

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 678

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 JOSHUA BAPTISTE also known as “GOAT HEAD” of Radcliff Clark Avenue, Quarry Road, Morne Diablo and also of Plaisance Terrace, Laventille, 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 JOSHUA BAPTISTE also known as “GOAT HEAD” of Radcliff Clark Avenue, Quarry Road, Morne Diablo

and also of Plaisance Terrace, Laventille, 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 JOSHUA BAPTISTE also known as “GOAT HEAD” of Radcliff Clark Avenue, Quarry Road, Morne Diablo and also of Plaisance Terrace, Laventille, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 22nd 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, JOSHUA BAPTISTE also known as “GOAT HEAD” 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 “Dark Side Gang”. The OCG has access to a cache of firearms and ammunition and is engaged in armed robberies, extortion, armed and violent home invasions, shootings and larceny. The detainee is an enforcer for the OCG. The detainee and the OCG have recently been identified by confidential intelligence as being involved in a spate of home invasions in the Penal, Morne Diablo and Siparia districts. The detainee and others intend to imminently escalate their attacks on homes using firearms in public spaces and their 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 22nd day of May, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security