

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 379

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 DAVID BAPTISTE also known as “RASS” of George Street, Sans Souci, Toco, 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 DAVID BAPTISTE also known as “RASS” of George Street, Sans Souci, Toco, shall be detained in the Youth Training and Rehabilitation Centre, Golden Grove, or such other place

as I may from time to time direct as the place where the said DAVID BAPTISTE also known as “RASS” of George Street, Sans Souci, Toco, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 6th 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, DAVID BAPTISTE also known as “RASS” has been credibly identified as a member of a criminal network that has aligned itself to the Valencia faction of the Resistance Gang which is an Organised Crime Group (‘OCG’). The OCG and this criminal network has confirmed access to a cache of firearms and ammunition. The criminal network is presently engaged in narcotics trafficking, shootings, home invasions, armed robbery and extremely violent attacks on rivals. The detainee and others are actively involved in attacks on rival gang members and home invasions using firearms and other weapons and intend to imminently escalate those attacks.

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

Made this 6th day of May, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security