

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 356

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 MITRA BALCHAN of 130, Sobo Extension, La Brea, 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 MITRA BALCHAN of 130, Sobo Extension, La Brea, 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 MITRA BALCHAN of 130, Sobo Extension, La Brea, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 19th 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, MITRA BALCHAN, has been credibly identified as a member of a gang within the meaning of the Anti-Gang Act, 2021, and is actively and currently engaged in large-scale trafficking of illegal narcotics and contraband or uncustomed goods. He is engaged in the transnational movement of shipments and provides directives, manpower and assistance to other members of the OCG. He and others are actively engaged in transporting, trafficking and distributing the same domestically. He and other members of the OCG were recently engaged in a violent encounter with members of the Defence Force resulting in damage to state property after a failed attempt to escape with and/or dispose of a large quantity of narcotics and contraband in a vessel at sea. These activities are a real and an imminent 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 19th day of September, 2025.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security