

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 131

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 her from acting in any manner prejudicial to public safety and, that it is necessary to provide for her preventive detention, make an order that she 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 VERNESSA ALICIA VALLEY also known as “SELL OFF BOSS” also known as “SOB” and also known as “NESSY” of Light Pole No. 13, Upper l’Anse Mitan Road, Carenage and of Building 8, Apartment 842, West Hills, West Moorings that it is necessary to provide for her preventive detention with a view to preventing her 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 VERNESSA ALICIA VALLEY also known as “SELL OFF BOSS” also known as “SOB”, and also known as “NESSY”

of Light Pole No. 13, Upper l'Anse Mitan Road, Carenage and of Building 8, Apartment 842, West Hills, West Moorings, shall be detained at the Women's Prison, Golden Grove, Arouca, or such other place as I may from time to time direct as the place where the said VERNESSA ALICIA VALLEY also known as "SELL OFF BOSS" also known as "SOB" and also known as "NESSY" of Light Pole No. 13, Upper l'Anse Mitan Road, Carenage and of Building 8, Apartment 842, West Hills, West Moorings, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 26th 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, VERNESSA ALICIA VALLEY also known as "SELL OFF BOSS" also known as "SOB", and also known as "NESSY" has been credibly identified as a key member of an Organised Crime Group ('OCG') within the meaning of the Anti-Gang Act, 2021. The OCG engages in trafficking of firearms, ammunition and illegal narcotics. The detainee is a key operative of the OCG enabling and transmitting communication and coordination for the OCG's incarcerated members locally, regionally and internationally. The detainee and others intend to imminently ramp up their activities which enables and supplies other OCGs with arms, ammunition and narcotics. These rival OCGs are engaged in attacks and retaliatory attacks which are to take place in public spaces involving high-powered firearms. Her detention is necessary to disrupt the organisational structure and operations of the group.

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

Made this 26th day of March, 2026.

**R. ALEXANDER**  
*Minister of Homeland Security*