

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 410

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 AKEEM COLE of Clifton Towers and of Mt. Hope and of IOC Lodge Place, East Dry River, 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 AKEEM COLE of Clifton Towers and of Mt. Hope and of IOC Lodge Place, East Dry River, 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 AKEEM COLE of Clifton Towers and of Mt. Hope and of IOC Lodge Place, East Dry River, Port-of-Spain, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 19th 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, AKEEM COLE has been credibly identified by confidential intelligence as a member of the 6 Gang which is an Organised Crime Group ('OCG') within the legal definition of the Anti-Gang Act, 2021, which operates primarily within Beverly Hills, East Dry River, Clifton Towers, St. Paul Street, and adjacent areas of Port-of-Spain. Confidential intelligence indicates that the detainee participates in the gang's organised criminal activities, including extortion, narcotics trafficking, armed robberies, and the illegal distribution of firearms. Following the killing of a gang member known as "Dappa Six" on 1st February, 2026, intelligence reports confirm that the gang's leadership issued instructions for retaliatory shootings and violent reprisals against the rival 7 Gang. As a member within this criminal structure, the detainee's continued presence and participation facilitate the gang's ability to coordinate and execute these planned acts of violence, presenting a significant and imminent risk to public safety within densely populated urban communities. Accordingly, his detention is necessary to disrupt the gang's operational capacity and to prevent him from acting in a manner prejudicial to public safety, making a Preventive Detention Order pursuant to regulation 14 of the Emergency Powers Regulations, 2026, essential to mitigate the threat of imminent violence and further criminal enterprise.

Made this 19th day of March, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security