

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 334

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 JAHEEM SMITH also known as “SON SON” of No. 44 Union Park East, Gopaul Lands, Marabella, 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 JAHEEM SMITH also known as “SON SON” of No. 44 Union Park East, Gopaul Lands, Marabella, 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 JAHEEM SMITH also known as “SON SON” of No. 44 Union Park East, Gopaul Lands, Marabella, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 15th 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, JAHEEM SMITH also known as “SON SON” has been credibly identified as a member of an Informal Crime Group (‘ICG’) within the legal definition in the Anti-Gang Act, 2021. The ICG has access to a cache of firearms and ammunition and is engaged in armed home invasions, armed robberies and violent assault. The ICG has been linked by confidential intelligence to a spate of recent armed home invasions and attacks using firearms and other weapons in public spaces. The detainee and others also intend to escalate their armed attacks on homes using firearms in public spaces.

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

Made this 15th day of May, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER  
*Minister of Homeland Security*