

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 623

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 her from acting in any manner prejudicial to public safety and that it is necessary to provide for her preventive detention, make an order that she 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 JENNESSA JOSEPH of 1518, Arena Road, Erin, that it is necessary to provide for her preventive detention with a view to preventing her 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 JENNESSA JOSEPH of 1518, Arena Road, Erin, shall be detained at the Women's Prison located at Golden Grove,

Arouca, or such other place as I may from time to time direct, as the place where the said JENNESSA JOSEPH of 1518, Arena Road, Erin, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 1st day of August, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER  
*Minister of Homeland Security*

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

The detainee, JENNESSA JOSEPH has been credibly identified as a member of an Organised Crime Group ('OCG') known to law enforcement as the "Pegus OCG". The OCG has confirmed access to a cache of firearms and ammunition and is engaged in the trafficking of firearms, ammunition, production and distribution of illegal narcotics, armed robberies, shootings and murder. The detainee who is a Woman Special Reserve Police Officer Regimental Number 7417, provides transport and supplies information on police exercises for the OCG. Confidential intelligence links the detainee to recent homicides in the area which is part of a larger developing conflict between this OCG and another OCG known to law enforcement as the "Barry Maraj OCG". Further intelligence links the detainee to a series of armed robberies in the Siparia district and environs and an imminent escalation of firearm attacks on rival gang members in public places which threaten public safety.

A Preventive Detention Order pursuant to regulation 14 of the Emergency Powers Regulations, 2026, is necessary to disrupt these plans and prevent her from acting in a manner prejudicial to public safety.

Made this 1st day of August, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER  
*Minister of Homeland Security*