

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 403

REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

THE EMERGENCY POWERS REGULATIONS, 2025

ORDER

MADE BY THE MINISTER OF HOMELAND SECURITY IN ACCORDANCE
WITH PARAGRAPH 2 OF THE SCHEDULE TO THE EMERGENCY POWERS
REGULATIONS, 2025

DETENTION ORDER

WHEREAS it is enacted by regulation 14 of the Emergency Powers Regulations, 2025, 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, 2025, 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 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, 2025, 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 KWESI SUTHERLAND of 47, First Avenue, Mt. Lambert, 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 of Trinidad and Tobago:

Now, therefore, I, the Honourable Roger Alexander, Minister of Homeland Security, in accordance with the Emergency Powers Regulations, 2025, do hereby order that the said KWESI SUTHERLAND of 47, First Avenue, Mt. Lambert, 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 KWESI SUTHERLAND, of 47, First Avenue, Mt. Lambert, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 26th day of October, 2025.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security

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

The detainee, KWESI SUTHERLAND, is credibly identified as an active member of an Organised Criminal Gang (OCG) involved in planning and executing armed home invasions and commercial robberies. He is a designated breaker and look out for the OCG. The OCG has access to a cache of firearms. The members of the OCG have been directed to use lethal force against victims, security and police. The OCG intends on imminently escalating its operations increasing the risk of armed confrontation and civilian harm. The OCG is directly linked to recent violent acts and utilises a dangerous *modus operandi* of meticulous target surveillance, disabling security systems, real-time command-and-control, and placement of look-outs. The OCG's activities pose an immediate and severe threat to public safety.

A Preventive Detention Order pursuant to regulation 14 of the Emergency Powers Regulations, 2025, is necessary to disrupt these plans and prevent him from acting in a manner prejudicial to public safety.

Made this 26th day of October, 2025.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security