

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 104

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 ANTONIO EMMANUEL MENDOZA of No. 78E 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 ANTONIO EMMANUEL MENDOZA of No. 78E 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 ANTONIO EMMANUEL MENDOZA of No. 78E 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, ANTONIO EMMANUEL MENDOZA has been identified by credible intelligence and investigative reporting as being actively involved in organised violent criminal activity within the Marabella District. In February, 2026, the detainee was a primary participant in a coordinated criminal episode involving the kidnapping, false imprisonment, and violent assault of a victim, followed by a completed act of demanding money by menace. Recent 2026 intelligence confirms that following a shooting incident in February, 2026, in which he was a victim, the detainee has been actively seeking to recruit individuals to carry out retaliatory murders against identified rival offenders. He is currently orchestrating and planning several targeted gang-related murders, presenting an imminent risk to public safety and the lives of innocent bystanders within populated communities.

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*