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New Guyana Cabinet ready to serve

As his new Cabinet took the Oath of Office at State House last Saturday evening, President Dr Mohamed Irfaan Ali reminded the nation that Guyana's future does not rest solely with ministers or parliamentarians, but with the entire slate of People's Progressive Party/Civic (PPP/C) candidates and stakeholders at every level of government.

Seven newcomers were introduced to the executive, reflecting generational renewal and technical expertise: Keoma Griffith – Minister of Labour and Manpower Planning, Sarah Browne – Minister of Amerindian Affairs, Vanessa Benn – Minister within the Ministry of Housing, Madanlall Ramraj – Minister within the Ministry of Public Works, Vickash Ramkissoon – Minister within the Ministry of Agriculture, Zulfikar Ally – Minister of Public Service, Government Efficiency and Implementation, and Steven Jacobs – Minister within the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sport.

Several senior ministers were reassigned: Priya Manickchand moves from Education to Local Government and Regional Development; Pauline Sukhai becomes Minister in the Ministry of Local Government, and Oneidge Waldron takes over as Home Affairs Minister. All other senior Ministers in the previous administration have held on to their portfolios.

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- Ensured pension plans are funded
- Fixed unfairness in the tax system



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- Successful policy changes provincially, federally and internationally
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- Diverse subjects from environment to trade to tax



HUMANITARIAN AID

- Rescued endangered Azerbaijanis
- Reunited abducted children with mother
- Secured \$100,000 to assist Ukrainians
- Housed 7 Ukrainian refugees
- Supported Syrian refugees



MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

- Delivered medical supplies during war
- Funded humanitarian aid in Ukraine

ABOUT ME

- Wannabe goaltender born in Halifax; a Torontonian for 40 years
- Trained in psychology, law and business (B.Sc., LL.B./JD, MBA)
- Family is a testament to Canada's diversity: wife born in Ukraine, three sons share Guyanese and Canadian descent, eldest daughter born in Macedonia, married in Kyiv, Ukraine
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BLENDS EXPERIENCE, FRESH ENERGY, AND STRATEGIC FOCUS**

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PRESIDENTS ALI AND GEERLINGS-SIMONS AGREE ON BRIDGE, ENERGY AND BORDER COOPERATION

Guyana and Suriname have committed to advancing a new phase of partnership following high-level talks between President Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali and President Jennifer Geerlings-Simons on Saturday, September 13, 2025.

Meeting in Nieuw Nickerie, a joint statement noted that the two leaders reaffirmed the strong bonds of friendship and cooperation rooted in shared values, cultural ties, and geographic proximity. They pledged to deepen bilateral relations in key sectors, while promoting peace, security, and prosperity for both nations.

BOOSTING ECONOMIC COOPERATION

Both Presidents underscored the importance of expanding trade and investment opportunities. They agreed to work on joint ventures in areas of mutual interest and to improve the ease of doing business across borders.

STRENGTHENING ENERGY SECURITY

Acknowledging the critical role of energy in national and regional development, the leaders committed to closer collaboration in the oil and gas sector, as well as renewable energy and electricity interconnection. Plans include joint ventures, knowledge-sharing initiatives, and investment projects aimed at advancing their national energy agendas and enhancing regional energy resilience.

CORANTIJN RIVER BRIDGE PROJECT

On the transformative bridge linking Guyana and Suriname across the Corantijn (Corentyne) River, the two Heads of State highlighted its potential to expand trade, boost tourism, improve connectivity, and deepen people-to-people exchanges. They pledged to continue close coordination to resolve outstanding legal, technical, and financial matters, while stressing the bridge's importance to wider Amazonian interconnectivity.

BORDER MATTERS

Reiterating their commitment to the peaceful settlement of disputes, both leaders agreed to convene the 7th Meeting of the Suriname-Guyana Joint Border Commission before the end of 2025. They called for a spirit of good neighbourliness and full respect for international law in addressing outstanding issues.

AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES COOPERATION

A new joint commission will be established by the end of 2025 to advance collaboration in fisheries, bringing together Ministers, technical teams, and key stakeholders. On agriculture, the two sides agreed to intensify efforts within the framework of the Strategic Dialogue and Cooperation Platform (SDCP).

IMPROVING THE CANAWAIMA FERRY SERVICE

Both Presidents emphasised the ferry's vital role in supporting border communities, bilateral trade, and cross-border movement of people and goods. They agreed on the urgent need to review its operations to improve reliability and efficiency and signalled interest in closer collaboration on a wider regional ferry project to enhance integration.

STRATEGIC DIALOGUE AND COOPERATION PLATFORM (SDCP)

The SDCP was reaffirmed as the main mechanism for advancing the broad bilateral agenda. The leaders instructed their Foreign Ministers to follow up on all decisions and to report progress directly to them. The next session of the SDCP will be convened at the earliest opportunity.

COMMITMENT TO PEACE AND SECURITY

President Ali and President Geerlings-Simons restated their dedication to maintaining the region as a Zone of Peace, resolving conflicts through dialogue and diplomacy, and supporting efforts to combat transnational

crimes. They also pledged to strengthen cooperation within CARICOM and South America.

President Ali expressed appreciation for the warm hospitality extended by President

Geerlings-Simons and her government during his visit. Both leaders agreed to maintain regular high-level dialogue, supported by ongoing engagement of their Foreign Ministers and technical teams.



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Presidents Dr Mohamed Irfaan Ali and Jennifer Geerlings-Simons meeting in Suriname



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BUILDING THE RISING FRONTIER

- PRESIDENT ALI TAKES OATH FOR SECOND TERM, PLEDGES BRIGHTER TOMORROW

Sworn in for a second five-year term on September 7, 2025, President Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali delivered a powerful inaugural address outlining his vision to transform Guyana into the “Rising Frontier.” Speaking on the lawns of State House, he pledged to serve all Guyanese with dedication, fairness, and an unwavering focus on building a prosperous future for every citizen.

In his address, President Ali set out an ambitious roadmap for Guyana by 2030, promising first-world healthcare and education, seamless regional infrastructure, and a diversified economy that empowers families, supports industries, and strengthens national resilience. He called on every Guyanese to share in the responsibility of shaping this future, emphasising that progress must be measured not only by growth, but by how far the least served can rise.



KEY TAKEAWAYS FROM PRESIDENT ALI’S VISION

- Commitment to serve all Guyanese without fear or favour.
- Focus on delivering results, not just promises.
- By 2030: seamless infrastructure, Silica City, and a world-class logistics hub.
- Stronger mining and farming, alongside growth in tourism, ICT, and the blue economy.
- More homes, cash grants, improved pensions, youth programmes, and women’s empowerment.
- Lower cost of living: electricity bills halved, water tariffs frozen, no new taxes.
- Universal healthcare and free education for all.
- Modernised defence, stronger policing, tackling crime and misinformation.
- New anti-corruption unit to ensure accountability and transparency.
- Deeper global ties through CARICOM, Latin America trade, and diaspora engagement.
- A national mission to end poverty and uplift every family.
- Progress to be judged by the advancement of the least served.

THE FULL TEXT OF PRESIDENT ALI’S INAUGURAL ADDRESS FOLLOWS.

A GRATEFUL BEGINNING

Thank you very much. To God be the glory and honour be to every man Thank you very much. To God be the glory and honour be to every man who helped in this journey and allowed us to be successful.

The Chancellor of the Judiciary, the Honourable Philip Pierre, Prime Minister of Saint Lucia, all other members of Cabinet and international dignitaries present here from the region and across our international community, our Chief Justice, members of the diplomatic community, of course, the Cabinet of 2020 to 2025 and the Members of Parliament of 2020 to 2025, our former Presidents, former First Ladies, Speakers of the National Assembly, former Speakers of the National Assembly, all former members of the Judiciary and present members of the Judiciary, special invitees, special Guyanese. Every Guyanese is special; every single Guyanese, our dear Prime Minister, is there with his wife.

I stand before you this day humbled and exalted by the solemn honour you once entrusted to me to serve as your President.

I extend my deepest gratitude to all the supporters who laboured so tirelessly and with such selfless devotion to secure this re-election. The fervour, energy, and passion with which they supported my candidacy and the party will remain indelibly etched upon my heart. To them and to the leadership of the party, including our evergreen General Secretary and tireless Prime Minister, I owe a debt of profound appreciation. Please give the leadership of our party and the supporters a resounding round of applause.



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I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all those who managed and superintended these elections. To the Elections Commission, to the hardworking polling staff and polling agents, to the men and women who braved the long hours to guarantee the smooth conduct of voting and the recount exercise, I say thank you. To our men and women in uniform who ensured the preservation of Law and Order throughout this period. I extend thanks for your continued dedicated service. I also thank the local and international observers, whose presence strengthened the credibility of this exercise, and who played an important role in ensuring that our democracy was preserved and our election was free, fair, smooth and well managed. I thank the Chair of the Elections Commission, retired Justice Claudette Singh, and all the commissioners for their extraordinary work during these elections.

I extend my sincere gratitude to the outgoing Cabinet, I extend my sincere gratitude to that Cabinet whose hard work and dedication, steered our nation through five challenging, yet highly successful years. Their efforts delivered unprecedented development, transforming the lives of our people and laying a strong foundation for the years ahead.

Just as I am thankful for their dedication of those who have served the nation, I am equally indebted to the steadfast support of my family. To my wife—whose love has been my shelter and whose quiet sacrifices are the unheralded foundation of my journey—I am grateful for this support. To my children, Zayd and Ilan, and my extended family, I am grateful for the patience, laughter, and encouragement that sustained me when duty demanded my absence. And to my parents, whose wisdom and values shaped my being, I offer eternal reverence to all of my family. To my parents, the love I draw from you is eternal. Your sacrifice is what helped to build me into the person I am today.

The love I draw from you, the people, and my family reminds me daily that leadership is not a pursuit of self, but a covenant of service. It is not for the benefit of a few, but for the upliftment of all. It is in that spirit that I have taken the Oath of Office.

From Essequibo to Berbice and Demerara, from Linden and New Amsterdam, to Lethem and Mabaruma, every strand of our national tapestry has spoken. Afro Guyanese and Indo Guyanese, our first peoples across the hinterland, Portuguese and Chinese Guyanese communities and people of mixed heritage all across the 10 regions of our country. One Guyana is not a slogan. It is a lived ethic. Each of us is equal in dignity, Equal in opportunity, equal in respect.

To those who did not support me, know this: I am your president, too. Your hopes and worries belong at the centre of our work, and the respect due to you will not depend on how you voted. The colours of Phagwah, the lights of Diwali and Christmas, the crescent of Eid, the drums of Emancipation, the joy of Mashramani, and the circles of Indigenous Heritage Month are not separate calendars. There is a single heartbeat of One Guyana.

We will not let yesterday’s hurts script tomorrow's hopes. We will face our history truthfully and heal it practically by how we embrace and support each other now. Our first peoples were here before any ships wake. Their future will be secured and accelerated. I will spend as much time listening to Linden, New Amsterdam, and let them and Mabaruma as I do in Georgetown because the government must be seen, heard, and felt in every community. In every village, township and Ward, a broad cross section of our people of every heritage and hope has renewed our compact to live as One Guyana. That ethos is not a slogan. It is a practice to recognise each other as equal in dignity, to celebrate our differences as shared strength, and to ensure that every citizen has an equal claim to justice, opportunity and respect.

BEYOND THE BALLOT

With fidelity to the Oath, I now turn to the mandate that you have entrusted to me. The elections are now behind us; the verdict of the electorate has been delivered. The people have spoken, and their will must stand unassailable.

I congratulate every party that has secured representation in our National

Assembly. Now the time has come to embrace the higher call of nation-building. With elections behind us comes the responsibility to transform competition into cooperation. To build a partnership, the spirit of inclusion is not a passing sentiment but the foundation of my presidency.

As I first declared on August 2, 2020, I am not the President of some Guyanese; I am the President of all Guyana. That principle has guided me and the government for the last five years, 2020-2025, and it shall remain my compass in the years ahead.

My mission is unchanged. It remains to serve every citizen of this land, irrespective of creed, community, or conviction, ensuring that every Guyanese has a place in our national family and a stake in our shared future.

But such a mission is and cannot be the work of one man alone, nor of one party, nor even of one administration. It is the collective work of a people bound together by destiny. And it is only together, as a people united in vision and purpose, that we can achieve the progress our nation deserves.

This is why I stand prepared to join hands with all who cherish peace, uphold democracy, and care deeply for our nation. That includes not only the political parties represented in Parliament, but also our trade unions, our private sector, our religious and cultural leaders, our youth and women’s organisations, and our wider civil society.

Our greatest achievements as a nation have always come when we stood together, setting aside our differences and lifting each other up in the spirit of one people, one nation and one destiny.

Today, I recommit myself to that unity. I pledge to be a President for every community, every sector, and every Guyanese. The journey of the next five years will demand the best of all of us. It is only by standing as one people, united in purpose, that we can rise to meet the weight of this moment and the magnitude of what lies ahead.

The next five years will be the most consequential in our nation. History has placed in our hands the resources, the leadership, the opportunities, the partnerships and the international goodwill to transform promise into reality. But this transformation will not happen by itself. We need everyone on board.

In this spirit of shared responsibility, we must embrace our national vision, one that captures both the depth of our resources and the height of our aspirations.

ONE GUYANA, ONE FUTURE

Our vision is Guyana as the Rising Frontier—where oil fuels ambition, sugar and rice sustain, bauxite, gold, and diamonds anchor prosperity, and fertile lands feed a region; where vast forests and rivers prove that wealth and environmental stewardship can coexist; where a resilient people turn challenge into achievement; and where a small nation rises to shape the future of its region and the world.

But 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.



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That framework will require the structure of government to keep pace with the rapid growth and changing composition of our economy, our evolving development priorities and the growing global prominence of our country. Critical elements of our plans for Guyana by 2030 include seamless infrastructure 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.

To achieve these plans, high levels of productivity and effective implementation will be critical, and technology and innovation will play an essential role. Transformation must drive economic diversification as well as human capital development. 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. At the same time, the expansion of the aviation sector will require special focus, whilst Regional Planning and Community Development must be comprehensively reformed and

strengthened.

Importantly, we'll align ourselves with our allies and international partners to cripple transnational crime, drug trafficking, human trafficking, and every act of criminality that threatens or undermines peace, freedom and democracy.

TURNING AMBITION INTO REALITY

My fellow Guyanese,

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.

Yes, our oil and gas sector will continue to grow, expanding production and



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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.

But 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—ensuring that these sectors continue to provide jobs, wealth, and stability for our people. But 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.

To foster deeper and more lasting national unity, I will operationalise the One Guyana commission with particular emphasis on public infrastructure, cultural development and national integration. Our procurement system will be modernised and strengthened with a tiered system to promote wider participation and ensure accountability and transparency. At the same time, our justice sector reform must be advanced and accelerated.

Guyana’s economic future depends not only on the ambitions and policies of government but also on the private sector –a private sector ready to drive wealth and job creation. Success will come when businesses pursue growth while ensuring fairness to their workers, upholding social responsibility, and contributing to the broader well-being of our society. It is this partnership between government and a responsible, forward-looking private sector that will propel shared prosperity.

And to support this partnership between government and the private sector, we must invest boldly in the infrastructure that underpins growth, creates jobs, and unlocks opportunities for citizens. In the next six weeks, planning and preparation begin for a suite of major projects: a brand-new Berbice River Bridge; a bridge across the Corentyne River with Suriname; a second gas-to-energy plant in Region Six; the establishment of an Economic Zone in Berbice; the construction of a deep-water harbour; the expansion of the Demerara Harbour; the building of our national digital backbone through the Digital Guyana Project; and fertilizer and natural gas plants that will make Guyana an industrial powerhouse in the region. The next six weeks will see these projects advancing on track.

BUILDING SHARED PROSPERITY

But it has always been our philosophy that development is meaningless if it does not touch people’s lives. That is why a priority of my administration is to put more money in your pockets. We will reduce taxes, raise disposable incomes, and continue direct cash grants. We will build prosperity in every family and home. We will also advance personal wealth and financial security. Over the next five years, we will bring more families closer to the dream of home ownership—because owning your own home is not a luxury; it is a foundation of dignity and security. We will strengthen financial inclusion so that every small entrepreneur—whether in farming, commerce, or innovation—has the access and support to start, grow, and thrive.

Community development is a central mission. We will install tens of thousands of new streetlights across the country. We will fix community infrastructure, be it roads, drains, sanitation, beautifying our communities, recreational facilities, ground and sporting facilities. Those are the priorities of the administration.

We will not only keep our communities safe; we will keep our country safe. That means building the strongest and most modern defence ecosystem in our history, one that shields us from every threat to our sovereignty and territorial integrity. At the same time, we will deepen partnerships with friendly nations, strengthen ties of security cooperation, and continue to repose our faith in the rule of international law, including the peaceful settlement of disputes. Improving national security also means modernising and strengthening our police, prison, and fire services by giving them the tools, training, and resources to serve with greater efficiency, professionalism, and trust. In this way, Guyana will stand strong, stable, and secure.

We will pay particular attention to examining ways in which future threats that emerge from misinformation through AI and digital platforms can affect the lives of citizens, destroy peace and safety, and undermine democracy. We'll also pay close attention to global experience when confronting and addressing such emerging threats.

We will deliver world-class health and education services. As we roll out a first-class health system, every citizen’s health will be tracked from the earliest childhood, risks identified, and treatment provided. At the same time, our schools will be transformed into modern centres of learning, offering 21st-century education, digital tools, and enhanced teaching to prepare our children for the future.

We will also confront the cost of living head-on. Electricity costs will be cut by half. Water tariffs will not increase. No new taxes will be imposed. We will intervene wherever necessary to shield our people from unfair or predatory pricing. We will boost local food production—including poultry, fish, and vegetables—so that our markets are filled with affordable, fresh, locally-produced food.

We will empower our women, our elderly, and our youth. For women, we will remove taxes on personal health and hygiene products. We will build day-care and night-care centres to support working mothers. We will provide more scholarships and create greater employment opportunities. And we will intensify our fight against domestic violence –we must kill this now. For our elderly, we will raise pensions, send mobile health units into rural and hinterland communities, employ telemedicine and virtual clinics, and expand residential care facilities. For our young people, we will expand access to skills training, ensure free education at every level, make housing affordable, and invest in new sports facilities—including a world-class indoor stadium, a high-performance conditioning centre, and a cycling velodrome to produce champions for the world.

As I have said before, Guyana must never again be a country rich in resources but poor in living standards. We will also launch a national crusade against poverty itself. Not just the visible poverty in our streets, but the structural roots and hidden burdens that keep families from rising. We will fight it, reduce it, and ultimately eradicate it.

The key to delivering on these commitments lies in building a highly efficient, service-oriented public service, one that places the citizen at the centre of every action. We will dismantle the bottlenecks that frustrate citizens, cut away the red tape that slows delivery, and modernise the systems that too often stand in the way of progress. We will refashion a public service that delivers more online services, works for the people, responds with urgency, and executes with excellence. Because only then can the promise of development be fully realised.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND INTEGRITY

Corruption undermines the efficiency, fairness, and credibility of public service. That is why we will strengthen our anti-corruption efforts by establishing a dedicated Anti-Corruption Unit, tasked with excising this cancer from our institutions and holding public officials to the highest standards of integrity. Every official will be required to account for their personal assets, and anyone who cannot do so will face the full force of the law. We will pursue both the corrupted and the corrupters, leaving no room for impunity.

On this note, I wish to emphasise that the government does not have a system of lobbying, and any person representing themselves as lobbyists or peddling access to anyone in government is misrepresenting themselves and misleading others. A special mechanism will be set up to deal with such individuals.

At the same time, we recognise and respect the essential watchdog role of the media, and we will ensure greater transparency by instituting mechanisms in every ministry and department that provide the facts in a timely way. Additionally, and of no less importance, we must hold those who are tasked with the dissemination of information accountable for their actions. They must be held accountable, also.

Our commitment to Caribbean integration is steady, practical, and visionary. We'll



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make this single market work for ordinary families with cheaper energy, faster payment and roaming, recognisable skills across borders, and scholarship and apprenticeships that open doors for youth.

We will champion regional energy security and competitiveness, leveraging Guyana's resources and know-how, partnering with our neighbours to lower cost, expand manufacturing and build resilient, cleaner energy systems that power jobs and industry across the Caribbean. 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.

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.

And we'll invest in our people, expanding scholarships, skills, partnership with the University of Guyana and regional institutions, and a digital corridor that makes roaming, e-commerce, and government services easier and more affordable for every Guyanese citizen.

Indeed, 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. This will enable hundreds of persons to qualify as Attorneys-at-Law right here in Guyana, with full rights to practice in CARICOM countries.

Additionally, within the next six weeks, we'll establish 200 medical and engineering seats in Regions 2, 3, 6, and 9, making it possible for persons to equip themselves with skills in these areas without having to leave their homes or regions. These skills are in high demand, and we're going to ensure that Regions 9, 2, 3, and 6, in six weeks, will be in a position to deliver education in every field of the College of Medicine and the University of Guyana, Faculty of Engineering.

GUYANA IN THE WORLD

Situated on the shoulder of South America, Guyana is both Caribbean and Latin American. We'll deepen economic ties with our neighbours, expanding trade, investment, infrastructure, and knowledge exchange, so growth at home strengthens the wider Latin American and Caribbean community, and prosperity across the region creates new opportunities for every Guyanese.

On a lighter note, some inauguration ceremonies are in very cold weather. We are blessed with brilliant sunshine or rainfall. We had a basic choice today, and today, we are blessed with brilliant sunshine. Let us enjoy it.

We seek peace with all our neighbours and defend our sovereignty with a quiet confidence in the law and a steady strength of unity. Just as efficiency, integrity, and service must define how government works at home, so must collaboration and cooperation define how we engage abroad.

I remain committed to engaging our international partners in ways that safeguard Guyana's sovereignty and advance our national interests. We will strengthen cooperation where it brings tangible benefits to our people, while ensuring that our resources and opportunities are managed to secure prosperity for this and future generations.

We recognise the vast potential of our Guyanese diaspora to be partners in the transformation of our nation. Therefore, through sustained and meaningful engagement, we will keep our diaspora informed, encourage their investments, and create avenues for participation in key sectors by tapping into their expertise, capital, and networks, as well as maintain regular outreach with our diaspora.

Furthermore, our world-class education and healthcare systems will be fully accessible to members of our diaspora, providing yet another reason for them to maintain and deepen their ties with home.

As we strengthen our place in the world, we must also fortify the team at home

deepen the CARICOM Single Market and Economy, advancing full free movement, mutual recognition of skills and qualifications, a truly single investment space, and a seamless payment system across our region.

In CARICOM, our purpose is practical and people-centred: to

that will carry forward this mission. In the coming days, I shall announce my new Cabinet – men and women chosen for their competence, their character, and their fidelity to the people of Guyana. I will also announce a wide range of other key appointments across the public sector to ensure that the entire system is led by people committed to delivering effective service to the Guyanese people.

ONE GUYANA, ONE FUTURE

The achievement of our agenda will require bold decision-making, critical thinking, relentless effort, and a high degree of adaptability and agility to survive and prosper in an increasingly complex global environment.

My friends, this is not just a plan. This is a promise. This is not just policy. This is progress. Together, we will make Guyana the rising frontier—a land of prosperity, justice, dignity, and hope for every single citizen. The future is ours to build, and together, we shall rise to meet it. There is much work ahead. And for me, that work begins now. However, the responsibility for building a stronger Guyana belongs to every citizen.

My friends, let us not squander this moment. Let us not be consumed by the politics of division, distraction, or discord. Let us instead summon the courage to build and to advance.

I invite all of you to join me in this journey of continuity and transformation. Together, let us build a Guyana that is rich in resources and bountiful in opportunities. Let us build a Guyana that is more blessed with unity. Let us build a Guyana that is ever proud of its heritage. Let us build a Guyana that is more grounded in justice and inclusion. Let us build a Guyana that is prepared for its future.

Above all, let us bind ourselves anew to One Guyana — a covenant in which every child, every man and woman, in coastland and hinterland alike, is given the chance to learn, to work, to build wealth and dignity, and to serve. In that shared endeavour, each of us will find room to rise, and together we will build a strong, confident, united Guyana, worthy of the generations to come.

The measure of this mandate will be simple: how far the least served can rise, and how widely opportunity is shared. Let no child doubt it — in One Guyana, your name, your village, your faith, your family's history will never limit your horizon. The future is yours to claim. Seize it and soar.

Have no doubt — we'll clear obstacles, widen doors, and back your rise with unwavering resolve.

Before I conclude, I want to thank my partner, Prime Minister Mark Phillips, for his extraordinary support over the last five years. Thank you.

I want to thank the Vice President and the General Secretary for first realising in me some potential to serve this country, then working tirelessly to ensure I optimise my potential, and then contributing seamlessly and daily to the building of this Guyana we celebrate. The Vice President is not just the General Secretary and Vice President — he is my friend and brother, and I am eternally grateful to you. Please stand, and let us applaud you also.

To the heads of services who stood with me for the last five years, and all the men and women under their command, I thank them greatly for their hours and sacrifice.

And to the Cabinet — the 2020 to 2025 Cabinet — and parliamentarians, I ask you to stand and applaud these people for their sacrifice, the sacrifice of their families, and the extraordinary work that they would have put in to ensure their success.

To all the candidates for the People's Progressive Party/Civic, I ask you to stand, and I ask all to applaud these candidates for signing on to a slate that they believed in, for signing on to a philosophy that they believed in, for signing on to a programme they believed in, and for working tirelessly to ensure the success of that plan and programme.

To all our supporters, to all of Guyana, to all those who stood with us, stood by us, stood for us, to all those who spent hours defending our philosophy, our plans, and programmes, I salute you. Today is your day. Today is your victory — as it is all of Guyana's victory.

Again, to my family, I say thank you for your patience and your love.

May God bless each of you and the Cooperative Republic of Guyana. We are stronger together, and there is only one way forward, with the help of God and people.

Thank you.

WORLD LEADERS CONGRATULATE PRESIDENT ALI ON DECISIVE RE-ELECTION

President Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali has received widespread international commendation following his re-election as President of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana in the September 1, 2025, General and Regional Elections. The victory, officially declared by the Guyana Elections Commission (GECOM), has been praised by global leaders, regional partners, and the private sector, highlighting confidence in Guyana's democratic institutions and leadership.

President Xi Jinping of China extended congratulations to President Ali, noting that Guyana was the first Caribbean nation to establish diplomatic ties with China. Over the 53 years since, relations have grown steadily, yielding significant cooperation across multiple sectors and close coordination on multilateral matters. Reflecting on a July 2023 meeting in Chengdu, President Xi expressed his readiness to deepen mutually beneficial cooperation under the Belt and Road framework and to elevate China-Guyana relations to new heights, delivering tangible benefits to both nations' peoples.

India's Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, offered warm congratulations via the social platform X, noting: **"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."** From Washington, the U.S. Embassy in Guyana praised President Ali's re-election and reaffirmed America's commitment to bilateral cooperation. **"The United States looks forward to continuing to work with the Government of Guyana to strengthen ties between our countries. Our commitment to Guyana's growth and development remains strong and unwavering,"** the Embassy said, also commending the impartial role of international observers in ensuring transparent and accountable elections.

The European Union (EU) joined the chorus of congratulations, applauding the peaceful

and orderly conduct of the elections as a demonstration of Guyana's democratic maturity. The EU praised GECOM and the electorate for their professionalism and expressed readiness to collaborate with Guyana on sustainable development, climate action, inclusive economic growth, and governance initiatives. Brazil's President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva highlighted the strength of Guyana's institutions,

two nations.

Regional leaders across the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) echoed similar sentiments. Jamaica's Prime Minister, Andrew Holness, underscored the strong partnership between Jamaica and Guyana, while Saint Lucia's Prime Minister, Philip J. Pierre, highlighted the confidence placed in President Ali's leadership. From Trinidad and Tobago,



noting that broad citizen participation demonstrated the consolidation of democratic governance amid promising economic prospects. Similarly, Cuba's President Miguel Díaz-Canel Bermúdez conveyed his best wishes, emphasizing a continued commitment to strengthen friendly relations and cooperation between the

Prime Minister Kamla Persaud-Bissessar and Opposition Leader Penelope Beckles-Robinson praised the democratic process, while Barbados' Prime Minister, Mia Mottley, reaffirmed the value of longstanding ties and anticipated strengthened CARICOM collaboration. Dominica's Prime Minister, Roosevelt Skerrit, extended congratulations to



President Ali and the PPP/C, noting that the victory reflects the trust Guyanese citizens place in their leadership. He emphasised the shared bonds of friendship within CARICOM and expressed eagerness to work together to promote regional integration and advance the shared aspirations of Caribbean peoples.

Locally, the Guyana Oil and Gas Energy Chamber (GOGEC) commended President Ali and highlighted the peaceful voter turnout, expressing confidence in his leadership. The Chamber pledged continued cooperation to advance the oil and gas sector, promote sustainable energy policies, and ensure equitable benefits for all

Guyanese. The American Chamber of Commerce Guyana (AmCham Guyana) also congratulated the President, reporting that its 90 election observers in Regions 3, 4, and 5 confirmed the polls were free, fair, and credible. The Chamber praised GECOM staff and citizens for their dedication and civic participation, describing the re-election as a clear affirmation of public confidence in President Ali's vision for Guyana's future. AmCham reaffirmed its commitment to strengthening commercial ties, stimulating investment, and supporting policies fostering sustainable and inclusive growth.

ELECTION OBSERVERS PRAISE PEACEFUL AND TRANSPARENT 2025 ELECTIONS IN GUYANA



The European Union Election Observation Mission press conference

The European Union (EU) Election Observation Mission has praised Guyana's 2025 General and Regional Elections, held on September 1, as peaceful, orderly, and efficiently managed. During a press conference at the Pegasus Suites and Corporate Centre in Georgetown, Chief Observer Robert Biedron commended voters for queuing

patiently, polling stations for opening on time, and election staff for carrying out their duties professionally. He also lauded the Guyana Elections Commission (GECOM) for managing the elections with competence and efficiency. The EU mission will continue to monitor the post-election phase, including the tabulation of results, and a final report with

recommendations is expected in the coming weeks. The EU mission began its work on July 23 and deployed 50 observers across all 10 regions on election day. Observers visited 253 polling stations, monitoring the process from the opening of polls to the counting and tabulation of ballots. Meanwhile, the Private Sector Commission (PSC) also hailed the elections as among the most efficient and peaceful in the country's history. PSC Chairman Gerry Gouveia Jr. commended GECOM for conducting the process with **"efficiency, accuracy, and transparency,"**

highlighting the timely online publication of results as setting a strong standard for openness and accountability. Across the nation's 2,790 polling stations, the PSC observed dedication, professionalism, and patience from GECOM staff. While acknowledging that the recount process was not welcomed by all, the PSC noted it is an essential part of democratic governance. The Commission praised both GECOM and the Guyana Police Force for their professionalism during the recount and confirmed that all concerns raised by political parties and commentators were

appropriately addressed. The PSC also identified areas for improvement, including better access and accommodations for persons with disabilities, improved signage to polling stations, and enhanced working conditions for staff and voters, such as improved furnishings and ventilation. Gouveia concluded

by commending the people of Guyana for their patience and political leaders for demonstrating responsible leadership. **"Together, we have shown the world that democracy in Guyana is strong and secure,"** he said, reaffirming confidence in GECOM's execution of both the elections and recounts.



Observers monitored the process from the opening of polls to the recounting of the ballots

PPP/C'S 2025 ELECTIONS WIN A VICTORY FOR EVERYONE- PRESIDENT ALI



Speaking from State House on Main Street, Georgetown, President Ali assured every Guyanese that the victory is not only for his party, but for the entire country

The overwhelming win by the People's Progressive Party/Civic (PPP/C) at the September 1, General and Regional elections has been hailed by President Dr Mohamed

deserves a chance to flourish." GECOM) officially declared Dr Ali as the duly elected President of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana, following the recent

political divides and pledged that no citizen would be overlooked under his leadership. He also commended Guyanese for participating peacefully in the electoral process, describing their conduct as proof that democracy in Guyana is **"alive, robust, and vibrant."**

The President expressed gratitude to PPP/C supporters, calling the victory a **"vindication of our record over the past five years,"** and recognised the disciplined services, polling staff, and party agents as **"quiet heroes and heroines"** for ensuring that every vote was properly cast and counted.

The PPP/C secured a decisive victory with more than 240,000 votes, translating into a **36-seat majority** in the National Assembly. Newcomer, We Invest in Nationhood (WIN) won approximately 109,000 votes and 16 seats, while A Partnership for National Unity (APNU) garnered roughly 77,000 votes and 12 seats. The Forward Guyana Movement (FGM) captured one seat.

The PPP/C dominated eight of the 10 electoral districts- Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 9 while WIN claimed the remaining two, positioning itself as the main opposition party and surpassing the Aubrey Norton-led PNC.

Comparing 2025 to 2020 Elections

PPP/C General Secretary and Vice President Dr. Bharrat Jagdeo highlighted the party's growth since



Vice President Dr Bharrat Jagdeo with supporters outside Freedom House who gathered after learning of the PPP electoral victory



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Irfaan Ali as a victory for democracy and for Guyana.

In a live broadcast following the announcement by the Guyana Elections Commission (GECOM), President Ali said: **"This is a victory that does not exclude anyone. Every community counts. Every citizen matters. Every dream**

elections. GECOM's Chairperson, Justice of Appeal (Ret'd) Claudette Singh, made the announcement during a statutory meeting at the Commission's Kingston Headquarters on Saturday, September 6. Over 372,000 citizens cast ballots nationwide.

President Ali in his broadcast emphasised national unity above



Vice President Dr Bharrat Jagdeo with supporters outside Freedom House who gathered after learning of the PPP electoral victory

2020. While the PPP/C then won by a narrow 0.3 percent margin (50.7% of votes), the 2025 elections saw the party capture **55.32%**, outperforming the combined opposition's 44.68% by **46,530 votes**, a margin Dr. Jagdeo described as a **"landslide."**

He praised the electoral process as free, fair, and peaceful, noting that voters in all 10 regions were able to cast ballots openly and without intimidation. Dr. Jagdeo also commended the dedication of

grassroots supporters who carried the party's message nationwide under challenging conditions.

Reflecting on APNU's performance, Dr. Jagdeo noted that the coalition's strategy was dominated by **"hatred"** for the PPP/C, which contributed to its defeat. He said APNU relied heavily on smaller parties in an attempt to unseat the ruling party, a tactic driven by emotion rather than reason:

"When a political party allows hatred to dominate tactics

and strategy, failure is inevitable."

He urged APNU to reassess its approach, stressing that effective opposition requires balancing rivalry with constructive engagement on national issues.

The declaration cements President Ali's second term and reinforces the PPP/C's mandate to continue guiding Guyana's development agenda, highlighting the enduring strength of the country's democratic institutions.

PPP/C DOMINATES ACROSS MOST DISTRICTS IN 2025 ELECTIONS

The 2025 General and Regional Elections in Guyana saw the People’s Progressive Party/Civic (PPP/C) secure decisive victories across most of the country’s 10 districts.

DISTRICT WINS: PPP/C (8 DISTRICTS):

- District 1 – Barima-Waini
- District 2 – Pomeroon-Supenaam
- District 3 – Essequibo Islands / West Demerara
- District 4 – Demerara-Mahaica
- District 5 – Mahaica-Berbice
- District 6 – East Berbice-Corentyne
- District 8 – Potaro-Siparuni
- District 9 – Upper Takutu-Upper Essequibo

- WIN (2 Districts):**
- District 7 – Cuyuni-Mazaruni
 - District 10 – Upper Demerara-Berbice

DETAILED DISTRICT RESULTS

D i s t r i c t Highlights: Trends and Insights

The elections

revealed notable patterns of political support, regional strengths, and emerging trends among Guyana’s districts:

COASTAL STRONGHOLDS:

Districts One and Two (Barima-Waini, Pomeroon-Supenaam) showed strong grassroots support for PPP/C, which more than doubled the votes of their nearest competitor, WIN. Low levels of spoiled and rejected ballots indicate high voter engagement and efficient polling management.

CENTRAL COASTAL BELT:

District Three (Essequibo Islands/ West Demerara) highlighted the PPP/C’s consolidation in populous coastal areas, with a commanding 48,055 votes.

URBAN BATTLEGROUND:

District Four (Demerara-Mahaica) displayed a competitive environment. While PPP/C led, APNU and WIN also posted strong results, illustrating pockets of opposition influence in densely

populated areas.

COASTAL BERBICE:

Districts Five and Six (Mahaica-Berbice, East Berbice-Corentyne) reaffirmed PPP/C’s dominance, with WIN and APNU maintaining notable minority support. Ballot rejection remained low, reflecting both voter education and process transparency.

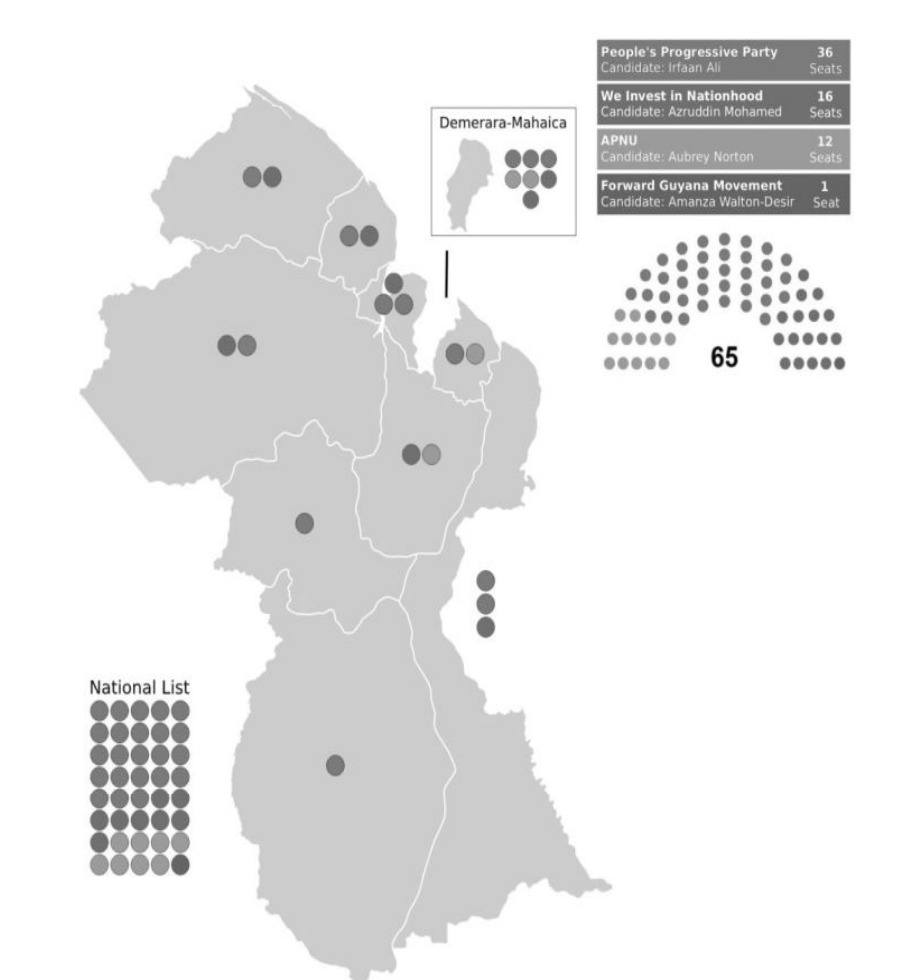
INTERIOR DISTRICTS:

WIN captured District Seven (Cuyuni-Mazaruni) and District Ten (Upper Demerara-Berbice), leveraging regional and indigenous support to overcome PPP/C. In District Eight (Potaro-Siparuni), the PPP/C narrowly led WIN, signaling highly competitive races and shifting voter allegiances in interior regions.

SOUTHERN HINTERLANDS:

District Nine (Upper Takutu-Upper Essequibo) reaffirmed PPP/C’s strength, with limited opposition support.

Overall, the 2025 elections underscored the PPP/C’s dominance across most districts,



particularly in coastal and southern hinterland regions, while WIN established itself as a strong regional contender in select interior and mining areas. APNU and smaller parties maintained limited influence, with

support concentrated in specific pockets. The results also highlighted a clear coastal-interior divide in party preferences, reflecting both demographic and regional dynamics. Low levels of spoiled and rejected ballots

throughout the country indicate high voter engagement and confidence in the electoral process, reaffirming the transparency and efficiency of Guyana’s 2025 elections.

OPPOSITION RECOUNTS FAIL TO ALTER CLEAR PPP/C WIN



VP Dr. Bharrat Jagdeo with PPP/C election workers at GECOM

Despite calls from the opposition to annul the results of the 2025 General and Regional Elections, the Guyana Elections Commission (GECOM) confirmed the People’s Progressive Party/Civic (PPP/C) as the decisive winner.

G E C O M Chairperson, Justice of Appeal (Ret’d) Claudette Singh, announced that recounts in Sub-District 4 of District 4 and the 77 ballot boxes in District 5, requested by A Partnership for National Unity (APNU) and We Invest in Nationhood (WIN) reaffirmed the

original results. The recounts were completed roughly 36 hours after commencement.

Official results show the PPP/C received over 240,000 votes, securing a 36-seat majority in the National Assembly. WIN garnered approximately 109,000 votes and 16



The recount exercise

seats, APNU 77,000 votes and 12 seats, while the Forward Guyana Movement (FGM) claimed one seat.

Following the recount, President Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali dismissed opposition calls to quash the elections and hold fresh polls as “nonsense” and ridiculous.”

“The life of this country is important. The people continue to see who plays with the life of this country, who plays with the life of the citizens, and who don’t care about the development of this nation,” President Ali

said during a visit to GECOM Headquarters.

The President stressed that the PPP/C’s victory is rooted in five years of service and hard work, contrasting it with the opposition, which he said is now engaged in a “cycle of disruption.” He also reaffirmed the party’s commitment to keeping Guyana safe and stable for investors, criticizing the opposition’s actions as “playing games with the country’s life...the people’s life...the electoral process.”

President Ali noted that both local and international observers had deemed the elections credible, free, and fair, countering opposition claims of irregularities.

PPP/C’s General Secretary and Vice President Dr. Bharrat Jagdeo, highlighted that observer missions from the European Union, Carter Center, Organisation of American States, and

CARICOM confirmed the transparency of the process: “The elections are over. Every international observer pronounced them free and fair. The recount was conducted at the opposition’s request, and the results remain unchanged.”

Dr. Jagdeo also addressed media narratives suggesting irregularities, clarifying that the recount concluded without significant changes.

Local observer missions similarly affirmed the integrity of the process. The Bar Association of Guyana praised GECOM for managing the recounts efficiently and transparently, while the Private Sector Commission reported that the exercise was secure, well-organised, and closely monitored. Discrepancies were minimal and addressed



President Ali speaking to the media during a visit to the GECOM office during the recounting

professionally. Observers confirmed that changes from the recount amounted to less than 0.5% of votes, reinforcing confidence in GECOM’s accuracy and professionalism.

The 2025 General and Regional Elections have reaffirmed the resilience of Guyana’s electoral system, strengthened public confidence in GECOM, and demonstrated that the will of the people was accurately reflected on Election Day, despite opposition attempts to undermine the process.

PRESIDENT ALI AWARDS JOINT SERVICES MEDAL FOR ROLE IN 2025 ELECTIONS



Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, President Dr Mohamed Irfaan Ali, while speaking at the award ceremony

Members of the Joint Services who safeguarded peace and order during the 2025 General and Regional Elections were honoured with the Joint Services Medal by Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, President Dr Mohamed Irfaan Ali.

The ceremony, held

at the Police Officers' Mess Annexe, Eve Leary, Georgetown, brought together officers from across the Joint Services.

In his remarks, President Ali expressed profound gratitude to the ranks for their discipline, professionalism, and unwavering service during what he described as one of the most critical moments in Guyana's democratic life. He emphasised that the medals were not a reward but a recognition of their sacrifices and steadfast commitment to the nation.

"This activity is but a modest expression of our appreciation for your service," the President

said, noting that elections are the **"lifeblood of democracy."**

He credited the peaceful and orderly conduct of the 2025 polls to deliberate planning, vigilance, and the dedication of the security forces. The President praised leaders for their coordination and commended individual

officers who stood guard at polling stations, patrolled communities, and upheld their duty with diligence.

"When we strengthen peace and stability within our borders, we are also fortifying our capacity to protect our sovereignty and territorial integrity,"



President Dr Mohamed Irfaan Ali awarding a Guyana Defence Force rank



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Dr Ali underscored. The Head of State reaffirmed his administration's commitment to supporting the Joint Services, pledging continued investment in resources and capacity to ensure they can effectively carry out their duties.

Also in attendance were Chief of Defence

Staff, Brigadier Omar Khan; Commissioner of Police, Clifton Hicken; Director of Prisons, Nicklon Elliot; Chief Fire Officer, Gregory Wickham; National Security Advisor, Captain Gerry Gouveia; and Director of the National Intelligence and Security Agency (NISA), Colonel Sheldon Howell.

GUYANA AND UNITED STATES CONTINUE TO BOOST DEFENCE POSTURE TO TACKLE REGIONAL SECURITY



President Dr Irfaan Ali meeting with the United States Deputy Assistant Secretary of War, Joseph M. Humire, and team

President Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali met with Deputy Assistant Secretary of War for the Western Hemisphere, Joseph Humire, at State House, highlighting

the ongoing effort to strengthen Guyana's security partnership with the United States (U.S). The discussions focused on enhancing collaboration in training and operational capacity to combat transnational crime.

"We have committed ourselves to working with all our partners, including the U.S., to ensure we do our part in fighting transnational crime," President

Ali told reporters. He reaffirmed that safeguarding Guyana's sovereignty and defence remains a top priority for his government. The meeting also explored broadening the strategic partnership to promote peace and security throughout the region.

Following the presidential engagement, the U.S. delegation was hosted by Chief of Defence Staff Brigadier Omar Khan at Base Camp Ayanganna. The discussions centered on strengthening Guyana's defence posture and advancing bilateral security cooperation.

Brigadier Khan expressed appreciation for the long-standing partnership, noting that American support has been vital in enhancing the Guyana



The delegation from the United States of America visit to Base Camp Ayanganna

Defence Force's (GDF) capabilities. He highlighted the recent U.S. military flyover during President Ali's inauguration as a symbolic gesture of friendship and shared commitment to regional stability.

The delegation also visited the GDF Coast Guard Headquarters, where its members were briefed on achievements under the maritime security partnership, including vessel acquisitions, infrastructure upgrades,

and access to advanced maritime domain awareness platforms. They toured the Maritime Operations Centre and the GDFS Shahoud, observing firsthand the operational improvements resulting from U.S.-Guyana collaboration.

The engagement underscored the strategic importance of the defence relationship, with both sides reaffirming their commitment to deepening cooperation and addressing shared

security challenges.

Since establishing diplomatic relations in 1966, Guyana and the United States have developed strong partnerships across trade, governance, education, and security. Earlier this year, U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio and Guyana's Foreign Affairs Minister Hugh Todd signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to enhance security cooperation, providing a framework to tackle narcotics trafficking, organised crime, and other regional threats.

As Secretary Rubio stated at the time, **"The basic element of progress and prosperity is always security."** The recent meetings reflect the continued importance of the Guyana-U.S. partnership in safeguarding regional stability and promoting prosperity across the hemisphere.



President Dr Irfaan Ali meeting with the United States Deputy Assistant Secretary of War, Joseph M. Humire, and team

The Government of Guyana has condemned an airstrike carried out by the Israel Defence Force in Doha, Qatar, which occurred about one mile from Guyana's Embassy.

In a statement issued, the government described the bombing as a violation of international law and **"a direct assault on the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the State of Qatar."**

Officials said the strike does not

contribute to ending the war in Gaza or advancing peace efforts in the Middle East. **"Guyana strongly believes that the unilateral military strike in Qatar does not help the cause in ending the war in Gaza nor of achieving lasting peace in the Middle East,"** the statement read.

The government also highlighted Qatar's role in regional diplomacy, noting its cooperation with the United States

GOVT CONDEMNS ISRAELI AIRSTRIKE IN QATAR NEAR GUYANA'S EMBASSY

and Egypt in seeking a diplomatic solution to the Gaza conflict. It further recognised Qatar as a **"consistent ally in fighting terrorism."**

"Guyana stands in full solidarity with the Amir and people of the State of Qatar," the statement said.

The government urged respect for international law and called on allies to

continue efforts aimed at ending the war in Gaza and combating global terrorism.

Guyana and Qatar established formal diplomatic relations in 1996, and ties between the two nations have deepened in recent years, particularly in the areas of energy, infrastructure, and investment. In 2023, Qatar opened a resident embassy in Georgetown,

underscoring its commitment to strengthening bilateral relations.

Guyana has also consistently voiced support for peace in the Middle East. In October 2023, it joined CARICOM in calling for an immediate humanitarian ceasefire in Gaza, while reaffirming its stance in favour of a two-state

solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

The latest statement marks one of the strongest condemnations yet by Government, underscoring concerns not only about the ongoing conflict in Gaza but also about the safety of its diplomatic presence in the region.

BRIG. PHILLIPS AND DR. JAGDEO RESUME KEY ROLES IN PRESIDENT ALI ADMINISTRATION

Brigadier (Ret'd) Mark Phillips and Dr. Bharrat Jagdeo have officially resumed their roles as Prime Minister and Vice President of Guyana, respectively, following the swearing-in ceremony on September 8, 2025. The appointments come as President Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali begins his second term after the People's Progressive Party/Civic (PPP/C) secured re-election on September 1.

Both men served in the previous administration between 2020 and 2025, providing continuity and experience at the highest levels of government.

Brigadier (Ret'd)



President Dr Ali is flanked by Vice President Dr Jagdeo (left) and Prime Minister Brigadier Phillips (right)

Phillips, who previously served as Prime Minister, brings decades of public service and military experience to the role. Before his political career, he served nearly 40 years in the Guyana Defence Force, including as Chief of Staff from

2013 to 2016. President Ali praised Phillips' dedication, saying, "His name is synonymous with duty and public service. He embodies discipline, loyalty, and steadfast commitment. When

called to serve, he has never faltered, always placing Guyana above self." Dr. Bharrat Jagdeo, former President of Guyana, was reappointed as Vice President, continuing his long-standing service

to the nation. President Ali highlighted Jagdeo's track record in leadership and governance, noting, "As former Minister of Finance, he guided our economy with insight and skill. His twelve years as President set the foundation for the prosperity we are now realising."

The President also commended Dr. Jagdeo's counsel over the last five years, calling him "a resource of unparalleled knowledge and dedication, whose continued service benefits every Guyanese."

The swearing-in of Phillips and Jagdeo

underscores President Ali's emphasis on stability and experienced leadership as Guyana embarks on its next five-year development agenda. Their return provides continuity for the government's transformative programs and ensures seasoned oversight across critical national initiatives.

With PM Phillips and VP Jagdeo in place, the administration signals both consistency and readiness to deliver on its promises, combining institutional knowledge with renewed focus on progress and national development.

PRESIDENT ALI UNVEILS NEW CABINET - BLENDS EXPERIENCE, FRESH ENERGY, AND STRATEGIC FOCUS

President Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali has sworn in his new Cabinet, unveiling a team that combines seasoned ministers, fresh political entrants, and notable shifts in ministerial responsibilities. The ceremony took place at State House, just days after the People's Progressive Party/Civic (PPP/C) secured re-

election at the September 1 polls. Dr. Ali described his new administration as "results-driven, people-centred, and efficient," pledging that the next five years will be decisive for Guyana's transformation. "These must be years of results, years in which every family, community, and

citizen experiences a better quality of life," he told the gathering.

NEW FACES IN GOVERNMENT

Seven newcomers have been appointed to Cabinet, reflecting generational renewal and a widening of technical expertise: Keoma Griffith – Minister of Labour and

Manpower Planning Sarah Browne – Minister of Amerindian Affairs Vanessa Benn – Minister within the Ministry of Housing Madanlall Ramraj – Minister within the Ministry of Public Works Vickash Ramkissoon – Minister within the Ministry of Agriculture Zulfikar Ally –

Minister of Public Service, Government Efficiency and Implementation Steven Jacobs – Minister within the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sport Dr. Ali said the new entrants bring "youthful energy, diversity, and technical strength" to his administration.

NEW MINISTRIES CREATED

Three new portfolios have been introduced to sharpen government's focus on critical areas: **Public Utilities and Aviation** – overseen by Deodat Indar, who previously served as Minister within Public Works **Public Service, Government**



Hon. Charles Ramson - Minister of Culture, Youth and Sport



Hon. Collin Croal - Minister of Housing



Hon. Deodat Indar - Minister of Public Utilities and Aviation



Hon. Dr Ashni Singh - Senior Minister in the Office of the President with responsibility for Finance



Hon. Dr Frank Anthony - Minister of Health



Hon. Dr Vindhya Persaud - Minister of Human Services and Social Security



Hon. Gail Teixeira - Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Governance



Hon. Hugh Todd - Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation



Hon. Juan Edghill - Minister of Public Works



Hon. Mohabir Anil Naldlall, SC - Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs



Hon. Oneidge Walbrond - Minister of Home Affairs



Hon. Pauline Sukhai - Minister in the Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development

NEW MPS, SECRETARIES, AND PRESIDENTIAL ADVISORS JOIN PPP/C GOVT TO SUPPORT DELIVERY ACROSS SECTORS

President Mohamed Irfaan Ali has unveiled the full slate of People's Progressive Party/Civic (PPP/C) Members of Parliament, secretaries, and presidential advisors who will play a central role in advancing government initiatives beyond the Cabinet.

Among the newly appointed MPs are James Bond, Zamal Hussein, Peter Ramsaroop, Anand Persaud, Suresh Singh, Mahendra Budhram, Jennifer Westford, Sanjay Datadin, Alistair Charlie, and Sonia Lachman. They will be joined by parliamentary secretaries Thandi McAllister and Mishka White Griffith.

Speaking on the announcement, President Ali emphasised the professionalism and technical expertise of the appointees. **"We were fortunate to have a List of Candidates that possesses highly and technically**

competent individuals. Many professionals chose to align themselves with the PPP/C agenda, and they will form the backbone of this government. Their services and expertise will be part of the human capital driving transformation, efficiency, and effectiveness across all levels of governance," he said.

The President highlighted that government work does not rest solely on Cabinet ministers. **"The service delivery of government will not rest only on Cabinet shoulders, it is the collective work of this wider team. All candidates, whether in Parliament or serving elsewhere, are equal in this mission,"** he added.

In addition, Dr. Ali announced several expert advisors who will provide guidance on specialised areas of

national development:

Dr. Mahendra Carpen – Presidential Advisor on Science and Healthcare Modernization

Shyam Nokta – Presidential Advisor on Climate Change and Biodiversity

Ruel Johnson – Presidential Advisor in the One Guyana Commission

Robeson Benn – Advisor in the Ministries of Home Affairs and Natural Resources

Joe Hamilton – Advisor in the Ministry of Labour and Manpower Planning

The President called on all PPP/C

candidates and advisors to act as **"instruments of change"** across communities, sectors, and institutions. **"The expectations of the people are clear. Together, we will ensure every Guyanese can live a life of dignity, safety, honour, and prosperity,"** Dr. Ali said.

He reaffirmed that the PPP/C's human capital, stretching far beyond the Cabinet, will be the driving force in delivering on government promises and accelerating national transformation.



Robeson Benn to serve as Advisor in the Ministries of Home Affairs and Natural Resources



Ruel Johnson to serve as Presidential Advisor on One Guyana



Anand Persaud to serve as Government MP



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PRESIDENT ALI SIGNALS SWIFT GOVT REFORMS WITH KEY PERMANENT SECRETARY APPOINTMENTS

President Mohamed Irfaan Ali has signaled a decisive push toward government reforms in his second term, meeting with Permanent Secretaries and Deputy Permanent Secretaries to share his vision and set clear expectations for their roles in advancing national development.

During the meeting, President Ali emphasised the administration's commitment to modernizing public service delivery through a fully digitised framework. He highlighted that efficiency, transparency, results-driven performance, and a people-centered approach would be the guiding principles of this transformation, ensuring that services are reliable, timely, and responsive to the needs of citizens.

As part of the first phase of his second-term transition, key appointments have

been announced, strengthening leadership across major ministries. Mrs. Sharon Roopchand-Edwards has been named Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Mr. Roger Rogers has been appointed Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Tourism, Industry and Commerce; Ms. Duan Ellis will serve as Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture; and Dr. Erica Forte has been appointed Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Human Services and Social Security.

President Ali also indicated that additional announcements regarding other Permanent Secretaries and senior government officials will be made in the coming days. These appointments reflect the administration's focus on building a capable, results-oriented leadership team to drive Guyana's development agenda forward.



Newly appointed Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Agriculture, Ms. Duan Ellis



Newly appointed Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Human Services and Social Security, Dr Erica Forte



Newly appointed Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Tourism, Industry and Commerce, Mr. Roger Rogers



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- PRESIDENT ALI SWORN IN FOR SEC

Bathed in golden morning light on the lawns of State House, His Excellency Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali was sworn in for a second term on Sunday, September 7, 2025. With hand on the Constitution, he pledged to serve every Guyanese with dedication, upholding the values of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana. The ceremony gathered family, party members, and a wide cross-section of supporters in a powerful display of national unity.

A moment of cultural pride came as Amerindian youths crowned the President with a traditional headdress, a timeless symbol of unity and leadership.

Addressing the large Georgetown audience, President Ali expressed deep gratitude: “You have once more entrusted me to serve as your President... your passion and energy will be indelibly etched in my heart.” He called on the private sector and citizens alike to work alongside government in creating jobs, generating wealth, and shaping a brighter tomorrow.

The celebrations continued with a Joint Services procession to the Kingston Seawall Esplanade, where a lively cultural showcase followed. Performances included the Riverside Angels Indigenous Dancers, the National Dance Company with an African-inspired piece by the Joro Dance Company, the Berbice Delights Dance Group, and a traditional Chinese lion dance. Musical acts brought further energy, featuring Calvin Burnett, Sonia Singh, Mark Ferdinand, Soca Monarch Queen Diana Chapman, Adrian Dutchin, and others.

Distinguished guests in attendance included Prime Minister of St. Lucia, Philip Pierre; Acting Prime Minister of Grenada, Lennox Andrews; former Presidents of Guyana; former Prime Minister Samuel Hinds; and U.S. Ambassador Nicole Theriot, underscoring the national and international significance of the occasion.



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Load testing commences on new Demerara River Bridge as official opening nears

LOAD testing has commenced on the new Demerara River Bridge, one of Guyana’s most ambitious infrastructure projects, which is nearing completion.

On Monday, the series of tests designed to verify the bridge’s structural integrity began, and according to Project Manager Patrick Thompson, the testing followed strict international standards set by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO).

Thompson told the Guyana Chronicle that not every bridge is built the same, and thus, the load testing, conducted by China Railway Construction Corporation, involves applying controlled loads to a bridge to measure responses, ensuring that the bridge can handle expected service loads without unacceptable deformation or damage.

“So, they developed a model in the ‘lab’ of what the conditions of the bridge are, and then they came out here to replicate that model. The model that was developed in the ‘lab’ produced some outputs; outputs regarding the stress that is supposed to be realised when the bridge is tested, the displacement, the strain and the stiffness,” he said, adding: “So today (Monday), we are out here trying to see if when we load the actual bridge with the same conditions as were developed by the model... whether we would have the same results as was modelled or whether those results would be less or more.”

The load testing followed specific guidelines, and was conducted with five trucks, each weighing 40 tonnes.

However, for other parts of the bridge, the load testing will differ, he said.

For the main cable stay bridge, the contractor will have to use 16 trucks as opposed to the five used on Monday.

Guyana’s transportation infrastructure will be further boosted when the bridge is officially opened to the public.

With the bridge now entering its final stages of preparation, the President reiterated confidence that the long-awaited structure will be opened to the public well before September ends.

The US\$260 million bridge being constructed by China Railway

Construction Corporation Limited will have a lifespan of 100 years, and offer toll-free access.

It will operate around-the-clock, and accommodate vehicles of all sizes and weights, with a maximum speed limit of 80 kilometres per hour.

The new bridge features four lanes, and stretches 2.6 kilometres, linking Nandy Park on the East Bank Demerara to La Grange on the West Bank Demerara.

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The new Demerara River Bridge — a landmark construction

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AMERINDIAN HERITAGE MONTH 2025 OPENS WITH INTERFAITH SERVICE AND CULTURAL EXTRAVAGANZA

Amerindian Heritage Month 2025 was officially launched on September 1 with an interfaith service at the Umana Yana, Georgetown, marking the start of a month-long celebration of Guyana's rich Indigenous culture under the theme: **"Igniting Unity, Celebrating Progress, Advancing Our Culture."**

The service brought together prayers and songs from the Bahá'í, Seventh-Day Adventist, Anglican, Hindu, and Muslim communities, complemented by a traditional performance by the Sawariwau Dance Group. Coordinated by the Ministry of



Prime Minister Brigadier (Ret'd) Mark Phillips delivering remarks at the Amerindian Heritage Cultural Extravaganza

commitment to preserving Amerindian heritage while advancing inclusive development. He highlighted Indigenous heritage as a source of strength and an

government investments in education, healthcare, job creation, and entrepreneurship to promote economic freedom and self-sufficiency for Amerindian communities. **"Heritage is not just about the past,"** he stated. **"It is a living,**

scholarship programme, which she said have transformed hinterland life.

"Our Indigenous peoples' knowledge, traditions, languages, and artistry are not remnants of the past but vibrant threads of our national identity," Minister Sukhai said. She called for continued unity in preserving cultural identity while celebrating Indigenous contributions to national development.

The celebrations extended to the Amerindian Heritage Village in Sophia, where an exhibition of cuisine and crafts brought culture to life. Traditional dishes, handcrafted jewelry, clothing, and décor were showcased, giving attendees an immersive experience

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Hinterland Scholarship students depicting Campbell's legislative journey

since I was young, special." A key highlight of the month is **Heritage and celebrate our culture."** Natasha 10, commemorating



An exhibition of cuisine and crafts brought culture to life



Attendees at the Amerindian Heritage Cultural Extravaganza at the National Park Tarmac

Amerindian Affairs, this annual interfaith gathering sets the tone for the month by uniting diverse faiths in honour of Guyana's first peoples.

Following the service, festivities continued with a **cultural extravaganza at the National Park,**

avenue for sustainable growth, particularly through tourism.

"The breathtaking beauty and unique cultural heritage of our hinterland remain untapped economic assets," PM Phillips said, pledging government support for community-level



The food court at the Heritage Village in Sophia

breathing force that continues to shape our present and, most importantly, our shared future."

Minister of Amerindian Affairs Pauline Sukhai also addressed the gathering, congratulating President Dr Mohamed Irfaan Ali on his second term and acknowledging the government's record investments in Amerindian communities. These include infrastructure, digital connectivity, and educational support through the GOAL

of Amerindian heritage. Each evening featured performances by cultural groups from across the regions, entertaining visitors with music, dance, and storytelling.

Exhibitors highlighted the personal and cultural significance of their work. Rawle Williams from Mainstay, Region Two, said, **"I'm doing arts and crafts to honour my heritage. This is my first year at the booth, and it's a big honour to contribute."** Roland Taylor of Annai, Region Nine, shared, **"I've**

David, owner of Tasha Creative Designs, added, **"Amerindian Heritage Month is meaningful to me because I celebrate both African and Indigenous roots. I want everyone to come out, see what we have, and enjoy our crafts and outfits."**

The British High Commissioner to Guyana, Jane Miller, encouraged public participation, saying, **"Come and**

Guyana's first Indigenous Parliamentarian, **Stephen Campbell.** A celebration at the Umana Yana featured a skit by Hinterland Scholarship Students, depicting Campbell's legislative journey and his efforts to protect Indigenous land rights in the constitution.

Amerindian Heritage Month will continue throughout September with activities across the country aimed at showcasing, preserving, and promoting



Prime Minister Brigadier (Ret'd) Mark Phillips interacting with an exhibitor at the Amerindian Heritage Cultural Extravaganza

featuring vibrant dances, music, craft displays, and traditional foods. Communities from across the country showcased their resilience, creativity, and pride in Indigenous culture.

In his remarks, Prime Minister Brigadier (Ret'd) Mark Phillips reaffirmed the government's

tourism initiatives, including craft-making, traditional cooking, wildlife tours, and cultural immersions. He outlined plans for training, marketing support, and multi-village tourism circuits to ensure benefits reach a broad cross-section of communities.

The Prime Minister also emphasised



The interfaith service at the Umana Yana



The interfaith service at the Umana Yana

experience it, taste the amazing food, and meet incredible people. The Indigenous communities are warm and welcoming, making

Guyana's Indigenous heritage, while engaging communities in cultural, educational, and economic initiatives.

EXCITEMENT MARKS THE START OF A NEW ACADEMIC YEAR

Schools across Guyana reopened on Monday, 8th September 2025, welcoming back teachers and students for the 2025/2026 academic year. Among those returning were President Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali and First Lady, who accompanied their sons, Zayd and Ilian, on their first day back. The day was filled with energy and anticipation as parents guided their children to classrooms, teachers greeted eager students, and young learners settled into lessons. Smiles, laughter, and the buzz of learning highlighted the start of a promising new school year, capturing the joy and enthusiasm of children returning to school.



NEW RULES SET FOR PASSENGER AND CARGO MOVEMENT BETWEEN GUYANA AND BRAZIL

Guyana and Brazil are advancing the implementation of the International Road Transport Agreement (IRTA), which establishes regulations for the movement of passengers and cargo across their shared border. The Ministry of Home Affairs, in partnership with Brazil's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Brazilian Embassy in Georgetown, hosted a webinar to guide stakeholders through the procedures and requirements to operate under the agreement.

During the session, officials explained that companies seeking to provide passenger or cargo services must first register with the Ministry of Home Affairs as transport operators. Applications must include IRTA Form 1, company and owner tax identification numbers, vehicle registration and fitness certificates, an international third-party insurance policy, and details of a legal representative. Once submitted, applications are reviewed and verified by the Guyana Revenue Authority before undergoing a security check. Approved operators are then granted an original



President Dr Mohamed Irfaan Ali and Brazil's President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva

one-year licence, which is non-transferable. Within 120 days of receiving this licence, companies must also apply for complementary authorisation from the National Transport Agency.

Requirements for cargo operators extend further, as they must provide details of their services, vehicle specifications, and the types and quantities of goods to be transported. All carriers are required

to submit advance customs declarations and comply with the regulations of both Guyana and Brazil. While cargo drivers need no additional certification, special permission is required for the transport of hazardous materials such as gasoline.

The agreement also provides for new international passenger routes. Buses will operate from Lethem to Boa Vista twice daily, from Lethem to Manaus once daily, and from Georgetown to Boa Vista once daily. Drivers must hold both a Guyanese licence and an International

Driving Permit, while passenger fares will be determined jointly by the Ministry of Home Affairs, the Ministry of Public Works, and the transport firms.

Insurance policies issued in Guyana will be recognised in Brazil, provided they extend coverage in both countries. Several Brazilian companies have already submitted applications to operate under the system, signalling strong interest in both passenger and cargo services.

The IRTA is expected to make travel and trade more efficient, creating new opportunities for economic and social exchange between Guyana and Brazil.



President Dr Irfaan Ali meeting with Alistair Routledge, the President of ExxonMobil Guyana, and Andrew Feldman, the CEO and Co-Founder of Cerebras

Guyana's digital transformation agenda is advancing rapidly, with President Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali holding a series of high-level meetings this week to fast-track the government's ambitious "Digital Guyana" roadmap.

At the Office of the President, Dr. Ali met with information technology (IT) leaders from all government agencies, reaffirming his administration's commitment to

digitisation, artificial intelligence (AI), and technology-driven governance. Government Chief Technology Officer Darryl Akeung and Director of Presidential Affairs Marcia Nadir-Sharma were among the key participants.

In a separate session, the President engaged executives from major commercial banks, the Bank of Guyana, and the Private Sector Commission. Talks focused on modernising

KEY MEETINGS PUSH FORWARD PLANS FOR A SMARTER, MORE CONNECTED GUYANA

banking operations, expanding access to financial services, and ensuring the financial sector keeps pace with the country's wider digital agenda. The group has been tasked with delivering a report within six weeks outlining requirements to fully support Guyana's evolving digitaleconomy.

President Ali also met with Alistair Routledge, President of ExxonMobil Guyana, and Andrew Feldman, CEO and Co-Founder of Cerebras, a technology firm specialising in AI. Discussions centred on advancing Guyana's data centre agenda and securing data sovereignty.

These engagements

form part of the PPP/C government's broader digital transformation strategy, anchored by the upcoming Citizen Portal and AskGov platforms.

The Citizen Portal will serve as a one-stop digital window where Guyanese can apply for passports, a driver's licence, and birth certificates, register businesses, pay utility bills, file taxes, and access health and education records, all powered by an electronic identification (eID) system for secure, verified access.

AskGov, the country's upcoming AI-powered assistant, will provide 24/7 responses to government-related queries, from renewing



The meeting with information technology (IT) systems heads across all Government agencies

licences to tracking applications, reducing bureaucracy and improving efficiency.

Guyana is also preparing to establish its first sovereign AI cloud, alongside AI-driven crime detection systems, smart traffic management, environmental sensors, and a real-time geographic information

system to map national infrastructure.

"Digital Guyana is our roadmap to a better future," President Ali emphasised. **"Within five years, under the PPP/C, Guyana will become a regional leader in digital transformation and a digital nation for everyone."**

COMMONWEALTH MINISTERIAL GROUP REITERATES SUPPORT FOR GUYANA AMID VENEZUELA DISPUTE

The Commonwealth Ministerial Group on Guyana (CMGG) has reaffirmed strong support for Guyana in its ongoing boundary dispute with Venezuela. Convened on 11 September 2025 at the request of the Guyana government, the meeting was chaired by H.E. Md. Touhid Hossain and attended by foreign ministers from Antigua and Barbuda, Canada, and Jamaica, alongside representatives from Guyana and the United Kingdom.

The Group

commended Guyana for its restraint and adherence to international law, reiterating its recognition of the International Court of Justice's 2020 ruling, which affirmed the Court's jurisdiction over the land boundary dispute. Members urged Venezuela to accept the Court's final decision and encouraged both nations to continue peaceful dialogue under the 2023 Argyle Agreement.

The CMGG expressed concern over recent provocative actions by Venezuela,

including elections in the Essequibo region and a naval incursion into Guyana's maritime waters, and called for respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity. The Group also praised the Commonwealth Secretary-General's efforts to support regional peace and stability.

A m b a s s a d o r Ivan Evelyn, representing Guyana, provided updates on developments since the last CMGG meeting in 2024, highlighting Guyana's commitment

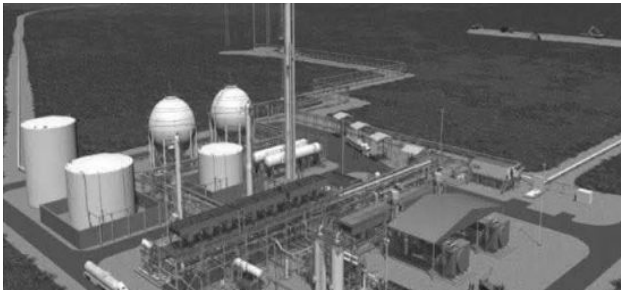
to the ICJ process and its pledge to abide by the final ruling. The Ministerial Group agreed to report the outcomes to all Commonwealth governments and at the upcoming Commonwealth Foreign Affairs Ministers' Meeting.

Members of the CMGG include Antigua and Barbuda, Bangladesh, Canada, Guyana, Jamaica, South Africa, and the United Kingdom, reflecting a united commitment to regional stability and the rule of law.



The meeting was chaired by H.E. Md. Touhid Hossain

FOUNDATION POURED FOR FIRST GAS TURBINE AT WALES GTE FACILITY



Artist impression of the GTE project

The foundation for the first gas turbine at Guyana’s transformative Gas-to-Energy (GTE) facility in Wales, West Bank Demerara, was successfully poured on September 9, marking a major milestone in the nation’s energy development.

Just a day earlier, President Dr. Mohamed

Irfaan Ali received a detailed progress report on the landmark project from Head of the GTE Task Force, Winston Brassington. The update confirmed that the initiative is advancing steadily into its next phases of execution. Phase I of the project, developed by Lindsayca Guyana Inc., includes

a 300-megawatt (MW) combined cycle power plant and natural gas liquids (NGL) facilities. The first gas turbine foundation, is the first of several planned. More than 300 Guyanese are already employed on the project, with an additional 100 workers expected to join within the coming month. Remaining turbine foundations will also be completed in this period. Phase II, which envisions a second 300 MW plant and an additional NGL facility, is progressing, with seven submissions received and discussions ongoing to finalise the

list of pre-qualified firms before proceeding to engineering, procurement, construction (EPC), and financing arrangements.



Pouring of the foundation for the first gas turbine at the transformative Gas-to-Energy facility in Wales, West Bank Demerara

The president was also briefed on the Wales Industrial Zone, which will serve

as a hub for energy-driven industries. The updated plan includes land allocated for a data centre, an ammonia/urea plant, and a glass factory. Notably, 20 million cubic feet of gas per day (MCFD) will be reserved for a fertiliser plant capable of producing 300 tonnes per year (TPY) of urea. Discussions are ongoing with local and international companies interested in the facility. The GTE project, located in Region Three, is central to Guyana’s economic diversification, energy security, and industrial expansion. Upon completion, it



Pouring of the foundation for the first gas turbine at the transformative Gas-to-Energy facility in Wales, West Bank Demerara

is expected to halve electricity costs, provide employment opportunities, and drive broader industrial growth, delivering substantial benefits for the nation and its citizens.

GUYANA, MEXICO CELEBRATE DEEPENING TIES AT INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY



Prime Minister Mark Phillips performing a toast with Mexican Ambassador to Guyana HE Mauricio Vizcaíno Crespo on the occasion of Mexico’s 215th Independence Anniversary

Prime Minister, Brigadier (Ret’d), Mark Phillips, joined Ambassador of the United Mexican States to Guyana, His Excellency

Mauricio Vizcaíno Crespo, at a reception marking the 215th Anniversary of Mexico’s Independence. Extending warm congratulations to the Government and people of Mexico, the Prime Minister reaffirmed Guyana’s commitment to strengthening relations with the country. He also conveyed greetings to Mexican President, Her Excellency Claudia Sheinbaum, and expressed best wishes for the nation’s continued progress and prosperity. In his remarks, Prime Minister

Phillips recognised the resilience, sacrifices, and achievements of the Mexican people in shaping a proud and enduring nation. He further commended Mexico’s cultural richness and thanked Ambassador Vizcaíno Crespo for curating performances that showcased the vibrancy and diversity of Mexican traditions. Reflecting on 51 years of diplomatic engagement, the Prime Minister highlighted Guyana and Mexico’s longstanding collaboration across

bilateral, regional, and multilateral platforms. He noted shared values of mutual respect, sustainable development, peace, sovereignty, and adherence to international law, principles both countries uphold under the United Nations Charter. He also underscored the importance of cooperation through the Organisation of American States (OAS) and the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC), describing them as vital to maintaining the region as a zone of peace. Looking ahead, Prime Minister Phillips welcomed the forthcoming

CARICOM – Mexico Summit, identifying food, energy, and climate security as key priorities for Guyana. He stressed that these areas are essential to national transformation and global development. The Prime Minister also acknowledged Mexico’s support through technical cooperation and capacity-building programmes, noting their role in advancing Guyana’s development goals. On economic collaboration, he pointed to the launch of the Mexico–Guyana Chamber of Commerce during the Guyana Energy Conference & SupplyChainExpo earlier this year, describing it as a meaningful



Cultural performances celebrating Mexico’s rich traditions and heritage were part of the programme

step to expand trade, investment, and commercial ties. Concluding, Prime Minister Phillips expressed confidence that Guyana–Mexico relations will continue to flourish, built on mutual respect and active cooperation. He was accompanied to the event by his wife, Mrs Mignon Bowen-Phillips.



The AYONG group showcasing their cultural pride, representing Guyana at the Folk Festival

In the heart of Region Seven, where winding rivers trace the contours of the rainforest, a group of young performers is redefining what it means to celebrate indigenous culture. They call themselves AYONG, an Arawak word meaning “Rising like the sun”, and in just a short time, they have done precisely that. Their journey began earlier this year with a performance during

Guyana’s 55th Republic Anniversary on the Parliament lawns, where their dances and songs captured the essence of Amerindian traditions and left audiences spellbound. What started as a local celebration soon grew into an international stage: an invitation to perform at the 2025 Folk Festival in New York City, produced by the Guyana Cultural Association of New York. The festival promotes

unity in diversity while preserving authentic Guyanese heritage, an aim perfectly aligned with AYONG’s mission. The group was founded by Kristie Rambharat, Miss Amerindian Heritage Queen 2023, who sought to preserve and showcase her community’s legacy beyond her reign. She partnered with fellow Region Seven native Mikel Andrews, a creative force in Guyana’s arts scene. Together, they brought on five talented performers, Jose Roberts, Novita Pawelae, Joshua Bascom, Lily Williams, and Sueann Yipsam, each with deep roots in villages such

as Karrau, Bartica, and Batavia. Together, they embody the rhythms, stories, and movements passed down through generations of Guyana’s first peoples. “Our vision is to create a space where performers can celebrate indigenous culture authentically and passionately,” said Mikel Andrews. “We welcome anyone who shares this dedication, and we are inspired by the commitment our team has shown despite challenges.” Beyond New York, AYONG also represented Guyana at CARIFESTA XV in Barbados,



The AYONG group showcasing their cultural pride further amplifying their message of cultural pride and resilience. Andrews credited the support of key partners, including the Ministry of Amerindian Affairs, the Ministry of Tourism, and the Office of the President, for helping bring their vision to life. As Guyana marks Amerindian Heritage Month this September, AYONG’s rise offers a timely reminder: indigenous culture is not just to be preserved, but celebrated and shared with the world. Like the sun their name evokes, AYONG continues to rise, casting new light on the stories, artistry, and heritage of Guyana’s first peoples, a heartbeat destined to be seen, heard, and remembered.

Mrs. Elisabeth Anne Harper, one of Guyana’s most accomplished diplomats and a former Prime Ministerial candidate, has passed away at the age of 67.

Mrs. Harper’s career in public service spanned nearly five decades, beginning in 1976 when she joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as a clerk. She rose steadily through the ranks, serving in every major department of the Ministry and gaining extensive experience in international affairs and diplomacy.

Her distinguished career included roles such as Foreign Service Officer in the Administrative, Protocol, and Political Affairs divisions, Counsellor at the Guyana High Commission in London, and Director of the Department of the Americas and Asia. In 2001, she was appointed Director General of the

VETERAN DIPLOMAT AND PUBLIC SERVANT ELISABETH HARPER PASSES AWAY AT 67

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, a position she held until 2015. During that time, she also served as Guyana’s Ambassador to CARICOM and Non-Resident High Commissioner to several Caribbean nations.

In recognition of her service, Mrs. Harper was awarded the Golden Arrow of Achievement in 2011 for long, dedicated, and distinguished contributions to the Foreign Service.

Beyond diplomacy, Mrs. Harper entered the political arena in 2015 when she accepted the PPP/C’s nomination as its Prime Ministerial candidate in the General and Regional Elections. She later continued her service as a consultant on border matters, Special Advisor to the Minister of Foreign

Affairs, and ultimately Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation. She also represented Guyana as Co-Agent in the ongoing case before the International Court of Justice regarding the validity of the 1899 arbitral award on the border with Venezuela.

President Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali hailed her as “one of Guyana’s most outstanding citizens and foremost diplomats,” noting her brilliance, warmth, and dedication to advancing Guyana’s interests. Vice President Dr. Bharrat Jagdeo also expressed his condolences, recalling her professionalism, wisdom, and unwavering commitment to public service.

“Guyana has truly lost an outstanding citizen, and our Foreign Service has lost one of its finest ever,” President Ali said. “Her legacy of service, dedication, and excellence will continue to inspire generations to come.”

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:
ELISABETH ANNE HARPER 1976 – Joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as a Clerk in the Registry.
1981–1984 – Foreign Service Officer I, Administrative Division.
1984–1988 – Foreign Service Officer II, Protocol Division.
1988–1991 – Foreign Service Officer III, Political Affairs Division (Latin America & Caribbean).

1990–1991 – Head, Frontiers Division.
1991–1995 – Counsellor, Guyana High Commission, London.
1996–2001 – Director, Department of the Americas and Asia.
2001–2015 – Director General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
Concurrently Ambassador to CARICOM.
Non-Resident High Commissioner to Trinidad and Tobago, Barbados, Grenada, St. Kitts and Nevis.
2011 – Awarded Golden Arrow of Achievement.
2015 – Nominated PPP/C Prime Ministerial Candidate in General and Regional Elections.
2016–2020 – Consultant to the Ministry of Foreign



Elisabeth Harper has died

Affairs on Border Matters.

2020 (Oct.) – Special Advisor to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

2020 (Dec.)–2025 – Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

Co-Agent for Guyana in border case before the International Court of Justice.

NEW DEMERARA HARBOR BRIDGE SET TO OPEN BY MONTH-END

The final phases of work on the approach road and roundabout linking the Heroes Highway to the new Demerara Harbor Bridge are nearing completion, with the full opening of the crossing to vehicular traffic expected by the end of the month.

President Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali made the announcement during an impromptu inspection of the construction site, noting that engineers are currently conducting comprehensive load testing on the bridge to ensure it is structurally sound and ready for all types of traffic.

“From what I’ve seen...the approach road and roundabout will also be completed in the course of another three days maximum,” President Ali stated.

The \$260 million project, being executed by China Railway Construction

(International) Limited (CRCL), is a flagship initiative of the People’s Progressive Party/Civic (PPP/C) Administration. Designed to operate toll-free, 24/7, with a maximum speed limit of 80 kilometres per hour, the new bridge will accommodate more than 50,000 commuters

daily. Authorities estimate it will save the economy approximately \$3.5 billion annually in reduced travel times and vehicle operating costs.

Beyond the immediate works, plans are also in motion to expand the Heroes Highway. According to President Ali, two new collector lanes will be added to divert traffic directly onto the Haags Bosch interconnection, stretching back to Ogle on the East Coast of Demerara. On the western end of the bridge, a collector lane has already been completed, allowing vehicles to bypass the



Works ongoing on the interlinking road that will connect to the new Demerara Harbour Bridge

roundabout and move directly onto the West Bank carriageway.

“These additional works are being completed so that we can have not only a beautiful bridge,” the President said, “but also good traffic management in the process.”

Looking ahead, President Ali confirmed that two flyovers are planned, one along the Heroes Highway and another on the West

Bank. These will allow for unimpeded traffic flow as the corridor expands to accommodate growing volumes of vehicles.

The new bridge will also feature the Cacique Crown of Honour (CCH) symbol, the nation’s second-highest award in the Order of Service, reflecting its status as one of Guyana’s most transformative pieces of infrastructure.



President Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali engaging a representative of the company building the bridge

Prime Minister, Brigadier (Ret’d), Mark Phillips, addressed the 50th Anniversary commemorative assembly of the Linden Multilateral School (Multi), reflecting on its history, the importance of hard work and integrity, and outlining the Government’s vision for Linden’s

development. Speaking to students, alumni, and teachers, Prime Minister Phillips recalled his formative years at Multi, describing teachers as mentors who instilled lifelong values. He encouraged students to adopt the same discipline and focus, stressing that “hard work,

integrity, and seizing opportunities” remain vital for success.

Highlighting the Government’s investment in education, he shared details of the new Christianburg/Wismar Secondary School, which will replace the existing Multi facility at a cost of \$2.6 billion, the largest educational investment in Linden’s history. Set for completion in 2026, the school will feature modern laboratories, learning spaces, and recreational facilities. Plans are also underway

LINDEN MULTILATERAL SCHOOL MARKS GOLDEN JUBILEE

to convert the current school grounds into state-of-the-art sports facilities once the new building is operational.

Drawing from his personal journey, the Prime Minister urged students to embrace learning. “Leaders are readers. Do all your reading now. Become the engineers, doctors, economists, teachers, and nurses that Linden and Guyana will need,” he

said.

He also highlighted Linden’s economic potential, including expanded bauxite operations and increased activity in Kwakwani and Ituni. Major energy projects, such as a 15-megawatt solar farm under the GUY SOL initiative, will make Linden home to Guyana’s largest solar facility. Additionally, future connections to the Demerara–Berbice

Interconnected System and the Amaila Falls Hydroelectric Power Station will position Linden as a premier industrial hub.

Concluding, Prime Minister Phillips reminded attendees that Linden’s transformation depends not only on Government investments but also on the determination of its young people to carry the torch forward.



Linden Multilateral School 50th Anniversary

FIRST-TIME VOTERS SHOW ENTHUSIASM



President Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali, speaking with the media after casting his vote at the Leonora Technical and Vocational Training Centre

The 2025 General and Regional Elections in Guyana showcased the pivotal role of first-time voters, whose energy and commitment reflected the strength and vitality of the nation’s democracy. Polls opened at 6 a.m. on September 1, with young citizens across the country eager to exercise their democratic rights.

From Sophia to Linden and Berbice, new voters turned out in large numbers, demonstrating

that fresh voices are critical in shaping the country’s future. Jude Matthew Wilson, casting his first vote at A Field Sophia Primary School, described the process as “practical, fun, and a learning experience.” Shamar Nurse echoed the sentiment, calling voting “easy and enjoyable” and expressing hope that his chosen candidate would

The First couple after casting their votes

Coast of Berbice, Arianna Moore described the process as “simple and seamless,” reflecting the overall experience reported by many across the nation.

Polling staff received widespread praise for their professionalism and dedication. Earl Roberts, who is visually impaired, commended staff for their courtesy and assistance: “The process was smooth; the staff were polite and cooperative.” Gordon Fitzpatrick Vieira described his experience as “exemplary,” noting the efficiency of the staff in guiding voters. First-time voter Akel Barrington appreciated

the campaign, which he described as positive and unity-focused, President Ali urged supporters to participate fully: “The final part of this journey, the victory, is for all our supporters to come out and ensure they cast their vote... and seal this victory.”

Vice President and PPP/C General Secretary Dr. Bharrat Jagdeo also voted at St. Paul’s Primary School along the East Coast of Demerara. He expressed confidence in the party’s victory, emphasising that it would result from five years of dedicated work and voter engagement rather than chance:

“Elections are ultimately decided by votes cast. Make sure that you get out there and vote and let’s cement this victory.”

While minor glitches, such as faulty stamps and short delays, were reported at some polling stations, Dr. Jagdeo noted that GECOM staff handled these efficiently. He dismissed opposition claims that sought to exaggerate issues, citing an incident in Sophia where interference with polling arrangements occurred. He also addressed allegations of vote-buying, affirming that any credible reports should be investigated immediately by GECOM and law enforcement.

The strong turnout of first-time voters



underscored the vitality of Guyana’s democracy. Across the country, citizens demonstrated patience, civic responsibility, and a commitment to shaping the nation’s future. Observers, party representatives, and election officials ensured that voting was transparent and orderly, while polling

staff maintained professionalism at every station.

The engagement of young voters signals that the next generation is ready to contribute meaningfully to Guyana’s development, ensuring that democracy remains vibrant and that every citizen has a hand in shaping the nation’s trajectory.



President Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali voted at the Leonora Technical and Vocational Training Centre



First Lady Arya Ali, casting her vote at the Leonora Technical and Vocational Training Centre

fulfil campaign promises. In Linden, McRae emphasised the importance of influencing the country’s direction: “It feels good to contribute to where the country is going. I hope every vote is counted and everything goes smoothly.” On the West

the explanations provided during the process, calling them informative and reassuring.

President Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali, accompanied by First Lady Arya Ali, cast his vote at the Leonora Technical and Vocational Training Centre. Reflecting on

THUSIASM AND CIVIC PRIDE



PRESIDENT ALI UNVEILS NEW CABINET

- BLENDS EXPERIENCE, FRESH ENERGY, AND STRATEGIC FOCUS



Hon. Juan E Hon. Vickram Bharrat
- Minister of Natural Resources dghill -
Minister of Public Works



Hon. Warren Kwame McCoy - Minister
in the Office of the Prime Minister



Hon. Zulfikar Mustapha - Minister of
Agriculture



Keoma Griffith - Minister of Labour
and Man Power Planning



Madanlall Ramraj - Minister within the
Ministry of Public Works



Steven Jacobs - Minister within the
Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sport



Vanessa Benn - Minister in the Ministry
of Housing



Vikash Ramkissoon - Minister within
the Ministry of Agriculture



Hon. Priya Manickchand - Minister
of Local Government and Regional
Development



Hon. Sarah Brown - Minister of
Amerindian Affairs



Hon. Sonia Parag - Minister of
Education



Hon. Susan Rodrigues - Minister of
Tourism, Industry and Commerce

Efficiency and Implementation – led by newcomer Zulfikar Ally
Labour and Manpower Planning – assigned to Keoma Griffith
These additions signal government’s commitment to improving service delivery, building efficiency, and preparing the workforce for a rapidly expanding economy.

SHIFTS IN KEY PORTFOLIOS
Several senior ministers have taken on new responsibilities:
P r i y a Manickchand – from Education to Local Government and

Regional Development
Pauline Sukhai – from Amerindian Affairs to Minister in the Ministry of Local Government
Oneidge Walrond – from Tourism, Industry and Commerce to Home Affairs
Sonia Parag – from Local Government to Education
Susan Rodrigues – from Housing and Water to Tourism, Industry and Commerce

CONTINUITY AND FAMILIAR HANDS
Some of the PPP/ C’s most experienced leaders continue in their previous roles, providing stability and institutional knowledge:
Mohabir Anil

Nandlall – Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs
Ashni Singh – Senior Minister of Finance, Office of the President
Hugh Todd – Foreign Affairs Minister
Gail Teixeira – Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Governance
Zulfikar Mustapha – Minister of Agriculture
Dr. Frank Anthony – Minister of Health
Juan Edghill – Minister of Public Works
Kwame McCoy – Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister
Charles Ramson – Minister of Culture, Youth and Sport
Vickram Bharrat – Minister of Natural Resources

Colin Croal – Minister of Housing
Vindhya Persaud – Minister of Human Services and Social Security
Vice President Dr. Bharrat Jagdeo and Prime Minister Brigadier (Ret’d) Mark Phillips were sworn in earlier and continue in their respective posts.

‘RESULTS WILL BE THE MEASURING STICK’
President Ali emphasised that the Cabinet has been carefully crafted to balance experience with renewal, gender representation, ethnic diversity, and technical expertise.
“Appointments

w e r e never about competitionbutabout complementarity , about who can deliver, who can act decisively, and who can move this government’s agenda forward without delay,” he said.
He underscored that the public service will be continuously assessed, with efficiency, accountability, and transparency as the benchmarks.
“This government is not about power. Those who wish to exercise power will find themselves out of a job. Our mandate is service, and nothing less,” the President declared.



Zulfikar Ally - Minister
of Public Service,
Government Efficiency
and Implementation

Pledging to lead by example, Dr. Ali said his Cabinet is **“a team of action, ready to deliver”** as Guyana enters what he described as the most critical phase of its modern development.

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FANS AND LEADERS FILL THE STANDS WITH ENERGY AND EXCITEMENT FOR CPL 2025



The 2025 Caribbean Premier League (CPL) brought thrilling cricket action to Guyana, with fans filling the stands and cheering for every boundary and wicket. The excitement was shared not only by families and cricket enthusiasts but also by President Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali and key government officials, who joined in celebrating the games. Photos captured the vibrant energy of the stadium, with supporters waving flags, sporting team colours, and sharing moments of joy. Laughter, chants, and applause highlighted the pride and passion of Guyanese fans, reflecting why CPL remains a cherished event across the Caribbean.





Guyanese DIASPORA DIGEST



KEEPING THE DIASPORA INFORMED EDITION 102

AUBREY BARKER ROAD FINAL STRETCH CONNECTS TO OGLE HIGHWAY

The final section of Aubrey Barker Road has been completed and widened into a four-lane corridor, now seamlessly connecting to the Ogle to Eccles Highway. This major milestone enhances connectivity for commuters traveling between South Georgetown and the East Coast-East Bank Demerara, providing a smoother, faster link to the recently commissioned 11.6-kilometer Ogle to Eccles Highway.

The new stretch promises improved traffic flow, greater road safety, and better access to commercial and residential areas along the corridor. While construction continues on other sections of Aubrey Barker Road, this completed segment already showcases the transformative impact of the upgrade and the government’s commitment to modernizing key transportation routes in the region.



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Reg:\$27.99



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Softsoap Aloe Vera Fresh
Scent Moisturizing Hand
Soap 221ml
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Choripdong fish ball
韩国鱼丸 500g
Reg:\$5.99



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Bulacan longanisa
菲式烤肠 375g
Reg:\$5.99



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Appleton chopped
spinach 菠菜碎 750g
Reg:\$2.99



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Chelsea silverside fish
去头鳕鱼仔 454g
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Frozen galungong 450g
小池鱼
Reg:\$3.99



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Whipped cream
鲜奶油 227g
Reg:\$5.99



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KF chicken kebab
烧烤鸡肉串 912g
Reg:\$9.99



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Sarangani Bay milkfish
belly 牛奶鱼腩 400g
Reg:\$8.99



\$6.99 EA

SanQuan pancake
三全手抓饼 320g
Reg:\$3.99



2/\$5.00

Melona ice bar
水果棒冰 70ml x 8
Reg:\$7.99




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CocoGlaze coconut
dessert 椰子甜品 220g
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Simply raspberry lemonade
340ml 树莓柠檬水
Reg:\$2.59



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BBQ

Royal Oak Charcoal
Lighter Fluid 946ml
Reg:\$6.99



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Wang Korea BBQ Sauce
840g
Reg:\$6.99



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Aluminum Foil 25ft x 18in
Reg:\$2.99



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Royal Oak Hardwood
Lump Charcoal 8.81LB
Reg:\$15.99



\$10.99 EA

AlSafa Halal Beef Burger
清真牛肉饼 800g
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7B squid skewer 580g
7个篮子龙珠串
Reg:\$10.99



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Frozen Lamb Shank
急冻羊腩
Reg:\$7.99



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Frozen Goat Shoulder
Chop 急冻羊扒
Reg:\$6.99



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Fresh Corn (5pcs)
新鲜玉米 (5条装)
Reg:\$3.99



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Little Potatoes
迷你烧烤薯仔
Reg:\$4.99



\$2.88 BAG

Japanese Sweet Potato
日本小番薯
Reg:\$3.99



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Buttercup Squash
妈咪瓜
Reg:\$1.59



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PINOY TASTE Catering Order: 647-608-3130

Vegetable Spring Roll 1pc
Reg:\$2.50



\$2.00 EACH

Pork Spring Roll 1pc
Reg:\$0.70



60¢ EACH

Hopia Mongo 1pc
Reg:\$1.50



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Asian Cuisine 亚洲美食 (Every Day Lunch Special)

Catering Order: 647-410-7668

Boodle Fight
Reg:\$26.99



\$21.99 ORDER

Tempura 12pcs
Reg:\$9.99



\$8.99 ORDER

Chicken Fried Rice
Reg:\$9.99



\$8.99 ORDER

Fried Tilapia - 1pc
Reg:\$8.99



\$6.99 ORDER

Fried Tofu
Reg:\$9.99



\$8.99 ORDER

Stir Fry Noodles
(Pancit Bihon) small tray
Reg:\$40.00



\$35.00 Tray

SUSHI

SUSHI Catering Order: 416-281-1222

Sushi Maki Tray
34pcs
Reg:\$21.99



\$19.99 ORDER

Snow Dragon Roll
Reg:\$8.57



\$6.97 ORDER

Sushi Full Menu



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