

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 452

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 NIHIM THOMAS also known as HIIHIM THOMAS of Light Pole No. 19, Straker Village, Laventille and also of Light Pole No. 107A, Laventille Road, 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 NIHIM THOMAS also known as HIIHIM THOMAS of Light Pole No. 19, Straker Village, Laventille and also of

Light Pole No. 107A, Laventille Road, 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 NIHIM THOMAS also known as HIHIM THOMAS of Light Pole No. 19, Straker Village, Laventille and also of Light Pole No. 107A, Laventille Road, Laventille, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 16th 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, NIHIM THOMAS also known as HIHIM THOMAS has been credibly identified as a member of an Organised Crime Group ('OCG') known as the "9 Gang" within the definition of the Anti-Gang Act, 2021. The OCG is engaged in armed robberies, violent attacks on rivals in public spaces using firearms, trafficking of narcotics and firearms. The detainee functions as a 'snatcher' carrying out robberies of members of the public in order to generate resources to fund the OCG's activities. The detainee and others intend to imminently escalate their robbery attacks on members of the public to continue to fund the OCG's activities.

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 16th day of June, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security