

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 533

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 HAKEEM COLE also known as “6” of No. 10 Belmont Valley Road, Belmont, 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 HAKEEM COLE also known as “6” of No. 10 Belmont Valley Road, Belmont, 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 HAKEEM COLE also known as “6” of No. 10 Belmont Valley Road, Belmont, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 23rd day of May, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security

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

The detainee, HAKEEM COLE also known as “6” has been credibly identified as a member of an Organised Crime Group (‘OCG’) within the definition of the Anti-Gang Act, 2021 known as the “Alien/7 Gang”. The OCG has access to a cache of high-powered firearms and ammunition and is engaged in armed robberies, extortion, armed and violent home invasions, shootings, multiple homicides and larceny. The detainee is a shooter for the OCG. The detainee and the OCG have been recently identified by confidential intelligence as being involved in an escalating gang conflict with a rival gang leading to attacks and retaliatory shootings in public spaces using high-powered firearms. The detainee and others intend to imminently escalate these attacks using high-powered firearms on their rivals in public spaces and continued participation in organised criminal activity.

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 23rd day of May, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security