

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 103

REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

THE EMERGENCY POWERS REGULATIONS, 2026

ORDER

MADE BY THE MINISTER OF HOMELAND SECURITY IN ACCORDANCE
WITH PARAGRAPH 2 OF THE SCHEDULE TO THE EMERGENCY POWERS
REGULATIONS, 2026

DETENTION ORDER

WHEREAS it is enacted by regulation 14 of the Emergency Powers Regulations, 2026, 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, 2026, 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, 2026, 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 BRANDON SOOKNANAN of No. 16 West Bayshore, Marabella, 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:

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 BRANDON SOOKNANAN of No. 16 West Bayshore, Marabella, shall be detained at 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 BRANDON SOOKNANAN of No. 16 West Bayshore, Marabella, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 19th day of March, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security

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

The detainee, BRANDON SOOKNANAN has been credibly identified as a priority offender who acts in concert with known criminal associates to engage in organised violent conduct that presents a continuing risk to public safety. The detainee's own admissions establish his active participation in a February, 2026, incident involving kidnapping, the use of physical restraints, and the violent assault of a victim for the purpose of extortion. Credible intelligence also indicates that following a February, 2026, shooting incident, the detainee has been conspiring with others to coordinate a violent retaliatory attack against rival suspects involving the use of firearms. As a known associate within this violent structure, the detainee's continued liberty facilitates the planning and execution of targeted murders, presenting a significant and imminent risk to public safety of the residents in the Marabella District.

A Preventive Detention Order pursuant to regulation 14 of the Emergency Powers Regulations, 2026, is necessary to prevent him from acting in a manner prejudicial to public safety.

Made this 19th day of March, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security