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## Decisive win for PPP/C in Guyana

BRIGADIER (ret'd) Mark Phillips and Dr. Bharrat Jagdeo, on Monday, were officially appointed as Prime Minister and Vice President, respectively, by President Dr. Irfaan Ali, who hailed them as "exemplary" leaders that will help guide Guyana's prosperous future.

Phillips and Dr. Jagdeo's appointments signal the first two major appointments under President Ali's new administration, which decisively won the September 1 general election, taking 36 seats in the 65 seat national assembly. These appointments come one day after Dr. Ali was officially sworn in as the ninth President of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana.

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The President emphasised that the appointments of the Prime Minister and Vice President were made under Articles 101 and 102 of the Constitution.

He said: "These appointments are evidence of placing the reigns of our nation's development in the most capable hands, hands that have been tried, tested and proven annals of public service."

Above, Dr Ali is flanked by Dr. Jagdeo and Brig. Phillips after the swearing in on Monday.



**HOLNESS GETS 3RD TERM IN JAMAICA:** Prime Minister Andrew Holness has secured a third term in office, according to the preliminary results from Jamaica's fractious parliamentary election. The results released early on Thursday showed that Holness' Jamaica Labour Party won at least 34 seats in the previous day's vote. The governing party's main challenger, the People's National Party, secured 29 of the 63 seats in parliament.

More Jamaica stories inside



**CONGRATS:** A heartfelt congratulations to our President, Dr. Irfaan Mohammed Ali, on his victorious win in the 2025 presidential election. Your unwavering determination and inspiring leadership toward building a better Guyana serve as a true inspiration to us all. We are proud and honored to celebrate this achievement, and even prouder to call you our President for the next five years.

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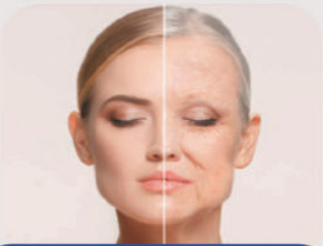
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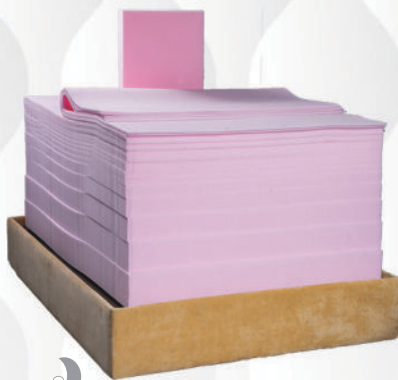
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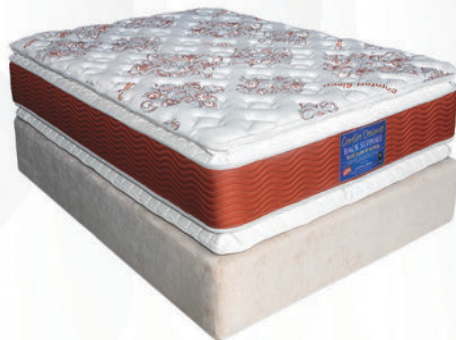
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# Guyana blames Venezuela for attack on election officials ahead of vote

Security forces in Guyana say a boat carrying election officials and ballot boxes was shot at "from the Venezuelan shore" in the contested Essequibo region.

Police and the Guyana defence force said in a joint statement that the incident occurred on Sunday, ahead of the South American nation's general election on Monday.

The patrol that had been escorting the officials "immediately returned fire" and no one was injured, Guyana's security forces said.

Venezuela has denied being behind incident, which comes amid a territorial dispute between the two nations over the oil-rich Essequibo region.

Venezuelan Defence Minister Vladimir Padrino accused Guyana of "inciting a conflict" by blaming Venezuela for the shooting.

The 159,500-sq-km (61,600-square-mile) area has been administered by Guyana, and British Guiana before it, for over a century.

But Venezuela lays claim to the area and, in December 2023, President Nicolás Maduro's government held a referendum in which more than 95% of Venezuelans who voted backed its claim.

Guyana has taken the matter to the International Court of Justice, but



Shots were fired from Venezuela at a boat carrying election material in Cuyuni River

Venezuela has disputed the court's authority to rule on it.

The statement from the Guyanese security forces did not say who may have been behind the shooting, but they insisted the shots had been fired from Venezuelan territory.

It added that the ballot boxes on-board the boat had been delivered safely to the remote polling stations they were destined for.

Voters in Guyana are choosing a president for the next five years, as well as members of its parliament.

The incumbent, President Irfaan Ali of the People's Progressive Party/Civic (PPP/C), was declared the winner of the election on September 5.

Ali's re-election bid was buoyed by the revenue from the economic boom Guyana is experiencing following the discovery of massive offshore oil deposits.

The country of 800,000 inhabitants saw its GDP almost quintuple in the five years since 2020, according to IMF figures.

President Ali used the revenue to

improve Guyana's infrastructure, investing in road-building and education, including making attendance at state universities free of charge.

But his critics say oil revenues have been channelled disproportionately to benefit groups which traditionally support Ali's party, an accusation the president has denied.

While President Ali said he was confident of re-election, his party had only a one-seat majority in the outgoing legislature.



## Fun time at Essequibo Day Picnic

The Essequibo Day Picnic, held at Wildwood Park in Mississauga, Ontario, was a great success. Many fans and supporters came out to celebrate One Guyana. People from all walks of life and different denominations gathered with their lunch baskets, reconnecting with friends and family while enjoying the beautiful summer weather.

This annual event, organized by a dedicated committee in Canada, has become a much-anticipated highlight of the summer for many in the Guyanese diaspora.

This year, the Honorable Consul General Mani Singh attended the picnic, meeting and greeting many of the patrons. His presence was warmly welcomed, and attendees expressed gratitude for his support and encouragement.

By: Andreiko Basir



The friends of Fihaaz Rahim gathered at Alex Robinson Park to celebrate his life and legacy. Fihaaz was a dedicated member of the Guyanese community, always going out of his way to support his fellow countrymen. Though four years have passed, his memories continue to live on in the hearts of many.

As family and friends came together to honor the "Son of the Soil " originally from Charity, Pomeroon, Essequibo Coast, Guyana, they reflected on his many contributions. Fihaaz , the proud owner of Festrans, was especially known for his generosity in helping others with transportation, shipping barrels, crates, and other items to the Caribbean. By: Andreiko Basir

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# Re-elected: A champion of the people

Congratulations are in order to President Dr Irfaan Ali and his team in the PPP/C on their decisive victory at the September 1 polls in Guyana.

The PPPC won 36 of the 65 seats in the national assembly for a clear majority, with the second placed party, WIN, taking 16 seats.

One of the outcomes of this election was the almost decimation of the previous official opposition APNU, which has been relegated to just 12 seat. The big win for Dr Ali shows that his hard work in the last term has paid off, and that the voters trust him to lead the country through the next five years, which given global strife, could prove to be rather challenging.

One of the President's continuing challenges remains, of course, the threat from neighbouring Venezuela, which has signaled its intent to continue to claim the oil rich Essequibo Region as its own.

Indeed, while the election was being carried out on September 1, Venezuela made its displeasure over voters in Essequibo being courted by, allegedly, shooting at a boat carrying election officials at the border.

And the inauguration of President Ali for his second term took place even as Venezuelan planes acted in a reportedly hostile manner against American

warships stationed in the region, prompting the USA to use the occasion of the swearing-in to show off its air power by doing a fly-by.

But geopolitics aside, which Dr Ali already proved during his last term that he had a handle on, over the next five years Guyanese people can expect the development of the country to continue a-pace, as demonstrated by his handling of the economy over the past term.

Guyana boomed under Dr Ali's stewardship, and we can expect it to continue.

"In the next five years, we will convert ambition into action and action into transformation. We will not speak in half-measures, and we will not hesitate to deliver," the Head of State said during his inaugural address shortly after taking the oath of office on Sunday.

He said history has placed in Guyana's hands, the resources, the leadership, the opportunities, the partnerships and the international goodwill to transform promise into reality.

The President emphasised a collaborative approach to national development, urging citizens, private sector leaders, civil society, and international partners to unite behind a common national vision.

At the heart of this vision is the concept of Guyana as a 'Rising Frontier', a nation where oil, agriculture, and mineral resources will drive prosperity, while innovation, resilience, and environmental stewardship shape a sustainable future.

"This vision will not materialise without a plan, and in our manifesto, together with our broader strategy for Guyana's development beyond 2025, your government has set out the framework to turn ambition into reality," President Ali said.

There is no question that he will deliver on these promises, just as he has done in the past five years.

Dr Ali is a man of action. One just has to look at Guyana today, and compare it to the Guyana of five years ago, to see that. And he has proven that he's not just about Guyana. In his address, Dr Ali also recommitted to accelerating efforts to modernise agriculture and drive trade, with the aim of slashing Guyana's and by extension the Caribbean Community's (CARICOM)'s food import bill.

"We'll accelerate food security and logistics, modernising agriculture and agro-processing, opening new shipping and air links, and driving down the region's import bill so Caribbean tables are fed by Caribbean farms," Dr. Ali

said, noting too that Guyana will champion energy security and competitiveness, leveraging its resources.

The President outlined plans to partner with regional neighbours to lower cost, expand manufacturing and build resilient, cleaner energy systems that power jobs and industry across the Caribbean.

"In CARICOM, our purpose is practical and people-centred: to make this single market work for ordinary families with cheaper energy, faster payment and roaming, recognisable skills across borders, and scholarships and apprenticeships that open doors for youth," he said.

He outlined plans too for climate adaptation, building the region's sustainability and resilience.

Dr. Ali said: "We'll strengthen collective resilience through disaster risk financing, shared emergency response, and joint action on climate adaptation, because when the sea rises or the winds rage, we stand or fall together."

In other words, it's not just Guyana that has been placed in capable hands, but the wider Caribbean. He is indeed a champion of the people.

We wish the newly re-elected President and his team the best as they steer the ship of state through the next five years.

## Kudos to the CEO, GECOM team for exemplary professionalism

Dear Editor,  
DEMOCRACY does not sustain itself; it rests upon foundations that must be respected, safeguarded, and practiced each day.

I wish to place on record my sincere congratulations to Chief Elections Officer, Mr. Vishnu Persaud, and his team at GECOM for the exemplary professionalism they displayed, their devotion to the country, and their steadfast commitment to upholding the Constitution of Guyana during these 2025 elections.

To the Presiding Officers at every polling station, the 10 Returning Officers, and their respective staff, I extend my deepest gratitude. You represent the very best of Guyana. You also embody our shared Caribbean commitment to the

bedrock principle of "One Person – One Vote."

My greatest takeaway from these elections is the remarkable maturity of our people. They have accepted the outcome with dignity and are determined to move forward—building Guyana for themselves, their families, their communities, and their fellow citizens.

The fact remains that Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali, the Presidential Candidate of the PPP/C, has secured a decisive victory. Yet, it is concerning that some who did not prevail, are struggling to embrace the rule of law. This principle is essential to safeguarding our freedoms.

This moment, however, is not one of celebration alone; it is time for introspection. It is also historic for the WIN

Team.

They have risen in just three short months from having no parliamentary presence to now holding the position of Leader of the Opposition. That achievement is significant and deserves recognition. Importantly, there is no credible empirical evidence to suggest that these elections were anything other than free and fair.

In such circumstances, true statesmanship requires the humility and grace that we recently witnessed in Jamaica. Mr. Mark Golding, Leader of the People's National Party (PNP), narrowly lost the 2025 general elections.

Yet, within hours of the polls closing, he conceded with grace and honour. In one of the finest concession speeches

in recent memory, he stated: "It is my duty as a believer in democracy to acknowledge and concede the result, and to congratulate our opponents in the Jamaica Labour Party for their victory tonight."

His message to his party comrades was clear: "The work begins right away to prepare ourselves for the next opportunity to serve the nation in government."

As a son of the Caribbean, I remain hopeful that this same spirit of democratic maturity and respect will resonate across all the lands that are touched by the Caribbean Sea and the Atlantic Ocean.

Yours sincerely,  
Sasnarine Singh



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# ‘Coordinated’ vandalism probe after speed cameras cut down across city

By Denise Singh  
LJI REPORTER

Toronto police are investigating after at least 10 automated speed enforcement (ASE) cameras were chopped down on Monday night in what one city councillor is calling a co-ordinated attack on the city’s traffic safety program

By Tuesday morning, toppled cameras had been spotted in multiple neighbourhoods.

Two were in the east end near Coxwell Avenue and O’Connor Drive and Lake Shore Boulevard and Woodbine Avenue.

In the downtown core, one was cut near Dundas and Bathurst streets.

Three more were destroyed in North York at Sheppard Avenue West and Seely Drive, Don Mills Road and Sheppard Avenue, and Bayview Avenue and Post Road.

In Scarborough, vandals struck at McCowan Road and Sandhurst Circle, Ellesmere and Gladeside roads, and Bellamy Road and Northleigh Drive. Another camera was found down in the city’s west end on Rockcliffe Court, near Jane Street and St. Clair Avenue West.

City officials confirmed the damage Tuesday, calling vandalism a criminal offence and urging anyone with information to contact police. Patrol cars were spotted stationed near some of the downed devices.

The incidents come just days after a speed camera on Parkside Drive — one of the most frequently vandalized in Toronto — was cut down for the seventh time in less than a year.

According to the city, more than 800 acts of vandalism against ASE devices have been reported so far this year, though most have involved graffiti or minor damage that didn’t knock cameras out of service.

“The City of Toronto condemns all vandalism of these speed cameras,” a spokesperson said in a statement.

“Damaging these devices allows dangerous speeding to continue and undermines the safety of vulnerable road users, as all ASE devices are located in community safety zones such as near schools, playgrounds and hospitals.”

Coun. Brad Bradford, speaking



A speed camera on Parkside Drive was cut down yet again in a spate of vandalism against the devices

be-  
side a toppled camera on Lake Shore Boulevard, described the incidents as “coordinated” and blasted city hall for failing to address what he called chronic vandalism.

“This has become an embarrassment and a joke,” Bradford said. “Road safety is very important, and the fact that we haven’t found a resolution just shows we continue to fail on the basics.

Premier Doug Ford weighed in

Tues-  
day, calling on municipalities to eliminate speed cameras altogether.

“They should take out those cameras, all of them. This is nothing but a tax grab,” Ford told reporters, arguing the devices unfairly target drivers going only a few kilometres over the limit.

Ford noted he has seen cameras placed outside of school zones and suggested alternatives such as flashing

speed  
signs or deploying officers with radar guns.

“I’m all about public safety. I’m against taxing the death out of people,” he said. “Get rid of the speed cameras or I’m going to do it for them.”

Ford praised Vaughan Mayor Steven Del Duca for recently scrapping that city’s speed camera program and said he hopes other municipalities follow suit.

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# President Ali receives international commendation on heels of second term



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President Dr Mohamed Irfaan Ali has received wide commendation on his reelection to office from key diplomatic allies from across the world following Guyana's recent general and regional elections.

Since the declarations were made by the Guyana Elections Commission (GECOM) in favour of the incumbent, many congratulatory messages were shared by the international community.

Most notable was Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi, who expressed optimism in the future relations between the two states on the social platform 'X' (formerly known as Twitter).

"Heartiest congratulations to President Irfaan Ali on the resounding success in General and Regional elections. I look forward to further strengthening India-Guyana partnership anchored in strong and historical people-to-people ties," Modi wrote.

On behalf of the United States of America, the US Embassy of Guyana also reaffirmed its commitment to the continued growth and development of

Guyana.

"Congratulations to President Ali on his re-election. The United States looks forward to continuing to work with the Government of Guyana to further strengthen the bilateral ties between our two countries. Our commitment to Guyana's continued growth and development remains strong and unwavering.

"We commend the Organization of American States (OAS) and other international observers for their impartial monitoring and thorough analysis, which have been instrumental in promoting transparency and accountability in this election," the embassy said in a post on X.

The Federative Republic of Brazil, Guyana's immediate southwestern neighbour, through its President, Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, commended the robust electoral process via a letter. He pointed out that the process indicates the maturity and strength of Guyana's institutions.

"The broad and peaceful participation of the Guyanese people in the elec-

tions reflects the maturity and strength of your country's institutions, as well as the consolidation of a plural and democratic society, with growing international relevance and promising economic prospects," the Brazilian leader said.

Within the Caribbean region, several leaders from sister territories also applauded President Ali's reelection.

Jamaica's Prime Minister, Andrew Holness, who also won his reelection bid on September 3, reminded that "Jamaica values the strong and enduring partnership we share with Guyana, and I look forward to deepening our cooperation for the progress and prosperity of our peoples and the wider Caribbean."

St Lucian Prime Minister, Phillip J. Pierre, said, "This victory reflects the trust and confidence of the people of Guyana in your leadership and vision. We look forward to strengthening the bonds of friendship and partnership between Saint Lucia and Guyana, as together we continue to advance the cause of progress and prosperity within our region."

Both the Prime Minister and the Opposition Leader of Trinidad and Tobago saluted President Ali. Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar said the twin islands will work closely with President Ali and his new government.

Opposition leader Penelope Beckles-Robinson pointed out that "His continued leadership is a victory not only for the people of Guyana, but also for the principles of democracy and justice throughout our region."

Prime Minister of Barbados, Mia Mottley, in her message, reiterated that "Barbados values our friendship with Guyana, and through CARICOM, I look forward to us working towards even stronger relations."

President Dr Mohamed Irfaan Ali was officially declared the winner of the 2025 General and Regional Elections late Saturday evening.

In a message to the nation shortly after, he said the formal results of the 2025 elections demonstrate that democracy has triumphed and "the will of the people is sovereign."



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# White nationalist rally in Niagara sparks concern about rising extremism

By Denise Singh  
LJI REPORTER

A Labour Day weekend rally in Niagara-on-the-Lake by a self-described “Canadian men’s nationalist” group is raising alarm over growing anti-immigrant sentiment and the recruitment tactics of extremist organizations.

The group, known as Second Sons, has been compared by extremism researchers to white supremacist and neo-Nazi “active clubs” that blend social gatherings with physical training in preparation for what they believe is an impending race war.

Its leader, Jeremy MacKenzie, also founded Diagolon, which the RCMP has described as a militia-like extremist network.

On Aug. 31, about 50 members of Second Sons marched through Queenston Heights Park, carrying flags and chanting before posing at the monument to Maj.-Gen. Sir Isaac Brock. Dressed in black shirts and white masks, they bore slogans such as “All thy sons” and “He who guards.” Videos show park-goers watching from a distance.

“It is a kind of intimidation,” said Saleh Waziruddin, executive member of the Niagara Region Anti-Racism Association.

He said groups like Second Sons push an ideology that portrays non-white Canadians as outsiders or threats.

On its website, Second Sons calls itself a “Canadian men’s nationalist club” created in 2024, claiming that Canadians are being “pushed out of society” and “replaced by foreigners.”

The group said online it received an “avalanche” of membership applications after the Niagara rally.

A recent report by the national news network CBC found the group, along with another active club, training in gyms, martial arts studios and parks in Hamilton and Niagara.

Members often appear in coordinated outfits similar to those worn by the U.S. white nationalist group Patriot Front, and the Second Sons also use the Red Ensign flag, a symbol co-opted by white supremacists.

Niagara Parks, which manages Queenston Heights, confirmed the group had no permit for its gathering.

“While the rally remained peaceful, Niagara Parks and its police service do not condone the actions or beliefs of Sec-



Members of the White Nationalist group Second Sons at the Brock Monument in Niagara on the Lake

ond Sons,” spokesperson Katy Wasse-naar said.

The Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake also issued a statement condemning racism and hate.

In the days after the rally, MacKenzie posted videos to the messaging app Telegram, including one where he made a Nazi salute while driving. He later addressed members at the Brock monument, lamenting that Canada was being “pillaged, raped and burned” and questioning the identity of “real Canadians.”

Second Sons’ activities have also reached community spaces. A photo posted online showed members gathered around a fighting ring at the Caledonia Lions Community Centre, which later said the group had misrepresented itself when booking the hall.

Experts warn the group’s visibility is part of a broader recruitment strategy.

Ameil Joseph, a McMaster University professor who studies extremism, said that anti-immigrant rhetoric in politics and policy changes — such as restrictions on international students — can fuel the spread of such ideologies.

“When Canadians hear similar anti-

immigrant talking points from politicians, TikTok videos and white nationalist groups, it all starts to blend together,” Joseph said.

“Without context, people don’t see the long history of these organizations trying to organize and grow.”

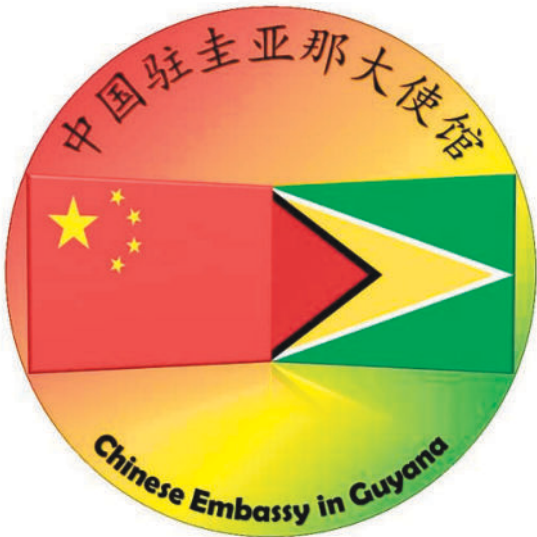
## China congratulates Ali on re-election

THE Government of the People’s Republic of China has extended congratulations to His Excellency Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali on his re-election as President of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana following the September 1, 2025, General and Regional Elections.

In its message, China emphasized the importance it places on strengthening its longstanding friendship with Guyana. The statement noted that Beijing is ready to work alongside the newly re-elected Guyanese government to advance cooperation and promote the building of a closer China-Guyana community with a shared future.

China and Guyana have enjoyed over five decades of diplomatic relations, marked by collaboration in infrastructure, trade, education, healthcare, and energy development. With Guyana’s rapidly growing economy and China’s Belt and Road Initiative already fostering several joint projects, both countries continue to deepen their strategic partnership.

Beijing’s reaffirmation of its commitment to Guyana comes at a time when the country is expanding its global partnerships to drive sustainable development and inclusive growth.







President Ali at his inauguration on Sunday

## ‘The most consequential 5 years in our history’

With the weight of a nation’s hopes on his shoulders, President Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali wasted no time after taking the oath of office for a second term, declaring that the next five years will define Guyana’s destiny.

Addressing thousands gathered at State House, on Sunday, from regional leaders and foreign dignitaries to citizens eager for direction, Ali proclaimed, “It is only by standing as one people, united in purpose, that we can rise to meet the magnitude of what lies ahead.”

The Head of State laid out an ambitious roadmap for the nation’s future, calling for unity, resilience, and collective action to transform Guyana into a regional powerhouse.

Central to President Ali’s address was a vision for economic transformation.

He outlined plans to leverage Guyana’s abundant natural resources, including oil, gold, diamonds, and fertile agricultural lands, while ensuring environmental stewardship and sustainable development.

“Our vision is a Guyana as a rising

frontier where oil fuels ambition, sugar and rice sustain, and gold and diamonds anchor prosperity,” he declared.

The President detailed a comprehensive development framework, promising seamless infrastructure between regions, first-class health and education services and the advancement of new urban centres such as Silica City.

He highlighted the importance of technology and innovation in driving productivity and economic diversification, with a focus on creating jobs and raising incomes.

Within the next six weeks, President Ali announced, planning and preparation will commence for several major infrastructure projects.

These include a new Berbice River Bridge, a bridge across the Corentyne River, a second gas-to-shore plant in Region 6, an economic zone in Berbice, a deep-water harbor, and the expansion of the Demerara Harbor.

“We must invest boldly in infrastructure that underpins growth, creates jobs, and unlocks opportunities for citizens,” he said.

On the social front, the President pledged to reduce taxes, raise disposable incomes, and continue direct cash grants to families.

He promised to cut electricity costs by half, maintain water tariffs, and shield citizens from unfair pricing.

Special attention will be given to empowering women, the elderly, and youth, with initiatives such as removing taxes on personal health products, expanding daycare facilities, and increasing scholarships and employment opportunities.

Education and healthcare were also prominent in the address. President Ali committed to establishing 200 new medical and engineering seats in key regions, expanding access to skills training, and delivering world-class health services.

“Every citizen’s health will be tracked, risk identified, and treatment provided as we roll out a first-class health system,” he said.

President Ali highlighted the need for efficient, transparent governance, vowing to strengthen anti-corruption ef-

forts through a dedicated unit and strict asset accountability for public officials.

He also announced plans to modernize the public service, cut red tape, and deliver more online services to citizens.

Regionally, the President reaffirmed Guyana’s commitment to Caribbean integration, promising to deepen ties within CARICOM, advance free movement, and champion regional energy security and food production.

He also highlighted the importance of engaging the Guyanese diaspora in national development.

President Ali called on all Guyanese to join in the journey of “continuity and transformation.”

He urged citizens to rise above division and work together to build a Guyana “not only rich in resources but bountiful in opportunities.”

Dr Ali expressed gratitude to his family, colleagues, and supporters, and ended with a message of hope: “The future is ours to build, and together, we shall rise to meet it.”

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# Official results: PPP/C takes 36 seats, WIN gets 16 to become new opposition

THE Guyana Elections Commission (GECOM), after certifying the results of the 2025 general and regional elections presented by the Chief Elections Officer (CEO) in his report, declared Dr. Irfaan Ali President-elect for a second term, cementing a decisive victory for the People’s Progressive Party/Civic (PPP/C) in the 2025 General and Regional Elections.

The declaration followed a 24-hour delay after the Opposition-nominated GECOM Commissioners were a no-show at a meeting scheduled for Friday evening. The meeting was adjourned by GECOM Chairperson Justice (Ret’d) Claudette Singh.

Despite earlier indications that they might not turn up again, the Opposition-nominated commissioners turned up, and the full commission met.

This paved the way for Justice Singh to make the final declaration of results from Monday’s polls.

The declaration was done in keeping with article 177(2) of the Constitution.

All local and international observer missions have concluded that the elections were free and fair in Guyana.

In keeping with Section 96 of the Representation of the People Act, the Chief Elections Officer (CEO) compiled the official results using the declarations provided by the Returning Officers, while also factoring in the verified outcomes of the recounts.

This report was presented to the Elections Commission, and a final declaration has been made.

In view of the foregoing, and hav-



PPP/C supporters celebrate the party’s victory with President Ali

ing reviewed the report presented by the CEO Vishnu Persaud, the Commission declared that, “whereas the list of candidates of the People’s Progressive Party/Civic for election of members to the National Assembly held on 1st September, 2025 pursuant to article 60(2) of the Constitution designated Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali, as the presidential candidate for the said election; and whereas more votes were cast in favour of the People’s Progressive Party/Civic than in favour of the list of any other party contesting the election of members to the

National Assembly held pursuant to article 60(2) of the Constitution, and in accordance with the provision of article 177(2) of the Constitution, the Chairman of the Guyana Elections Commission declared that Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali, the presidential candidate designated in the list of the People’s Progressive Party/Civic has been elected President of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana.”

Following the declaration, GECOM Commissioner Sase Gunraj, in an invited comment outside of GECOM’s headquarters, said that the process was sim-

ple. However, he said that the APNU Commissioners abstained from supporting the results.

“No reasons were given for the abstention, and no issues were raised with the report,” he said.

Deputy Chief Elections Officer Aneal Giddings, while engaging the media, noted that the meeting was fully constituted with all commissioners and GECOM Chairperson Singh present.

The PPP/C’s win was underscored by landslide gains as the official results, as declared by the elections body, show that the People’s Progressive Party Civic won the elections by over 242,000 votes.

Guyana showed its democratic growth on September 1, 2025, as citizens across all 10 regions voted in a smooth and orderly electoral process.

From the early morning polls opening at 06:00hrs to the vote-counting, elections day, 2025, highlighted the best of Guyanese democracy.

Six political parties contested the polls this year, but the PPP/C’s strong showing across the ten administrative regions has solidified its mandate to govern for an additional five years.

Based on the results, the PPP/C will return to office once again with a substantial parliamentary majority.

The PPP/C secured 36 seats in the National Assembly, while We Invest in Nationhood (WIN) gained 16 seats, the A Partnership for National Unity (APNU) gained 12 seats, and Forward Guyana Movement (FGM) gained one seat.

The World Guyanese Congress (WGC) is a federally incorporated non-partisan global organisation that represents the interests of citizens of Guyanese heritage around the world. The organisation focuses on the successful development of our communities globally with an emphasis on leadership development and collaborative activities in diaspora communities to strengthen the community worldwide.

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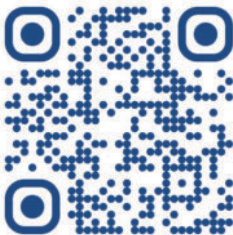
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# Council for Legal Education approves Guyana’s request to establish Law School

GUYANA has secured the approval of the Council for Legal Education (CLE) for the establishment of its very own law school, President, Dr Irfaan Ali has disclosed.

President Ali made the announcement on Sunday during his address after being sworn in to serve a second term.

According to President Ali, during this second term, his government will continue to invest in the people of the country and in education through the expansion of scholarships, among other things.

It was then that he disclosed, “Based on the recent approval granted by the Council for Legal Education, we will commence work immediately on the establishment of Guyana’s very own law school.”

He went on to add that this will enable hundreds of persons to qualify as attorneys-at-law right in Guyana and allow them full rights to practise in Caribbean Community (CARICOM) countries.



The new law school will be at the University of Guyana Turkeyen campus

The establishment of a law school here has been a topic of discussion over the years, as students have complained bitterly about the limited number of annual intakes and high tuition and living expenses associated with completing their studies abroad.

The establishment of a law school in Guyana will address these issues along with the growing demand for legal education in Guyana and other parts of the regions.


As it is currently, Guyanese students looking to finish their legal education and acquire their Legal Education Certificate (LEC) to be able to practise law have to enrol in one of the three regional law schools in the Caribbean: the Hugh Wooding Law School in Trinidad and Tobago; the Norman Manley Law School in Jamaica and the Eugene Dupuch Law School in The Bahamas.

Guyana is given 25 placements each year at the Hugh Wooding Law School, even as students face the heavy financial obligation of some GY\$7 million in tuition and mandatory fees for the two-year LEC programme.


Late last year, Guyana presented a draft feasibility study to the CLE.

At that time, it was explained that the law school project, which has been a priority for Guyana, would see the government providing the land and financing the construction of the institution, with the CLE overseeing management, similar to how the other regional law schools are run.

In 2023, Attorney General Anil Nandlall had said that as plans moved ahead for the establishment of a law school here, five acres of land at the University of Guyana’s Turkeyen campus had been identified for the construction of the school. All that was required then was the CLE’s approval.

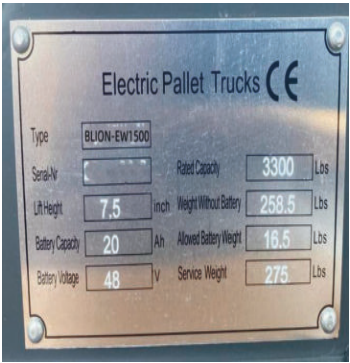



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President Ali addresses the nation after his inauguration on Sunday

# Ali affirms, outlines plan to accelerate existing industries to unlock wealth, jobs

UNVEILING a bold and expansive vision to propel Guyana into a new era of prosperity, sustainability, and enhanced global relevance, President, Dr. Irfaan Ali has declared that the coming years would be among the most pivotal in the nation's history, as ambitious plans will unfold into action and transformation.

"In the next five years, we will convert ambition into action and action into transformation. We will not speak in half-measures, and we will not hesitate to deliver," the Head of State said during his inaugural address shortly after taking the oath of office on Sunday.

He said history has placed in Guyana's hands, the resources, the leadership, the opportunities, the partnerships and the international goodwill to transform promise into reality.

The President emphasised a collaborative approach to national development, urging citizens, private sector leaders, civil society, and international partners to unite behind a common national vision.

At the heart of this vision is the concept of Guyana as a 'Rising Fron-

tier', a nation where oil, agriculture, and mineral resources will drive prosperity, while innovation, resilience, and environmental stewardship shape a sustainable future.

"This vision will not materialise without a plan, and in our manifesto, together with our broader strategy for Guyana's development beyond 2025, your government has set out the framework to turn ambition into reality," President Ali said.

To achieve these goals, President Ali stated that a framework, which will require the structure of government to keep pace with the rapid growth and changing composition of the economy, evolving development priorities and the growing global prominence, will be needed.

He said that a critical element of the government's vision will include seamless infrastructure being put in place to bridge the regions across the country as well as connect with other regional partners, like Brazil and the Caribbean Community (CARICOM).

"Critical elements of our plans for Guyana by 2030 include seamless infra-

structure between every region, digital infrastructure, advancing our new smart city, Silica City and a shipping and logistics hub, linking Brazil and CARICOM, thereby creating new markets and opening up new opportunities," the President said.

To achieve these plans, enhanced productivity and effective implementation will be critical, and technology and innovation will play an essential role.

The President said: "Labour must include manpower planning, whilst agriculture must ensure food security. Similarly, managing the forestry sector in a manner that maintains our environmental credentials will be key as we consolidate our position as global leaders in the fight against climate change."

Oil and gas will remain central to Guyana's economic engine, but the President asserted the country's future will not rest on oil alone.

"Our oil and gas sector will continue to grow, expanding production and revenue for our people. But why stop there? We will press forward with new exploration under a stronger Production Sharing Agreement, ensuring that the

benefits are greater, the gains are wider, and the wealth is truly for the people," he said.

The President pledged to strengthen traditional sectors such as mining, agriculture, fisheries, and forestry while also cultivating new industries to shape the economy of the future.

"We are not a one-sector nation. We are building a diversified economy that will generate jobs, raise incomes, and secure prosperity. As part of our commitment to economic diversification, we will strengthen the traditional pillars of our economy, mining, agriculture, fisheries and forestry," the President said, noting that the goal is to ensure these sectors continue to provide jobs, wealth, and stability for Guyanese.

"We will not stop there. We will create new growth poles that drive the economy of tomorrow: world-class tourism, a thriving blue economy, competitive manufacturing, cutting-edge information and communications technology, and dynamic knowledge-based industries," President Ali added.



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# President Ali recommits to slashing Guyana, CARICOM’s food import bill

PRESIDENT, Dr. Irfaan Ali, has recommitted to accelerating efforts to modernise agriculture and drive trade, with the aim of slashing Guyana’s and by extension the Caribbean Community’s (CARICOM)’s food import bill.

Dr. Ali, who took the oath of office for a second term on Sunday, following the September 1 general and regional elections, also returned as the lead Head of Government with responsibility for Agriculture in the CARICOM Quasi Cabinet.

“We’ll accelerate food security and logistics, modernising agriculture and agro-processing, opening new shipping and air links, and driving down the region’s import bill so Caribbean tables are fed by Caribbean farms,” Dr. Ali said during an inaugural address at State House, Georgetown, on Sunday.

Guyana too, he noted, will champion energy security and competitiveness, leveraging its resources.

The President outlined plans to partner with regional neighbours to lower cost, expand manufacturing and build resilient, cleaner energy systems that power jobs and industry across the Caribbean.

“In CARICOM, our purpose is practical and people-centred: to make this single market work for ordinary families with cheaper energy, faster payment and roaming, recognisable skills across borders, and scholarships and apprenticeships that open doors for youth,” he said.

He outlined plans too for climate adaptation, building the region’s sustainability and resilience.

Dr. Ali said: “We’ll strengthen collective resilience through disaster risk financing, shared emergency response, and joint action on climate adaptation, because when the sea rises or the winds rage, we stand or fall together.”

Back in February, the Head of State had revealed a holistic framework, which aims to overhaul the food systems across the Caribbean.

The vision includes plans to strengthen the Caribbean’s food supply with the aim of not only safeguarding food security, but also modernising agricultural infrastructure, integrating tech-

nological solutions, and increasing participation from youths and women.

Dr. Ali had said the plan also includes overcoming the challenges posed by climate change, supply chain disruptions, and the shifting global market landscape.

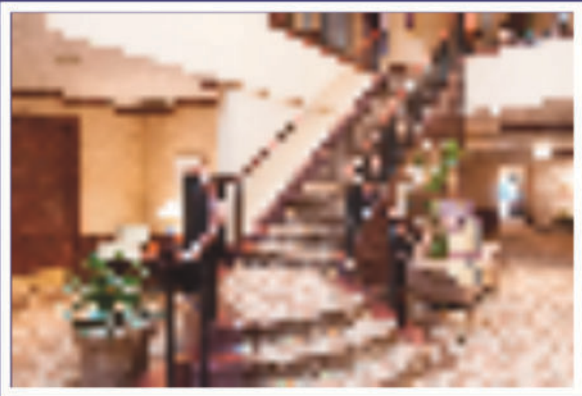
As part of the strategy, the Caribbean will expand its focus to include not only food security but also technological innovation, increased private sector investment, and greater regional collaboration to tackle common challenges.



President Ali tends to crops in a greenhouse

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Bharrat Jagdeo takes the Oath of Office as Vice President before President Irfaan Ali on Monday

# ‘Nation’s development being placed in most capable hands’

BRIGADIER (Ret’d) Mark Phillips and Dr. Bharrat Jagdeo, on Monday, were officially appointed as Prime Minister and Vice-President, respectively, by President Dr. Irfaan Ali, who hailed them as “exemplary” leaders who have been tried, tested and proven as ideal persons to help take Guyana forward.

Phillips and Dr. Jagdeo’s appointments are the first two major appointments under President Ali’s new administration.

These appointments come one day after Dr. Ali was officially sworn in to serve a second term as the ninth President of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana.

The President emphasised that the appointments of Prime Minister and Vice-President were made in accordance with Articles 101 and 102 of the Constitution.

He said: “These appointments are evidence of placing the reins of our nation’s development in the most capable

hands; hands that have been tried, tested and proven in the annals of public service.”

In his address at the ceremony held at the Office of the President, President Ali said: “His [Phillips’] name is synonymous with duty and public service. When called to serve, he has never faltered. He embodies the spirit of discipline, loyalty, and steadfast commitment.”

The Head of State pointed to the decades of selfless service Brigadier Phillips gave to the people of Guyana.

He served as the Chief of Staff of the Guyana Defence Force (GDF) from 2013 to 2016.

Phillips has two Post-graduate Diplomas: one in Advanced Defence and Security Studies from the Inter-American Defense College in Washington D.C., and another in Defence Studies from the United States Army Command and General Staff College (CGSC) in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

He also earned a Bachelor of So-

cial Sciences in Public Management from the University of Guyana, and a Master of Science in Public Sector Management from La Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra.

Phillips was first employed as an acting teacher at the Linden Foundation School, then as a Laboratory Analyst with the Bauxite and Alumina Labs of GUYMINE in 1980.

In December 1980, he joined the Guyana Defence Force as an Officer Cadet, and travelled to the United Kingdom for military training on the Standard Military Officers’ Course Number 26 at the prestigious Royal Military Academy Sandhurst in September 1981.

Also trained in Brazil, he served as a Special Forces Officer, and is an accomplished Parachutist and Jumpmaster as well. Thereafter, he held appointments at the tactical and operational levels of the Guyana Defence Force, and retired as Brigadier and Chief of Staff in October 2016,

having served for over 36 years. He is a recipient of the Military Service Star (MSS), the highest national military award in Guyana.

Speaking on Dr. Jagdeo’s decades of service to the Guyanese people, President Ali emphasised that the Vice-President stands committed to the country.

Dr. Ali said: “His story is one of unparalleled achievement. As a former Minister of Finance, he stewarded our economy with a keen and brilliant mind. As President of this Republic for 12 remarkable years, he set the stage for the prosperity we are now realising.”

Further, President Ali spoke on the Vice- President’s guidance, which enabled him to ably lead Guyana from 2020 to 2025.

He said that Dr. Jagdeo’s command and knowledge of governance is a resource “we are incredibly blessed to have at our disposal”.





The film is a love story between a woman from the southern state of Kerala and a man from Delhi

# New Bollywood romcom sparks debate over stereotyping south India

A new Bollywood film has reignited an age-old conversation around how India's largest and most influential film industry represents characters from non-Hindi speaking states.

Param Sundari, a romcom starring Sidharth Malhotra and Janhvi Kapoor, is a love story between a woman from the southern state of Kerala and a man from Delhi in northern India.

Param and Sundari first butt heads and then fall in love, successfully overcoming the cultural differences between them.

The idea isn't new: Bollywood has long explored north-south cultural clashes through romcoms, and in a multilingual country, well-executed cross-cultural romances can be a hit.

But in this case, critics and social media users from Kerala and beyond have called out the film for its caricatured depiction of the state, particularly Sundari.

Played by Kapoor, Sundari often wears a string of jasmine flowers in her hair, can communicate with elephants and climbs coconut trees as a hobby - all stereotypical traits, often associated with Kerala. Though she's lived there most of her life, her Malayalam is atrocious.

The criticism began as soon as the film's trailer was shared, with many puzzling over Sundari seemingly mispronouncing her own name. This also invited comparison with another much-derided character, Shalini Unnikrishnan (played by Adah Sharma), from the controversial film The Kerala Story.

The film The Kerala Story (2023) stirred a huge controversy in India

In both films, the heroines, despite living in Kerala, speak Hindi and are unable to speak fluent Malayalam when they break into it.

A few minutes into Param Sundari, when Param's friend learns that they will be visiting a village in Kerala called Nangiarkulangara, he exaggeratedly pronounces the name and asks, "Where is that? Africa?", combining stereotypes and casual racism into one question.

Once in Kerala, the film whizzes through a checklist of things a layperson might associate with the tourist-favourite state - its famous backwaters, the ubiquitous coconut trees, toddy, elephants, and Onam, its most popular festival.

One reviewer called the film "a feature-length

ad for Kerala tourism" that "gleefully bulldozes over all possibilities of any cultural nuance".

The film brims with coconut gags: Param and Sundari first meet by a tree, she vents her anger by furiously harvesting coconuts, and he finally confesses his love from atop one.

For many viewers, cultural inauthenticity is not a dealbreaker.

Rajiv, from northern Bihar state, saw Param Sundari as a fun window into an unfamiliar culture, saying its portrayals may not be true to life but chasing authenticity can dull entertainment.

"Maybe this will change gradually. But this much artistic freedom is okay to make the movie interesting," he said.

For others, however, the film's attempt to educate audiences is half-hearted.

In a blistering review, critic Sowmya Rajendran slammed the film as "generic, exhausting and offensive," saying it hides tired cliches behind an "exotic" Kerala setting and a score that overplays the land's "foreignness."

Chennai Express (2013), starring superstars Shah Rukh Khan and Deepika Padukone, was a box office hit

Films often face and survive casting criticisms: Chennai Express (2013) was panned by critics but soared at the box office.

When the makers of Mary Kom (2014) cast Priyanka Chopra to play the role of the Olympic medal-winning boxer from Manipur state, it was met with plenty of criticism. Chopra herself admitted later that "in hindsight, the part should have gone to someone from the northeast". But the film was a hit and Chopra won awards for her spirited performance.

And Mehmood's 1968 Padosan caricature of a Tamil singer remains a classic.

But the landscape of Indian entertainment has shifted: post-pandemic cinema closures and the rise of streaming have left Bollywood struggling for hits, with big-budget flops shaking its dominance.

Non-Hindi films now reach nationwide audiences via Netflix and Amazon Prime Video, earning fans through dubbed versions, while big Bollywood releases no longer dominate cinema primetime.



**ARIES (March 21 - April 20):** The message of the stars today is that you need to be more adaptable, especially on the work front where you won't get far if you refuse to move with the times. It would be a major error to oppose progress simply because you are afraid of it.

**TAURUS (April 21 - May 21):** You may give you the impression that everything in your life is fine but the cracks are beginning to show and at some stage today others will ask if you are feeling okay. Don't deny your feelings. If you open up they may be able to help.

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**LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23):** Just because you are excited about what you are doing does not mean other people will be excited as well. The fact that friends and family members could not care less about your plans is actually good news in that it means they won't get in your way.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22):** You need to stop trying to reconcile ideas and opinions that are clearly at opposite ends of the spectrum. Instead, focus on your own central beliefs and stick with them even if you encounter fierce opposition. You need only be true to yourself.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21):** Stop fussing about something that is of no importance and focus instead on something that could have real-world consequences if it goes wrong. You may look super confident on the outside but sometimes you allow minor worries to get to you.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20):** You may be hugely ambitious but you need to be aware that you are not the only one looking to move up in the world. Use Mars in the career area of your chart to convince employers and senior colleagues that you are the one they should favor.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19):** If you get the nagging feeling today that there is something important you have forgotten to do then you must make it your number one aim to remember what it is. And if you don't get that nagging feeling? Then maybe you should!

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# US air power on display as President Ali begins second term in Guyana

United States aircraft conducted a low pass flyover of Georgetown on Sunday as President Irfaan Ali was sworn into office for a second consecutive five-year term.

In a brief statement, the US Embassy in Georgetown said the flyover was carried out in collaboration with the Guyana Defence Force (GDF) and “reflects the strength of U.S. air power, our partnership with Guyana, and our continued support for Guyana’s sovereignty and territorial integrity.”

Washington also noted that it looks “forward to continuing to work with the government of Guyana to further strengthen the bilateral ties between our two countries. Our commitment to Guyana’s continued growth and development remains strong and unwavering. We commend the Organization of American States (OAS) and other international observers for their impartial monitoring and thorough analysis, which have been instrumental in promoting transparency and accountability in this election.”

The show of US support comes amid heightened regional tensions. In recent days, Washington has increased its military presence near Venezuela, saying the move is part of its crack-down on narco-trafficking. Guyana and Venezuela remain locked in a long-standing border dispute over the Essequibo region, which is administered by Guyana but claimed by Caracas.

Venezuela argues that the 1899 Arbitral Award, which established the boundary, is void. In March 2024, its government passed a law designating Essequibo as a new state governed from the city of Tumeremo.

Talks between President Ali and Venezuela’s President Nicolás Maduro



US AV-8B Harrier II flyover in Guyana

in St. Vincent last December produced the Joint Declaration of Argyle for Dialogue and Peace, where both sides agreed that any disputes would be settled under international law, including the 1966 Geneva Agreement. The matter is currently before the International Court of Justice (ICJ).

During his 33-minute address after taking the oath of office on the lawn of the official Presidential residence, Ali did not mention Venezuela directly but emphasized Guyana’s commitment to sovereignty and regional cooperation.

“We seek peace with all our neighbours and defend our sovereignty with a quiet confidence in the law and a steady strength of unity,” Ali said. “Just as efficiency, integrity, and service must define how government works at

home, so must collaboration and cooperation define how we engage abroad.”

He pledged to engage international partners in ways that “safeguard Guyana’s sovereignty and advance our national interests,” while also strengthening security ties and building “the strongest and most modern defence ecosystem in our history, one that shields us from every threat to our sovereignty and territorial integrity.”

Ali also outlined plans to modernize the police, prison, and fire services, while reaffirming Guyana’s commitment to the Caribbean Community (CARICOM).

“We’ll deepen the CARICOM Single Market and Economy, advancing full free movement, mutual recognition of skills and qualifications, a truly sin-

gle investment space, and a seamless payment system across our region,” he said.

Ali said his government would focus on regional food and energy security, agriculture modernization, logistics, and climate adaptation.

“We’ll strengthen collective resilience through disaster risk financing, shared emergency response, and joint action on climate adaptation, because when the sea rises or the winds rage, we stand or fall together,” he added.

The president also pledged to expand trade and investment with both Latin America and the wider Caribbean, stressing that prosperity across the region would “create new opportunities for every Guyanese.”

## Kamla under fire for backing US strike on Venezuelan vessel

Trinidad and Tobago Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar is facing mounting criticism at home and abroad after her strong endorsement of Tuesday’s US military strike on an alleged Venezuelan drug vessel that killed 11 suspected members of the Tren de Aragua cartel.

Critics are warning that her hard-line position risks undermining Trinidad and Tobago’s tradition of neutrality in regional affairs.

Persad-Bissessar doubled down on her stance yesterday, insisting that her call for the US to “kill them all violently” was rooted in her duty to protect law-abiding citizens from the impact of transnational cartels. “For more than 25 years, narco-traffickers have unleashed hell upon Trinidad and Tobago, fuelling our murder rate, flooding our streets with guns and drugs, and brutalising

our people through torture, intimidation, extortion, kidnapping and violence,” she said. “My duty is to protect the law-abiding citizens of Trinidad and Tobago, not the criminals and cartels who prey upon them.”

Her remarks came after US President Donald Trump and Secretary of State Marco Rubio confirmed the strike, sharing video footage of the incident, though experts noted that no evidence has yet been provided to support claims that the vessel was a drug boat. Opposition Leader Penelope Beckles sharply condemned the Prime Minister’s statements, calling them “reckless, disgraceful, and inconsistent with the oath she has taken to uphold the Constitution and the law.” Beckles warned that Persad-Bissessar’s words could endanger fisherfolk, offshore workers and others in the maritime space.

International relations experts have also weighed in. Professor Emeritus Anthony Bryan warned that Persad-Bissessar’s language “overstepped diplomatic boundaries,” adding: “We’ve always been a neutral country ... have we abandoned that?” Professor Andy Knight went further, calling the US action an “intentional killing in international waters without due process” and warning that Persad-Bissessar’s endorsement placed the region at risk. “To claim it is OK because generally drug cartels kill innocent people is to bring the USA down to the same level of criminality that we accuse drug cartel criminals of doing,” he said.

The US Coast Guard’s rules of engagement emphasise proportionality, de-escalation and deadly force as a last resort, raising further questions about whether the strike aligned with official

use-of-force policy. The controversy has spilled beyond Trinidad and Tobago. According to Barbados Today, Barbadian Foreign Minister Kerrie Symmonds confirmed that Caricom foreign ministers have written to Secretary of State Rubio urging that future US operations in Caribbean waters not take place without prior notice. Colombian President Gustavo Petro also questioned the strike, noting that maritime interdictions can be conducted without attacking a vessel’s occupants.

Persad-Bissessar, however, has shown no signs of retreating. “Everyone else may choose their side; I have already chosen mine,” she said. “I stand with law-abiding citizens. And I stand with those who are willing to fight against these criminal cartels to help us have a safer country.”



# Electoral Office of Jamaica dismisses online claims as final count completed

The Electoral Office of Jamaica (EOJ) has confirmed that the final count for the September 3, 2025, General Election is now complete, with the ruling Jamaica Labour Party (JLP) re-elected and securing majority votes in all three by-elections.

The EOJ dismissed social media claims of irregularities, including reports of missing or uncounted ballot boxes and inaccurate spoiled ballot figures.

“The EOJ would like to remind the public that the preliminary counting of ballots took place in the presence of indoor agents representing at least two candidates/political parties, and in some cases in the presence of election observers. Ballot boxes were accompanied by the indoor agents and escorted by the police to the counting centres,” the office said.

The office confirmed that “all 7,294 general election ballot boxes and all 109 local government by-election ballot boxes have been accounted for, and ballots were counted at the final count at the counting centres in the presence of candidates and/or their representatives.”

Candidates wishing to lodge complaints or objections are asked to use the legal channels available. The EOJ also urged the public to rely on official communication channels and avoid spreading misinformation.

The September election results saw the JLP re-elected with 35 seats, while the Opposition People’s National Party (PNP) won 28 seats.



Re-elected Prime Minister Andrew Holness celebrates with supporters

## St. Kitts mourns passing of former Governor-General

The Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis is mourning the loss of Sir Edmund Wickham Lawrence, GCMG, OBE, CSM, JP, former Governor-General and a towering figure in national development, who passed away on Sunday at the age of 93.

Born on February 14, 1932, Sir Edmund served as the Federation’s third Governor-General from 2013 to 2015. A distinguished economist, he returned to St. Kitts in 1970 after earning a degree in Economics from the University of London and went on to transform the nation’s financial landscape.

He was the founder of the St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla National Bank and established key institutions within the National Bank Group of Companies, including the National Bank Trust Company (1972), the National Caribbean Insurance Company (1973), and the St. Kitts and Nevis Mortgage and Investment Company (2001).

Prime Minister Hon. Dr. Terrance M. Drew, speaking from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, where he is on official duties, expressed “deep sadness” at the news of Sir Edmund’s passing.

“Sir Edmund dedicated his life to uplifting our people. From his remarkable contributions in finance and development to his steady hand as Head of State, he gave so much of himself to the growth and progress of our beloved Federation,” Dr. Drew said in a social media tribute.



The Prime Minister praised Sir Edmund’s vision, humility, and devotion to country, noting that “his legacy will continue to inspire generations to come.” He extended condolences on behalf of the Government and people of St. Kitts and Nevis to Sir Edmund’s family, friends, and all who loved him.

Former Prime Minister and current Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Right Hon. Dr. Denzil L. Douglas, remembered Sir Edmund as a “true and faithful friend and comrade.”

“We’ve lost a true and faithful friend and comrade in the passing of Sir Edmund Wickham Lawrence, former Governor-General of the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis and Founder and Manag-

ing Director of the St. Kitts Nevis Anguilla National Bank and National Group of Companies,” Dr. Douglas said.

Dr. Douglas, who as Prime Minister recommended Sir Edmund’s appointment to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in 2013, reflected on his enduring contributions:

“May his journey to the Celestial Land of our Ancestors be peaceful... accompanied with sweet music and angelic voices, singing praises of his great works and accomplishments, as a servant leader to his family, husband of Lady Hulda Lawrence, their six children, citizens of this nation, the region and the world. Welcome home, Sir Ed, thou true and faithful servant. You’re most deserving of eternal rest.”

Sir Edmund was sworn in as Governor-General on January 1, 2013, succeeding Sir Cuthbert Sebastian, and served until 2015. Beyond his time as Head of State, he is remembered as the pioneering force behind the establishment of financial institutions that empowered the Federation and strengthened its economy.

A devoted family man, Sir Edmund was the father of six children. His vision, leadership, and lifelong dedication to national development have left an indelible mark on St. Kitts and Nevis.



# CARICOM Secretary-General hails Africa Summit as ‘homecoming’

CARICOM Secretary-General Dr. Carla Barnett described the Second CARICOM-Africa Summit as a “homecoming” and a “tangible manifestation” of the regions’ shared commitment to bridging historical divides and reaffirming familial bonds.

Speaking at the African Union (AU) Headquarters in Addis Ababa on Sunday, Dr. Barnett said the gathering symbolized unity between Africa and its diaspora.

“I am moved by its significance as leaders from the African continent and the African diaspora, the Sixth Region of the African Union, assemble to build on the foundation of our shared history and the fraternal bonds forged by our forebears,” she told the opening ceremony.

The Secretary-General highlighted the enduring connection between Africa and the Caribbean, despite centuries of separation through slavery, colonialism, and global economic structures. She emphasized that both regions are linked by “an enduring spirit and a shared heritage,” rooted in struggles for freedom and self-determination.

Dr. Barnett pointed to progress since the first CARICOM-Africa Summit in 2021, including the launch of the Health Development Partnership for Africa and the Caribbean (HeDPAC), deeper collaboration with Afreximbank—now with a Caribbean headquarters in Barbados—and the AfriCaribbean Trade and Investment Forum (ACTIF), hosted in four CARICOM Member States since 2022.

“These initiatives address priority areas for both CARICOM and Africa, and this cooperation will contribute positively to sustainable development



CARICOM SG, Dr Carla Barnett, delivering remarks at the opening of the Second CARICOM-Africa Summit

and facilitate better livelihoods for our people,” she said.

Looking ahead, she stressed the importance of joint advocacy on international financial reform, climate change, and transportation connectivity. She cited the Bridgetown Initiative as a framework for reform and called attention to a proposed multilateral air services agreement, while welcoming bilateral progress such as the Antigua and Barbuda–Nigeria joint venture for LIAT 2020.

On climate change, Dr. Barnett

noted that Africa and the Caribbean contribute only about six percent of global emissions but are disproportionately affected by its impacts.

The Secretary-General also underscored the urgency of advancing reparatory justice, in line with the Summit’s theme: “A Transcontinental Partnership in Pursuit of Reparatory Justice for Africans and People of African Descent through Reparations.”

“The injustice of colonial rule and the Transatlantic Slave Trade... traumatised and disadvantaged millions on

both sides of the Atlantic Ocean,” she said, expressing confidence that the Declaration emerging from the Summit would send a decisive message of cooperation and determination.

Framing the Summit as a continuation of Pan-African ideals advanced by leaders such as Marcus Garvey, Patrice Lumumba, and Kwame Nkrumah, Dr. Barnett said its outcomes would mark “an historic moment contributing to the continued deepening of CARICOM-Africa relations.”

## Lola Doll shot in Georgetown attack

Hours after Guyanese social media star and artiste Lolita Callendar, popularly known as “Lola Doll,” was shot multiple times outside her Georgetown home, police issued a wanted bulletin for Paul Daby Junior, also known as Randell.

Daby Jr., whose last known address is Lot 127 ‘D’ Aguiar Park, Georgetown, was one of four Guyanese sanctioned by the U.S. Department of the Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) in June for alleged drug trafficking.

Police also confirmed the arrest of another individual in connection with

the late-night shooting.

The 33-year-old entertainer was attacked on Saturday night while sitting in her car at Texas Square, East Ruimveldt. According to initial reports, a man on a motorcycle opened fire, hitting her in the neck, face, hands, and right leg.

She was rushed to hospital, where doctors listed her condition as stable.

Lola Doll, known for her provocative songs, flamboyant parties, and outspoken social media presence, has built a large following in Guyana’s entertainment scene. Police have not yet disclosed a motive for the shooting.





# Guyana, Suriname Presidents may meet on Corentyne Bridge Talks

Guyana President Dr. Irfaan Ali has signalled that he may meet Surinamese President Dr. Jennifer Geerlings-Simons as early as this weekend to push forward discussions on joint projects, with the long-awaited Corentyne River Bridge high on the agenda.

“I think very early; maybe over this weekend there will be a face-to-face meeting with the President of Suriname and the ministries are working that out to advance these projects,” Ali told reporters on Tuesday, shortly after swearing in Prime Minister Brigadier (ret’d) Mark Phillips and Vice President Dr. Bharrat Jagdeo at the Office of the President.

Key negotiations center on financing arrangements for the 3.1-kilometre bridge, which will link Moleson Creek in Guyana to South Drain in Suriname, with a landing point on Long Island in the Corentyne River. The bridge, to be managed through a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) blending local and international financing, is expected to transform regional connectivity by opening new trade and tourism corridors between Guyana, Suriname, Brazil and the wider South American market.

Earlier Tuesday, Ali hosted Suriname’s Foreign Minister Melvin Bouva at State House to advance bilateral co-operation. Discussions covered Guyana’s commitment to the bridge project, joint efforts to resolve issues affecting fisherfolk, improving the Guyana–Suriname ferry system, and exploring new investment opportunities.

Bouva was accompanied by Suriname’s Cabinet Chief of Staff Sergio Akiemboto and Ambassador Liselle Blankendal, while Ali was joined by Foreign Secretary Robert Persaud and



Suriname President Dr Jennifer Geerlings-Simons

Director of Presidential Affairs Marcia Nadir-Sharma.

Beyond its role as a transportation

link, the Corentyne River Bridge project envisions Long Island’s transformation into a duty-free commercial and

tourism hub, featuring hotels, recreational parks, shopping malls, farmers’ markets, and entertainment venues.

## JA rolls out National Rural School Bus Programme

The Government of Jamaica has officially rolled out its National Rural School Bus Programme, with 60 buses deployed across the island to provide safer and more reliable transportation for students in rural communities.

The launch took place on Monday, September 8, the start of the new school year for most schools across the island.

Three Cabinet ministers—Hon. Daryl Vaz (Science, Energy, Telecommunications and Transport), Senator Dr. Dana Morris Dixon (Education, Skills, Youth and Information), and Hon. Fayval Williams (Finance and the Public Service)—joined students on a ceremonial ride from the Half-Way Tree Transport Centre to Papine in St. Andrew. Students from Jamaica College, Ardenne High, Mona High and other schools were among those on board.

Minister Vaz said more than 200 schools are already benefiting from the programme, with another 40 buses ex-



pected to be added between September and November as part of a phased expansion. He described the first week of operation as a “test week” to fine-tune routes and resolve any early challenges.

“We will manage the issues, and

there will be changes according to what happens this week,” Vaz told reporters.

Education Minister Morris Dixon hailed the programme as a “game changer” for the education sector. “This is historic because many of our children

cannot afford the fares to go to school, and this is the government saying to them that you matter,” she said. “We are making it easier for you to go to school every single day.”

The bus rides cost JMD\$50 per trip. This will result in transport costs averaging \$100 a day, versus previous costs of between \$300 and \$600. Minister Vaz said previously that the programme will see parents saving up to \$180,000 per year in transportation fares.

According to the government, the buses come equipped with wheelchair access, GPS tracking for parents, and trained JUTC drivers.

Finance Minister Williams emphasized the long-term commitment to funding the service.

“Gone are the days when there was uncertainty about how students would be able to get to school and the cost of getting there,” she said. “This Government has made it easier...”



# Afeximbank pleased that Caribbean sees Africa as ‘gateway’ to opportunities

The head of the Africa Export-Import Bank’s (Afreximbank) Caribbean operations, Okechukwu Ihejirika, says the institution is pleased to see Caribbean countries seizing opportunities at the Intra-African Trade Fair (IATF2025), which runs through Wednesday under the theme “Gateway to New Opportunities.”

Ihejirika, acting chief of operations at Afreximbank’s CARICOM office in Bridgetown—the bank’s only office outside Africa—told the Caribbean Media Corporation (CMC) that from the fair’s inception, the African diaspora, including the Caribbean, was intended to be part of the vision.

“When we are conceiving the Intra-African Trade Fair, we didn’t say ‘intra-Africa.’ We say ‘intra-African,’ emphasis on the ‘n.’ It means Africans. And Africans are Africans, no matter which part of the world they are,” he explained.

The fair, featuring 2,000 exhibitors and 35,000 visitors from more than 140 countries, is expected to generate over US\$44 billion in trade and investment deals. Products on display range from food and clothing to vehicles and industrial machinery, with Caribbean entities among the exhibitors.

Ihejirika pointed to the physical presence of three regional leaders—Prime Minister Mia Mottley of Barbados, Dr. Terrance Drew of St. Kitts and Nevis, and Grenada’s Dickon Mitchell—at the Global African Diaspora Day as evidence of growing governmental endorsement. “That shows endorsement at the governmental level ... the trade fair



Head of the Caribbean branch of the Africa Export-Import Bank (Afreximbank), Okechukwu Ihejirika

has been positioned not just for Africa, but for Africans in the diaspora,” he said.

He noted growing interest in sectors such as tourism, agribusiness, and industrialisation, particularly as CARICOM continues to focus on food security. “It gives me great pleasure to see conversations happening on agribusiness, where people are seeking solutions on how Africans have navigated challenges, to help the Caribbean also become food secure,” he said.

Ihejirika also highlighted Afreximbank’s role in facilitating trade, beyond

financing. “For business to thrive, there has to be a meeting point. What we’ve done is create a platform, leveraging Afreximbank’s convening power to bring players from both sides,” he said, citing last July’s AfriCaribbean Trade and Investment Forum in Grenada (ACTIF2025) as part of the growing momentum.

While connectivity challenges remain between Africa and the Caribbean, Ihejirika said the focus is shifting from obstacles to solutions. “These challenges exist, but we’re no longer dwelling on

them ... we’re looking at it from a positive angle: how do we navigate through this?” he said, noting that direct business deals are already being struck in Grenada, Trinidad and Tobago, and Guyana.

He added that Afreximbank is optimistic about progress: “The distance between the Caribbean and Africa is short ... conversations are happening in earnest to find a solution to that nagging problem. And I’m optimistic that in no distant time, that solution will come.”



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# Sri Lanka spinners crush West Indies U19s in eight-wicket rout

Sri Lanka’s Under-19 side showcased the artistry of spin on Thursday, dismantling West Indies Under-19s in the third Youth One-Day International at Coolidge Cricket Ground.

Left-arm duo Vigneshwaran Akash and Chamika Heenatigala combined for a devastating eight-wicket haul that engineered the Caribbean side’s dramatic collapse and powered Sri Lanka to a commanding eight-wicket triumph.

The visitors now lead the best-of-seven series 2-1.

After being rocked early at 10 for two, the West Indies appeared to regain footing through a gritty 63-run stand between captain Joshua Dorne (29) and Earsinho Fontaine (51 off 66 balls). Fontaine’s fluent half-century lifted spirits, but his dismissal marked the beginning of a freefall.

Heenatigala first bowled Dorne, then removed Fontaine just after he reached his milestone. From a position of relative comfort at 73 for two, the home side crumbled spectacularly, losing their last eight wickets for only 65 runs to be bowled out for 138 in 39.2 overs.

Only Fontaine, Dorne, and Tyriek Bryan (24) managed double figures.

Akash finished with 4 for 19, his control and sharp turn leaving batters groping, while Heenatigala claimed 4



A West Indies player tries his skill at a Sri Lankan ball

for 33, slicing through the middle order with precision. Together, they accounted for the backbone of the West Indies batting, ensuring the contest was effectively over by the halfway stage.

Chasing a modest target, Sri Lanka lost openers Pulisha Thilakarathne (21) and Senuja Wekunagoda (7) to pacer R’Jai Gittens (2-30), but

there was no further drama.

Viran Chamuditha anchored the pursuit with a stylish unbeaten 64 off 70 balls, laced with 10 boundaries. He found an able partner in Kavija Gamaje (28 not out), and together they shared an unbroken 90-run stand for the third wicket, sealing victory in just 22 overs.

The emphatic performance under-

scored Sri Lanka’s growing dominance in the series, while leaving the West Indies with plenty of questions about their ability to withstand sustained spin pressure. With four matches left, the young Caribbean side must find both resilience and tactical answers if they hope to claw their way back.

## 28 West Indies players enter draft at SA20 Auction

West Indies will be well represented at the SA20 2025–26 player auction, with 28 Caribbean stars confirmed among the 541 names entered for selection.

The event, set for September 9 in Cape Town, will determine the final lineups for the six franchises ahead of the tournament’s fourth edition, which begins on December 26.

Leading the list of regional hopefuls are explosive opener Brandon King and fast-bowling pair Jayden Seales and Shamar Joseph, both of whom have made significant strides on the international stage and will be keenly watched when the bidding opens.

The auction pool also features Test vice-captain Jomel Warrican, middle-order batsman Keacy Carty, and left-hander Alick Athanaze, alongside seasoned campaigners such as Johnson Charles and left-arm spinner Gudakesh Motie.

Meanwhile, the next generation of Caribbean talent will also be in the spotlight. Young prospects, including Kadeem Alleyne, Shaqkere Parris, Johann Layne, Dominic Drakes, Ramon Simmonds, Mikyle Louis, and Jewel Andrew, will all be hoping to earn contracts and valuable exposure in South Africa’s premier T20 league.

The SA20 auction underscores its international appeal, with 300 South Africans forming the largest



Brandon King

contingent. Overseas entries include 97 from England, 24 from Sri Lanka, 14 from Bangladesh, and two from Australia, while Dipendra Singh Airee will fly the flag as the lone entrant from Nepal.

In total, 241 overseas players will compete for only 25 available slots, ensuring fierce competition, while the domestic pool will vie for 59 places across the franchises.

The inclusion of proven performers and exciting young talent from the Caribbean guarantees that the West Indies contingent will be closely monitored on auction day. For players like Joseph and Seales, a breakthrough contract could further accelerate their rise in world cricket, while emerging names will be eager to use the SA20 platform as a springboard to higher honors.







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WARD 25

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		Amerindian Heritage Month 2025 Calendar of Activities			"Igniting Unity, Celebrating Progress, Advancing Our Culture."	
Date	Day	Activity	Time	Venue		
1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	Mon	Feature – Chronicling the Amerindian Heritage Month Celebrations	14:00hrs	Social Media		
1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	Mon	Poem Competition Launch	16:00hrs	Social Media		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	Tue	Preservation of Culture – Making of Cassava Bread	14:00hrs	Social Media		
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	Wed	Preservation of Culture – Making of Fly/Potato Wine	14:00hrs	Social Media		
4 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Thur	Amerindian Interfaith Service	17:00hrs	Umana Yana		
8 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Mon	Cultural Extravaganza	19:00hrs	National Park		
9 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Tue - Sat	Amerindian Crafts and Cuisine	10:00hrs Daily	Amerindian Village, Sophia		
9 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Tue - Sat	Cultural Nights	19:00hrs	Amerindian Village, Sophia		
10 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Wed	Life & Works of Stephen Campbell	17:00hrs	Umana Yana		
13 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Sat	Amerindian Fitness Walk	06:00hrs	Umana Yana to National Park		
13 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Sat	Heritage Safari	8:00hrs	Georgetown - Moraikobai – Great Falls/58 Miles		
14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Sun	Under the Moonlight	20:00hrs	Great Falls/58 Miles		
15 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Mon	Opening of the Arts Exhibition and Indigenous Fashion Showcase	17:00hrs	National Gallery of Art – Castellani House		
15 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Mon	Beginning of School Tour (Kanashen)	Daily	Varying Destinations		
16 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Tue- Thur	Tasinpansa	10:00hrs Daily	Main Street, Georgetown		
19 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Fri	Amerindian Heritage Dinner	19:00hrs	Railway Courtyard, Georgetown		
20 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Sat	Amerindian Heritage Village Day	10:00hrs	Nappi Region #9		
21 <sup>st</sup> Sept	Sun	Preservation of Language – Launching of Animated Series	14:00hrs	Social Media		
22 <sup>nd</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup> , & 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Mon, Tue, Mon	Educational Lectures	10:00hrs	Plaisance Primary LBI Primary West Ruimveldt Primary		
24 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Wed- Sun	Amerindian Heritage Sports	17:00hrs for Opening. Daily onwards	Everest Ground, Carifesta Ave, Georgetown.		
30 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Mon	Amerindians Got Talent (AGT)	14:00hrs	Social Media		