacks on unsuspecting members of the public using 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 28th day of July, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security