

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 341

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 JOEL PLAZA also called JAMOL PLAZA also called “PAPI” of No. 25 La Retreat Road, Arima, 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 on me, do hereby order that the said JOEL PLAZA also called JAMOL PLAZA also called “PAPI” of No. 25 La Retreat Road, Arima, 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 JOEL PLAZA also called JAMOL PLAZA also called “PAPI” of No. 25 La Retreat Road, Arima, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 21st 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, JOEL PLAZA also called JAMOL PLAZA also called “PAPI”, is a key member of the ‘Seven (7) Gang’ faction an Organised Crime Group (OCG) within the legal definition of the Anti-Gang Act, 2021. He is a principal participant and currently engaged in a series of violent, firearms-related incidents, including a mass shooting on 16th July, 2025. The OCG possesses high-powered firearms and has a confirmed intent to imminently conduct further retaliatory and reprisal shootings in public spaces. The detention of JOEL PLAZA also called JAMOL PLAZA also called “PAPI” is therefore necessary to disrupt these plans and to prevent further acts of violence that pose a clear and present threat 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 21st day of August, 2025.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security