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FRONT PAGE OPINION

Equality expresses the Diaspora's solidarity with the people of Guyana in border claim by Venezuela

WE STAND WITH GUYANA

Publisher of Equality Newspaper and Chairman of the Equality Group of Companies – Bhaskar Sharma has expressed his organization's support to the government of Guyana, through Prime Minister – Brigadier Ret'd Mark Phillips, at this time of Venezuela presenting itself as a "clear and present danger" to the Cooperative Republic of Guyana.

During a recent meeting with the Prime Minister, Mr. Sharma opined that there is need for the Guyanese diaspora to be alerted to the serious threat facing Guyana, with an impending "referendum" to be held by Venezuela on December 3, with five questions being asked of Venezuelan citizens, including the very contentious one of the annexation of Essequibo – about two thirds of Guyana's sovereign territory based on the legal 1899 Arbitral Award.

On Monday, November 6 the ruling PPPC government led by President Ali and the

APNU/AFC opposition led by Aubrey Norton, along with Khemraj Ramjattan, Amanza Walton-Desir, Roysdale Forde and others expressed unanimous support at a special sitting of the National Assembly. Mr. Norton was unequivocal about the opposition's support, and made it clear to the government that "we've got your back"!

But he warned about the need to be ever-vigilant with stepped-up campaigns regarding keeping the public informed. He was adamant that Guyana will not cede "one blade of grass" to Venezuela. He added that regardless of the outcome of the case that is at present with the International Court of Justice (ICJ), Venezuela will not be deterred, and as such Guyana will have to be ever-ready



Equality Publisher Bhaskar Sharma with Guyana Prime Minister Mark Phillips in Guyana Parliament on Wednesday

in thwarting that bellicose republic's "bullyism" and wanting to annex Guyana's territory.

The Guyanese diaspora has an important and patriotic role to play in ensuring that the above message of "Equality News" is taken seriously and should be forwarded to all the MPs in Canada. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has joined with the international community in expressing support for Guyana.

This gesture of support should be

highlighted by all world leaders, including the UN, USA, India, China, Brazil, CARICOM, the OAS, the EU, the United Kingdom and all peace-loving

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