

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 484

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 MALACHI JOHN also called “MICKEL JACOB” also called “MICKEL MALACHI JACOB” of 31, Gibson Trace, Old St. Joseph Road and also of Light Pole No. 23, Wharton Street, Laventille and also of Building E, Apartment 4–5, Paradise Heights, Morvant, 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 exercise of the powers conferred upon me, do hereby order that the said MALACHI JOHN also called “MICKEL JACOB” also called “MICKEL MALACHI JACOB” of 31, Gibson Trace, Old St. Joseph Road and also of Light Pole No. 23, Wharton Street, Laventille and also of Building E, Apartment 4–5,

Paradise Heights, Morvant, 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 MALACHI JOHN also called “MICKEL JACOB” also called “MICKEL MALACHI JACOB” of 31, Gibson Trace, Old St. Joseph Road and also of Light Pole No. 23, Wharton Street, Laventille and also of Building E, Apartment 4–5, Paradise Heights, Morvant, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 17th day of December, 2025.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security

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

The detainee, MALACHI JOHN also called “MICKEL JACOB” also called “MICKEL MALACHI JACOB” has been credibly identified as a shooter and lookout within the ABG/E–Block gang, which is an Organised Crime Group (“OCG”) within the legal definition of the Anti-Gang Act, 2021, operating in Paradise Heights, Morvant. The OCG has access to a cache of high-powered firearms. The detainee and others are engaged in armed confrontations and attacks on residents and rivals in the area. He is an active enforcer in armed patrols and territorial intimidation by the OCG. He and others in the OCG are consolidating territorial dominance through violence and armed control of persons in the Paradise Heights area. This behavior creates a real and imminent risk of mass public harm arising from armed attacks in public areas using high-powered weapons and retaliatory attacks by rivals. This armed conduct creates an imminent risk of mass public harm through escalated violence and indiscriminate gunfire. His detention is necessary to prevent him from acting in a manner prejudicial to public safety.

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 17th day of December, 2025.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security