

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 83

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 LEVI PANTOR, also known as “Yacob” of Upper Duncan Street, Port-of-Spain, 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 LEVI PANTOR, also known as “Yacob” of Upper Duncan Street, Port-of-Spain, 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 LEVI PANTOR, also known as “Yacob”, of Upper Duncan Street, Port-of-Spain, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 16th day of March, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security

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

The detainee, LEVI PANTOR, also known as “Yacob” is identified as a principal leader of the “7” gang an Organised Crime Group and/or gang within the definition of the Anti-Gang Act, 2021, which operates in the Upper Duncan Street area. Intelligence from 2026, reveals that he exercises command over a network of associates, specifically instructing them to retrieve and store illegal firearms for territorial defense and retaliatory violence following recent killings. In addition to his gang leadership, he is identified as the head of an organised robbery and larceny ring used to systematically finance criminal operations, including the acquisition of high-powered weapons, ammunition, and vehicles. Associates under his direction fulfill specialised roles as armed enforcers, weapon custodians, and coordinators for funding of these activities. It is assessed that his continued liberty poses an immediate threat to the public, as he continues to direct associates in the preparation for armed reprisal attacks in urban areas, creating a high risk of indiscriminate gunfire and loss of life.

A Preventive Detention Order is deemed necessary under Regulation 14 of the Emergency Powers Regulations, 2026, to avert further acts prejudicial to public safety.

Made this 16th day of March, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security