

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 299

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 AKILAH BERNARD of Light Pole No. 57, Upper Moraldo Street, Maraval, 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 AKILAH BERNARD of Light Pole No. 57, Upper Moraldo Street, Maraval, shall be detained at the Women's Prison, Golden Grove located at Arouca, or such other place as I may

from time to time direct as the place where the said AKILAH BERNARD of Light Pole No. 57, Upper Moraldo Street, Maraval, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 19th day of April, 2026.

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

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

The detainee, AKILAH BERNARD has been credibly identified through confidential intelligence, investigative reporting and surveillance as a close associate of and facilitator within an organised criminal network in the Maraval area. She provided premises used for the storage and concealment of stolen and tampered vehicles utilised in criminal activity and was connected to recovery of a tampered vehicle with false registration plates linked to criminal operations. The detainee is closely associated with individuals engaged in firearms trafficking, narcotics distribution and violent offences. Her conduct demonstrates knowing facilitation and support of organised criminal activity, including the concealment of instrumentalities used in serious offences. Her detention is necessary to prevent continued assistance to organised criminal operation and to protect public safety. The detainee's continued liberty presents a significant and ongoing threat of organised armed violence, retaliation, and serious criminal activity which poses an imminent harm to public safety.

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 19th day of April, 2026.

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