

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 288

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 KERON BAPTISTE of No. 11 Church Street, La Sophie Trace, Claxton Bay, 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 KERON BAPTISTE of No. 11 Church Street, La Sophie Trace, Claxton Bay, 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 KERON BAPTISTE of No. 11 Church Street, La Sophie Trace, Claxton Bay, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 8th day of May, 2026.

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

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

The detainee, KERON BAPTISTE has been credibly identified as a key figure in an Organised Crime Group ('OCG') within the meaning of the Anti-Gang Act, 2021, operating in Claxton Bay and environs. The OCG is involved in the illegal acquisition and distribution of firearms, ammunition and narcotics. He and others have been credibly linked to a recent unauthorised removal of a large cache of firearms and ammunition from a Municipal Police Station, which remains unrecovered and which he and others intend to imminently distribute. He poses a grave risk to public safety in supplying criminals with the cache of firearms and ammunition.

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 8th day of May, 2026.

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