

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 705

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 JOHNATHAN EDUARDO DE VALLE OROPEZA also known as KENNEDY JOSE AYALA GONZALEZ also known as “MEMO” of no known address, 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 JOHNATHAN EDUARDO DE VALLE OROPEZA also known as KENNEDY JOSE AYALA GONZALEZ also known as “MEMO” of no known address, 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 JOHNATHAN EDUARDO DE VALLE OROPEZA also known as KENNEDY JOSE AYALA GONZALEZ also known as “MEMO” of no known address, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 7th 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, JOHNATHAN EDUARDO DE VALLE OROPEZA also known as KENNEDY JOSE AYALA GONZALEZ also known as “MEMO” has been credibly identified through intelligence as a member of two Organised Criminal Groups (‘OCGs’) within the definition of the Anti-Gang Act, 2021, known as “O” and “Tren De Aragua” which operate out of Venezuela. The detainee is the mastermind behind the groups’ activities in Trinidad and Tobago which include the trafficking of firearms and ammunition, women for the purpose of prostitution and illegal narcotics as well as kidnapping for ransom, extortion and serious violent crime. Confidential intelligence indicates that the detainee directs and manages operations for the groups including the movement of kidnapped persons and ransom monies across borders and is wanted in connection with warrants emanating from Venezuela. Further confidential intelligence links the detainee to further imminent attacks for the purpose of kidnapping, intimidation of witnesses and the continuation of the groups’ other criminal activities which are a 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 7th day of September, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security