

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 355

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 GARY GOUR of Lot No. 78, Buen Intento, Phase 2, Princes Town and also of No. 673 Lengua Village, St. Croix Road, Princes Town, 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 GARY GOUR of Lot No. 78, Buen Intento,

Phase 2, Princes Town and also of No. 673 Lengua Village, St. Croix Road, Princes Town, 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 GARY GOUR of Lot No. 78, Buen Intento, Phase 2, Princes Town and also of No. 673 Lengua Village, St. Croix Road, Princes Town, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 18th 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, GARY GOUR is a Prison Officer and has been credibly identified as a facilitator for organised criminal activity within the Port-of-Spain Prison and has been linked to the trafficking of prohibited articles including cellular phones, SIM cards, chargers, cigarettes, marijuana and other contraband into the prison system. The detainee utilised his position as a prison officer to coordinate and facilitate the introduction of prohibited items to incarcerated gang members and violent offenders. On 10th May, 2026, while on duty at the Port-of-Spain Prison, the detainee was found in possession of prohibited articles including a cellular phone, SIM card and chargers. Searches conducted at his prison locker further revealed additional prohibited items. Intelligence further indicates that the detainee has longstanding associations with criminal networks operating both within and outside the prison system and that his actions have facilitated communication between incarcerated gang members and external criminal associates involved in violent offences including shootings and murders. The detainee's continued liberty presents a serious and immediate threat to public safety, national security, and the integrity of the prison system by enabling organised criminal activity, gang coordination, trafficking of contraband, intimidation of witnesses and the facilitation of violent offences. His continued liberty is deemed prejudicial to public

safety, specifically regarding the potential for further violent offences that destabilise public order and contribute to widespread public fear.

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 18th day of May, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security