

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 60

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 HOLLIS DWAYNE PAYNE also known as “PAYNE” of Light Pole No. 4, Sawmill Avenue, Barataria, and Granado Street, Barataria, 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 HOLLIS DWAYNE PAYNE also known as “PAYNE” of Light Pole No. 4, Sawmill Avenue, Barataria, and of Granado Street, Barataria, 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 HOLLIS DWAYNE PAYNE also known as “PAYNE” of Light Pole No. 4, Sawmill Avenue, Barataria, and of Granado Street, Barataria, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 12th 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, HOLLIS DWAYNE PAYNE also known as “PAYNE” is identified as a member of the “Sawmill Avenue 7” Gang, which is an Organised Crime Group (‘OCG’) as defined by the Anti-Gang Act, 2021 operating within the Barataria district. The OCG has access to a cache of high-powered firearms and ammunition. The detainee is a close associate of senior gang figures and serves as a key operative responsible for maintaining the group’s territorial control and communication network. The detainee and other members of the “7” faction are actively planning imminent armed retaliatory violence against a nearby rival gang and its members using high-powered firearms in public spaces, posing a clear and immediate threat to the lives of residents of Barataria and environs. His detention is therefore necessary to disrupt the command-and-control structure of the OCG and to sever critical communication channels used to coordinate violent crime.

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 12th day of March, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security