

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 120

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 ROBERT CUFFARO GABRIEL of Marshall Trace, Cunupia, 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 ROBERT CUFFARO GABRIEL of Marshall Trace, Cunupia, 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 ROBERT CUFFARO GABRIEL of Marshall Trace, Cunupia, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody

Made this 24th 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, ROBERT CUFFARO GABRIEL is identified by confidential intelligence as a member of an organised criminal group and gang responsible for access and control at a human trafficking hub. During a police operation on 15th March, 2026, he was found remotely operating the main electronic gate of the compound. This controlled-access architecture is an integral means used by the group to insulate the compound from detection, commit violent criminal acts, protect the illicit enterprise from intrusion, and maintain the forced detention of victims. His detention is necessary to prevent the maintenance of this secure environment for criminal exploitation and to protect public safety.

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 24th day of March, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security