

LEGAL NOTICE No. 464

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, 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, 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 JEAN-PAUL MOHAMMED also called “JA PAUL” of 10, Ross Trace, St. Helena Village, Caroni, 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 powers conferred upon me, do hereby order that the said JEAN-PAUL MOHAMMED also called “JA PAUL” of 10, Ross Trace, St. Helena Village, Caroni, shall be detained

and do hereby authorise 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 JEAN-PAUL MOHAMMED also called “JA PAUL” of 10, Ross Trace, St. Helena Village, Caroni, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 26th day of August, 2025.

R. ALEXANDER  
*Minister of Homeland Security*

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

The detainee, JEAN-PAUL MOHAMMED also called “JA PAUL” is the leader of a faction of an Organised Crime Group (OCG) that falls within the definition of the Anti-Gang Act, 2021, called the Resistance Gang. The OCG has been recently engaged in multiple acts of extortion, armed robberies utilising firearms and violent physical attacks on members of the business community. The OCG, which has access through the detainee to cash, transport and a cache of firearms, is also actively recruiting young males in an attempt to aggressively expand the OCG’s turf. The detainee is a central figure in the arrangement and execution of the OCG’s plans to imminently continue to extort members of the business community and to silence witnesses by means of violent physical assault, arson and public shootings. The detainee’s preventive detention is considered necessary to disrupt these plans and prevent future acts of violence.

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

Made this 26th day of August, 2025.

R. ALEXANDER  
*Minister of Homeland Security*