

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 352

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 AMEER ZAINOOL also known as “SMALLS” of No. 40 Chinese Drive, Enterprise, Chaguanas, 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 AMEER ZAINOOL also known as “SMALLS” of No. 40 Chinese Drive, Enterprise, Chaguanas, 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 AMEER ZAINOOL also known as “SMALLS” of No. 40 Chinese Drive, Enterprise, Chaguanas, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 6th day of September, 2025.

R. ALEXANDER  
*Minister of Homeland Security*

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

The detainee, AMEER ZAINOOL also known as “SMALLS” is a member of the Organised Crime Group (“OCG”) within the legal definition of the Anti-Gang Act, 2021, that is engaged in violent, pre-planned acts, larceny of motor vehicles, robbery with violence, trafficking of firearms and misbehaviour in public office. He is part of a car theft network, where the stolen vehicles are used as tools to facilitate deadly gang violence. The group’s activities also demonstrate an intent to imminently escalate and facilitate gang violence. The detention of this individual is therefore necessary to disrupt the group’s operational planning 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 6th day of September, 2025.

R. ALEXANDER  
*Minister of Homeland Security*