

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 701

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 NIGEL APPLEWHITE also known as “MOONIE” of No. 53 East Bayshore, Marabella, 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 NIGEL APPLEWHITE also known as “MOONIE” of No. 53 East Bayshore, Marabella, shall be detained at the Remand Prison located at Golden Grove, Arouca, or such other place as

I may from time to time direct as the place where the said NIGEL APPLEWHITE also known as “MOONIE” of No. 53 East Bayshore, Marabella, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 15th 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, NIGEL APPLEWHITE also known as “MOONIE” has been credibly identified as a member an Organised Crime Group (‘OCG’) within the legal definition of the Anti-Gang Act, 2021, known to law enforcement as the “Moonie Gang”. The OCG has access to a cache of firearms and ammunition and is engaged in trafficking and sale of narcotics and ammunition, shootings, murder and retaliatory attacks on rival gangs. The detainee is the leader of the OCG. Confidential intelligence indicates that the detainee and others are credibly linked to fatal firearm attacks on gang rivals as part of a long running turf war between the OCG and another OCG known to law enforcement as the “Backa Gang” and intend to imminently execute further attacks on rivals in public spaces using high-powered firearms.

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 15th day of July, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security