

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 703

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 JAHIM CUDJOE also known as “JAHEEM CUDJOE” of No. 20 Lovell Place, East Dry River, Port-of-Spain and also of No. 2B Lovell Place, Laventille, 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 JAHIM CUDJOE also known as “JAHEEM CUDJOE” of No. 20 Lovell Place, East Dry River, Port-of-Spain and also of No. 2B Lovell Place, Laventille, 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 JAHIM CUDJOE also known as “JAHEEM CUDJOE” of No. 20 Lovell Place, East Dry River, Port-of-Spain and also of No. 2B Lovell Place, Laventille, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 1st day of September, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security

TAKE NOTICE that the grounds upon which this detention order is made are as follows:

The detainee, JAHIM CUDJOE also known as “JAHEEM CUDJOE” has been credibly identified through intelligence, surveillance and ongoing police enquiries as a person exercising influence within an organised criminal group known to law enforcement as the Ride Share Robbery Ring Gang, an Organised Crime Group (‘OCG’) within the definition of the Anti-Gang Act, 2021, which operates principally within Port-of-Spain, the North Eastern Division and surrounding areas. Intelligence received indicates that he occupies a coordinating role in organised criminal activity, including the identification and distribution of targets for robberies and kidnappings, the facilitation of larceny offences, violent robbery-style crimes, gang-related shootings, the use of stolen vehicles and the distribution of firearms for retaliatory acts of violence against rival gangs. Based upon confidential intelligence, ongoing investigations, surveillance, police enquiries and threat assessments, there are reasonable grounds to suspect that, if permitted to remain at liberty, the detainee will continue to organise, facilitate or participate in acts involving violent robberies, kidnappings, gang-related shootings, retaliatory firearm violence and other organised criminal conduct capable of endangering the lives and property of members of the public.

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 1st day of September, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security