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MEDIA RELEASE

Minister of Homeland Security Revokes Preventive Detention Orders **of Dominic Hadeed and Genevieve Hadeed**

July 23, 2026: I have today revoked the Preventive Detention Orders in the case of Dominic Hadeed and Genevieve Hadeed (the detainees). On the 24th June 2026 the detainees were arrested by the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS) and detained as part of a criminal investigation into a plot to assassinate the Prime Minister and senior members of her government. That criminal investigation remains ongoing.

On the 27th June 2026 in the exercise of the powers conferred by the Emergency Powers Regulations 2026, to preserve and protect public safety during a public State of Emergency, I issued a Preventive Detention Order in the case of each of the detainees. Since that time, I have kept under review the legality of the detention of the detainees to ensure that their detention is justified in accordance with the law, in particular the Emergency Powers Regulations 2026.

On the 19th July 2026 the Review Tribunal, established under section 11 (1) of the Constitution, recommended that the continued detention of the detainees was 'not necessary or expedient in the public interest'. On the 21st July 2026 I received a medical report in relation to the detainee Dominic Hadeed that detailed his medical condition and the required care plan that was necessary, in the view of their medical specialist, to address his medical condition. I have carefully considered the contents of this report and have taken advice on this matter with respect to the medical condition of Mr Hadeed and his required treatment plan. I requested that Mr Hadeed consent to being examined by an independent specialist appointed by the State but he refused.



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In the discharge of my constitutional duty as Minister of Homeland Security, I am required to balance the detainee's right to liberty and the protection of the law with the need to preserve and protect public safety during a public State of Emergency.

I have been advised that the investigations have been expanded beyond the original scope and spans multiple jurisdictions. These matters are complex and require extensive cooperation between several investigative agencies. The local and international law enforcement agencies involved continue to work assiduously on the matters under investigation.

I have determined that the balance, at the present time, having regard to all of the relevant circumstances, is in favor of release of the detainees. In particular, I have considered that the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council has declined to exercise its discretion to hear the substantive appeal in this matter on an expedited basis. In practical terms this would mean that they stay granted in favor of the State would require the detainees to be in prison until the end of the State of Emergency, all other things being equal. I recognise that continuing detention in those circumstances would be disproportionate.

In that regard, I have today revoked the Preventative Detention Orders issued to each detainee. In ordering the release of the detainees I have been assured by the TTPS that they will be the subject of continued monitoring and surveillance to ensure that the ongoing criminal investigation is in no way undermined. Further, steps have been implemented to ensure that the safety of those subject to the threat is in no way compromised and any risk is contained. I expect that the detainees though released will cooperate with all law enforcement agencies involved in the ongoing criminal investigation.

Roger Alexander
Minister of Homeland Security

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