

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 466

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 CHRISTOPHER BENTHUM also known as “BEN” of No. 33 Ethel Street, St. James, 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 CHRISTOPHER BENTHUM also known as “BEN” of No. 33 Ethel Street, St. James, 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 CHRISTOPHER BENTHUM also known as “BEN” of No. 33 Ethel Street, St. James, 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, CHRISTOPHER BENTHUM also known as “BEN” has been credibly identified as a member of an Informal Crime Group (‘ICG’) within the definition of the Anti-Gang Act, 2021. The ICG is engaged in housebreaking, robberies, larceny, trafficking of narcotics, firearms, armed home invasions, witness intimidation and shootings and has confirmed access to a cache of firearms and ammunition. The detainee is an active participant of the ICG. The ICG is engaged in a campaign of violent break-ins and robberies at several business places, places of worship and homes and the detainee and others intend to imminently escalate these attacks in public spaces. There is also internal conflict within the members of the ICG leading to attacks and retaliatory attacks in public spaces using firearms.

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 17th day of June, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security