

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 309

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 JESUS YOHAN DOMINGUEZ RANGEL also known as “JOAN RICARDO ACAGUA” of Seecharan Drive, Calcutta, Couva, 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 JESUS YOHAN DOMINGUEZ RANGEL also known as “JOAN RICARDO ACAGUA” of Seecharan Drive, Calcutta, Couva, 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 JESUS YOHAN DOMINGUEZ RANGEL also known as “JOAN RICARDO ACAGUA” of Seecharan Drive, Calcutta, Couva, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 29th 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, JESUS YOHAN DOMINGUEZ RANGEL also known as “JOAN RICARDO ACAGUA” is identified as an individual operating under multiple identities, which raises concerns as to traceability, evasion, and the effectiveness of ordinary supervision measures. The detainee is involved in the possession, importation, trafficking, and distribution of illegal firearms and ammunition, including the supply of such weapons to organised criminal elements within the Western Division. In April, 2026, the detainee was found in control of a motor vehicle from which officers recovered a quantity of firearms and ammunition. The detainee is a supplier and distributor of illegal firearms to organised criminal groups, facilitating shootings, robberies, woundings, and other serious violent offences. The detainee has been previously associated with illegal entry into Trinidad and Tobago and deportation, and has demonstrated the ability to re-enter and operate under alternate identities, thereby increasing the risk of absconding and frustrating law enforcement efforts. The detainee’s continued liberty poses a real, immediate, and ongoing risk of facilitating the circulation of illegal firearms, thereby increasing the likelihood of violent criminal activity and undermining 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 29th day of April, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security