

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 512

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 SEYON SIMEON VIALVA of No. 103 Eastern Main Road, 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 SEYON SIMEON VIALVA of No. 103 Eastern Main Road, Arouca, 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 SEYON SIMEON VIALVA of No. 103 Eastern Main Road, Arouca, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 29th 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, SEYON SIMEON VIALVA has been credibly identified through confidential intelligence as an affiliate of an Organised Crime Group ('OCG') known to law enforcement as the "Arouca Radical Muslim Gang". The OCG has confirmed access to a cache of firearms and ammunition and is engaged in trafficking of narcotics and firearms, extortion and attacks on rival gangs. The proceeds of the trafficking of narcotics are used to fund the acquisition and dispersal of firearms to members of the OCG and others for use in criminal activities. Confidential intelligence indicates that the detainee and others are actively involved in the extortion of businesspersons and rivals using threats to kill by firearm and other modes of attack. The detainee and others intend to imminently escalate these attacks on businesspeople, gang rivals and commercial establishments using firearms in public spaces.

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 29th day of June, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security