

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 461

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 VERRELL JOHNSON of Light Pole No. 53, Williams Street, Five Rivers, Arouca, 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 VERRELL JOHNSON of Light Pole No. 53, Williams Street, Five Rivers, Arouca, 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 VERRELL JOHNSON of Light Pole No. 53, Williams Street, Five Rivers, Arouca, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 17th day of June, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security

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

The detainee, VERRELL JOHNSON has been credibly identified by confidential intelligence as a main participant in an organised criminal enterprise involving the smuggling of contraband into a correctional facility. The detainee acts as a drone pilot for the enterprise and confidential intelligence indicates that the detainee and others are actively involved in the smuggling of mobile telephones, chargers, cigarettes, illegal narcotics, lighters and improvised weapons into a correctional facility and are working together with inmates at the said facility. The detainee and others enable the flow of contraband into the facility and the remittance of instructions, payments and information to external gang actors out of the facility and plan to imminently continue these activities.

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 17th day of June, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security