

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 614

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 SHAKYL O'NEIL also known as "SHAK" of Apartment No. 4, Building No. 7, Beverly Hills, 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 SHAKYL O'NEIL also known as "SHAK" of Apartment No. 4, Building No. 7, Beverly Hills, shall be detained at the Remand Prison, Golden Grove, or such other place as I may from time

to time direct as the place where the said SHAKYL O'NEIL also known as "SHAK" of Apartment No. 4, Building No. 7, Beverly Hills, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 19th 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 SHAKYL O'NEIL also known as "SHAK" has been credibly identified as the present leader of the 6 Gang which is an Organised Crime Group ('OCG') within the legal definition of the Anti-Gang Act, 2021, which operates in Beverly Hills, East Dry River, and Clifton Towers. He is the central figure orchestrating the sale and distribution of illegal firearms and narcotics. Intelligence indicates that following the killing of a gang member on February 1, 2026, the detainee issued instructions for retaliatory shootings against the 7 Gang in public spaces using high powered firearms. A firearm and ammunition were recovered from his premises in January 2026, demonstrating an immediate capability to execute violent criminal acts. His detention is necessary to disrupt these plans and to prevent further acts that pose a clear and present threat to public safety .

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 19th day of March, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security