

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 497

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 ATIBA MEJIAS also known as ATIBA MALIAS also known as ATIBA TESHON JOHN MEJIAS also known as “TIBA” of Light Pole No. 75, Providence Gardens, Cantaro Village, Santa Cruz, 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 ATIBA MEJIAS also known as ATIBA

MALIAS also known as ATIBA TESHON JOHN MEJIAS also known as “TIBA” of Light Pole No. 75, Providence Gardens, Cantaro Village, Santa Cruz, shall be detained at the Remand Prison, Golden Grove, or such other place as I may from time to time direct as the place where the said ATIBA MEJIAS also known as ATIBA MALIAS also known as ATIBA TESHON JOHN MEJIAS also known as “TIBA” of Light Pole No. 75, Providence Gardens, Cantaro Village, Santa Cruz, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 27th 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, ATIBA MEJIAS also known as ATIBA MALIAS also known as ATIBA TESHON JOHN MEJIAS also known as “TIBA” has been credibly identified as an active member of an Organised Crime Group (‘OCG’) within the legal definition of the Anti-Gang Act, 2021, known to law enforcement as the “Uptown Badness (UTB) Gang”. The OCG has access to a cache of firearms and ammunition and is engaged in armed robberies, home invasions, motor vehicle larceny, shootings, sale and distribution of narcotics and murder. The detainee is the leader of the OCG, a shooter and drug pusher. Confidential intelligence indicates that the detainee and others intend to imminently escalate retaliatory firearm attacks to kill gang rivals in public spaces as a result of an on-going gang war.

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 27th day of June, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security