

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 681

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 TESLYMA RAFFICK also known as “FAITH LAWRENCE” also known as “FAITH RAFFICK” also known as “TALYSMA RAFFICK” also known as “FAITH” of No. 16 Ethel Street, La Romaine, 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 TESLYMA RAFFICK also known as “FAITH LAWRENCE” also known as “FAITH RAFFICK” also known as “TALYSMA RAFFICK” also known as “FAITH” of No. 16 Ethel Street, La Romaine, shall be detained at the Women’s Prison, Golden Grove, or such other place as I may from time to time direct, as the place where the

said TESLYMA RAFFICK also known as “FAITH LAWRENCE” also known as “FAITH RAFFICK” also known as “TALYSMA RAFFICK” also known as “FAITH” of No. 16 Ethel Street, La Romaine, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 24th 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, TESLYMA RAFFICK also known as “FAITH LAWRENCE” also known as “FAITH RAFFICK” also known as “TALYSMA RAFFICK” also known as “FAITH” has been credibly identified by intelligence and investigations as the interim leader of an Organised Criminal Group (‘OCG’) known to law enforcement as the “R Gang” within the meaning of the Anti-Gang Act, 2021, operating primarily within the La Romaine district and surrounding areas. The OCG has access to a cache of firearms and ammunition and is engaged in trafficking of firearms, ammunition, illegal narcotics and gang related violence. Confidential intelligence indicates that she assumed a leadership role in the OCG while its reported leader has gone into hiding. The detainee has been identified as exercising control over and coordinating the activities of members and associates of the OCG. Further intelligence indicates that she has threatened violence on various persons in relation to the collection of monies allegedly owed to the OCG and that she is not concerned with any collateral damage caused. The detainee and others intend to imminently escalate armed attacks on persons in public spaces which is a threat to 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 24th day of August, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security