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Statement by His Excellency David Granger
PRESIDENT OF THE COOPERATIVE REPUBLIC OF GUYANA
MARCH 9, 2020

Guyanese, I acknowledge that, one week after General and Regional Elections were held, we have not yet had the final declaration of results and uncertainty and unease have arisen.

I assure the nation that, at all times, I have acted in accordance with the Constitution and Laws of Guyana. After the elections on March 2nd, the nation awaited the declaration of the results by the Elections Commission after completing its work.

GECOM is an independent constitutional agency over which I and the Executive have no control. I assure you, that as President, I cannot, did not and will not interfere in the work of GECOM.

The Opposition created an atmosphere of intimidation and fear at the office of the Returning Officer of District Number 4. This led to the interruption of GECOM's work.

The Opposition then approached the Supreme Court seeking to prevent GECOM from making a declaration of the final results. That matter is now before the Chief Justice who will hear the case tomorrow, Tuesday, March 10th.

Justice Claudette Singh, Chairman of GECOM, has indicated that she will await the outcome of that matter. The entire nation, indeed, must await the ruling of the Supreme Court.

The Opposition is disseminating a narrative that is no more than a falsification of reality. It is completely at variance with the official declarations of the Elections Commission for the ten electoral districts.

Guyanese, we have all witnessed the lawlessness and violence that have been unleashed on innocent school children, citizens and police officers in several districts of our country. Our security forces have been working to quell disorder and to bring the perpetrators to justice.

It is my sworn duty, as President, to uphold the Constitution and keep our citizens safe. I intend to do so. I will not allow political malefactors to highjack our democracy and compromise public order and human safety. Law and order will be maintained.

Guyanese, I appeal to you to remain calm and not to engage in any activity which can lead to the heightening of tensions in society. I urge you to go about your business in a peaceful manner. Some damage has already been done to social relations in our communities. We must repair that damage.

Guyanese are asked to contribute to ensuring that we maintain law and order at all costs. Guyana is a lawful state. We must allow the institutions which we revere and on which we rely to work to ensure that there will be a fair outcome to the issue which we now face.

Guyanese will continue to live with each other. We must not allow ourselves to be provoked into taking any action which will engender hate or disharmony.

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I am confident that there will be a peaceful and lawful resolution to this issue in a short period of time.

I appeal to you to join me in allowing the judicial system to perform its functions.

I appeal to you to allow the Elections Commission to execute its mandate to deliver credible elections to the Guyanese people.

I thank you.

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Chronology of events surrounding Guyana's 2020 General And Regional Elections

The following document is a detailed chronological documentation of reports on occurrences surrounding the 2020 General and Regional Elections of Guyana which took place on March 2, 2020.

Free and fair elections

On March 3, 2020, one day following the 2020 General and Regional Elections, various bodies made official sentiments expressing their belief that the process had been a free and fair one. This was first stated at a Press Conference by Chairperson of the Guyana Elections Commission (GECOM) Justice Claudette Singh who stated that the Commission delivered "free, fair and credible elections" stating that it went well despite the concerns from naysayers. The Chairperson then asked citizens to be patient as they await official results from GECOM.

This announcement was followed by a joint statement from the Heads of Mission of the US Embassy and the British High Commission who congratulated the people of Guyana for a "successful and peaceful" election day. The statement also commended GECOM, the Guyana Police Force and representatives of the political parties for "maintaining an orderly process" and urged that the results be released at the earliest possible time.

The Chairman of the Private Sector Commission, Captain Gerry Gouveia, gave similar sentiments stating that he was satisfied that the voting process was fair, free and credible and that the PSC looks forward to working as true developmental partners with the democratically-elected Government of Guyana.

On March 4, the CARICOM Election Observation Mission in a preliminary statement said that the Observers were satisfied that the conduct of the Poll was "free, fair and transparent" adding that the people of Guyana should be "proud of themselves" and commended GECOM "for the peaceful conduct of the Poll". The briefing was attended by Chiefs and members of other regional and international observation missions including the Carter Centre, the OAS, the Commonwealth and the European Union.

Chronology of events following the close of Polls

March 2

As the close of Polls approached on March 2, 2020, tensions began to rise in various areas and involved members of the People's Progressive Party/Civic.

Just before 18:00hrs, People's Progressive Party/Civic assembled at Mon Repos Primary School Polling Station. PPP/C member Anil Nandalall claimed that persons who were not from the community were congregating there, being abusive to community members and making claims. It was alleged that ID cards had been shared to PPP/C members for them to vote.

Later, at the GECOM Command Centre on High & Hadfield Streets, PPP/C officials including the Presidential Candidate, General Secretary and other party officials stormed

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into the location. There are claims that there is an attempt to " thief the elections and play victim". Director General of the Ministry of the Presidency, Hon. Joseph Harmon condemned these actions.

Five men were later arrested with arms and ammunition close to a polling station. The men were accused by voters to be moving around in two vehicles- one of which had a false registration number.

March 3

Despite the occurrences of the previous day, Chairperson of GECOM Justice Claudette Singh stated in a Press Conference that the Commission delivered "free, fair and credible elections". Similar sentiments about Guyana's free and fair elections were shared in a joint statement from the Heads of Mission of the US Embassy and the British High Commission as well as the Chairman of the Private Sector Commission.

March 4

The CARICOM Election Observation Mission in a preliminary statement said that the Observers were satisfied that the conduct of the Poll was "free, fair and transparent" adding that the people of Guyana should be "proud of themselves" and commended GECOM "for the peaceful conduct of the Poll".

Returning Officer of GECOM for Region 4, Clairmont Mingo fell ill and was taken to the Georgetown Public Hospital Corporation. There was a pause in the counting process but the process of verification recommenced when the clerk to the returning officer was advised to continue the process.

A fake APNU Facebook page posted a message stating that the APNU+AFC did not win the elections and called for Guyanese not to protest or engage in civil disobedience.

A message via the APNU+AFC Connect Whatsapp Group stated the following: "A confidential informant from the People's Progressive Party/Civic (PPP/C) has informed intelligence officials that Bharrat Jagdeo is executing a plan to deliberately mislead PPP/C supporters to believe that the PPP/C won the March 2, 2020 general elections. The intention is to get PPP/C supporters riled up when GECOM announces the accurate elections results. At that point Jagdeo will announce a challenge of the results, file an election petition in the Supreme Court, and call out PPP/C supporters unto the streets to protest. Court documents have already been drafted. The CI stated that Jagdeo plans to create such polarisation and instability that the international community will call for a negotiated settlement that includes granting the People's Progressive Party/Civic a level of participation the government."

March 5, 2020

Bomb scare reported at the GECOM Command Centre stalling the process again

A verbal altercation ensues between members of the Government and Opposition at GECOM, where members of the opposition can be heard saying that the government steals elections and will not be allowed to steal this one. Members of the People's Progressive Party/Civic and other political parties interrupt the Returning Officer from making a declaration.

Attorney-at-Law, Glenn Hanoman threatened two female police officers at GECOM Command Centre saying their jobs are in jeopardy when the PPP goes returns to office.

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Julia Johnson clears up rumours of the GECOM Chairperson being held hostage or ill

Persons were arrested after forcefully breaking into the room of the GECOM Chair. The Chronicle News reported that this attempt to break into the room appear to have been orchestrated by the People's Progressive Party/Civic in an attempt to serve an injunction to the GECOM Chairperson. An individual could be heard saying "murder". Thus pandemonium broke out as persons hurry up the stairs. Others could be heard saying "they are holding her hostage".

Ranks were brought in to remove People's Progressive Party/Civic officials from GECOM Command Center

March 8

GECOM releases statement saying it will not flout the laws of Guyana

March 9

Brief Summary of events documented on local media

PPP Pages disseminating fake news

Throughout the course of the elections, numerous PPP pages were established with the aim of spreading fallacious messages/fake news to the people.

Among those pages were:

Guyana United

Crimes under APNU/AFC

We deh pun skunt tuh

Guyanas Elections Commissions

News Guyana

PPPC Forever

Vote like a Boss, Vote PPPC

Guyana Uncut and Exposed

News Room

News Sources Guyana

PPP/C 2015 Campaign Movers

PPPC Family

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Brief on the Extant legal proceedings before CJ (acting) Roxanne George- Injuncting the Declaration of the Region 4 results

Elections were held on March 2nd, 2020 in Guyana. Guyana is divided into 10 electoral districts which corresponds to the country's 10 geographical regions. The voting process on election day was smooth and generally uneventful.

After the close of poll, and the counting of votes, the Returning Officers (ROs) of nine Regions, namely, Regions 1,2,3,5,6,7,8,9 and 10 in keeping with the relevant law, the Representation of People Act, Chapter 1:03, declared the total number of votes cast and the allocation of votes to the various political parties which contested the elections, both nationally and regionally.

The declaration of the results of district 4 was delayed. This district is the largest, comprising of approximately 45% of the country's voters. There were 879 polling stations in this district.

There are statutory procedures for ascertaining the results of each polling station in a district after the close of poll in accordance with section 83 of the Chapter 1:03. This deals with the count and the preparation of statements of poll hereinafter referred to as SOPs. The process ends with the posting of a copy of the SOP in a conspicuous place outside of each polling place and the sealing of the ballot boxes and the transmission of all the ballot boxes with the required contents of envelopes, and SOPs to the Returning Officer for the district.

Section 84 outline what happens when all the ballot boxes and SOPs arrive at the offices of each RO. In the case of the Reg 4 RO, he was to receive 879. It states as follows:

s 84 (1), "As soon as practicable after the receipt of all the boxes and envelopes and packets delivered to him, the RO shall in the presence of such of the persons entitled under section 86(1) to be present to attend, ascertain the total votes cast in favour of the list in accordance with the SOPs, and thereupon publicly declare the votes recorded for each list of candidates."

S 86 states that the persons to be present are the RO, GECOM officers, duly appointed candidates, and others with good reason to be present.

What happened at the Returning Officer's office, Splashmin's Building?

The RO of District 4 has indicated that he substantially performed his statutory duty in accordance with the above provisions concerning the tabulation of the votes for the entire District 4. He has deposed in an Affidavit to the following:

1. I will contend that from around 10:30 pm on Monday night, the 2ndMarch, 2020, the clerks for each area in the District four, under my supervision, began tabulating the Statements of Poll from the south Georgetown area at our command centre at the Ashmin's building.
2. At this time, the Observers, PPP/C candidates, APNU/AFC candidates and others were present.
3. At this time, (10:30 pm) I cannot say if the other regions were tabulated. It would be doubtful since it was only four hours after the close of poll.

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4. We carried out the process throughout the night into Tuesday, 3rd March, 2020, and we continued until 12 midday. I then paused for a lunch break for 20 minutes and that was agreed upon by everyone including the PPP/C that we would resume at around 1:00pm.
5. We then gathered at the agreed time but the PPP/C representatives did not return until at 1:30pm and then we continued the process.
6. By 12 midday we had completed south Georgetown and part of North Georgetown.
7. We completed the remainder of North Georgetown at around 9:45 pm on the 3rdMarch, 2020.
8. At that time both myself and staff were tired and we decided to stop and decided to resume at 9:00 am on the 4th March, 2020.
9. We resumed a little after 9:00 am on the said 4thMarch, 2020 and all the representatives of the parties and observers were present.
10. I began feeling ill at around 11:00 am and I went upstairs to rest. Before leaving to go upstairs I instructed the clerks to continue the process; and the Senior Clerk to supervise the process.
11. While upstairs, my condition worsened and I had to be rushed to the hospital at 12:00 pm or a little after 12:00 pm.
12. I was advised by Ms. Michelle Miller, Senior Clerk and verily believe that the process did not stop since the clerks continued the process in my absence and the observers and all party representatives were present.
13. When I took ill part of East coast was finished and we had east bank to do.
14. I was informed by Ms Michelle Miller that in my absence the clerks inputted data for the remainder of East Bank and completed the East Coast Demerara. There was a complete input of all the data for District 4 at around 7 pm on Wednesday under the supervision of the senior clerk, Michelle Miller.
15. That I was informed by Michelle Miller and verily believed that all the data for District 4 was inputted into the computer by the 4thMarch, 2020.
16. I was duly informed by the said Michelle Miller and verily believe that the information inputted into the computer as aforesaid was extracted from the Statements of Poll for District four and the information was inputted into the computer onto a spreadsheet, the use of spreadsheets to the best of my knowledge was utilised in previous elections and in all districts in these current elections.
17. At all times in my absence Michelle Miller, a senior clerk, employed by GECOM supervised the operations.
18. That at that point I was ready to make a Declaration in accordance with section 84 of the Representation of the People Act, cap 1:03 but a request was made by the representatives of certain political parties for reconciliation between matters extracted from certain Statements of Poll in my possession and inputted into the spreadsheet and in about 3 or 4 of the Statement of Poll held by those representatives.
19. That I caused the said request to be accommodated and there was a reconciliation of the minor discrepancies between the matters contained on the spreadsheet and extracted from the Statement of Poll in my possession and that of the representatives making the request.
20. That process ended at or around 9:00pm the evening of 4th of March 2020, and both me and my clerks being tired we adjourned to the following day being the 5th day of March, 2020.
21. On march 5th 2020 at approximately 9:45am, my clerk Ms. Miller was making preparation for my impending Declaration pursuant to section 84 of the Representation of the Peoples Act, cap 1:03 when she was interrupted by a large contingent of the PPP/c representatives who were demanding "verification" of the entries made into the spreadsheet from the Statements of Poll in Gecom's possession against those held by them.
22. That I was made aware of their demands and after consideration of same and having found no merit for their request I announced that I intended to make my Declaration in accordance with section 84 of the Representation of the Peoples Act, cap 1:03.

23. This was met by a loud uproar, threats of violence and menacing conduct by the PPP/C representatives in the building and I had to rush back upstairs for my safety and I was followed by a host of PPP/C representatives.
24. They continued with their noise for a long time and when I realise there was a pause, I went to the balcony at around 2:00 pm hoping to explain to them my reason for proceeding to make the Declaration.
25. I was met with a lot of noise. I stood on the balcony for about ten minuets waiting for them to be quiet but they continued to be noisy trying to prevent me from declaring the results of the count.
26. I remained on the balcony and after there was a lull in the noise about 2:20 pm I did readout the Declaration by publicly declaring same before them all and those people who were standing near to me on the balcony and attached hereto and marked "CL" is a true copy of the said Declaration .
27. I signed it right before their eyes and I stamped it with the Returning Officer stamp for District number 4 and dated it 5thMarch, 2020.
28. After making the Declaration, I returned to the office where I was staying upstairs and lay on the bed because my blood pressure was rising again.
29. I am advised by Counsel and verily believe that Section 84 (1) does not require me to conduct any "verification process" or to compare the Statements of Poll in GECOM possession with that of those held by party representatives as there was ample opportunity for this to be done at the respective polling stations. The Representation of the People Act provide for the process by which any party dissatisfied with any Declaration made to seek a recount. I followed the law and made a lawful Declaration as soon as practicable after the statements of poll have been received and the votes for each List of Candidates tallied.

It is quite clear that the invasion of the RO's office when he was doing his statutory duty, caused the halting and delaying of the process. This invasion was because the PPP members who were there in their numbers were dissatisfied with their votes. It was, thus, for this reason the RO of District 4 declared the results of his tabulation from the SOPs he had gotten from his various officers.

By the time of this halting of the process, the tabulation, even by the admission of PPP's General Secretary Bharrat Jagdeo, in a letter to GECOM's Chair dated 7th March, showed that with only 421 boxes out of the 879 completed, APNU/AFC got 63,856 votes to PPP's 24, 545. [Letter attached]. District 4 is always one in which the APNU/AFC does very well. In the last 2015 elections, it won in this District by 43,000 votes.

After the declaration of the results of the District 4, which saw the APNU/AFC getting 136,335 votes to the PPP's 77,258, legal proceedings were filed against the RO of District 4, the CEO of GECOM and GECOM itself as a constitutional body. The principal ground being what the Applicant calls a "verification process" was not done in accordance with the law. The applicant managed to obtain injunctions from Justice N. Singh which prevented the CEO from declaring the tallied results of all 10 districts which would see the APNU/AFC getting more votes than the PPP, entitling it to the Presidency and 33 Parliamentary seats out of 65.

The argument of the GECOM is that if the Applicant feels dissatisfied with the declaration of results as made by the RO of District 4, then the Constitution of Guyana and the Validity of Elections Law make provisions for a remedy via an elections petition. This is the method which is internationally and regionally the practice. To halt an election process simply because a contending party says its results does not match with what the constitutional body in charge, GECOM, has officially declared is outrageous, and in a

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charged atmosphere as in Guyana, is dangerous. Injunctions are not the proper method. And that being so the declaration of the full results and the national tally should be proceed with, including the swearing in of the President, David Granger, leader and Presidential Candidate of the APNU/AFC list.

The Judge is to make a ruling as to whether the injunctions are to be continued or discharged tomorrow 11th March at 2pm.

Perspectives of the issues arising from the Guyana March 2, 2020 Elections

Were the Guyana Elections Fraudulent?

First, was the voting process fraudulent?

After polls closed, the following comments were made by Observer missions:

The Carter Center:

"The Center's 41 observers conducted 220 observations in polling stations across all 10 regions, in addition to observing the advance voting for disciplined forces that took place on Feb. 21. Carter Center observers reported that voting and counting processes were largely well-organized and peaceful, and assessed the implementation of voting procedures as positive, with only occasional inadequacies....

GECOM utilized its strong base of electoral expertise to conduct well-managed voting-day operations. The voting and counting processes were generally well-prepared and logistically sound."

Organization of American States (OAS) Observer mission head:

Commended the people of Guyana on their strong democratic commitment, which he said was reflected in their peaceful and enthusiastic participation in the polls.

European Union Observer mission:

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They described the voting as "well managed" with everyone able to express their franchise.

Commonwealth Observer mission:

Commended the Guyana Elections Commission (GECOM) on its hosting of an efficient election process on March 2.

"Polling conducted in an orderly, transparent and a largely peaceful environment. Polling stations were generally well organised and prepared for the polls and opened promptly...staff appeared to be well trained and we commend them for their professionalism and their diligence,"

CARICOM Election Observation Mission

Satisfied that the conduct of the Poll was "free, fair and transparent."

Said the people of Guyana "should be proud of themselves," and the Mission salutes the Guyana Elections Commission (GECOM) and the citizens of the country "for the peaceful conduct of the Poll."

Expects that the results of the poll "will reflect the free expression of the will and aspirations of the Guyanese people, for a government of their choice."

The various comments from the observer missions convey that the voting process in the elections was well managed, peaceful, proceeded largely without incident and was free, fair and transparent.

It is therefore, reasonable to conclude then that the voting process was not fraudulent.

Secondly, was the counting/tabulation fraudulent?

Consequently, dissatisfaction was expressed about the tabulation in region 4.

Spreadsheet

Complaint was made about the Returning Officer tabulating from a spreadsheet and not directly from the statements of poll. This was not unusual as it is a common practice by ROs to populate a spreadsheet from the SOPs and then tabulate from the spreadsheet, and this process was actually used in some of the other regions in these elections. Purely an operational issue where parties rely on the RO. The PPP/C was not prepared to rely on the RO in region 4, as they had done in some of the other regions.

PPP/C demanded that the RO must do the tabulation directly from the SOPs. They stormed GECOM's offices demanding documents and abusing and intimidating GECOM staff. They also went to court and the court ordered the RO to tabulate directly from the SOPs.

Presence of all parties

RO restarted the tabulation using the SOPs. After that, the complaint was then that the tabulation was not being done in the presence of all parties, where all parties could see the SOPs. See joint statement from Observers.

Joint Statement – March 6

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"The international observer missions from the Commonwealth, the Organization of American States, the European Union, and The Carter Center issue the following statement:

The tabulation of results for the election in Region 4 was interrupted and remains incomplete. The law requires that tabulation must be conducted in the presence of party agents and observers. Until this transparent process takes place, the counting of votes recorded for Region 4 remains incomplete.

The transparent tabulation of results for Region 4 must be resumed in order to proceed to the establishment of national results.

A calm and conducive environment must be provided by the police. We urge all political parties to adhere to the codes of conduct signed by them.

The Guyana Elections Commission, including the chairperson, the commissioners, the chief election officer, the returning officer and deputy returning officers in Region 4, must be available and committed to establish the results for Region 4 in accordance with the law.

Until this occurs, the result of these elections cannot be credibly declared."

The entire statement is reproduced so that it is clear what the complaint from the Observers was at that stage.

The complaints at this point were all procedural related, as they were all about how the RO was proceeding. Complaints were about transparency, not about fraud. Those complaints were addressed.

The RO moved proceedings to GECOM head office where there was the facility to display SOPs on the screen for all to see. The process was continued and completed at GECOM. That process would have satisfied the specific requirements mentioned in the joint statement (words underlined). So, it is not clear: What is the specific problem that some of the Observers continue to have about the last tabulation done from the SOPs on March 13? All parties were present, and all SOPs were displayed for all to see.

Before that process was completed, new complaints emerged. The new complaint was now based on what one can only be described as a spurious claim made by the PPP/C.

Different from PPP/C's SOPs

The PPP/C has claimed that SOPs used by the RO in region 4 were different from the SOPs it has, which it displayed on its website. Amazingly, the OAS observer mission mentioned that and said that because GECOM and APNU did not challenge PPP/C's SOPs, the implications were "deeply troubling." This is amazing because GECOM is the constitutional authority in this process, and credence must be given to their SOPs over those of any other party. GECOM has no obligation or responsibility to challenge SOPs presented by any other party. This view of GECOM's status is consistent with all parties previously maintaining that GECOM is the only authority who can declare elections results.

Apart from the fact that GECOM's SOPs are what must be considered, it should be noted that the first publication by PPP/C of its vote tally stated that the document was prepared on February 29, 2020, two days before the elections (See Table 1 below). That alone

should have raised questions and doubt about the authenticity of the PPP/C's numbers. That initial tally was withdrawn and replaced with one dated March 5, 2020.

Table 1 PPP/C Tally

FINAL RESULTS - 2020 GUYANA ELECTIONS			
District	APNU+AFC	PPPC	Total Valid Votes Cast
1	3,839	7,996	11,835
2	7,293	18,752	26,045
3	23,824	47,890	71,714
4	114,345	80,344	194,689
5	14,475	18,263	32,738
6	20,350	43,220	63,570
7	4,836	3,692	8,528
8	2,086	2,041	4,127
9	4,826	7,065	11,891
10	19,153	3,202	22,355
TOTAL	215,027	232,465	447,492
Completed February 29, 2020			
	APNU	PPPC	SMALL PARTIES
SEATS	30	34	1

The Election Return showing the correct tabulation for Region 4 completed by the RO on March 13 is set out below.

FORM 24

THE REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACT

GENERAL ELECTIONS

ELECTION RETURN

For the polling District of **Demerara-Mahaica # 4**

1. Number of valid votes cast for each list of candidates.

List of A NEW UNITED GUYANA	Total	1,387
List of A PARTNERSHIP FOR NATIONAL UNITY + ALLIANCE FOR CHANGE	Total	136,057
List of CHANGE GUYANA	Total	919
List of LIBERTY AND JUSTICE PARTY	Total	761
List of PEOPLES'S PROGRESSIVE PARTY/CIVIC	Total	77,231
List of PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC PARTY	Total	389
List of THE CITIZENSHIP INITIATIVE	Total	463
List of THE NEW MOVEMENT	Total	128
List of UNITED REPUBLICAN PARTY	Total	90

2. Total valid votes for all lists 217,425

3. Add total number of rejected ballot papers (see statement below) 1502

4. Grand total number of persons who have appear to have voted 218,927

5. Total number of spoilt Ballot Papers 816

6. Total number of tendered Ballot Papers used 33

7. Statement of rejected Ballot Papers in the Polling District **Demerara-Mahaica**

Number of ballot papers rejected for :

(a) want of official mark: 584

(b) unmarked or void for uncertainty: 409

(c) marked for more than one candidate's list: 385

(d) marked so that the elector can be identified: 124

Total 1502

WITNESSES

CLAIRMONT MINGO
RETURNING OFFICER
DISTRICT # 4 DEMERARA-MAHAICA
RETURNING OFFICER
DISTRICT #4
Demerara, Mahaica

Shifting Complaints

Importantly, neither PPP/C, Observers nor diplomats have stated specifically how the tabulation exercise on March 13 did not comply with the law, and neither has any credible reason or evidence been provided to question the SOPs used by GECOM.

The events mentioned above indicate that there were shifting complaints as the process evolved and in respect of the last one, relating to the PPP/C SOPs, it is more than strange that SOPs produced by a political party could be used, without any other corroborating evidence, as a basis for questioning the integrity of the SOPs of the constitutional authority GECOM.....the same GECOM which was praised by Observers for its handling of the "well managed" and "free, fair and transparent" elections. A higher standard must be required and applied if the integrity of the otherwise praiseworthy constitutional body is to be called into question.

Controversy

The impression has been given by some that there was controversy about counting and tabulation of votes only in Region 4. This is incorrect. In Regions 3 and 6, APNU+AFC objected to tabulations done by the ROs and requested recounts of the votes. The RO denied the request in Region 3. In Region 6, the recount is suspended until further notice because APNU+AFC has insisted that new blank SOPs should be used for the recount, and PPP/C has refused to open its lock on the container for the blank SOPs to be retrieved.

Observers

It is interesting that very strident and questionable comments were made by the leaders of the OAS and Commonwealth Observer Missions when compared with comments by other observer missions. In both cases, they raised objections to the declarations made by the RO for Region 4 presumably because they were different from the SOPs and tally produced by the PPP/C. This begs the following question: Is it a mere coincidence that the leaders of those two missions are former Prime Ministers of Caribbean countries who were in office when the current Guyana Leader of the Opposition was President and are his close friends? We can only speculate about the answer, but the events do suggest that better care ought to have been taken by both organizations in the choice of leader of their observer missions.

When viewed dispassionately, the complaints about a lack of transparency in the process in Region 4 were addressed. Initially, the process adopted was no different than in other regions. Ultimately, the process followed was in keeping with the legal requirements, and special arrangements were made for all parties to view the SOPs used by GECOM to complete the tabulation. The complaints of a lack of transparency in the tabulation exercise were fully addressed by the RO and GECOM.

Equally, the allegations of fraud have arisen solely from one political party producing SOPs different from those held by the constitutional authority responsible for the elections. They have provided no evidence to support an allegation that GECOM's SOPs could be fraudulent.

Regrettably, Observers and diplomats have apparently bought into the PPP/C's narrative without sufficient objective examination of the facts and in the absence of any evidence to support fraud.

It is a dangerous precedent to question the integrity and work of a constitutional body without any compelling evidence and solely based on

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unsupported allegations made by a political party which has a vested interest. Such action undermines both the constitutional body as well as democracy in Guyana.

NATIONAL RECOUNT

The President, in his judgment, saw it fit to invite CARICOM to oversee a recount of all votes in all regions. He did so in an effort to settle all issues in the presence of CARICOM as another independent body. The Leader of the Opposition agreed to this process. Both Leaders insisted that such a recount must be undertaken in compliance with the Constitution and laws of Guyana. CARICOM accepted that condition as well. Consequently, there was agreement on the procedure to be adopted within that framework.

Subsequently, a Guyanese citizen has taken issue with this arrangement and is mounting a challenge to it in the Supreme Court and in the interim has obtained an injunction to halt the recount. The right of the citizen to take this action cannot be denied and ought to be respected. This action ought to be welcomed by all stakeholders as the Supreme Court will adjudicate on the legality of the process, which should be a concern for everyone involved. It is unfortunate that the Chairman of CARICOM has ascribed ulterior motives to this development. This response from the Chairman could well call into question CARICOM's status as a "honest broker" going forward in this process.

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Historical analysis of the district four voting patterns

- APNU+AFC had a 19.3% increase in votes from 2011 - 2015
- APNU+AFC had a 19.9% increase in votes from 2015- 2020
- Valid votes grew by 18.1% between 2011 and 2015. The increase in the APNU+AFC votes were in line at 19.3%
- Valid votes increased by 17.9% between 2015 and 2020. The Coalition's increase was also inline at 19.9%

	2011		**2015**			**2020**		
	Votes	% of vote	votes	% of vote	% increase	Votes	% of vote	% increase
APNU+AFC	95,463	60.99%	113,856	61.61%	19.3%	136,458	62.62%	19.9%
PPP	60,851	38.88%	70,241	38.01%	15.4%	77,329	35.49%	10.1%
Other	201	0.13%	709	0.38%	252.7%	4,126	1.89%	481.9%
Total Valid (all parties)	**156,515**		**184,806**		18.1%	**217,913**		17.9%

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2020 Electoral Malpractices

GENERAL

1. Evidence has emerged that during the conduct of the 2020 General and Regional Elections (GRE) there were several instances of electoral malpractices that may have served to impair the accuracy of the consequent results.

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2. This Dossier captures known instances of acts of malpractices that obtained before the elections, on polling day, and after the close of polls; and it addresses verifiable issues, notwithstanding there was a slew of other anecdotal reports about irregularities. The Dossier addresses two main areas:

a. Instances of electoral malpractices.

b. PPP/C instigated post-election violence.

ELECTORAL MALPRACTICES

3. **Anomalies at Polling Places**. The following are issues of concern that can be affirmed:

a. **District 3**

(1) Ms. Basmattie Sukull, the Presiding Officer (PO) for District 3, Division #322122 A – Parika Salem Secondary School, recorded spoilt votes and awarded them to the PPP despite objections.

(2) Some POs in District 3 gave a second ballot to an elector when they were informed the person had voted for the wrong political party.

b. **District 4**

(1) In District 4, Division # 421151 B (Lancaster/Mahaica) the total number of electors was 188 but the number shown to have voted was 259.

(2) At Anns Grove, 277 votes were recorded for ANUG under General Elections while that exact number was recorded for APNU/AFC under Regional Elections. An objection was made.

c. **District 6**

(1) A request for the recount of all SOPs was approved but has been stalled by the PPP operatives.

(2) Some 377 SOPs were received with a large number of them not having the PO's signatures

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(3) As with District 3, folios given to polling agents were black and white while those used by GECOM's staff were coloured.

4. **SOPs Discrepancies**. The four steps in the encoding of SOPs are: Receiving, Scanning, Encoding, and Verifying. Below is the attestation of a GECOM staffer addressing a SOP anomaly:

> "After the scanning process there is a printout of the SOPs that we receive from a printer which we use to do encode. These printouts were distributed to the encoding team to encode but when the IT manager went to the floor supervisor and asked if we encoded some 83 SOPs, I can't recall what was her answer. However, he went to one of the scanners and checked to see if these SOPs were scanned. He found that these SOPs were scanned but never printed because of some error. He then told the Supervisor that he will print them out. I then went to my Supervisor and told her we need to check the number of SOPs received and scanned and the printout to see if we are on the same page. With the help of another staff we then started investigating the number of SOPs we scanned by counting the ones received at the receiving desk and the ones that we printed out. But the 83 SOPs that were printed out we couldn't give account for from both of the shifts. I didn't check to see which Region it was from and I brought it to my Supervisor's attention that I couldn't give account for the 83 SOPs but we still keep a count of every printout. I told the Supervisor for the other shift to record and verify the amount received but I can't recall seeing anything from her. Note, we were receiving Region 3 at the time but there were other Regions encoding at the time which got me worried. I wondered why is it we are receiving Region 3 and other Regions information was being printed in between."

5. **Questionable Actions by Returning Officer**. Evidence has emerged of at least one instance of questionable actions by a Returning Officer (RO), the RO for District 3, Mr. Mohanlall Jagdeo. Tabulation of results was stopped at 03:45 hours and when it resumed the following day the Ro had already inputted figures without the presence of the APNU/AFC Representative. These figures were cross checked by the APNU/AFC Representative who found discrepancies. A request to do a recount was refused. It was further revealed that Mr. Jagdeo took custody of 65 extra ballot boxes meant for areas in the Essequibo River and, despite promising to do so, did not provide a breakdown of their distribution. Additionally, he did not sign the declaration statement as required by law.

6. **PPP Predated Election Results**. The printout below reflects two tables. The first is from GECOM that captures their declared results while the second was posted online by the PPP. Noteworthy about the PPP table is it was dated 29th February 2020, which clearly suggests some measure of electoral chicanery was at play. When the printout date was discovered by the public it was promptly changed.

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REGIONAL ELECTIONS RESULTS AS DECLARED BY RETURNING C

REGIONS	Polling Stations	Eligible Voters	APNU+AFC	PPP/c	CG	LJP	OVP	PRP
1	99	18,952	3,839	7,996	-	145	-	-
2	135	37,979	7,293	18,752	2,117	135	-	-
3	355	100,758	23,824	47,890	388	-	-	15:
4	879	285,618	136,335	77,258	913	757	117	38:
5	158	44,663	14,475	18,263	125	-	-	5:
6	378	99,131	20,350	43,220	248	-	-	35
7	83	14,887	4,836	3,692	-	925	-	-
8	55	7,431	2,086	2,041	-	460	-	-
9	73	17,771	4,826	7,065	-	282	-	-
10	125	33,808	19,153	3,202	187	-	-	6:
	2,339	660,998	237,017	229,379	3,978	2,704	117	1,01:

FINAL RESULTS – 2020 GUYANA ELECTIONS

District	APNU+AFC	PPPC	Total Valid Votes Cast
1	3,839	7,996	11,835
2	7,293	18,752	26,045
3	23,824	47,890	71,714
4	114,345	80,344	194,689
5	14,475	18,263	32,738
6	20,350	43,220	63,570
7	4,836	3,692	8,528
8	2,086	2,041	4,127
9	4,826	7,065	11,891
10	19,153	3,202	22,355
TOTAL	215,027	232,465	447,492

Completed February 29, 2020

Printouts from GECOM and PPP

7. **Foreign Actors Involvement**. Three separate incidents, though not conclusive, point to possible involvement of foreign actors in some aspect of our electoral process. The incidents are:

a. Mr. Gustavo Arnavat, a naturalized American from Cuba, arrived in Guyana on February 28, 2020. Arnavat is the Co- chair of Mercury Public Affairs, LLC, an organisation contracted by the PPP to provide electoral assistance. He had previously visited Guyana on January 20 for a 3-day visit. Early detection of his presence was thwarted as it was discovered that, for reasons unknown, he was checking in and out the Marriott on a daily basis. He was later seen in the company of two Russians who had arrived in Guyana on February 06, 2020. Mr. Arnavat departed Guyana on March 07, 2020.

b. On February 28, 2020 a private aircraft arriving from Venezuela brought three passengers. These passengers – Wadim Kyrillov, Carl Katchner and Marwan Al Ayeb - indicated they were here to attend a meeting with Exxon Mobil. Checks with ExxonMobil disproved this. Background checks revealed that Mr. Kryillov, an Austrian, had a criminal record and was issued an arms ban in the Netherlands. Additionally, checks placed them with Mr. Gustavo Arnavat at the Marriott Hotel. They were subsequently deported.

c. On March 06, 2020 two Russians, named Dmitry Prokoyev and Sergei Konovalov, checked into the Marriott Hotel. When checks were made for them the

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following day they could not be found. These were the Russians who were in contact with Gustavo Arnavat.

8. **Local Observers Involvement**. The activities of the undermentioned three persons from two local observer groups that participated in the GRE aroused suspicions:

a. **AmCham Guyana**. One of the members of American Chamber of Commerce (AmCham), Anter Narine, was expelled from the organization following reports that he was seen in the company of Russians at the Marriot Hotel on Elections Day Mon 20-03-02. Additionally, previous intelligence revealed that he was at several rallies/meetings for the People's Progressive Party Civic. In a highly publicized event, he was involved in a protest activity that resulted in the storming of the Pegasus Hotel and the disruption of President David Granger's speech to the Guyana Manufacturing and Services Association on September 19, 2019.

Anter Narine at Pegasus Hotel

b. Dhanraj Singh aka Clarke, another PPP member, visited a few polling stations on election day wearing an AmCham sweater. It is uncertain if he was accredited to the AmCham.

c. **Private Sector Commission**. Mr. Ghalee Khan, a member of the Private Sector Commission, though a member of the PSC, was not known to be accredited as an observer. However, he was present on several occasions at the GECOM Command Centre.

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IMAGES

Gustavo Arnavat with PPP Prime Ministerial candidate Mark Phillips.

Austrian - Vadim Kyrillov.

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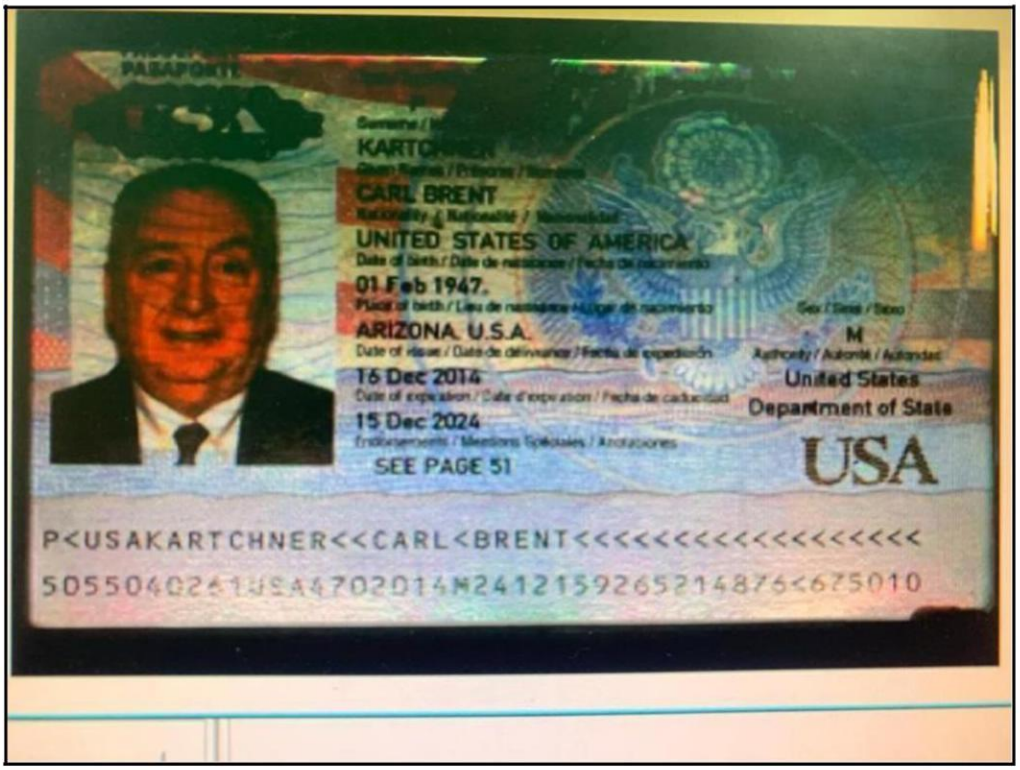
Libyan- Marwan Al Ayeb.



American Carl Kartchner.

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Aircraft that brought Kyrillov, Al Ayeb and Kartchner from Venezuela.

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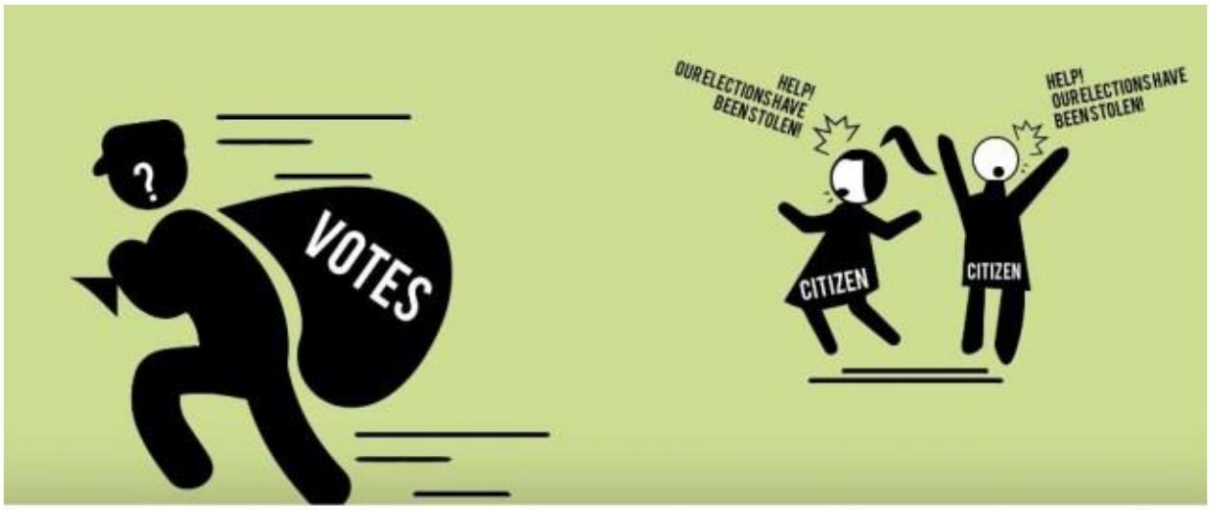
Historic PPP tampering/rigging efforts from previous elections

Vote will have no value with a bloated list.
The PPP has successfully rigged elections from 1992 to 2015, and they want to try again. This is the reason for their vehement opposition to H2H registration.

Shortly after the 2011 elections, Malcolm Harripaul wrote an informative piece about how the PPP rigged that elections. He mentioned phantom voting and purchasing of ID cards as two of the several methods used by the PPP. He defined phantom voting as a process where PPP aligned poll workers cast ballots for identified electors by tricking the polling agents, if they are present, or just have a merry time if polling agents are not present. He reported that he saw PPP operative at West Demerara Secondary School with a bag of national ID cards. [Philomena Sohoy Shury was at this location in 2006.] He concluded the PPP bought these cards, but he is wrong.



Reports are that the PPP has an ongoing operation among it's support base to collect the ID cards of the migrating relatives of supporters. At the moment, the PPP has tens of thousands ID cards. These were the cards Malcolm Harripaul saw in the bag in Vreed-en-Hoop. There were hundreds of bags like that across the country.

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H2H registration will nullify the armoury of ID cards the PPP has built up over the years. A vast majority of those people will not present themselves to be registered. This is because some of them have no interest. Some have switch support to other parties. Some of them, a lot of them, are dead and GRO has no record because they died overseas. PPP ID card amoury will be reduced from tens of thousands to a few hundred. They will be unable to impact the outcome of the elections with just a few hundred cards.

Ok, I know you are asking yourself how, so let's look at the PPP operation. The PPP places an operative in the vicinity of the polling place with a bag of ID cards and stolen folios. The folio is a document with background information about the electors. This folio is used by polling staff to question a person if his or her identify is challenged.

At various times during the day, but mostly late afternoon when polling workers and agents are tired, the PPP send imposters into the polling station with ID cards, after briefing them about the information on the folio. This is not a mad rush, since the PPP only need 2 imposters per hour per polling station. That would be 24 for the day and if that happens at 1500 polling station we have 36,000 votes that should not have been cast. The last elections was decided by a mere 5,000 votes.

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Some of you will say, but the government has polling agents. Well, that's true for most polling place, not all. Plus some agents abandon the post for food, toilet breaks, or just lack of stamina. Even if the agent is there, and someone comes in looking like the person in the photograph, and that person could answer the questions from the folio, that person gone clear.

The PPP objection to H2H registration is because they want a fertile ground to exist for fraudulent voting. According to the PPP, once a fraudulently cast ballot is placed into the ballot box, there is no way to discern it from regularly cast ballots. Imagine what could happen with a list bloated by as much as 150,000 or over 30%.

Another tried and tested method of the PPP is the phycology of fear. Late in the day, in a PPP stronghold, a person is sent into the polling place to be caught or act in a way to be objected to. A prearranged PPP gang then assembles in front of the polling place, play drunk, brandish cutlasses, and talk violence. This drives fear into the polling staff and party agents. Thereafter, imposters are sent in and no one objects. After the quota is achieved at that polling place the "drunken" gang disbands, only to reassemble elsewhere for a repeat. Many polling agents are ashamed to promptly report these episodes.

H2H registration is a must to prevent the PPP from roving the elections and throwing the Nation in confusion. Now the PPP has gone to the CCJ for permission to rig. Will the CCJ sanction this confusion?

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PPP Hooliganism
General and Regional Elections, 2020

PPP/C supporters attack school buses, injure cop

Guyana Chronicle, March 7, 2020

By Svetlana Marshall

THREE school children were rushed to the Fort Wellington Public Hospital after the bus they were in came under attack by violent People's Progressive Party/Civic (PPP/C) supporters in Bush Lot on the West Coast of Berbice (WCB), Region Five. Another school bus was also attacked in the vicinity of Bat Settlement, WCB.

The Fort Wellington Secondary School students, ages 13, 14 and 15, were heading home from school at around 12:30hrs in one of the David 'G' Buses when the PPP/C supporters started hurling stones and other large objects at the bus, shattering the back windscreen in the process.

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At the time, the supporters were protesting the move by the Guyana Elections Commission (GECOM) to declare Region Four votes although the verification process had not been completed. The protest, however, was far from peaceful. The PPP/C supporters had set on fire a number of tyres and other debris on the main access road – thereby blocking any ingress or egress, despite pleas from ranks of the Guyana Police Force for them to disperse and go home.

When the Guyana Chronicle visited the Fort Wellington Public Hospital, two of the students had already been treated for minor lacerations about their bodies and another undergoing medical attention. According to doctors at the health institution, one of the three children suffered head injuries.

Under adult supervision, one of the victims told the Guyana Chronicle that they were making their way home when the bus was stoned down. Clearly traumatised, the teen, who resides at Belladrum with her grandmother, could not hold back the tears as she detailed the incident.

"While we were heading towards Bush Lot, an Indian guy, he pelted the bus back and the glass scrapped my hands," the student recalled. At the time, the 15-year-old student was sitting at the back of the bus with her colleagues. "The lady in the bus said everyone bend down, and put your bag over your head," she further recalled. A similar incident took place at Bath, in which a David 'G' Bus transporting children came under siege.

People's National Congress/Reform (PNC/R) Region Five Chair, Vinceroy Jordan, said it was not only unfortunate, but unacceptable that protestors would attack children proceeding home from school. "The children were in the provided David 'G' School Bus, which is David 'G' No. 1, and the residents of Bush Lot Village they started pelting objects towards the bus, and they have since shattered the windscreen of the bus, and injured three children," he reported.

Jordan reported too, that in Bath Settlement, the bus was swarmed by the protesting PPP/C supporters. "The bus was held hostage for a period of time but to say exactly what happened after, I would not be able to say, but in Bush Lot, I know for a fact that the Police Commander vehicle was damaged and the school bus, the windscreen was shattered," he told this newspaper.

Regional Transport Officer of Region Five (Mahaica/Berbice), Nigel Wilson, told the Guyana Chronicle that the bus, which came under attack in Bath Settlement, was transporting children from school en route to Rosignol and Blairmont. Up to press time, no arrest has been made in connection with these two incidents. The Latchman Singh Primary School and Bush Lot Secondary School were in session on Friday morning but a decision was subsequently taken to dismiss school at mid-day in light of the violent protest.

Opposition roundly condemned for storming GECOM centre...several groups call on observers to denounce actions

Guyana Chronicle, March 7, 2020

THE opposition, People's Progressive Party has been roundly condemned by a number of groups for invading the command centre of the Guyana Elections Commission between Wednesday night and the whole of Thursday.

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Police Commissioner, Leslie James said that police have been justified in arresting three individuals at the Centre at High and Hadfield Streets due to disorderly behaviour which, it said, was led by leaders of the People's Progressive Party (PPP).

In a statement, police said that around 15:00hrs, Thursday, GECOM's Returning Officer (RO) of Region Four, Clairmont Mingo, was in the process of declaring the Region's General and Regional Results for the 2020 Elections, when Opposition Leader Bharrat Jagdeo, Former Attorney General, Anil Nandlall and other supporters started to make "loud and continuous protesting that he continue the verification process."

Mingo allegedly withdrew himself and exited the location which was followed by Nandlall's departure and return to the centre with three injunctions from the High Court to block the release and declaration of the results. "On his return to the location he tried desperately to have the court order served on GECOM Chairperson Justice Claudette Singh, who was in her office, feeling unwell. Mr. Nandlall was informed of her condition but he insisted that he must see her. In doing so, Nandlall was joined by Mr. Bharrat Jagdeo, Inspector Prem Narine of the Guyana Police Force Regional District 4 and other contesting party members and breached security and kicked open the door to the GECOM Chairperson and confronted her," the police report stated.

It was reported that Senior Superintendent, Phillip Azore, and team intervened which led to the arrest of the three persons.

Intimidating staff

Meanwhile, a GECOM Commissioner told this newspaper that Jagdeo and other PPP heads were actively involved in intimidating the members of the Commission- all with the intention to create confusion and fear at the centre. "Jagdeo called Roxanne Myers' [Deputy Chief Elections Officer] name no less than ten times. The entire scenario recounted by him showed that he engineered the entire attack by a mob but now telling the world that they were rescuing the Chairman," the Commissioner said.

"The PPP Presidential candidate, Irfaan Ali, was part of that mob and some of the observers too. One of the observers- Anter Narine was arrested. These people were tussling with the police in order to go through to the office. It is absolutely unacceptable that this could happen here. They actually launched an attack on GECOM and the police were ineffective," the commissioner said.

When it was rumoured that Justice Singh was ill, an ambulance with Emergency Medical Responders would later arrive at the scene with an oxygen bottle and other apparatus, but they were not allowed to enter the office of the Chair, located on the second floor of the building. It was unclear who called in the Emergency Medical Responders, but the Guyana Chronicle was reliably informed that it was not Justice Singh. A live Facebook feed from inside the building showed Jagdeo telling International Observers that Justice Singh was being held against her will, and the police was complicit. "Let's see the Chair! Let's see the Chair! Let's see the Chair," a number of persons were heard chanting amid heavy police presence within the facility. The chants later turned into a physical confrontation with ranks of the GPF, as the agents associated with the PPP and a number of other smaller political parties attempted to bulldoze their way into the room in which the GECOM Chair had retired.

GRAVELY DISAPPOINTING

Meanwhile, in a video statement, Campaign Manager of the APNU+AFC Joseph Harmon

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said that it was gravely disappointing that Ali and Jagdeo had barged into the building and stayed beyond the lawful time for which they were allowed to be there. He said that he had received calls from persons who felt threatened by the commotion, and the eventual presence of heavily armed men. "I think this is a very serious act on the part of the PPP and certainly it is likely to damage the credibility of the information which is coming out of that facility. Certainly, it is something which, as a government, we condemn in the strongest possible terms and Mr. Ali or anyone, nobody should feel that they have the right to barge into a facility like that and demand information and threaten the persons who are there working."

For its part the Alliance For Change (AFC), referred to the event as an "invasion" stating that the behaviour was unbecoming of persons who seek to become leaders of the country at the head of government. "This display of hostility and hooliganism has created an atmosphere of fear and tension at GECOM's office and among its personnel. It has also contributed to the creation of a volatile situation in various areas of the country where there are now sporadic instances of unlawful behavior," the AFC stated. "This unsavory behaviour must be repudiated and condemned by all who would wish to maintain Guyana's democracy. The AFC is encouraging all Guyanese to remain calm and to act at all times in the interest of Guyana and our democracy. We must resolve our disagreements in accordance with the stipulated legal process. The AFC as a partner in the Coalition Government gives our citizens the assurance that it will do all in its power to support a resolution of the current situation acceptable to all stakeholders and to have an appropriate review of our electoral arrangements undertaken to foster greater confidence in the outcome of future elections."

Guyana Police Force warns persons to desist from unlawful acts while protesting

Guyana Chronicle, March 7, 2020

THE Guyana Police Force (GPF) said it notes, with concern, events that occurred on Friday March 6, 2020 in a number of Regional Police Divisions.

"The force respects the inalienable rights of citizens, visitors and inhabitants of the State of Guyana to engage in peaceful demonstration on issues of concern to them," said Jairam Ramlakhan, Superintendent of Police and Public Relations and Press Officer of the Guyana Police Force, said in a press release on Friday evening.

"To this end, ranks of the GPF maintained their posture of restraint. Nevertheless, some persons decided to engage in unlawful acts which resulted in injuries to six police ranks and damage to properties including infrastructure of the State," the police PRO said.

"However, when protest activities degenerate into public disorder, infringing on the rights of other citizens and putting the protection of life and the safeguard of property at risk, the Guyana Police Force will, as a consequence, take appropriate and condign action against all offenders. Be warned!" said Ramlakhan.

Several arrested following PPP supporters' protest at Mon Repos, Lusignan

Guyana Chronicle, March 7, 2020

POLICE on Friday, March 6, 2020, were left with no other alternative but to fire tear gas and rubber bullets into a mob of supporters of People Progressive Party/ Civic (PPP/C),

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who had blocked off the Lusignan Public Road, East Coast Demerara, by placing utility poles and burning tyres on the main road in protest.

The mob was protesting against the results declared by the Guyana Elections Commission (GECOM) and demanded a recount of the Region Four results.

The protestors claimed that the 2020 elections were "rigged" and blocked off both sections of the public road.
In a sea of yellow, red and black, the PPP protestors were well armed with placards and their party flag and they marched down the Lusignan Road to the Mon Repos Market, E.C.D.

From young to old were out in their numbers chanting words such as "we need a recount", "my vote must count", "when we stand, we stand for Guyana", and "we are not standing for dictatorship."

The elderly women sat on the utility poles, which was spread across the road and refused to move when ordered by the police.

"In my estimation, this is not a hostile crowd, the only thing that this crowd has so far done is that they blocked the road," said Sheila Veersammy, a candidate for the PPP/C. She stressed she had warned the supporters about the blockage of the road, but instead they told her that it was the only way that their cries would have been recognised. "This is only one of the ways that they will be recognised or noticed that they are serious by what they mean by saying that they want democracy and they want they want their votes counted," Veersammy said.

PPP member, Anil Nandlall, also spoke with the protestors and attempted to control the crowd. "I'm attempting to keep them calm and to keep them mobilised, it doesn't appear that I will be able to get them off the road or send them home but I know the situation can develop," Nandlall told the media. He stressed that his presence was to ensure that there is peace and there is calm, but the supporters are very agitated and outraged by what has happened,
"These people came out on their own volition, they came out on their own accord, with how frustrated they are," Nandlall said.

As Nandlall spoke, the crowd listened to him attentively. He said, "You have the assurance from the PPP party that we will continue to do everything that is possible to protect the integrity of your votes and the electoral process and to secure your democracy." He urged the protesters to remain peaceful and calm and requested that they remove from the roadway.

"This is na a PPP protest! This is a people protest" the mob hurled at Nandlall. "We shall win in the end and Irfaan Ali will be sworn in as president in the end" Nandlall declared as he explained that the party had already made an application for the region four votes be recounted.

Priya D. Manickchand, a candidate for the PPP/C spoke to the crowd at Mon Repos and told them to remain calm.

There was a high police presence as the ranks were on alert. The ranks were also verbally assaulted by some of the supporters, but this was not condoned by the senior officer on the scene. However, as the protest went on, persons began setting more tyres on fire which

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caused the police riot squad to assemble. The fire tender was summoned and managed to extinguish the fire.

At that point, the police were ordering the protesters to return to their homes, however, this led to a confrontation after a man attacked a rank.

The ranks then fired tear gas and fired rubber bullets into the crowd. The crowd retreated and the police managed to control the situation. A male supporter who had brandished a firearm was also arrested. Several males were arrested for attacking and throwing glass bottles at the police.

Protest erupts in several areas in East Berbice

Guyana Chronicle, March 7, 2020

THE once calm East Berbice, Corentyne area was filled with tension and rage as protest erupted in several communities on Friday.

Supporters of the People's Progressive Party Civic (PPP/C) took to the streets in Black Bush Polder, Number 19 village, Tain and Canje, as they accused the David Granger-led Coalition of "rigging the elections".

The protest started in the morning session in Lesbeholden, Black Bush Polder and by noon the protesters converged at Tain where they had a standoff with police ranks who were trying to maintain peace and order.

During the demonstration, several of the protestors blocked the road and refused to budge. After several warnings, they began throwing water on the police officers who continued to warn them. As the situation escalated, one of the protesters was behaving disorderly and an officer struck him with baton and dealt him some blows which caused injuries to the head.

As the police arrested the man and placed him in the vehicle, the crowd tried to reason with the police to release him, and as the police vehicle was about to drive off, the protester began hurling bricks and other objects at the officer.

The man attempted to escape but collapsed and had to be rushed to the Port Mourant Hospital.

The back windshield of the pickup was shattered as ranks jumped out of the vehicle to avoid shards of glass piercing them. Senior ranks on the scene managed to control the situation for a little while until the protestors started to burn tires later in the afternoon, bringing traffic to a standstill.

As attempts were made to arrest some persons, the crowd continued to throw objects which led to several warning shots being fired in the air in an effort to disperse the crowd. It was until teargas was used the police was able to gain some control.

Not letting up, the protestors threw the teargas canisters back at the police and started to hurl missiles in their direction. Eventually, the police, after realising the crowd was not responding, decided to use more teargas followed by riot procedures to force the protesters off the streets and into their homes. A number of persons, including children, were affected by the dispersion of the gas. Warning shots were also fired in the air.

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The road was finally clear by 18:00hrs with the police maintaining a strong presence to prevent the protestors from gathering.

Speaking with this publication, Divisional Commander, Calvin Brutus, confirmed that four ranks had to be treated for injuries received. Brutus said he has nothing against peaceful protest but the hostility and endangerment of the lives of his ranks would not be encouraged or tolerated.

Meanwhile, as word spread of the protest action, business owners hurriedly closed their doors and sent home their staff. By mid-afternoon, all the stores, including the banks, were closed in Rose Hall Town, leaving the commercial hub looking like a ghost town.

PPP/C regional representatives who were present at Tain tried to maintain control of the crowd and get them to disband peacefully. Zamal Hussain explained that he was disappointed by the actions of the police and felt they could have used less force to get the crowd to disperse.

The tension in the region, including Region Five, has left several officers suffering from chop wounds, sprained ankles, and injuries from bricks, among others.

Protesters attack David 'G' bus, children injured, female cop attacked in West Coast Berbice protests

Guyana Chronicle, March 7, 2020

Riot police on the scene at Bath, West Coast Berbice (Adrian Narine photo)

Heightened protest action by supporters of the People's Progressive Party/Civic (PPP/C) along the West Coast Berbice public road has resulted in several injuries to school children and police officers coming under attack.

Reports are that three children, ages 13,14 and 15 who attend school at Belladrum village, were heading home in a 'David G' bus when the vehicle came under attack by PPP/C protesters at Bush Lot village.

The children were taken to the hospital for treatment.Further up the corridor, at Bath, several police officers came under attack from the protesters. A female cop was injured by

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the mobs who blocked the roadway. Our reporters on the ground reported that teams of riot police have arrived in the area to quell the situation.

Down at Mon Repos and Lusignan, protesters have also blocked parts of the roadway. In a video circulating on social media, a man can be seen brandishing a weapon as a motorist recorded him.

The protests have erupted as the country awaits the Guyana Elections Commission(GECOM) to announce the results of Monday's regional and general elections. Data released by the commission on Thursday shows the APNU+AFC leading the PPP/C in total votes recorded across the country.

Reports are members of the ABC countries have engaged GECOM in a meeting sometime after lunchtime today.

Schoolchildren, cops attacked as Berbice protests over elections turn violent

Stabroek News, March 7, 2020

By Bebi Oosman

One of the buses that was set alight yesterday

Scenes of violence unfolded and a bus transporting schoolchildren was attacked, police were stoned and chased, motorists were harassed and roads were blocked and set afire as rioters, protesting what they claimed were "rigged" elections, rampaged at several locations in Berbice yesterday.

The protest at Bath, West Coast Berbice, Region Five – one of several across the coast – quickly erupted into violence as People's Progressive Party (PPP) supporters took to the streets calling for Region Four votes to be recounted and a winner of Monday's general and regional elections declared.

Though the Guyana Elections Commission (GECOM) is yet to officially declare the winner of Monday's polls, echoing statements by PPP leaders, the protesters claimed that the elections have been "rigged."

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In Region Five, four schoolchildren sustained cuts to their heads after the 'David G' school bus they were returning home in was hit with glass bottles, shattering the rear windscreen. The school bus was named after President David Granger, who initiated a programme to transport children to school. The four children have all received medical treatment and were sent home with their parents yesterday afternoon.

In Bath Settlement, the protest began in the morning and the residents first started to placed wood and scrap metal across the public road as they shouted "Granger must go."

Kamila Persaud, who was seen sitting on a truck tire in the middle of the public road, said, "We are here since morning and we plan to stay here because Granger is playing a bully."

Another protester, Raymond (only name), said, "Granger should have declared himself president for life and let we understand that. Simple." Sandra, another protester, said, "Guyanese not stupid. Region Four results took too long to come out and that alone show that they can rig. Why they took out those people from GECOM office last night?" she questioned. "President Granger want to swear in secretly. Why we even vote?" she said, adding, "We will stay here till we have our satisfaction. We had enough for five years."

The riot police subsequently arrived on the scene but this further agitated the protesters, who began hurling expletives and racist slurs at them. The protesters then started to run along the public road, pulling old cars and buses, other scrap metal, wood, tires, trees and plants from the parapet, and starting fires in the middle of various parts of the road, as they continued to pelt at everyone who was passing.

At one point, they even seized two guard huts from businesses along the public road, along with garbage bins, which they set alight along the road.

The protest ran from Bush Lot Village to Cotton Tree Village, West Coast Berbice, a distance of over 16 kilometres.

While the riot police were blocking protestors at Bush Lot Village and Bath Settlement, other protesters started to form small groups along the Region Five main road, screaming for a recount of Region Four votes, while also using items to start fires along the road. "We want a recount. We punish for five years and now them trying to rig fa stay in," one older woman said. The woman, who was sitting on the bottom of a utility pole, said despite her age, she will continue to support the protest.

Imbibing

According to a protester, supporters of the APNU+AFC gathered along the Hopetown public road on Thursday evening celebrating the supposed victory of the coalition, which led them to protest yesterday. "Them start hit up people car when them pass and chase people out. People get frighten," the protester alleged.

Yesterday, the police sustained the brunt of the rioters' ire as they had glass bottles, metal and wood hurled at them throughout the day at various places on the West Coast of Berbice. The protesters continuously cussed and threatened the police, and various groups of rioters tried to attack several ranks throughout the day. At one point, a group of several police ranks quickly fled as the yelling rioters chased them, hurling various missiles at the law enforcement officers.

Protesters, who began imbibing alcohol, also threw squibs at the riot police who were blocking them from leaving the cross streets.

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It was evident that the ranks were not equipped to deal with the protesters as a mob chased after two unarmed policemen, who were not equipped with any protective gear, along the road.

As four media operatives attempted to render assistance to the two ranks, the protesters rushed up to the vehicle with broken bottles in their hands. However, the car quickly sped off as the policemen entered. The ranks were visibly scared, confused and shaken up after the ordeal.

Meanwhile, several reporters barely escaped the wrath of the rioters as they refused to allow any vehicle to pass through blockages on the public road.

Two persons were detained yesterday in Region Five for allegedly damaging a police van.

At Hopetown, residents armed themselves with cutlasses and other items and ventured over to the Bush Lot Secondary School to collect their children and return them home safely.

Subsequently, some of those persons arrived at the protest location and were involved in altercations with some protesters.

Up to late yesterday afternoon, the protests were still ongoing in Region Five, and protesters told Stabroek News that they would be on the road throughout the night, hoping to outwait the police ranks present.

Police Commander Yonette Stephens at 5 pm said there were reports of ranks being injured but she could not give any other information as she was still on the ground working.

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In Region Six, there was a peaceful protest in Canje, which saw residents standing on the two sides of the Rose Hall, Canje public road, calling for a recount of the Region Four votes.

"I am out here because my democracy has been trampled upon. PPP did not lose the elections and APNU/AFC is daylight robbers," Sherry Bipat said.

At Tain Settlement, Corentyne, the protest escalated gradually throughout the afternoon, as protesters from Black Bush Polder were brought to join the Tain protest. Shortly after 3pm, one police officer was pelted with a bottle while another fainted. Commander Calvin Brutus confirmed that both were transported to the hospital for medical assistance, and said that there had been no arrest at that time. Protesters were also thrashed with batons after the rank was pelted from the vehicle.

One protester at Tain said, "We win the elections and we a protest here how long the results na [done] properly." At a protest at midday in Black Bush Polder, protestors used old machinery to block the road, while at the Number 19 Corentyne road, protestors lit several items afire in hopes of halting the flow of traffic.

As the protests began in Region Five yesterday, businesses shut their doors. As of 1pm in Region Six, most major business had shuttered, especially those in Rose Hall Town.

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As of last evening, protests were continuing at Tain and Number 19 Village, Corentyne, with fires across the public road, while Stabroek News was told that other villages would be resuming their protests.

Guyana Police Force warns persons to desist from unlawful acts while protesting

Guyana Chronicle, March 7, 2020

THE Guyana Police Force (GPF) said it notes, with concern, events that occurred on Friday March 6, 2020 in a number of Regional Police Divisions.

"The force respects the inalienable rights of citizens, visitors and inhabitants of the State of Guyana to engage in peaceful demonstration on issues of concern to them," said Jairam Ramlakhan, Superintendent of Police and Public Relations and Press Officer of the Guyana Police Force, said in a press release on Friday evening.

"To this end, ranks of the GPF maintained their posture of restraint. Nevertheless, some persons decided to engage in unlawful acts which resulted in injuries to six police ranks and damage to properties including infrastructure of the State," the police PRO said.

"However, when protest activities degenerate into public disorder, infringing on the rights of other citizens and putting the protection of life and the safeguard of property at risk, the Guyana Police Force will, as a consequence, take appropriate and condign action against all offenders. Be warned!" said Ramlakhan.

PPP/C supporters attack school buses, injure cop

Guyana Chronicle, March 7, 2020

By Svetlana Marshall

THREE school children were rushed to the Fort Wellington Public Hospital after the bus they were in came under attack by violent People's Progressive Party/Civic (PPP/C) supporters in Bush Lot on the West Coast of Berbice (WCB), Region Five. Another school bus was also attacked in the vicinity of Bat Settlement, WCB.

The Fort Wellington Secondary School students, ages 13, 14 and 15, were heading home from school at around 12:30hrs in one of the David 'G' Buses when the PPP/C supporters started hurling stones and other large objects at the bus, shattering the back windscreen in the process. At the time, the supporters were protesting the move by the Guyana Elections Commission (GECOM) to declare Region Four votes although the verification process had not been completed.

The protest, however, was far from peaceful. The PPP/C supporters had set on fire a number of tyres and other debris on the main access road – thereby blocking any ingress or egress, despite pleas from ranks of the Guyana Police Force for them to disperse and go home.

When the Guyana Chronicle visited the Fort Wellington Public Hospital, two of the students had already been treated for minor lacerations about their bodies and another undergoing medical attention. According to doctors at the health institution, one of the three children suffered head injuries.

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Under adult supervision, one of the victims told the Guyana Chronicle that they were making their way home when the bus was stoned down. Clearly traumatised, the teen, who resides at Belladrum with her grandmother, could not hold back the tears as she detailed the incident. "While we were heading towards Bush Lot, an Indian guy, he pelted the bus back and the glass scrapped my hands," the student recalled. At the time, the 15-year-old student was sitting at the back of the bus with her colleagues. "The lady in the bus said everyone bend down, and put your bag over your head," she further recalled.

A similar incident took place at Bath, in which a David 'G' Bus transporting children came under siege. People's National Congress/Reform (PNC/R) Region Five Chair, Vinceroy Jordan, said it was not only unfortunate, but unacceptable that protestors would attack children proceeding home from school. "The children were in the provided David 'G' School Bus, which is David 'G' No. 1, and the residents of Bush Lot Village they started pelting objects towards the bus, and they have since shattered the windscreen of the bus, and injured three children," he reported.

Jordan reported too, that in Bath Settlement, the bus was swarmed by the protesting PPP/C supporters. "The bus was held hostage for a period of time but to say exactly what happened after, I would not be able to say, but in Bush Lot, I know for a fact that the Police Commander vehicle was damaged and the school bus, the windscreen was shattered," he told this newspaper.

Regional Transport Officer of Region Five (Mahaica/Berbice), Nigel Wilson, told the Guyana Chronicle that the bus, which came under attack in Bath Settlement, was transporting children from school en route to Rosignol and Blairmont.

Up to press time, no arrest has been made in connection with these two incidents. The Latchman Singh Primary School and Bush Lot Secondary School were in session on Friday morning but a decision was subsequently taken to dismiss school at mid-day in light of the violent protest.

'I never experienced something like this before'...Nurse attacked during Opposition-led protest calls for peace; recounts harrowing tale

Guyana Chronicle, March 9, 2020

By Tamica Garnett -

THE nurse whose vehicle was damaged by a mob last week Friday on the West Coast Berbice (WCB) is calling on Guyanese to keep the peace, even as she and others struggle to get over the trauma of the street violence led by PPP supporters.

Thirty-five-year-old Lynda Todd is also asking citizens to allow the politicians to resolve their differences themselves. As Guyanese continue to wait for the final declarations on results of the March 2, 2020 elections, supporters of the Opposition People's Progressive Party/Civic (PPP/C) last Friday took to the streets in West Berbice and on the East Coast Demerara (ECD) and other parts of the country, blocking roads, chanting racial slurs, and attacking the police as well as ordinary citizens. Several persons were injured during the ensuing skirmishes, including policemen. An unemployed 18-year-old protestor, one Seedat 'Devon' Hansraj, was also shot during an unrest at Cotton Tree, also in West

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Berbice, while attacking a policeman, Sergeant Punit Nuth Ibaran with a cutlass. The badly injured officer has had to be hospitalised.

Nurse Todd, who is attached to the National Psychiatric Hospital in New Amsterdam, and members of her family were headed west along the West Berbice Public Road on their way home to Tempe Village, when the vehicle in which they were travelling was stoned as it approached a blockade of burning tyres and other debris at Bath Settlement.

"We got out of the car, traumatised. I have never experienced something like this before. Stones were being thrown, and we had to drive through the fire, because we could not stop," the public servant expressed. A video of Todd screaming at the protestors after the family pulled over has since been widely circulated on social media. "I kept shouting at them, asking, 'What did we do to deserve this? Why are you throwing stones at us?'" Todd said, adding: "Everyone was crying and confused. We didn't know what was happening; what to do."

Among those in the car was Todd's 15-year-old brother; her 28-year-old sister, and their parents. Todd and her sister, Latoya, an immigration officer, who also works in New Amsterdam, had both left work early that day when they got wind of the growing unrest. Unable to find transportation after crossing the Berbice Bridge on foot, the two girls had their first encounter with the protesters at Cotton Tree.

"From D'Edward, we walked to Cotton Tree," she recounted. "Cotton Tree was our first stop; that's where the first protesting was going on. There was a group of people there with cutlasses; we had to run for our lives."

The girls were eventually picked up by their father, and immediately they once again came under attack. Todd said the attack was clearly racially-motivated, as aside from racial slurs against Afro-Guyanese, she noted that the vehicle of an East Indian friend of hers who was travelling in front of them, was allowed to pass through the area without incident. "The minute they saw that we were Afro-Guyanese, stones came from all over. They broke our windscreen; there are dents on the car," Todd recounted. Todd is now fearful for her life, as she has to pass through several of these villages on her way to work daily. Todd said she found it hard to make sense of what was unfolding before her very eyes.

"What hurt me the most is I don't discriminate. I have relatives who are [East] Indian; I have Portuguese relatives. It really hurt me to know that you can see public servants coming from work and just target them just like that. It's not like we were in a quarrel or a fight," Todd said.

In Friday's unrest, aside from Bath and Cotton Tree, in West Berbice, there were also pockets of protests in Lusignan, on the East Coast Demerara; at Windsor Forest on the West Coast Demerara; and Belle West on the West Bank Demerara. Though some news agencies described the protest as "peaceful", Todd said the situation on the ground was far from peaceful.

"I don't see that as a peaceful protest," she said. "I feel victimized; my entire family feels the same." At the wheel of the vehicle when it came under attack was Todd's father, who barely managed to maneuver his way past a fiery blockage in his desperate attempt to get his family to safety. The dash to safety for the family, however, ended with them finding themselves blocked off on both sides by burning blockages.

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Todd said she and her family spent a stressful five hours stuck in their vehicle, as the PPP/C supporters walked by, hurling racial slurs and threats their way. "We were there locked up in the car in Bath Settlement from about 4[pm] until 9pm, in between two barricades. We could not head to Rosignol; we could not head to Georgetown. People passing with stones, and bottles and bats, chanting [racial threats]. We did not respond, we were outnumbered and fearful for our life," Todd recounted.

The young nurse is now calling on her fellow Guyanese to let peace reign. As for the politicians, Todd says: "They need to resolve whatever issues they have with the court and whatever, and let this country go back to whatever it was before. And stop inciting violence and race hate. At the end of the day we the people of Guyana need to live in love."

Bath Settlement gang beats youths, torches motor cycle

Guyana Chronicle, March 8, 2020

Four young men from # 11 Village West Coast Berbice who visited a motorcycle mechanic at neighbouring #12 Village were attacked by a gang of about 20 youths from Bath Settlement beaten and one of their motorcycles set on fire.

The incident occurred around 15:00hrs Saturday and the youths were rescued by a passing Police patrol. They were treated at the Fort Wellington Hospital for minor injuries and sent home. The Police are investigating.

Cotton Tree man killed after chopping two cops...Cotton Tree mob attacks police as PPP supporters widen protest

Guyana Chronicle, March 7, 2020

The Guyana Police Force wishes to advise that about 19:40hrs on March 6, 2020, police ranks whilst performing duty on the Cotton Tree Public Road, West Coast Berbice came under attack by protesters which resulted in several ranks being hospitalised and their attacker dead.

Enquiries revealed that shortly before the attack, a Gazetted Officer and ranks cleared the said road of protesters and debris, leaving Sergeant Ibaran with several ranks to maintain free passage along the corridor.

The ranks were then attacked by a group of men armed with cutlasses, wood, iron , etc. and were forced to discharge their weapons into the air to disperse the very hostile and aggressive crowd.

After expending their ammunition, the ranks including Sergeant Ibaran , Corporal Williams, Constable Grant, and Constable Fraser were forced to seek refuge in nearby yards and during that process, it was alleged that one of the protesters who was later identified as Seedat' Devon' Hansraj , 18 years ,unemployed of Back Street Cotton Tree Village , WCB, chopped Sgt Ibaran and Constable Fraser and as he was attempting to deal the latter another chop, was shot once by one of two ranks who arrived at the scene and witnessed their colleagues being attacked and wounded.

Sewdat Hansraj and the injured ranks (Sergeant Ibaran and Constable Fraser)and also Constable Grant who was reportedly assaulted by protesters were rushed to the New Amsterdam Public Hospital where Hansraj was pronounced dead on arrival whilst the

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ranks received medical attention and admitted; their conditions are considered stable. A further update will follow.

PPP/C supporters also protested in Herstelling, Canal Number One over poll 'rigging' claims

Stabroek News, March 9, 2020

By Laurel Sutherland

Aside from the violent protests in Berbice and the East Coast Demerara on Friday, supporters of the PPP/C also demonstrated at other locations against what they claimed was the "rigging" of last Monday's elections.

At Canal Number Two, West Bank Demerara, residents burnt tyres, blocking off the entrance to Belle West. When this newspaper arrived on the scene, the Guyana Fire Service (GFS) had already extinguished the fire and moved burning rubble onto the side of the road. Scores of persons remained at the roadside protesting as more than a dozen police officers kept watch.

"Me nah come out here about who win or who lose but the result must come right. PPP win the election but abbe David ah try fuh rig am," one resident said.

Police Superintendent of Region Three, R. Rose said that they received a call at 12:45 about burning tyres and they summoned the GFS. "….We responded…and persons who were blocking the road, we had to clear the road and put them on the northern side of the road. Since then they've been there chanting," he said.

Shortly after, Rose and others rushed to another part of the road where tyres were yet again set ablaze. It was 2:30pm by this time. Again the GFS was summoned and they arrived, doused the blaze, cleared the road and left but they would be summoned yet again at 5:15pm to put out another fire that had been set where the first fire initially was.

Driver for Global Economy Trading, Gordon Kistoo, who does business countrywide, was among a number of drivers caught in traffic due to the road being blocked. Kistoo said that he was on business in the area and had just delivered dry goods to the shops around but after the protests, he intended to call it a day. He said he was horrified with the current situation.

"I feel the people of Guyana are being victimised by the system of this country. Each and every politician from the political parties should come out and ask their supporters to restrain and be patient…violence does not solve the problem, it only escalates the situation. I'm saddened by this…this is the first election here that I've seen in 30 years. I personally feel that GECOM should have revealed the results at one time.

They should have long time ago developed a system where a guy could anywhere in the country put his fingerprint, show his ID, his picture comes up and he votes. With that kind of system, it's foolproof and you cannot do anything that's fraudulent. With 400,000 people that voted, why can't you know who's the winner the next day? Both political parties like this system because it works for them," he said.

Meanwhile, Sasenarine Ramdhanny, a resident of Belle West, turned up at the scene of the second fire on the road bearing a wound under his left eye. Ramdhanny alleged that he and a group of persons were proceeding to the Demerara Harbour Bridge at about

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1:30pm that day to protest peacefully when they were intercepted by police at Bagotville. While they were stationery, he claimed, persons from Bagotville began throwing glass bottles at them and one hit him on the face.

Whilst at the scene of the second fire, police were instructed over their radios to check out the Boeraserie Bridge at Parika as it was reported that a group of persons were believed to be heading there to burn tyres.

Turned off

Meanwhile, at Herstelling, East Bank Demerara, protestors gathered outside the Kamboat restaurant. They were addressed by PPP/C candidate Romel Roopnarine, who called on GECOM to fulfill their mandate in an expeditious and transparent way so they can declare the results as soon as possible to quell the unrest.

"The many unnecessary delays have led to...frustrations in the country. We appeal to you to respect this process so that democracy can take its course and normalcy can be restored," he said.

As the crowd increased, Roopnarine pleaded with persons to come off the road so they would not disrupt the flow of traffic thereby compromising the safety of others. He reminded that it was a "peaceful" protest. A number of police ranks were on site directing the traffic.

Speaking with Stabroek News, Roopnarine said that the protest was organised by residents of Herstelling and neighbouring communities after seeing the discrepancies occurring at GECOM on Thursday. "What happened yesterday [Thursday] really turned off a lot of persons," he said.

He added that after mobilising at the location mentioned, they wanted one of their leaders to address them and he was given that responsibility as he is not only from Herstelling but a PPP/C candidate as well.

"Our messages are very responsible. We have not been spreading anything such as division, hate... We have been hammering on the fact that we are truly a national party and we are [a] welcoming community. We are respectful of what you look like or where you are from. All we are concerned about is to ensure that our voices are heard and our votes are counted. It has been very peaceful and it is a remarkable effort to show the entire world that we will not allow a dictatorship to take root in our country," he said.

He emphasised that residents will not allow the APNU+AFC coalition to "steal" the elections. "If we allow that to happen imagine what will happen in the next five years, so this is the last stand for this country and we're standing not for PPP supporters, not for any ethnicity or grouping or whatever, we are standing for Guyanese and Guyana. We are fighting for each and every citizen out there..." he said.

Meanwhile, protestors adamantly stated that they will continue to protest until GECOM does "what is right."

An APNU+AFC supporter, who did not wish to be named, said, "I am outraged at what is happening. We always hear about rigging but we never thought that it would ever happen so that's why I am here. I supported the coalition but this is wrong and that is why I'm here. I want the coalition to win the right way and let GECOM do the right thing. Let them verify the process and let them announce the winner then," she said.

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Vijay Lall, 19, said that he was protesting because what happened on Thursday is "not right." "What the APNU trying to do is not good enough and is not fair. We trying to have a fair election and I want supporters to give them a challenge, we can't give up like that," he said.

Another man, Edward Joseph, said, "I am out here because I want Region Four results to be verified. We are happy with (regions) One to Nine results but we are not happy with Region Four. They made a declaration but we did not see anything concerning the declaration of Region Four. They declare, they send it to their people and they declare winning so we are out here protesting. We want Region Four count and we will be out here until we get recount."

Teen fatally shot at Cotton Tree protest

Stabroek News, March 7, 2020

A Cotton Tree Village, West Coast Berbice youth was fatally shot last night as violent protests that gripped the area earlier in the day continued and another teenager was also critically injured but was unable to be transported to the hospital in Georgetown for further medical care due to the roads being blocked by protesters.

Dead is Devon Hansraj, of Cotton Tree Village. He was said to be 19 years old. Residents said that he sustained one gunshot injury. According to information obtained by Stabroek News, police ranks opened fire at the Cotton Tree Village and Bush Lot Village protests after protesters persistently attacked them with missiles in the form of glass bottles.

Stabroek News was told that Hansraj was shot during the Cotton Tree protest and was rushed to the New Amsterdam Public Hospital where he succumbed.

Jevaughn Stephen, the Director of Regional Health Services, who was present at the New Amsterdam hospital last evening, confirmed that Hansraj had died. He related that the relatives of the deceased arrived at the hospital allegedly armed with cutlasses and other weapons.

Persons, who were present at the hospital, said the relatives began to threaten the medical professionals, which led to the police being summoned. The relatives reportedly become aggravated after they noticed police from the protest were being treated at the New Amsterdam Public Hospital.

Police Commander Calvin Brutus last evening confirmed that they responded to a call at the New Amsterdam Public Hospital and three persons were arrested. He said that one is a licenced firearm holder, while another was found with a cutlass.

Meanwhile, the parents of 19-year-old, Annuradha Sukra were pleading for assistance to have their daughter transferred from the Fort Wellington Hospital to the Georgetown Hospital last evening. Sukra sustained injuries during the Bush Lot Village protest.

However, her mother Jayshree last evening claimed that they were walking out of their street in Bush Lot Village, when her daughter started to record the protest. She said someone pelted a police rank, who turned around and opened fire and her daughter was injured. Sukra sustained injuries to head, chest and legs. "She need surgery. She get pellets in her head and eight in her intestine," her mother said.

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However, the woman said that the hospital, as of last evening, was afraid to transfer her daughter due to the protests on the roadways. "Them a send me and my husband to find out if the protest clear," she said. Jayshree pleaded for the police to escort the ambulance to the Georgetown Public Hospital so that her daughter could get the necessary medical attention.

Additionally, last evening three ranks based on the West Coast Berbice were rushed to the New Amsterdam Public Hospital after being injured. Stabroek News confirmed that the ranks, who sustained injuries about their bodies, were not in a critical condition.

Schoolchildren, cops attacked as Berbice protests over elections turn violent

Stabroek News, March 7, 2020

By Bebi Oosman

Scenes of violence unfolded and a bus transporting schoolchildren was attacked, police were stoned and chased, motorists were harassed and roads were blocked and set afire as rioters, protesting what they claimed were "rigged" elections, rampaged at several locations in Berbice yesterday.

The protest at Bath, West Coast Berbice, Region Five – one of several across the coast – quickly erupted into violence as People's Progressive Party (PPP) supporters took to the streets calling for Region Four votes to be recounted and a winner of Monday's general and regional elections declared.

Though the Guyana Elections Commission (GECOM) is yet to officially declare the winner of Monday's polls, echoing statements by PPP leaders, the protesters claimed that the elections have been "rigged."

In Region Five, four schoolchildren sustained cuts to their heads after the 'David G' school bus they were returning home in was hit with glass bottles, shattering the rear windscreen. The school bus was named after President David Granger, who initiated a programme to transport children to school. The four children have all received medical treatment and were sent home with their parents yesterday afternoon.

In Bath Settlement, the protest began in the morning and the residents first started to placed wood and scrap metal across the public road as they shouted "Granger must go."

Kamila Persaud, who was seen sitting on a truck tire in the middle of the public road, said, "We are here since morning and we plan to stay here because Granger is playing a bully."

Another protester, Raymond (only name), said, "Granger should have declared himself president for life and let we understand that. Simple." Sandra, another protester, said, "Guyanese not stupid. Region Four results took too long to come out and that alone show that they can rig. Why they took out those people from GECOM office last night?" she questioned. "President Granger want to swear in secretly. Why we even vote?" she said, adding, "We will stay here till we have our satisfaction. We had enough for five years."

The riot police subsequently arrived on the scene but this further agitated the protesters, who began hurling expletives and racist slurs at them. The protesters then started to run along the public road, pulling old cars and buses, other scrap metal, wood, tires, trees and plants from the parapet, and starting fires in the middle of various parts of the road, as they continued to pelt at everyone who was passing.

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At one point, they even seized two guard huts from businesses along the public road, along with garbage bins, which they set alight along the road.

The protest ran from Bush Lot Village to Cotton Tree Village, West Coast Berbice, a distance of over 16 kilometres. While the riot police were blocking protestors at Bush Lot Village and Bath Settlement, other protesters started to form small groups along the Region Five main road, screaming for a recount of Region Four votes, while also using items to start fires along the road. "We want a recount. We punish for five years and now them trying to rig fa stay in," one older woman said. The woman, who was sitting on the bottom of a utility pole, said despite her age, she will continue to support the protest.

Imbibing

According to a protester, supporters of the APNU+AFC gathered along the Hopetown public road on Thursday evening celebrating the supposed victory of the coalition, which led them to protest yesterday. "Them start hit up people car when them pass and chase people out. People get frighten," the protester alleged.

Yesterday, the police sustained the brunt of the rioters' ire as they had glass bottles, metal and wood hurled at them throughout the day at various places on the West Coast of Berbice. The protesters continuously cussed and threatened the police, and various groups of rioters tried to attack several ranks throughout the day. At one point, a group of several police ranks quickly fled as the yelling rioters chased them, hurling various missiles at the law enforcement officers.

Protesters, who began imbibing alcohol, also threw squibs at the riot police who were blocking them from leaving the cross streets.

It was evident that the ranks were not equipped to deal with the protesters as a mob chased after two unarmed policemen, who were not equipped with any protective gear, along the road. As four media operatives attempted to render assistance to the two ranks, the protesters rushed up to the vehicle with broken bottles in their hands. However, the car quickly sped off as the policemen entered. The ranks were visibly scared, confused and shaken up after the ordeal.

Meanwhile, several reporters barely escaped the wrath of the rioters as they refused to allow any vehicle to pass through blockages on the public road. Two persons were detained yesterday in Region Five for allegedly damaging a police van.

At Hopetown, residents armed themselves with cutlasses and other items and ventured over to the Bush Lot Secondary School to collect their children and return them home safely. Subsequently, some of those persons arrived at the protest location and were involved in altercations with some protesters. Up to late yesterday afternoon, the protests were still ongoing in Region Five, and protesters told Stabroek News that they would be on the road throughout the night, hoping to outwait the police ranks present.

Police Commander Yonette Stephens at 5 pm said there were reports of ranks being injured but she could not give any other information as she was still on the ground working.

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In Region Six, there was a peaceful protest in Canje, which saw residents standing on the two sides of the Rose Hall, Canje public road, calling for a recount of the Region Four

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votes. "I am out here because my democracy has been trampled upon. PPP did not lose the elections and APNU/AFC is daylight robbers," Sherry Bipat said.

At Tain Settlement, Corentyne, the protest escalated gradually throughout the afternoon, as protesters from Black Bush Polder were brought to join the Tain protest. Shortly after 3pm, one police officer was pelted with a bottle while another fainted. Commander Calvin Brutus confirmed that both were transported to the hospital for medical assistance, and said that there had been no arrest at that time.

Protesters were also thrashed with batons after the rank was pelted from the vehicle.

One protester at Tain said, "We win the elections and we a protest here how long the results na [done] properly."

At a protest at midday in Black Bush Polder, protestors used old machinery to block the road, while at the Number 19 Corentyne road, protestors lit several items afire in hopes of halting the flow of traffic. As the protests began in Region Five yesterday, businesses shut their doors. As of 1pm in Region Six, most major business had shuttered, especially those in Rose Hall Town.

As of last evening, protests were continuing at Tain and Number 19 Village, Corentyne, with fires across the public road, while Stabroek News was told that other villages would be resuming their protests.

Police ranks injured in Berbice protests recovering – Force calls on public to respect ranks

Kaieteur News, March 9, 2020

The five police ranks who were injured last Friday at Bushlot, Bath Settlement and Cotton Tree on the West Coast of Berbice are said to be recovering well. Those injured were Sergeant Punit Nuth Ibaran, W/Constable Shomeika Wickham, Constable Ron Grant, W/Constable Tussie Wallerson and Constable Jafta Fraser. These five were among law enforcement officers who were dispatched to the West Berbice area after supporters of the People's Progressive Party took to the streets resulting in a massive riot.

Constable Tussie Wallerson sustained a fractured ankle while retreating from protesters, who were hurling objects at her. However, it was Sergeant Ibaran who suffered the brunt of the attack, hospitalised with broken arms, injuries to his head and an ear, and bruises about his body. He was severely beaten with pieces of metal and wood by protestors.

Recounting the traumatising order, Sergeant Ibaran relayed that the ranks attempted to maintain peace among the protestors but this could not be done.
Seeing the large crowd, the ranks were forced to retreat because they realised they lacked the manpower to quell the situation.
According to him, the protestors advanced, hurling missiles, and the ranks were forced to run to nearby yards for cover.
The protestors cornered them and unleashed a merciless beating on the ranks before retreating.
They had no choice but to wait as the crowd dispersed and assistance arrived.
The injured ranks were later visited by the Deputy Commissioner 'Operations' Ms. Maxine Graham, DSM, along with the Commanders of Regional Police Divisions Five and Six, Superintendent Yonette Stephens and Senior Superintendent Calvin Brutus and also the

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Force's Welfare Officer, Deputy Superintendent Jewel Hayles-Sullivan. During the visit, the ranks were assured by Deputy Commissioner Graham of the Administration's fullest support in ensuring their complete recovery. This includes them receiving all of the necessary counseling required.

Man shot dead during protests, rioting – Cops, women and children injured, vehicles damaged

Kaieteur News, March 7, 2020

By Malisa Playter Harry

It was absolute chaos in several parts of Region Five and Region Six as supporters of the People's Progressive Party/Civic descended onto the streets to protest for a verification of Region Four Statements of Poll (SOP's) and a recount of the region as well. Hundreds of visibly angry and frustrated persons attired lit wooden pallets, tyres, old abandoned cars and buses throughout the public road from Experiment Village and throughout several other villages on the West Coast Berbice.
The protestors also blocked the roads with agriculture machinery parts, an old guard hut and tree branches while chanting "GRANGER MUST GO".
"Everybody ah suffer, abay na want Granger, he is a crass", a protestor told reporters.
Another protestor said, "This is too much advantage that is why we are doing. He is a shameless president, abay na get money fuh pay bill and all kind of ting dem ah do to we".
Protestors were adamant that their party won the elections and that the APNU/AFC have not, "they lose the election and they must go", an angry woman standing along the roadside said.
Another woman, Sandra questioned why GECOM took so long to release results from Region 4 and reasoned that, "Guyanese people are not stupid, Region 4 took too long to come out, why they took out these people from GECOM office that night and then after that they want to swear in Granger secretly.
That is unfair, Granger don't work and put money in anybody's pocket, what is fair is fair".
The riot police who showed up at Bath Settlement and Experiment Village when the situation was beginning to escalate were met with bottles, bricks and other objects hurled towards them.
One man was shot and killed at Cotton Tree, West Berbice. He was identified as Devon Subhan. According to reports, Subhan was shot by police and succumbed at the New Amsterdam Public Hospital.
He reportedly had eleven pellet shots dispersed about his body.
And a teenager girl, Annuradha Sukra, of Bush Lot, West Coast Berbice, was shot and is now a patient at the Fort Wellington Hospital.
The scene was chaotic as Region Five Candidate for the PPP/C Harry Gill tried to calm his party supporters by telling them to "GO HOME". Those pleas were ignored as the people refused to leave the public roads.
Many were brandishing placards that demanded a recount of Region Four and the verification of the SOPs in that region. Others including young men, women and elders angrily ran through the streets armed with objects that were hurled at policemen and women.
Two unarmed constables were saved by reporters driving back to Region Six after the protestors were chasing and pelting them with large bricks. They were taken to a safe location some villages away where other senior ranks were present.
Kaieteur News was informed that five ranks, including a female and a senior officer, were

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injured by the raging protestors who refused to leave the streets. They are reportedly seeking medical attention at the Fort Wellington Hospital, a police source said. Up to around 19:00 hrs, protestors were still on roads burning tyres and other objects to stop the flow of traffic. Bricks were hurled at passing vehicles, even those with children inside.

A David Granger school bus from Region Five had the back windscreen smashed in by the protestors armed with bricks, reportedly injuring children in the process. A police vehicle was also damaged by the bricks tossed from one end of the public road to the other. By late into the afternoon, supporters from the APNU/AFC from Belladrum and other areas in Region Five had armed themselves with cutlasses and were boarding vehicles to confront the hundreds of protestors.
There were confrontations, Kaieteur News understands, but the extent of injuries could not be confirmed. Persons were also arrested, a police source said.
Meanwhile, over in Region Six, protests erupted in East Canje, Black Bush Polder, Number 19 Village and Tain Village with reports and videos surfacing of ranks of the Guyana Police Force forming a human barricade with their shields to block the protestors. Roads, tyres and old machinery were also set alight in Black Bush Polder while Number 19 Village burnt tyres and branches across the public road, halting traffic for some time until the police managed to get things under control.
A policeman was injured at Tain Village after an object was tossed at him while he was in the tray of the police vehicle.
He is said to be nursing minor injuries and seeking medical attention at the Port Mourant Hospital.

Protests erupt in several regions

Kaieteur News, March 7, 2020

Amidst the violent protests in Region Six, persons representing the People's Progressive Party in Region Two also came out yesterday in protest of the unverified declarations made by GECOM's returning officer in Region Four.

Unlike the protest in Berbice, however, party supporters on the Essequibo Coast went about their business quite peaceful.

Initially, just 30 persons gathered at the Three Friends Bridge, an area that is predominantly supported by the PPP/C. Within some 30 minutes, the crowd multiplied. Kaieteur News understands that the protest was hastily organised, hence it is a late start at 5:00pm. By 07:00pm, there were over 200 persons at the location.

"Save our democracY!" PPP supporters shot with pellets as riot erupts on East Coast

Kaieteur News, March 7, 2020

By Shikema Dey

Pandemonium broke loose yesterday on the East Coast Demerara Public road at Lusignan and Mon Repos after officers in riot gear were forced to retaliate against violent supporters of the Opposition People's Progressive Party Civic (PPP/C).
The exercise started as a massive protest that quickly deteriorated into an unruly riot. Police were forced to block the road from Mon Repos in the west, and divert traffic to the Railway Embankment which remained the only thoroughfare for traffic to flow in and out

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of the city.
When Kaieteur News arrived at the protest, the protest had not deteriorated. Instead, hundreds of supporters lined the streets, many dressed in black and white but the mass clothed in red, held placards and screamed "Save our Democracy! Count our Votes!" Slogans on many other placards ranged from "We don't want any dictatorship in our country, Guyana" to "Democracy must prevail" and "We need a recount!" One protestor said, "We deserve our democratic right; we deserve it and we must get it!" The protestors used a Guyana Power and Light pole to block the main road. Three elderly women planted themselves firmly, screaming to the cameras, "Granger must go!" Further up, another pole was set alight. The supporters screamed that they were peaceful. Democracy was the underlying drive for the assembly of the PPP supporters. Following the controversial Region Four results announcement, the supporters felt that their democratic right was trampled upon and decided to let their voices be heard. Opposition member, Anil Nandlall later arrived at the protest scene to address the massive crowd. According to him, the people had a right to be out protesting but they were trying their best to get the crowd under control and off the public road. According to him, "The tension here is unhealthy and can develop into a dangerous situation."
He told the crowd "Guyanese, freedom loving Guyana, democratic-minded Guyanese are all offended right across this land."
"But we also cannot contribute to a situation...I am asking you to remain calm, remove from the roadway please, let us build together."
But this proved a difficult task as the supporters screamed back at Nandlall, standing firm in their position that they will not remove and unblock the road until the Guyana Elections Commission begins the recount of Region Four votes.
"We are not moving! We deserve our democratic right! Region Four votes must recount! It is not a party protest!"
"Remain calm" was the cry by Nandlall but this fell on deaf ears, resulting in riot police being mobilised, sent to the area and a dangerous situation developed. Protestors at the sight of the riot police became rowdy and advanced, forcing the police to dispel tear gas and fire rubber pellets into the large crowd.
Seven persons were shot about their bodies.
One man sustained a pellet wound to the head while another got shot to his legs and abdomen. They were rushed to the Georgetown Public Hospital and treated for their injuries.
On the West Coast
While police focused their attention on the East Coast, the West side protestors gathered in their numbers. From Windsor Forest, residents emerged with flags and assembled at the roadway, with placards in hand.
They were deemed peaceful and dispersed on their own accord. Protestors also assembled at Zeelugt, East Bank Essequibo, but they too, later dispersed on their own. But, according to police reports, areas including Canal No.2, Cornelia Ida, and Belle West were chaotic. Tyres were set alight to block the roadway, preventing the easy flow of traffic.

Kaieteur News made contact with the Regional Commander Superintendent Simon McBean who relayed that the situation was under control. According to him, the protests started at the Claybrick Road, Canal Number Two just before noon, with protesters burning tyres on the roadway.

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The police managed to disperse the crowd, which boarded vehicles and headed to the Demerara Harbour Bridge. "However, we managed to intercept the crowd at Bagotsville, with roadblocks, and the turned back," McBean said.

Commander McBean said that there were no arrests and none needed thus far. The police have set up roadblocks at the Demerara Harbour Bridge and other roadblocks at critical areas. Persons are urged to remain calm during this period.

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CONDEMNATIONS

GTUC condemns 'unruly' invasion of GECOM by Opposition

GUYANA Trades Union Congress (GTUC) and the Guyana Public Service Union (GPSU) said it was surprised and disappointed to see footage of an invasion of GECOM by opposition forces on the pretext that their interest was the safety of GECOM's Chair, Justice (ret'd) Claudette Singh.

At the centre of the invasion was Mr. Bharrat Jagdeo, former president of Guyana, under whose leadership citizens were shot down in the compound of the Office of the President," the GTUC said in a strongly-worded statement on Friday.

The union noted that Mark Benschop, a journalist and social activist, was subsequently charged with treason. He spent five years incarcerated, most of the time in solitary confinement, for simply being in a crowd on the road. He was subsequently released without a trial. "Mr. Jagdeo today feels he has the right to lead an unruly group in an invasion of GECOM to check on Justice Singh's safety which is not his job. The safety of Justice Singh is that of the Guyana Police Force and or authorised designated State security operatives," the GTUC said. Jagdeo had even gone to the media alleging that Justice was being held against her will.

"We remember that those who were brutally gunned down were seeking audience with President Jagdeo. The gates were opened. The President was not in office nor at risk but Mr. Jagdeo government and supporters referred to the group in the most derogatory fashion and claimed the intent was to harm the President. Should this nation, under the watchful eyes of international observers, take note of the Jagdeo-led invasion of GECOM as an intended threat to Justice Singh? Should someone or those persons identifiable by video footage be charged with obstruction or whatever drastic charges possible? Or should we accept their expressed concerns as sufficient to let such behaviours go unchecked?" The GTUC added.

According to the GTUC, at the very least, the people of Guyana should expect that such conduct would be condemned in the strongest possible term. "The laws of this country must be upheld even as the right to protest must be respected. The behaviours tolerated at GECOM must never be allowed to happen again. Due process must prevail and all parties must adhere to the channels through which their grievances can be discussed and reviewed. Outside of that there is judicial recourse. Guyana is not the Wild West and Mr. Jagdeo must not feel he is the toughest cowboy leading a charge for valour."

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Also noted in another video was the threat meted out by an Opposition local observer to female police ranks during the exercise of their duty. That person turned to PPP presidential candidate Irfaan Ali and said, "Dr. Ali, [...] you must mark these police faces when the government change they must know their jobs in jeopardy."

GTUC is deeply concerned about the attempt to erode law and order and the threat to innocent workers in the course of executing their duty professionally. It is one thing for political leaders to engage in public disagreements. It's another when public servants and police are either being threatened or prevented from executing their duty in a safe environment.

GTUC calls on all law abiding Guyanese, all community leaders, civil society, political leaders, international observers to condemn the barrage of Jagdeo-led invasion of GECOM and the threat to innocent workers including officers of the Guyana Police Force. Mr Jagdeo cannot want the PPP to lead this nation by invoking anarchy and continued disrespect for the law when he is not in government.

TUC, GPSU condemn invasion of GECOM office

The Guyana Trades Union Congress (GTUC) and the Guyana Public Service Union (GPSU) yesterday condemned the invasion of GECOM's High and Hadfield streets office by opposition leaders and supporters on Thursday.

In a statement, the GTUC said it was surprised and disappointed to see footage of an invasion of GECOM by clearly opposition forces on the pretext that their interest is GECOM Chair Justice Claudette Singh's safety. The GTUC noted that at the centre of the invasion was Bharrat Jagdeo former president of Guyana under whose leadership citizens were shot down in the compound of Office of the President.

"Mr. Jagdeo today feels he has the right to lead an unruly group in an invasion of GECOM to check on Justice Singh's safety which is not his job. The safety of Justice Singh is that of the Guyana Police Force and or authorised designated State security operatives", the GTUC said.

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AFRICAN CULTURAL and DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

March 6th,2020

For Immediate Release

The African Cultural & Development Association (ACDA) has noted and condemns the rise in derogatory racial slurs and threats being made in social media and publicly against people of African Descent.

Further ACDA views the statements made on the current election controversy by the International Observers and some of the Foreign Missions here in Guyana as irresponsible and unhelpful to the best interest of the Nation and only aids in fueling discord in an already ethnically cleaved society.

We call on all sides to demonstrate restraint and for a speedy resolution to the current impasse.

ACDA Steering Committee

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Tuesday, March 10, 2020

STATEMENT BY HON. MOSES V. NAGAMOOTOO,

PRIME MINISTER OF THE COOPERATIVE REPUBLIC OF GUYANA

All must condemn neo-fascist plan

I have seen on social media what appears to be an insurrectionary and bloody plan to "shut down the country", and to cause widespread acts of terrorism and economic sabotage.

The plan was issued by an apparent PPP front calling itself "1953movement" which is advising the PPP/C to "take full control over all 6 regions they won". This is a call treasonable for secession, which includes foreign invasion of Guyana by invitation under the guise of "a peace keeping force".

This plan aims at isolating and starving the people of Georgetown, the capital which comprises the single largest section of Guyana's mainly Afro-Guyanese population. "No agricultural produces should reach the city", one of several terrorist manuals stated. Another urged closure of businesses in the city, especially bakeries.

This is the latest in what appears to be a wicked, criminal, cold-blooded neo-fascist plan whose manuals have been posted on social media.

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It is clear that this seditious exercise is to destabilize the country and to promote an armed and racist insurrection in Guyana.

I call on the Guyanese people and their organisations to immediately condemn this plan which, if implemented, could be tantamount to waging an undeclared war of genocide against the urban population. They must call for national dialogue.

The PPP has to distance itself from this "plan", and to publicly urge its mainly Indo-Guyanese supporters not to play any part in this racist scheme, and not to allow criminal acts to be executed in their name or on their behalf.

The Jagdeo-Ali PPP already has the blood of one person on its hands, as a result of its violent post-polling protests. Those involved attacks on police personnel, injuries to school children, terrorism against commuters, arson of state properties, looting and widespread intimidation of government supporters.

It is unfortunate, if not tragic, that contesting political parties which have arrayed themselves against the APNU+AFC have not condemned those acts of violence, nor have observers groups done so.

I urge all of our peace-loving Guyanese people not to be provoked by the pro-PPP conspirators, not to be intimidated by their divisive tactics. Guyanese should remain calm, and keep the peace. They should allow all disputes over the outcome of the March 2 elections to be adjudicated by the constitutional court and the Guyana Elections Commission.

I urge you to be vigilant and to guard our democracy from all trouble-makers!

Condemnations posted online include:

International Decade of People of African Descent Assembly

Youth Challenge Guyana

African Ascension

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Statements

APNU+AFC Media Release
For immediate release
Tuesday, January 28, 2020

APNU+AFC concerned about political harassment by purported PPP supporters

The APNU+AFC Coalition notes with serious concern an incident that occurred on Monday January 27, 2020, at Non Pareil, East Coast Demerara. APNU+AFC campaign organizers were harassed, threatened, bullied and intimidated by persons who purported to represent the opposition People's Progressive Party.

The APNU+AFC finds the descension into violence wholly unacceptable.

The APNU+AFC Coalition takes this opportunity to iterate that all Guyanese regardless of race, colour, creed or political affiliation have the same rights and freedoms under the law.

With this in mind, we call on all political parties and their supporters to campaign peacefully, with the understanding that while we may disagree, we must maintain a spirit of goodwill and calm. We must not let our differences, whatever they may be, cause us to descend into violence and intimidation.

The 2020 general and regional elections campaigns will end on March 2nd, and ours will be the task of building One Guyana. This will require all Guyanese, moving forward together, to create the future our children deserve and we must do so as one people and one nation with a shared destiny.

-ENDS-

APNU+AFC Media Release

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Saturday, February 22, 2020

APNU+AFC heartened by high Disciplined Services voter turnout

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The APNU+AFC Coalition is heartened by the high level of turnout by the members of the Disciplined Services for their voting yesterday, Friday February 21st. The 82% turnout is a clear indication of the immense confidence that the members of the Joint Services have in the leadership provided by President Brig. David Granger and the APNU+AFC Coalition Government. Further, this unprecedented turnout is higher than that achieved in 2015 when our Coalition went on to win the elections.

Life for the hardworking members of the Joint Services has improved significantly under the APNU+AFC Coalition Government with vastly increased salaries, lower taxes, more training opportunities, better conditions of work, meritorious promotions, more equipment and greater resources.

The Joint Services put their lives on the line to keep our country and its citizens safe and their welfare and wellbeing are top priorities for our Coalition Government.

We are committed to ensuring that their quality of life, like that of all Guyanese improves even more during our next term in government.

The APNU+AFC Coalition is the only party that is committed to ensuring that every member of our joint services is a homeowner.

We salute the members of the Joint Services for their impressive turnout on Disciplined Services Voting Day and look forward to them providing services on E-Day, March 2nd to ensure a safe day of voting for all eligible electors.

-ENDS-

APNU+AFC Media Release

For immediate release

Monday, February 24, 2020

APNU+AFC condemns PPP's desperate fake news campaign

The APNU+AFC Coalition alerts all Guyanese to the proliferation of fake news and false propaganda being distributed by the opposition People's Progressive Party and their agents. The PPP and their agents have launched a vicious and nasty disinformation campaign and are smothering facebook, WhatsApp and other social media and messaging

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Onward to victory!

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APNU+AFC condemns PPP's desperate fake news campaign

The APNU+AFC Coalition alerts all Guyanese to the proliferation of fake news and false propaganda being distributed by the opposition People's Progressive Party and their agents. The PPP and their agents have launched a vicious and nasty disinformation campaign and are smothering facebook, WhatsApp and other social media and messaging services with a barrage of absolutely fake news in an effort to mislead the Guyanese electorate.

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APNU+AFC Media Release

For immediate release

Thursday, February 27, 2020

APNU+AFC officials brief observer missions

The APNU+AFC Coalition Campaign Co-Managers have this week met with and briefed four missions here to observe the March 2nd General and Regional Elections.

A Coalition Team led by Co-Chairs Lt. Col. Joseph Harmon and Raphael Trotman along with Campaign Administrator Dr. Mark Kirton met with the Commonwealth and Organization of American States missions on Monday February 24th and Wednesday February 26th respectively.

The Commonwealth Observer Mission is headed by former Prime Minister of Barbados the Right Honourable Owen Arthur. The OAS delegation is led by former Jamaica Prime Minister The Honourable Bruce Golding.

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Co-Chairs Harmon and Trotman also met with representatives of the CARICOM observer mission and Harmon and Campaign Executive David Patterson met with the European Union Observer Mission representatives on Wednesday.

The APNU+AFC executives briefed the various teams on various matters related to the elections and reaffirmed the Coalition's commitment to free, fair and peaceful elections in Guyana while reiterating their commitment to the Ethnic Relations Commission's Code of Conduct. The officials also expressed to the various missions the Coalition's reservations on the issue of polling stations being located at private residences.

All four sessions were cordial and interactive.

-ENDS-

AFC PRESS STATEMENT

RE: General and Regional Elections Results:

The Alliance For Change, as a partner in the APNU+AFC Coalition, notes the concerns that have arisen regarding the declaration of results for the General and Regional elections of March 2, 2020.

Despite some concerns about the process in certain regions, the AFC believes that the elections were generally well conducted within the provisions of the Representation of the People Act. We take note that some of the international observers have expressed similar sentiments and have commended the Guyana Elections Commission (GECOM) on its conduct of the Elections.

We therefore regret that an otherwise orderly process has become marred by the unfortunate events relating to the declaration of the results for Region 4.

The entire nation has placed its confidence in GECOM's ability to conduct these elections in a manner that is in keeping with the legal requirements and which maintains the credibility of the process. GECOM is the constitutional body which is legally empowered to conduct Elections and to make decisions and declarations relating to the outcome of those Elections.

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In this regard, we condemn the invasion of GECOM's offices by members of the People's Progressive Party (PPP), including the Leader of the Opposition and its Presidential Candidate, their intimidation of GECOM'S officials and their interference with GECOM's computers and documents. This display of hostility and hooliganism has created an atmosphere of fear and tension at GECOM's office and among its personnel.

It has also contributed to the creation of a volatile situation in various areas of the country where there are now sporadic instances of unlawful behaviour. This unsavory behaviour must be repudiated and condemned by all who would wish to maintain Guyana's democracy.

The AFC is encouraging all Guyanese to remain calm and to act at all times in the interest of Guyana and our democracy. We must resolve our disagreements in accordance with the stipulated legal process. The AFC as a partner in the Coalition Government gives our citizens the assurance that it will do all in its power to support a resolution of the current situation acceptable to all stakeholders and to have an appropriate review of our electoral arrangements undertaken to foster greater confidence in the outcome of future elections.

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The Alliance For change notes the concerns expressed by various political parties, groups, observers and members of the public regarding the results of the recently concluded elections.

The Alliance For Change recognizes GECOM as the only constitutionally established body authorized to declare the results of the 2020 elections.

Our party is confident that the data which form the basis of the declarations made for the various regions by GECOM has already been tabulated and is available. In the interest of transparency and for the sake of maintaining public confidence in the electoral process at this critical time, we therefore urge GECOM to release this data to the public as early as possible.

Further, the party calls on GECOM to ensure the security of all elections material in order for these to be available for scrutiny in the event of legal challenges arising over the outcome of these elections.

In the meantime we ask all Guyanese to respect the rule of law and remain calm during the period ahead.

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APNU+AFC Media Release

For immediate release

Thursday, March 5, 2020

Statement by APNU+AFC Campaign Co-Manager Joseph Harmon

I have received credible reports and viewed video recordings of various incidents which took place at the GECOM Office on High and Hadfield Street last evening and early this morning. I have noted that a large number of People's Progressive Party leaders, led by their Presidential Candidate and associated persons along with known characters converged on GECOM during the night. I have also noted their behavior and conduct in general and specifically towards the GECOM staff, including the Chief Elections Officer.

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The behavior and conduct of the PPP leaders and their enforcers is totally and wholly unacceptable and is to be condemned in the strongest possible terms and I do so unequivocally. I am appalled that PPP leaders would seek to intimidate and bully the GECOM staff, that they would storm into offices at GECOM which they are not authorized enter, that they would abuse staff, attempt to seize GECOM property and handle and seemingly tamper with GECOM records.

This is grave and dangerous conduct which is obviously designed to compromise the electoral process and injure Guyana's democracy.

I call on the PPP leadership to exercise restraint and not to further contribute to an atmosphere of fear, intimidation and hostility which they have created at the GECOM office. There are reports of GECOM staff being fearful for their lives and safety as a result of the conduct of the PPP and their associates.

I commend GECOM and its officers for standing their ground even as a full assessment of the harm that has been caused by the PPP operatives is to be done. I commend the Guyana Police Force for acting decisively and with restraint.

GECOM is an autonomous agency which must be allowed to execute its mandate of the delivery of free, fair and credible elections to the people of Guyana. It is in the process of doing so and the PPP must desist from derailing their work as they are about to conclude their final tabulations before making a declaration. I call on all Guyanese to continue to exercise restraint and patience and await the official declaration of results by GECOM.

-ENDS-

APNU+AFC Media Release

For immediate release

Friday, March 6, 2020

APNU+AFC calls on citizens to remain calm and peaceful

The APNU+AFC Coalition urges all Guyanese to respect the will of the people as exercised in the General and Regional Elections of Monday March 2, 2020.

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Further the APNU+AFC Coalition calls on all Guyanese to conduct themselves in a peaceful and law-abiding manner as they go about their daily activities. APNU+AFC implores citizens to remain calm and not to engage in any act whatsoever to disrupt national life or cause any strife or inconvenience.

APNU+AFC Coalition commends the hundreds of thousands of Guyanese who exercised their right to vote on Monday and who have remained calm and peaceful as we all await the final declaration of results by the Guyana Elections Commission.

-ENDS-

APNU+AFC Release
For immediate release
March 9, 2020

Response to Gail Teixeira's FB post on PPP/C on March 8, 2020

Gail Teixeira, PPP Executive Member and Parliamentarian

Ms. Gail Teixeira has posted a video where she's claiming to be responding to statements made by the APNU+AFC coalition members Cathy Hughes and Khemraj Ramjattan in relation to the present election impasse and presence of unauthorized foreign agents, and the allegation of subversive intent in relation to the election.

In her attempt to clear the air, Ms. Teixeira has only made it more crystal clear the PPP/C's continuation of a false narrative that the Coalition is attempting to steal the election.

We reject this narrative because at its core is the delegitimization of the will of the people as expressed on March 2, 2020 by way of the ballot boxes. When those results are certified, they will vindicate the Coalition as having won outright the March 2, election.

1. Perhaps the most paradoxically of her statement is the one falsely claiming that the government has no public support; when in fact, the votes declared thus far show a majority of support for the governing coalition. When the formal process in completed, the APNU+AFC Coalition would have secured a majority which in itself is a vote of confidence from the Guyanese people.
2. She accused GeCom of 'creating statements of the poll' at some remote locations to match the spreadsheet at the centre of the dispute. This is absurd and only shows how desperate the PPP/C will go to discredit and delegitimize GeCom to gain public support for its "alternative facts" and false narrative on the election outcome.
   This statement alone about GeCom is totally irresponsible and should be rejected by all right-thinking Guyanese, irrespective of political affiliation.
3. Contrary to the video-footage which is now all over social media, showing the invasion and mayhem by PPP officials and supporters at GeCom, Gail Teixeira would like viewers to believe that they were seeing something else by claiming that the video is simply showing persons voicing their opinions. In other words, don't believe what you saw.

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Ms. Teixeira can claim all the 'alternative facts' that she wants, the evidence is there to prove that GeCom was invaded, and its staff intimidated by PPP official and hoodlums.

4. This video post by Ms. Teixeira will not change the facts on the ground, that PPP/C is fomenting discord and friction among the populace and create an ungovernable environment for the government.
5. PPP/C must therefore be prepared to accept responsibility for any negative outcome from its action and incitement.
6. We should all pause and ask why the PPP/C has chosen to raise unsubstantiated and bogus claims about the vote count in Region 4, which is traditionally and remains the region in which APNU+AFC has its greatest support. We must also question why the PPP/C is seeking to have GeCom treat the vote tabulation process in Region 4 in a different way from how it was done in other regions?

End.

STATEMENT

BY THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE PNCR

RESPECT GECOM AND THE COURT – ALL FORMS OF VIOLENCE MUST BE CONDEMNED

The People's National Congress Reform (PNCR) calls on all Guyanese to remain calm and to desist from any activity which can lead to the heightening of tensions in our society.

The PNCR notes with great concern the intimidation and fear tactics unleashed by the PPP at the offices of the Returning Officer for District Number Four and condemns the storming of GECOM's offices by the PPP. The Party also condemns the violence unleashed on innocent school children, women, citizens and police officers in many of our villages.

We wish to remind all Guyanese that the Guyana Elections Commission (GECOM) is an independent Constitutional agency and it must be allowed to do its work without political interference or intimidation.

Everyone who has followed elections in Guyana knows that District Four is the most populous and has the largest number of electors. This District/Region is the home of the PNCR's political base and has always voted solidly for the PNCR (which is a major partner in the six-party coalition, APNU+AFC). This region has never been won by the PPP. All objective political observers knew that we (APNU+AFC) would win this district handsomely.

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In the 2015 elections, 412,012 electors voted; in 2020 with an increase in population and new electors captured by the house-to-house registration this total increased to 473,352 electors. From the numbers released by GECOM, APNU+AFC secured 237,004 of the votes cast and the PPP 229,344.

It is clear that the PPP will continue with its false narrative pertaining to the declared results from District Four and the work of the Elections Commission; we must see this for what it is – a drowning man clutching at a straw.

The PNCR calls on all of our members and supporters to remain calm as we await the decision of the Court and the final declaration of the elections results by GECOM.

Hon. Amna Ally
General Secretary
People's National Congress Reform

Tuesday 10th March 2020

WPA's Statement to the Media

March 10, 2020

WPA notes with much concern the developments in our country since March 2 when Guyanese went to the polls to elect the next government. Even for a party that is well aware of the dangers of elections within a winner-takes-all framework, we are alarmed at the turn of events. As things stand, what is at stake is the very survival of the multi-ethnic covenant that has held our country together since emancipation. The signs of dislocation are too evident to be ignored.

But, in the circumstances WPA deliberately refrains from commenting on the matters before the court. A fair comment must await a comprehensive observation and analysis of all the evidence from all sides of the political spectrum. It is against that background that we pledge to abide by the ruling of the court and let the rule of law guide us to safer territory.

WPA has throughout its long life as a political party and actor advocated for a political solution to our historical problems in the form of a power-sharing Government of National Unity which guarantees our major ethnic groups protection against domination by the other. It is the foremost reason for our initial and continued membership of the Coalition which we view as a steppingstone towards such a government. We renew that call now in this hour of desperation.

It is unfortunate that the narrow branding of the Coalition both from within and without has partly resulted in the ongoing election being perceived as a straight ethno-political fight between the two major parties. WPA's attempts to alter that narrative was clearly

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not as successful as we wanted it to be. Our considered view is that the situation warrants a radical intervention to restore some semblance of cohesion.

But even as we advance that idea which seems to be coming from several quarters, we must implore on the major actors, particularly the PPP to retreat from the naked aggression that has characterized the events of the past week. The storming of GECOM's command center was a form of "militaristic" intervention that has compromised that party's claim as an untainted actor. We are appalled that those, including the diplomatic community and the international and local observers, who are seemingly fixated on the purity of the elections have ignored that grave incident.

The orchestrated protests by the PPP which followed that action at GECOM cannot be dignified as demonstrations in defence of democracy. There is nothing democratic when schoolchildren, law enforcement officers and other innocent citizens are intentionally targeted for extreme violence. WPA is convinced that those mindless attacks were not the outcomes of spontaneous action—they are part of a well-planned campaign of intimidation.

It is why the WPA urges the international community and other observers to do everything in their power to avoid the trap of being played to engage in overt and covert partisan entanglement. It

would be helpful in the long run if these international observers confine themselves to the internationally accepted role of neutral observers. National reconciliation cannot be easily achieved if one side feels a sense of victimhood.

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And those who strive in Our Cause, We shall surely guide them to Our Paths.

In the Name of Allah (God Almighty), The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

3/5/2020

Press Statement

Peace Be With You

As the Guyanese community anxiously awaits the declaration of the results of the March 2nd General and Regional Elections, tensions continue to mount. This is not a healthy situation for our beautiful country and our people in any way. Hence, with growing concern for the wellbeing of all, and the preservation of peace and stability, we the members of the Guyana Islamic Trust, make the following appeals:

1. **To the Citizens of Guyana:** we ask that you continue to exercise patience and remain calm and peaceful as we await the declaration of the results. Let us avoid acts which can incite violence and racial conflict, because there can be no winner in such a situation but rather, everyone will suffer. May Almighty God forbid, aameen.

2. **To the Officials of GECOM:** we call on you to fulfill your mandate in an expeditious and transparent way, so as to arrive at a declaration of the results of the elections as soon as possible. The many unnecessary delays to this point have led to mounting frustration and tension across the country. There is now a high level of mistrust and misgiving among stakeholders and citizens regarding the integrity of the process. We appeal to you to expedite this process so that democracy can take its course and some semblance of normalcy can be restored.

3. **To the Political Parties:** We ask that you respect and uphold the constitution of our country and allow true democracy to prevail by accepting the results of the elections and not pre-empting the process. The electorate has expressed itself at the polls and the only acceptable course of action is to respect its wishes. We further ask that you appeal to your supporters to maintain the peace and calm and preserve the stability of our country. We all have to live together at the end of the day, for we are: One People, One Nation, One Destiny.

May God Almighty save our country and people from violence, chaos, mayhem and injustice. May he unite us in peace and love, as we work together towards the development of our country, aameen.

Administrative Council
Guyana Islamic Trust

And say (unto them): Act! Allah will behold your actions, and (so will) His messenger and the believers, and you will be brought back to the Knower of the invisible and the visible, and He will tell you what you used to do. Al Quran 9:105

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GUYANA HINDU DHARMIC SABHA

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Statement by Guyana Hindu Dharmic Sabha on Guyana Elections

The Guyana Hindu Dharmic Sabha is deeply concerned about the occurrences at the Guyana Elections Commission over the past few days which culminated in the purported declaration of the results for region 4 without the required verification process being completed as required by law.

Our democracy is precious and must be maintained and defended. Elections offer Guyanese an opportunity to vote for a government of their choice and GECOM is responsible for conducting free and fair elections with honesty, integrity and transparency in strict accordance with our laws.

The international and local observers, Diplomatic community and contesting parties have all stated that the results announced for Region 4 lack credibility and have called for the legally required verification process using the statements of polf to be resumed as soon as possible. We join this call and strongly urge GECOM, including its Chairperson, Commissioners, Chief Executive Officer, Regional Officer and staff, to complete the process in accordance with our laws so that an accurate result of Region 4 and the elections as a whole could be announced and legitimacy given to the elections. Any attempt to swear in a President without following the correct legal procedures would be illegal and bring our country into disrepute and the legitimacy of any government so formed into question.

We congratulate the people of Guyana for turning out in large numbers to participate in the elections, thereby showing great commitment to preserving democracy in our beautiful country. The unwarranted delays have led to mounting frustration and tensions. Daily activities have come to a virtual standstill and your patience is being tested. We urge you to remain calm and peaceful. GECOM and the political parties must be responsible and uphold our constitution and laws. The wellbeing of Guyana and its people should be your only priority. Let democracy prevail.

6th March 2020

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Statement by the CARICOM Election Observation Mission on Tabulation Process in Guyana's Elections

On **Mar 6, 2020**

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The CARICOM ELECTION OBSERVATION MISSION accepts that the tabulation process which commenced on Wednesday March 4, 2020 using the Statements of Poll and which was in accord with the legislative provisions of Section 84 of the Representation of the People Act Cap 1.03 Revised Edition of the Laws of Guyana, was interrupted and remains incomplete.

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In the name of Allah (God), Most Gracious, Most Merciful

March 6, 2020

The Muslim Youth Organization of Guyana is deeply concerned about the events that took place yesterday at the Office of the Returning Officer for Region 4 and the decision to declare results that had not been verified.

We believe there is still an opportunity for the elections to have credibility and reflect the will of the people as expressed at the polls on March 2.

Therefore the Muslim Youth Organization of Guyana is calling on GECOM to ensure that the correct process is followed.

"O you who believe! Stand out firmly for justice, as witnesses to Allah, even if it be against yourselves, your parents, and your relatives, or whether it is against the rich or the poor..." (Quran 4:135)

We also call for peace and calm in our beautiful country as we await the declaration of the officials results of our general and regional elections.

May Allah (God Almighty) grant our country peace, love and unity free from violence, mayhem and injustice. May we as a people live as One People, One Nation, One Destiny. Ameen.

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UNITED NATIONS RESIDENT COORDINATOR

STATEMENT

6 March, 2020

We are following with concern the latest developments in Guyana.

We take note of the statements issued by international observers and Ambassadors accredited in Georgetown raising concerns regarding lack of compliance with national legal procedures and the need to resume the tabulation of results for Region 4.

We encourage the relevant Guyanese authorities to finalize the process in a manner which leaves no doubts as to the credibility of the results that reflect the will of the Guyanese people.

The United Nations calls upon all sides to act with calm, patience and in full respect of human rights, the rule of law and Guyana's constitutional order.

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whilst falsely claiming the treasury was bankrupt. What was their reason?
a. This will prevent ministers from being corrupt
b. Ministers were making big salaries in the Private Sector c. All Of The Above

6. From the $20 billion in the gold reserves left by the PPP/C how much did APNU+AFC sell out?
a. $1 b. $10 c. $100 d. All of it

7. A Minister of the government had a substantial sum of cash transferred into his personal bank account by a Chinese company. Name the Minister and the amount of cash.

8. Which current government minister, was recorded saying that he deliberately diverted attention from the real perpetrators of the Agricola massacre?

9. Which government ministry deposited over $20 million dollars into the personal bank account of the children of a minister?

10. In the aftermath of the deadly Camp Street prison fire, when questioned about possible solutions to prison overcrowding, which Minister suggested that prisoners should be 'put on a boat and floated out to sea'?

11. Which minister argued that the 2AM curfew was a solution to crime in Guyana and arrogantly said if Guyanese weren't happy with it he will bring it to midnight?

12. Which APNU+AFC crony got over $300 million ($12.5 million per month) in rental from the government, for a Water Street Kingstown house, which was used to store condoms?

13. Who argued that they could not afford the $2.6 billion for the "$10,000" cash grant to children, and then increased spending on food per year by $1.6 billion?

14. Which minister called Amerindians greedy and said that they should not receive any benefits from the oil and gas sector, if they received more titled lands?

15. Why did Granger refuse to conduct a COI into the "troubled periods"?

26. Which government spent over $100 million of taxpayers' money to prove that 34 is the majority of 65 all the way to the CCJ?

27. Name two of the 20 Parliamentarians whose names were published on 1st February 2020 as failing to file their declarations to the integrity commission?

28. According to Global Witness Guyana lost US$55 billion due to incompetent and possibly corrupt oil contracts. How much is this lost in GY per person?
a. GS$18.4million b. GS$6.9 million c. GS$23.1 million d. GS$8.1 million

29. Which economist and Guyanese who don't like the oil contracts ran from their own political party to get a new contract

30. Government's job swap with "the government failed to create jobs, then caused the loss of 100,000 jobs, and started it wasn't the government's job to create jobs"

31. Who promised free education and then increased UG's tuition by 35%?

32. Which Minister spent $605 million on drugs in violation of the procurement law (PPC report) and then paid another $500 million (AG report) to an APNU+AFC crony company for drugs that were either delivered late or never delivered?

33. Which Minister had Cabinet illegally approve an "unsolicited" bid for $161.7 million for a feasibility study of a new Demerara River Bridge and then took nearly $300 million from the Asphalt Plant fund?

34. Which government increased taxes by $91 billion per year?

35. How many jobs were lost under the current administration?
a. 349 b. 365 c. 800 d. 30,000

36. Which Government gave away over 60,000 acres to a few cronies, but didn't develop a single new house lot and then placed VAT on building materials?

37. How much of taxpayers' money was spent in 2018 and could not be accounted for by the Indigenous Peoples Affairs Ministry?

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE OF GUYANA
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BETWEEN:

REEAZ HOLLADAR

Applicant

-and-

1. **RETURNING OFFICER, CLAIRMONT MINGO**
2. **CHIEF ELECTIONS OFFICER, KEITH LOWENFIELD**
3. **THE GUYANA ELECTIONS COMMISION**

Respondents

AFFIDAVIT IN DEFENCE OF CLAIRMONT MINGO

I, Clairmont Mingo, of Main Street, Cummingsburg, Georgetown, being duly sworn make oath and say as follows:

1. That I am the First Named Respondent.
2. That I rely on the Affidavits of Aubrey Norton, John Adams, Nicola Trotman, Roxanne Myers and James Bond.
3. I have read the Affidavits of REAZ HOLLADAR, CHARLES RAMSON, SAVITRI SONIA PARAG and ZULFIKAR MUSTAPHA and save as is herein admitted I deny each and every allegation as if set out verbatim and traverse seriatim.
4. With respect to the Affidavit of Reeaz Holladar I do not have any knowledge of para 2 therein but paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 are admitted.
5. That paragraph 6 (i) to (v) , (vii) , (ix)and (xxv) are admitted.

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6. That in respect of paragraphs 6 (x) , (xi),(xxvi) and (xxviii)I do not have any knowledge of the contents therein.
7. That paragraph 6 (viii) ,(xii) to (xxiv) , (xxvii)and (xxix) inclusive is denied.
8. I will contend that from around 10:30 pm on Monday night, the 2nd March, 2020, the clerks for each area in the District four, under my supervision, began tabulating the Statements of Poll from the south Georgetown area at our command centre at the Ashmin's building.
9. At this time, the Observers, PPP/C candidates, APNU/AFC candidates and others were present.
10. At this time (10:30 pm) I cannot say if the other regions were tabulated. It would be doubtful since it was only four hours after the close of poll.
11. We carried out the process throughout the night into Tuesday, 3rd March, 2020, and we continued until 12 midday. I then paused for a lunch break for 20 minutes and that was agreed upon by everyone including the PPP/C that we would resume at around 1:00pm.
12. We then gathered at the agreed time but the PPP/C representatives did not return until at 1:30pm and then we continued the process.
13. By 12 midday we had completed south Georgetown and part of North Georgetown.
14. We completed the remainder of North Georgetown at around 9:45 pm on the 3rd March, 2020.
15. At that time both myself and staff were tired and we decided to stop and decided to resume at 9:00 am on the 4th March, 2020.
16. We resumed a little after 9:00 am on the said 4th March, 2020 and all the representatives of the parties and observers were present.
17. I began feeling ill at around 11:00 am and I went upstairs to rest. Before leaving to go upstairs I instructed the clerks to continue the process; and the Senior Clerk to supervise the process.

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18. While upstairs, my condition worsened and I had to be rushed to the hospital at 12:00 pm or a little after 12:00 pm.
19. I was advised by Ms. Michelle Miller, Senior Clerk and verily believe that the process did not stop since the clerks continued the process in my absence and the observers and all party representatives were present.
20. When I took ill, Georgetown was finished except 5 (Five) Statement of Polls that had queries and we had East Bank of Demerara and the East Coast Demerara to do.
21. I was informed by Ms Michelle Miller that in my absence the clerks inputted the Data for the East Bank and the East Coast Demerara. There was a complete input of all the data for District 4 at around 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday under the supervision of the senior clerk, Michelle Miller.
22. That I was informed by Michelle Miller and verily believed that all the data for District 4 was inputted into the computer by the 4th March, 2020.
23. I was duly informed by the said Michelle Miller and verily believe that the information inputted into the computer as aforesaid was extracted from the Statements of Poll for District Four and the information was inputted into the computer onto a spreadsheet, the use of spreadsheets to the best of my knowledge was utilised in previous elections and in all districts in these current elections.
24. At all times in my absence Michelle Miller, a senior clerk, employed by GECOM supervised the operations.
25. That at that point I was ready to make a Declaration in accordance with section 84 of the Representation of the People Act, cap 1:03 but a request was made by the representatives of certain political parties for reconciliation between matters extracted from certain Statements of Poll in my possession and inputted into the spreadsheet and in about 3 or 4 of the Statement of Poll held by those representatives.

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26. That I caused the said request to be accommodated and there was a reconciliation of the minor discrepancies between the matters contained on the spreadsheet and extracted from the Statement of Poll in my possession and that of the representatives making the request.
27. That process ended at or around 9:00pm the evening of 4th of March 2020, and both me and my clerks being tired we adjourned to the following day being the 5th day of March, 2020.
28. On march 5th 2020 at approximately 9:45am, my clerk Ms. Miller was making preparation for my impending Declaration pursuant to section 84 of the Representation of the Peoples Act, cap 1:03 when she was interrupted by a large contingent of the PPP/c representatives who were demanding "verification" of the entries made into the spreadsheet from the Statements of Poll in Gecom's possession against those held by them.
29. That I was made aware of their demands and after consideration of same and having found no merit for their request I announced that I intended to make my Declaration in accordance with section 84 of the Representation of the Peoples Act, cap 1:03.
30. This was met by a loud uproar, threats of violence and menacing conduct by the PPP/C representatives in the building and I had to rush back upstairs for my safety and I was followed by a host of PPP/C representatives.
31. They continued with their noise for a long time and when I realise there was a pause, I went to the balcony at around 2:00 pm hoping to explain to them my reason for proceeding to make the Declaration.
32. I was met with a lot of noise. I stood on the balcony for about ten minuets waiting for them to be quiet but they continued to be noisy trying to prevent me from declaring the results of the count.
33. I remained on the balcony and after there was a lull in the noise about 2:20 pm I did readout the Declaration by publicly declaring same before them all and those

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people who were standing near to me on the balcony and attached hereto and marked "CL" is a true copy of the said Declaration .

34. I signed it right before their eyes and I stamped it with the Returning Officer stamp for District number 4 and dated it 5thMarch, 2020.
35. After making the Declaration, I returned to the office where I was staying upstairs and lay on the bed because my blood pressure was rising again.
36. I am advised by Counsel and verily believe that Section 84 (1) does not require me to conduct any "verification process" or to compare the Statements of Poll in GECOM possession with that of those held by party representatives as there was ample opportunity for this to be done at the respective polling stations. The Representation of the People Act provide for the process by which any party dissatisfied with any Declaration made to seek a recount. I followed the law and made a lawful Declaration as soon as practicable after the statements of poll have been received and the votes for each List of Candidates tallied.
37. That in respect of paragraph 6 (vi)of the Affidavit of REAZ HOLLADAR I deny the contention therein and state that I ascertained the votes cast in favour of each list in district four in accordance with the Statements of Poll.
38. That I deny paragraph 6 (viii) of REAZ HOLLADAR, and I will contend that upon ascertaining the votes cast in the District for each List of Candidates, the Returning Officer is to communicate to the Chief Elections Officer by the quickest available means the total number of valid votes cast in the District for each List of Candidates. I did just that after I read out the Declaration.
39. That with respect to the Affidavit of CHARLES RAMSON, sworn to on the 6th March, 2020, paragraph 1 is admitted and paragraph 23 is admitted to the extent that I sent him a letter dated the 6th March, 2020, informing him that GECOM's records do not indicate that he is the Counting Agent for the People's Progressive Party in District #4.

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40. That paragraph 3 is admitted to the extent that Mr. Ramson was in the building on the 5thMarch, 2020. I deny that I did not move my lips. I read the Declaration from the balcony at around 2:20 pm.
41. That paragraph 2 is denied and I will contend that I informed Mr. Ramson that GECOM's records did not indicate that he is the Counting Agent for District four. I am advised and verily belief that he was appointed as a Counting Agent for a sub-office for District 4.
42. That in respect of paragraphs 4 to 22 (inclusive) I have no knowledge of the said contents.
43. That in respect of the SUPPLEMENTAL AFFIDAVIT OF CHARLES RAMSON sworn to on the 6th March, 2020, I admit paragraph 1 and in relation to paragraph 2 I have no knowledge of an Affidavit sworn to by the said Charles Ramson on the 7th March, 2020.
44. I deny paragraph 3 and will contend that at no time did I acknowledge Mr. Ramson as the PPP/C's Counting Agent for District Four.
45. I deny paragraph 4 to the extent that I acknowledged Mr. Ramson as the PPP/C's Counting Agent and that I had discussions with him concerning the commencement of the tabulation process. I will also contend that the process recommenced and ceased at the time mentioned aforesaid as stated herein in my Affidavit.
46. With respect to the Affidavit of SAVITRI SONIA PARAG sworn to on the 6th March, 2020, I admit paragraphs 2 to 7 and 11(inclusive).
47. I deny paragraph 8 and will contend that I ascertained the votes cast in favour of each list in District Four in accordance with the Statements of Poll as is required as a Returning Officer.
48. In relation to paragraph 9, I will admit that I am governed by the provisions of the Representation of the People's Act, Cap. 1:03 but will contend that the process as described by Ms. Parag in paragraph 8 is not required by the law.

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49. I deny paragraph 10 and I will contend that upon ascertaining the votes cast in the District for each list of candidates, the Returning Officer to communicate to the Chief Elections Officer by the quickest available means the total number of valid votes cast in the District for each list of candidates. I did just that after I read out the declaration.
50. That I have no knowledge of paragraphs 12, 13 ,28 and 30.
51. I deny paragraphs 14 to 19 and will contend that I did read out the Declaration for District four in accordance with the Statements of Poll despite much disruption by the PPP /C representatives. I publicly declared the results before all observers and representatives of the various political parties. .
52. I deny paragraphs 20 to 25(inclusive) and will rely on my herein paragraphs 23 to 28 (inclusive).
53. I deny paragraph 26 and will rely on my herein paragraphs 21, 32 and 33.
54. In relation to paragraph 27 I will admit that certain Injunctive orders were granted by the Honourable Mr. Justice Navindra Singh, otherwise, pargraph 27 is denied.
55. I deny paragraph 29 and will contend that I obtained knowledge of the said Orders subsequent to my declaration.
56. I deny paragraph 31 and will contend that my actions were legal, Constitutional and well founded.
57. That in respect of the SUPPLEMENTARY AFFIDAVIT OF SAVITRI SONIA PARAG I admit paragraphs 1-3 (inclusive).
58. That in respect of paragraphs 4 to 6 I will contend that the contents therein are not within my knowledge and further I will state that on the 5th March, 2020, the process in relation to District 4 was lawfully completed.
59. That I deny paragraph 7 and will repeat and rely on my herein paragraphs 23 to 33 (inclusive).

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60. That I deny paragraphs 8 and 9 and will contend that the count had already been completed at around 9:10 pm and they were told to go home and report at 9:00 am the next day, on the 5th March, 2020.
61. With respect to paragraph 10 I do not know when Ms. Parag arrived, but I arrived at 9:45 am and I deny that I arrived around midday and I will rely again on my herein paragraphs 23 to 33 (inclusive).
62. In relation to paragraph 11 I will admit that I made the Declaration from the balcony in the presence and hearing of the observers and all the representatives of the political parties.
63. That paragraph 12 is denied and I will rely on my herein paragraph 33 wherein I stamped and signed the Declaration in front of all the persons present.
64. That I admit the statement in Ms. Parag's paragraph 13 that I made a public Declaration pursuant to section 84 (1) of The Representation of the People Act, Cap.1:03.
65. With respect to paragraph 14 I will contend that Mr. Charles Ramson was not the PPP/C's Counting Officer for Region 4 and he was so informed by letter dated 6th March, 2020.
66. That paragraph 15 is irrelevant and embarrassing.
67. That in relation to the SECOND SUPPLEMENTARY AFFIDAVIT OF SAVITRI SONIA PARAG I admit paragraphs 2 and 3.
68. That in relation to paragraphs 4 and 5 of the second Supplementary Affidavit, I have no knowledge of the contents therein.
69. That in relation to the AFFIDAVIT OF ZULFIKAR MUSTAPHA sworn to on the 6thMarch, 2020, I admit paragraphs 2 and 3.
70. I make no admission in respect of paragraphs 4, 5, 6 and 8 since I have no knowledge of the contents therein.
71. I deny paragraph 7 and I will contend that I never called Mr. Zulfikar Mohamed and had a conversation as he claims.

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72. That with respect to the letter of the March 1, 2020 I am informed by Mr. Keith Lowenfield, the second named Respondent that he never received any such letter appointing Mr. Charles Ramson as a Counting Agent.
73. That I am advised by my Attorneys at law and do verily believe that in any event the letter of the march 1, 2020 addressed to Mr. Keith Lowenfield is in breach of section 24 (2) of the representation of the People Act, cap 1:03 as the letter if delivered would have failed to comply with the requirement "Notice of every appointment of an assistant agent, counting Agent and Polling Agent, stating the name and address of the person so appointed shall be given no later that the 7th day before election day by the Election Agent to the Returning Officer".
74. That Mr. Keith Lowenfield is not the Returning Officer for District 4.
75. That I never received the letter dated March 1, 2020.
76. That further the letter of March 1, 2020 is not in respect of District 4 but states that Mr. Charles Ramson is appointed counting Agent "presenting the Peoples Progressive Party/Civic (PPP/C) at Georgetown, Region 4...."
77. That I am advised by my Attorneys-at-law, Neil Boston, S.C. and Robin Hunt that the Applicant is estoppel from litigating this matter because the issues in the extant case were already determined by Justice Navindra Singh which led to the final Orders he made based on the Oral Application made before him on the 5th day of March, 2020. That the question now seeks to be litigated by the Applicant is res judicata by implication.
78. That the issues raised in the Applicant's Affidavit in Support of his Oral Application are set out in his Affidavit in Support of his Fixed Date Application and that of Sonia Parag, Attorney-at-Law, namely:-

Particulars

(i) To date, there has been no completed verification of the votes listed for Election District Number 4.

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(ii) The verification and reconciliation process for Election District Number 4 was commenced in the presence of representatives and candidates of the contesting political parties, the international and local observers and officers of the third named Respondent.

(iii) The verification and reconciliation process for Election District Number 4 is being conducted at the office of the first named Respondent situate at Splashmin's Building, High and Hadfield Streets, Werk-en-Rust, Georgetown, Guyana, in the presence of representatives and candidates of the contesting political parties, the international and local observers and officers of the third named Respondent.

(iv) Over the next seventy-two (72) hours, after the close of Polls, the verification and reconciliation process was disrupted and delayed on several occasions and all of these disruptions and delays have been attributed solely to the refusal, failure, neglect and omission on the part of the third named Respondent, its officers, servants and agents to conduct the process in an open, transparent, fair and efficient manner and in compliance with the provisions of the Representation of the People Act.

(v) Election District Number 4 has 879 (eight hundred and seventy-nine) Polling Stations and to date approximately only 350 (three hundred and fifty) Statements of Poll have been verified, reconciled and tabulated.

(vi) On the 5th day of March, 2020, the Returning Officer for Elections District Number 4 attempted to declare the results for the district without any

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verification and reconciliation of more that 530 (five hundred and thirty) Statements of Poll, however, the process was halted after strong objections and protest from the observers and contesting political parties except APNU/AFC.

(vii) To date, there has been no proper and lawful declaration of the votes for Elections District Number 4 in compliance with the provisions of the Representation of the People Act.

(viii) I do verily believe that the purported declaration for the votes made by the Returning Officer for Election District Number 4 is unconstitutional, unlawful, illegal, improper, null, void and of no effect and flagrantly breaches the provisions of the Representation of the People Act.

(ix) A declaration of the result was made

79. That based on the representation made to Justice Singh and reflected in the Affidavits of the Applicant and Parag, Justice Singh made Final Orders, namely:-

(i) **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND DIRECTED THAT**an injunction be and is hereby granted restraining the **Returning Officer, Clairmont Mingo**, Election District Number Four, in the Cooperative Republic of Guyana, and/or the **Chief Elections Officer, Keith Lowenfield**, and the **Guyana Elections Commission (GECOM)**, jointly and severally, either by themselves, their servants and/or their agents, and/or by each of them, from in any manner whatsoever, declaring the votes recorded for each List of Candidates, for the said district before first complying with, or ensuring the compliance of the process set out in Section 84 of the Representation of the People Act, Cap 1:03, Laws of Guyana.

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(ii) **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND DIRECTEDTHAT** a Mandatory Injunction be and is hereby granted compelling the **Returning Officer (RO), Clairmont Mingo**, Election District Number Four, in the Cooperative Republic of Guyana, and/or the **Chief Elections Officer, Keith Lowenfield**, and the **Guyana Elections Commission (GECOM)**, jointly and severally, either by themselves, their servants and/or their agents, and/or by each of them, to comply with the letter and spirit of Section 84 of the Representation of the People Act, Cap 1:03, Laws of Guyana, forthwith and then to declare the votes recorded for List of Candidates for the said district in accordance with Section 84 of the Representation of the People Act, Cap 1:03, Laws of Guyana.

(iii) **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND DIRECTEDTHAT** an injunction be and is hereby granted restraining the **Guyana Elections Commission (GECOM)**, either by itself, it servants and/or agents, and each and every one of them, from in any manner whatsoever declaring the total number of valid votes of electors for each List of Candidates recorded in the Guyana National and Regional Elections 2020, until and unless the **Returning Officer, Clairmont Mingo**, Election District Number Four, in the Cooperative Republic of Guyana, and/or the **Chief Elections Officer, Keith Lowenfield**, complies with and ensures the compliance of the process set out by the provision, letter and spirit of Section 84 of the Representation of the People Act, Cap 1:03, Laws of Guyana.

80. That I am advised by my Attorneys-at-Law, Neil Boston, S.C. and Robin Hunt that having regard to the Final Orders made by Justice Singh, the issues raised in

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the Affidavits and the Reliefs sought have been impliedly decided by him. Such findings are inferred from the Judicial Act of granting the Final Orders Justice Singh made.

81. That I am advised by my Attorneys-at-Law, Neil Boston, S.C. and Robin Hunt, that the Learned Judge decided the Fixed Date Application on an Oral Application made to him without giving the Respondents an opportunity to be heard.

82. That I am further advised by my Attorneys-at-Law, Neil Boston, S.C. and Robin Hunt, and verily believe that the decision of Justice Singh that led to the Final Orders could not have been legitimately or rationally pronounced by Justice Singh without at the same time, and in the same breath so to speak, determining the questions in issue in a particular way, such determination, though not declared on the face of the recorded (decision) or Orders.

83. That the proceedings before Chief Justice George, is the case where the Applicant now seeks to rehear a matter which has already determined by Justice Singh on the 5th day of March, 2020.

84. That I am further advised by my Attorneys-at-Law, Neil Boston, S.C. and Robin Hunt that the Affidavits of Charles Ramson and Zulfikar Mustapha cannot and could not have informed the determination of the Application by Justice Singh on the 5th day of March, 2020.

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85. This Affidavit was drawn by my instructions and on my behalf by Mr. Neil Boston S.C., Attorney-at-Law whose address for service is Lot 2 Croal Street, Stabroek, Georgetown for the Respondents herein.

Sworn before me at the City of Georgetown
In the County of Demerara, on the 10th March, 2020.

Commissioner of Oaths
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FORM 24

THE REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACT REGIONAL ELECTIONS

ELECTION RETURN

Name of Party APNU+ AFC	total	136,335 votes
Name of Party CG	total	913 votes
Name of Party LJP	total	757 votes
Name of Party OVP	total	117 votes
Name of Party PPP/C	total	77,258 votes
Name of Party PRP	total	383 votes
Name of Party URP	total	91 votes

Number of valid votes for all Parties 215,854

List of Candidates

This is the document marked A referred to in the foregoing affidavit of K. Mingo Sworn before me this 10th day of March 2020

A Commissioner of Oaths

Number of spoilt ballot papers	836
Number of destroyed ballot papers	39
Total number of tendered ballot papers	43

Rejected Ballot Papers

a. Want of official mark	982
b. Unmarked or void for uncertainty	1167
c. Marked for more than one Candidate's List	495
d. Marked so that the Elector can be identified	413
Total	3,348

I hereby certify that the above report is correct

RETURNING OFFICER
DISTRICT #4
Demerara/Mahaica

Dated this 05.03.20 Day of MARCH, 2020

This is the document marked A referred to in the foregoing affidavit of [illegible] sworn before me this 10th day of MAR 2020 [illegible]

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THE SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE OF GUYANA

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT

I, **AUBREY NORTON,** of Lot 27 Prince Williams Street, Plaisance, East Coast Demerara, Guyana, being duly sworn make oath and say as follows:-

1. That I am the deponent herein.
2. That the facts stated herein are save and except where stated to be based on information received, within my personal knowledge and are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.
3. That with respect to General and Regional Elections in Guyana 2020, I was appointed Counting Agent, Assistant Election Agent and took over from Joseph Harmon as Campaign Manager of Electoral District numbered 3

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for the A Partnership for National Unity and Alliance for Change Coalition (APNU + AFC).

4. That the said Electoral District consisted of 355 (three hundred and fifty) polling stations.

5. That as Counting Agent, Assistant Election Agent and Campaign Manager of Electoral District numbered 3 my duties entailed, assigning agents to different polling stations, ensuring all polling agents of APNU+AFC are appointed and accredited by the Guyana Election Commission (GECOM) for each polling station and to supervise the count.

6. That there were 3 (three) sub districts in electoral district 3 (three).

7. That I was issued by GECOM badges of accreditation for all the candidates to visit polling stations in electoral district 3 (three).

8. That there were 3 (three) Assistant Electoral Agents for district number 3, namely; myself, John Adams and Thandi McAllister.

9. That I was permitted to visit all of the polling stations in electoral district 3 (three).

10. That I instructed all of the APNU+AFC Polling Agents to arrive at 5am on the 2nd day of March, 2020, at their respective polling stations.

11. That the Polling Agents were expected to be there to witness the arrival opening and to verify the contents of the ballot boxes and the selection of the 6 (six) digit unique number for each polling station and to ensure that all other supporting documents are in place before the polls were open.

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12. That the Polling Agents of APNU+AFC also acted as counting agents for APNU+AFC in district number 3 (three).

13. That after the count was completed, the Counting Agents signed off on the Statement of Polls (SOPs).

14. That the ballot boxes were sealed and the Polling Agents, after receiving their copy of the Statement of Polls, had departed the polling station.

15. That the Presiding Officer and the Deputy Returning Officer accompanied the ballot boxes to the metal containers controlled by GECOM.

16. That several of our polling agents did not receive any tallying sheets from the Presiding Officer.

17. That I was not in receipt of all of the Statement of Polls from my Polling Agents.

18. That I arrived at the Office of the Returning Officer at 1:30pm on the 3rd day of March, 2020, and the Returning Officer then handed to me and Mr. John Adams a copy of a spreadsheet with numbers filled in for every polling station and with the number of votes that each political party purported to have received.

19. That the filling in of the said spreadsheet was never done in the presence of any APNU+AFC agents.

20. That I protested the actions of the Returning Officer and informed him that his actions were improper.

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21. That all of the polling agents of the APNU+AFC left the Office of the Returning Officer.

22. That on the 4th day of March, 2020 the Returning Officer informed me that he was ready to make a declaration of the results for district 3 (three).

23. That upon my arrival at the office of the Returning Officer the results for district 3 were already declared and he then handed me an unsigned copy of the declaration.

24. That I then handed him a request for a recount of the results of district 3 (three) and he has since denied that request.

25. This Affidavit was drawn by my instructions and on my behalf by Mr. Neil Boston S.C., Attorney-at-Law whose address for service is Lot 2 Croal Street, Stabroek, Georgetown for the Respondents herein.

Sworn before me at the City of Georgetown

In the County of Demerara, on the 10th March, 2020.

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BETWEEN:

REEAZ HOLLADAR

Applicant

-and-

1. **RETURNING OFFICER, CLAIRMONT MINGO**
2. **CHIEF ELECTIONS OFFICER, KEITH LOWENFIELD**
3. **THE GUYANA ELECTIONS COMMISION**

Respondents

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT

I, **JAMES BOND**, Attorney-at-Law of Lot 228 South Road Lacytown Stabroek, Georgetown in the county of Demerara MAKE OATH AND SAY:

1. That I am the deponent herein.

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2. That the facts stated herein are save and except where stated to be based on information received, within my personal knowledge and are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

3. That on March 4th 2020 the members of the Government, the Main Opposition Party, the observers and I were present and the Returning Officer was asked to expedite theRegion Four declaration process in the interest of time.

4. That during the break which was sometime after lunch one of the GECOM staff members began giving the count via a spread sheet with the information contained in the Statement of Polls from District Four.

5. That about fifteen minutes after the process began the PPP/C representatives loudly protested the count being given for the various ballot boxes.

6. That the GECOM staff and I were able to read the results for twenty three ballot boxes but had to discontinue due to the uproar caused by the PPP/C representatives. .

7. That there was another delay at this time and over twenty PPP/C representatives were in the office where the District Four declaration process was occurring.

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8. That the PPP/C Presidential Candidate, the Opposition Leader, the Attorney General Mr. Basil Williams, Minister Volda Lawrence,Ms. Genevieve Allen, Mr. Earl Lambert and I were present.

9. That the Returning Officer was abused verbally and proceeded to leave the room under a hail of threats.

10. Thatthe Chief Elections Officer for GECOM was summoned and several hours laterhe then informed everyone present that the decision to use the spreadsheet was made in the interest of expediency since the Returning Officer had lost time having closed the operation early the previous night.

11. That subsequent to this statement the declaration process did not continue.

12. That on March4th 2020 the Returning Officer appeared visibly ill and came to begin the declaration process.

13. That on March 5th, 2020 the Returning Officer who was visibly ill came and explained that he was hospitalised. There were several shouts from the opposition representatives present who were numbered about fifteen. After ten minutes of shouting the process stopped and the Returning Officer exited the room again under a hail of threats and insults by the PPP/C representatives.

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14. That on March 5th 2020, I witnessed the Returning Officer proceeding up the stairway. The Retuning Officer then stood on the staircase between the second and third floor and in the full and clear view and hearing of the PPP representatives, the APNU+AFC representatives and several Elections Observers announced the Declaration of the results. The PPP supporters were all shouting but I heard the Declaration. What I heard the Returning Officer state and or read is exactly the same as set out in the Declaration that is attached hereto and marked exhibit "A."

15. This Affidavit was drawn by my instructions and on my behalf by Mr. Neil Boston, Attorney-at-Law for the Respondents herein whose address for service is Lot 2 Croal Street Stabroek, Georgetown.

Sworn before me at the City of Georgetown

In the County of Demerara, on the 10th March, 2020.

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Respondents

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT

I, **NICOLA TROTMAN**, of Lot 155 Durbana Square, Lamaha Gardens Georgetown, in the county of Demerara MAKE OATH AND SAY:

1. That on March 3rd 2020 at 10.00am I met my colleagues Ryan Belgrave, Tiffany Ageda and Minister Volda Lawerence at the GECOM Region Four office located at the Ashmins building to work on behalf of District Four as the Co-manager.

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2. That on arrival I joined the aforesaid persons to witness the declaration of the Region four vote as it related to the Georgetown Statement of Polls (SOPS).

3. That from where I was sitting I was sufficiently proximate enough to observe that the representatives from the Liberty and Justice Party did not have any SOPS. These representatives had just a computer with a spreadsheet that looked identical to the Peoples Progressive Party's (PPP) spreadsheet.

4. That at 21.00hrs the Returning Officer came to say that he is prepared to work throughout the night.

5. That at 23.30hrs the Returning Officer returned and explained that he and his staff were very tired and that they would be adjourning for the night and would return the following morning.

6. That I witnessed the loud disagreement expressed by the representatives of the Peoples Progressive Party.

7. That the loud outburst was verbally abusive and constituted an objection to the Returning Officer ending the process for the night.

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8. That my team and I left the Peoples Progressive Party representatives in the GECOM office continuing to behave in a loud disagreeable manner.

9. That we were prepared to return at 9.00am the following morning when we received news that the Returning Officer had collapsed and as such the process was suspended until further notice.

10. That on March 4th 2020 we returned to GECOM around 14.00hrs for the continuation of the witness the declaration of votes for Region 4.

11. That I was advised by Minister Volda Lawrence and do verily believe that the Chief Elections Officer came and explained that the Returning Officer was unwell and that the process will now be done via spreadsheets and not by Statement of Polls.

12. That I was advised by Minister Volda Lawrence and do verily believe that the representatives of the PPP/C loudly objected but eventually agreed to the use of the spreadsheet.

13. That I had reentered the room and noted that the process of the Declaration of the Statement of Polls by spreadsheets commenced and it was being conducted efficiently. This process was with reference to the East Bank of Demerara.

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14. That I observed that the PPP recognised there was a difference between their tabulation and GECOM's official tabulation and they loudly disrupted the process and demanded that the Chief Elections Officer reenter into the room. At this time Mr. Kwame MCKoy entered the room and was extremely abusive to the clerks that were calling the numbers. Mr. MC Koy was joined by Mr. Bharat Jagdeo, Mr.Irfan Ali, Ms. Priya Manickchand and Mr. Charles Ramson Jr. among others who all requested that the Chief Election Officer reenter the room and address their issues.

15. That their call for the Chief Elections Officer to reenter the room was done contrary to the agreement; between all the parties present, that all matters relating to the declaration of votes would be conducted subsequent to the completion of the declaration of votes, and that the spreadsheet would be used for the declaration process in the future.

16. That the aforesaid agreement was made to use the spreadsheet because it constituted a more efficient manner of tabulation.

17. That the Chief Elections Officer came and heard their issues and in an effort to restart the process efficiently he agreed that he will randomly selected three Statement of Polls to correlate with the Statement of Polls from the PPP/C. That I noticed one of the Statement of Polls correlated and two of the PPP/C Statement of Polls did not correlate with the Statement of Polls from GECOM.

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18. That the PPP/C then demanded that we refrain from using the Returning Officer's spreadsheet and recommence using the Statement of Polls.

19. That the Chief Elections Officer informed the PPP/C representatives that he would have to leave the Region Four district office and go the Commission and that he would return with a decision.

20. That the Chief Elections Officer left the room and when he returned he said that the spreadsheets will no longer be used and they will be using the spreadsheets and a screen will be used to facilitate transparent tabulation.

21. That a screen was erected in the room so that while the numbers were being called a clerk would enter the information into the system and this would facilitate efficient tabulation.

22. That the clerks began to look exhausted and tired.

23. That we took a fifteen minute break and upon resumption the clerks indicated that they were exhausted and that they would be closing off for the night. It was now about 10:30 p.m.

24. That the PPP/C representative loudly disagreed stating that the Chief Elections Officer said the process of ascertaining would continue throughout the night.

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25. That the clerks insisted that they were tired and that they would be closing off for the night.

26. That the clerks insisted that they were working throughout the process and they were tired after having slept in the building the night before.

27. That I observed one of the clerks is heavilypregnant.

28. That the clerks left the room and returned with the Chairman of GECOM who asked that we show some humanity and understanding for the staff who have been working around the clock and that the staff will resume on Thursday morning.

29. That the representatives of the APNU-AFC team left the building and we left the PPP Team and the observers in the building.

30. That on March 5th2020 the APNU-AFC team checked with GECOM regarding the resumption of the tabulation and we received a call at around 11.00am that they were ready to resume the process.

31. That we arrived at around 11.20am to recommence the process of the declaration of Region Four, after a fifteen minute wait, the Returning Officer came into the room and he appeared visibly ill and he then indicated that he was ill and then said that he had come to make his declaration.

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32. That Mr. Sasenarine Singh, Mr. Jonathan Yearwood and several other persons said that they had come to continue the declaration of the Region Four process. The Returning Officer then said that he had come to make his declaration and the representatives of the PPP/C and the representatives of smaller political parties present all loudly voiced their disapproval of the Returning Officer's decision.

33. That the Returning Officer exited the room without making the declaration.

34. That when the Returning Officer exited the room Minister Volda Lawrence went to enquire from the Returning Officer whether he was unwell and as such the PPP representatives begun to accuse the Minister of stealing the elections.

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35. That I witnessed Dr. Frank Anthony was in very close proximity to the Minister and hurling insults and accusations at her.

36. That I observed that GECOM became filled with the supporters of all the parties contesting the election and thereafter the Minister of Public Security came into GECOM and went upstairs.

37. That about an hour later the Returning Officer reappeared on the stairwell between the second and third floors and read the Declaration and signed it. The PPP supporters were all shouting but I heard the Declaration. What I heard the

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Returning Officer state and or read is exactly the same as set out in the Declaration that is attached hereto and marked exhibit "A."

38. That the APNU-AFC representatives waited at GECOM and sometime later we noticed that the Marshalls from the court came to the GECOM were accompanied by Mr. Nandalal, Mr. Datadin and Mr. Glen Hanaoman.

39. That the Marshalls and the Attorney's went upstairs and then they came back down and left the building and the team continued to wait around.

40. That several hours later I heard some of the representative from the PPP claiming that the GEOCOM chairperson was being held hostage by the APNU-AFC.

41. That I observed that the EMT team arrived and quickly went up the stairway and then those persons subsequently came back downstairs shortly after.

42. That I witnessed the PPP/C representatives running up the staircase and then I heard them chanting 'break the glass, break the glass' and then I heard them pounding on the glass.

43. That I heard the PPP/C representatives shouting 'break it in, break the door' and what sounded like someone banging on a door and I imagined that they were trying to break the door and this went on for a while.

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44. That while this was ongoing I heard PPP/C representative Priya Manickchand screaming 'where are my male comrades, go and assist' I then asked her whether she received a call from the Chairman requesting their help and her response was "yall think yall gon theif the elections, no way."

45. That I witnessed Mr. Eastman a member of staff of GECOM was extremely upset and he subsequently asked me for help saying 'yall gatto help us these people gonna kill us.'

46. That shortly thereafter Bharat Jagdeo went upstairs with two men and at this point I called Minister Ramjattan apprised him of the situation and then told him that we required police assistance in the prevailing circumstances, that is, they were trying to breakdown the Chairman's door and that the GECOM'S staff were terrified and begging for help. Shortly thereafter two police officers came into the building, went upstairs and they were followed by other ranks and three persons who appeared to be plain clothes police immediately cleared all the floors of all the persons that were there and sent them down to the ground floor.

47. That within five minutes I observed the Chairman being escorted out of the building by policemen and then she departed what I considered the back of the building and then the riot squad came and ask us to vacate the building.

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48. This Affidavit was drawn by my instructions and on my behalf by Mr. Neil Boston S.C., Attorney-at-Law whose address for service is Lot 2 Croal Street, Stabroek, Georgetown for the Respondents herein.

Sworn before me at the City of Georgetown

In the County of Demerara, on the 10 March, 2020.

BERT J. DOUGLAS BDM, MEM. Sig. Justice of the Peace & Commissioner of Oaths to Affidavits GUYANA

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3. **THE GUYANA ELECTIONS COMMISION**

Respondents

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT

I, **ROXANNE MYERS**, Deputy Chief Elections Officer of Fourth and Barrack Street, Kington Georgetown in the county of Demerara MAKE OATH AND SAY:

1. That I am the deponent herein.
2. That the facts stated herein are save and except where stated to be based on information received, within my personal knowledge and are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

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3. I am the Deputy Chief Elections Officer at the Guyana Elections Commission.
4. That on the 3rd March, 2020 at approximately 9:45 pm the First Named Respondent herein, Returning Officer, District numbered 4, Clairmont Mingo informed me which information I verily believed that he was unwell and was unable to continue with the ascertaining of the votes cast for the list of candidates for District numbered 4 that evening.
5. That he sought my approval to continue the aforesaid ascertaining the following day, that is, 4th March, 2020 and I acquiesced to his request.
6. That I then contacted the Second Named Respondent, Chief Elections Officer, Keith Lowenfield and advised him of the First Named Respondent's condition and my decision to resume the ascertaining process the following morning.
7. That the Second Named Respondent thereupon instructed me to ensure that the staff of the Returning Officer remain in the office throughout the night.
8. That I made contact with the First Named Respondent and communicated these instructions.
9. That I visited the office of the First Named Respondent to confirm the presence of the staff whereupon I noticed the presence of one staff member. Having established that the staff was present I retired for the evening.
10. That on 4th March, 2020 at around 9:00 am I saw the First Named Respondent who informed me which information I verily did believe that he was still unwell. I reported this to the Second Named Respondent and it was decided that the

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Elections Clerk to the First Named Respondent would resume and perform the duties of the Returning Officer.

11. That I thereafter went to office of the First Named Respondent and informed the Elections Agents and Observers of the First Named Respondent's condition and that the process of ascertaining will resume by the Elections Clerk of the Returning Officer.
12. That this was met with some objections by members of the representatives of the People's Progressive Party Civic and one, Devon Van Veen from the Liberty for Justice Party to which I advised them to be guided by the law.
13. That representative of the PPP/C Mr. Mohabir Anil Nandlall then proceeded to object to the use of the Clerk but was advised that an Elections Officer included a Clerk and or any such person appointed by the Chief Elections Officer to so act.
14. That I observed the office of the First Named Respondent was overcrowded and there requested that each political party have only three authorised representatives present at any given time. I also advised them that they were free to rotate these personnel at any given time but to maintain the presence of three representatives.
15. That I informed the persons present that I had a police rank was placed outside the office of the Returning Officer to ensure that only authorized persons entered.
16. That I thereafter informed the persons present that in the interest of expediency a spreadsheet would be used to continue the ascertaining of the votes in

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accordance with the Statement of Polls and the Elections Clerk will begin from sub-district, East Bank.

17. That members of the People's Progressive Party Civic and the Liberty and Justice Party objected to commencing with sub-district, East Bank as they claimed that some hundred plus Statements of Poll for the sub-district for North and South Georgetown were unverified.
18. That on checking with the staff of the Returning Officer I was informed which information I verily do believe that all but five boxes were ascertained as there were some issues with receipts of the copies of the Statements of Pollfor the Returning Officer and Second Named Respondent.
19. That I nevertheless asked the representatives of the parties making the claim to provide me with a list of ballot box numbers in support of their claim for the staff to confirm this position. A list was prepared by the PPP/C with some sixty-seven boxes and the American Chamber of Commerce and Liberty and Justice Party, the latter two were much less.
20. That there was agreement for the Elections Clerk of the Returning Officer to proceed with the ascertaining using the spreadsheet.
21. That it was further agreed that if there were any errors with the numbers appearing on the spreadsheet and the agents record that the query would be deferred to the end of the exercise for which there would be further investigation on those anomalies.

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22. That around 12:00 noon on leaving the office of the First Named Respondent I observed the medical emergency team leaving the building with the First Named Respondent in a wheel chair.

23. That within the hour the Elections Clerk to the Returning Officer came to my office and informed me which information I verily did believe the representatives of the PPP/C advised that they were choosing to discontinue ascertaining in accordance with the spreadsheet as there were differencesin the votes cast for selected list of candidates.

24. That thereafter the Presidential candidate of the PPP/C, Irfaan Ali and the Chief Elections Agent, Mustapha Zulfikar came to my office and requested that I instruct that ascertaining by spreadsheet be abandoned. They informed me that at least three boxes had errors, as in their Statements of Pollhad different numbers for votes cast as against numbers in the spreadsheet of the Returning Officer.

25. That I advised them that I would communicate their concerns with the Second Named Respondent.

26. That I consulted with the Second Named Respondent and together we went to the office of the First Named Respondent to review the complaints.

27. That I should note that when the Second Named Respondent and myself visited the office of the First Named Respondent to review the complaint the office of the First Named Respondent had already become overrun and the authority of the police rank breached.

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28. That I was able to confirm from the Statements of Pollin the presence of the PPP/C that there were some anomalies with that of the spreadsheet.
29. That the Second Named Respondent in my presence informed that we should consult with the GECOM Chair and Commissioners present at the Command Centre at that time.
30. That in my presence a meeting was convened with the Chair and all six commissioners and a decision was taken to abandon the use of the spreadsheet and to revert to ascertaining through the use of the Statements of Poll.
31. That I returned to the office of the First Named Respondent in the presence of the Second Named Respondent and advised the parties present that the Elections Clerk would revert to ascertaining using the Statements of Poll.
32. That at this point the PPP/C General Secretary demanded that we also simultaneously project the spreadsheet on the wall and provide a summary matrix to the Election Agents and observers at the ending of ascertaining votes for list of candidates for each sub-district of District 4. In my presence the Second Named Respondentacquiesced to this request and ascertaining was resumed.
33. That sometime after 8:00 pm on the said day a staff of the Returning Officer's office came to me in the presence of the Second Named Respondent to report that the staffwere tired and sought approval to take a break. I visited the said office and there advised the staff to continue until 9:00 pm after which they could close for the day.

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34. That sometime after and in my presence the Chair of GECOM visited the said office of the Returning Officer and informed the Agents and Observers that the ascertaining for that day would end at 9:00 pm to resume at 9:00 am on 5th March, 2020.

35. That sometime thereafter the Second Named Respondent arrived at the Office of the First Named Respondent and in my presence party Agents and Observers made a request for Deputy Returning Officers to continue with the ascertaining process.

36. That a search commenced for available Deputy Returning Officers to continue the ascertaining. I left for home. At that time and to the best of my knowledge no Deputy Returning Officers had been identified to continue the ascertaining.

37. That on 5th March, 2020 I reported for duty at approximately 8:00 am. I noticed that the building remained overcrowded, overrun and littered. In the presence of the Chairman and Observers I expressed my concerns that this state of affairs can potentially affect the operations of the First Named Respondent's office. I expressed these sentiments to the Second Named Respondent's when he arrived.

38. That at approximately 9:00 am I was in the annex to the office of the Second Named Respondent when I answered a call which I later noted was an errant caller. I thereupon handed the phone to the Personal Assistant to the Second Named Respondent who spoke to the person in my presence. On discontinuing the call he informed me which information I verily believe that the person stated that there was a bomb in the building. I moved to evacuate the staff.

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39. That in my presence the Second Named respondent went to Returning Officer's office and informed the Agents, Observers and staff present that there was a bomb threat and they should evacuate the building. Agents of the PPP/C then responded in chorus 'leh we dead, we not leaving dis room'. I left the room leaving them present therein.

40. I was later informed by Divisional Commander Thomas that he was unable to properly sweep the room as there was still a heavy presence of persons therein that was likely to compromise the bomb sweeping operations.

41. That at around 12:00 noon a decision was made to resume the process at the First Named Respondent's office as was agreed on the previous day with persons entitled to attend in accordance with the Chapter 1:03 and two observers from each local and international observer group. The room was then cleared for the First Named Respondent to continue.

42. That at approximately 1:00 pm, I observed the First Named Respondent heading to his office on the ground floor and less than five (5) minutes after heard an uproar and saw him coming back to the second floor. I noticed that Commissioner Gunraj was walking behind him shouting in an irate tone and pointing furiously.

43. That I then followed the First Named Respondent to enquire what the matter was and he informed me which information I verily do believe that he attempted to read the declaration for District 4 but was not allowed to so do.

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44. That at this point I observed that the building, especially the First Named Respondent's office and the entire ground and second floors had become overrun with more party agents, their body guards, domestic and international observers and the media.

45. That on observing same I called the police to bring and maintain order to the building and to set a parameter between the crowd and GECOM's staff.

46. That at approximately one hour after the First Named Respondent in my presence made the declaration. He did so by the standing on the platform of the staircase between the second and third floors of the building. I heard him make the declaration, by stating and reading the declaration as is set out in Exhibit "A". That it was then that the persons present, party agents and their representatives starting chanting 'no,no,no.'

47. That he proceeded to sign the Form 24 statutory declaration form for District numbered Fouras prescribed by law, in my presence while the crowd was chanting.

48. That I have attached a Report of the process adopted by the Returning Officers that led to the ascertaining of the votes for list of candidates by electors in each of the electoral districts. That attached hereto and marked "B" is a copy of the said Report.

49. That the aforesaid Exhibit "B" is indicative of there being no universally accepted methodology for the ascertaining of the votes cast for list of candidates throughout the ten Electoral Districts.

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50. That the aforesaid Exhibit "B" shows that in Electoral District One the spreadsheet alone was used for the ascertaining of votes for list of candidates and in the said Electoral District One, the PPP/C accepted the use of the spreadsheet alone.

51. That the use of the spreadsheet whether alone or in conjunction with any other method was accepted by political parties at the General and Regional Elections 2020.

52. That the use of the spreadsheet whether alone or in conjunction with any other method is an accepted methodology for the ascertaining of the votes cast for each list of candidates.

53. The Returning Officer is at liberty to adopt any methodology which in his or her opinion is suitable to prepare the summation of votes for each list of candidates and to inform the representatives of the list of candidates of the votes cast in respect of each of the said lists.

54. That if any of the list of candidates is dissatisfied with the declaration of the Returning Officer the remedy is to request a recount in accordance with the Representation of the People's Act Chapter 1:03.

55. That I have been the Deputy Chief Elections Officer since 2nd August, 2018. Since that time I have become acquainted with the elections laws and processes.

56. That I am advised by my Attorney-at-Law, Neil Boston, S.C. and verily do believe that there is a requirement for the Returning Officer to ascertain the total votes cast in favour of each list by adding up the votes recorded in favour of the

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list in accordance with the Statements of Poll and thereafter publicly declaring the votes recorded for each list of candidates.

57. That my understanding is that the Returning Offficer on receipt of the Statements of Poll would prepare a final report of votes cast in accordance with the Statements of Poll and thereafter declared same in the presence of those persons entitled to be present pursuant to section 86(1) .

58. That there was no legal requirement to repeat the procedure that was already done at the level of the polling station by the Presiding Officer.

59. This Affidavit was drawn by my instructions and on my behalf by Mr. Neil Boston, S.C, Attorney-at-Law whose address for service is Lot 2 Croal Street, Stabroek, Georgetown for the Respondent herein.

Sworn before me at the City of Georgetown
In the County of Demerara, on the 10 March, 2020.

BERT J. DOUGLAS, BDM. MEM.
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The Returning Officer's method of ascertaining votes cast for the list of Candidates from District 1-10.

District	Returning Officer	SOPs	Date of Completion (E +)	Method of Ascertaining Votes Cast for LOC	Date of Declaration	Remarks
1	Mr. Trevor Harris	99	2/3/2020 3/3/2020	A spreadsheet was prepared from the SOPs and was projected on a wall.	3/3/2020 4/3/2020	
2	Ms. Roxanne Smith	135	3/3/2020	The SOPs were read. A completed matrix was distributed at the end of the activity.	3/3/2020 4/3/2020	The RO received request for a recount from APNU/AFC.
3	Mr. Mohanlall Jagdeo	355	4/3/2020	All SOPs were read for General Elections and 20 SOPs were read for Regional Elections.	5/3/2020	All election agents except APNU/AFC and observes decided to count the number (355) of SOPs for Regional Elections instead of calling the votes for each LOC. The RO received a request for a recount from APNU/AFC.
4	Mr. Clairmont Mingo	879	5/3/2020	SOPs were read for North and South Georgetown. There was a partial use of a Spreadsheet and SOPs for East Bank. The votes for the East Coast are set out in the spreadsheet for District Four.	5/3/2020	RO Mingo had a health crisis that led to the interruption of the reading SOPs on 3/3/2020. The environment of an overcrowded RO 4 office and GECOM's Command center became hostile, Clerks to the RO felt threatened by many accusations

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						levelled against them. Attempts were made to restart the process of 4/3/2020. Eventually, it became untenable for staff to continue and the RO decided to declare the results.
5	Mr. Lakeram Pancham	158	3/3/2020	SOPs were read and a Spreadsheet was prepared.	3/3/2020(R) 4/3/2020 (G)	The RO received arequest for recount from APNU/AFC.
6	Ms. Savitri Mangar	378	4/3/2020	SOPs were read and a spreadsheet was created simultaneously.	4/03/2020	The RO received a request for a recount from APNU/AFC.
7	Mr. Glendon Fredericks	84	4/3/2020	The process started with a spreadsheet and finished with SOPS.	4/3/2020	Ms. Gail Teixeira objected to its use midway of the process. The agents signed spreadsheet. The RO received a request for a recount from APNU/AFC.
8	Mr. Dwayne Marco	53	3/3/2020	SOPs were read and a spreadsheet was prepared.	3/3/2020 4/3/2020	Agents signed spreadsheet.
9	Mr. John Abraham	75	3/3/2020	SOPs were read and an electronic spreadsheet was created. A whiteboard was also used for publication of the votes cast.	3/3/2020 4/3/2020	Provided copy of the spreadsheet to agents.
10	Mr. Rensford Alleyne	123	3/3/2020	SOPs were read and inputted to an electronic spreadsheet.	3/3/2020	Provided blank spreadsheets to agents

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FORM 24

THE REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACT REGIONAL ELECTIONS

ELECTION RETURN

Name of Party	APNU+ AFC	136,335 total votes
Name of Party	CG	913 total votes
Name of Party	LJP	757 total votes
Name of Party	OVP	117 total votes
Name of Party	PPP/C	77,258 total votes
Name of Party	PRP	383 total votes
Name of Party	URP	91 total votes

Number of valid votes for all Parties 215,854

List of Candidates

Number of spoilt ballot papers	836
Number of destroyed ballot papers	39
Total number of tendered ballot papers	43
Rejected Ballot Papers	
a. Want of official mark	982
b. Unmarked or void for uncertainty	1167
c. Marked for more than one Candidate's List	495
d. Marked so that the Elector can be identified	413
Total	3,348

RETURNING OFFICER
DISTRICT #4
Demerara/Mahaica

I hereby certify that the above report is correct

Dated this 05-03-20 Day of MARCH, 2020

This is the document marked "B" in the foregoing affidavit of R. Myers sworn to before me this 15th day of MAR 2020

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE OF GUYANA
2020 - HC - DEM - CIV - FDA- 360
BETWEEN:

REEAZ HOLLADAR

Applicant

-and-

1. **RETURNING OFFICER, CLAIRMONT MINGO**
2. **CHIEF ELECTIONS OFFICER, KEITH LOWENFIELD**
3. **THE GUYANA ELECTIONS COMMISION**

Respondents

THE SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE OF GUYANA

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT

I, **JOHN ADAMS,** of Lot 22 Den Amstel, West Coast Demerara, Guyana, being duly sworn make oath and say as follows:-

1. That I am the deponent herein.
2. That the facts stated herein are save and except where stated to be based on information received, within my personal knowledge and are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.
3. That with respect to General and Regional Elections in Guyana 2020, I was appointed Deputy Campaign Manager and Assistant Election Agent of

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Electoral District numbered 3 for the A Partnership for National Unity and Alliance for Change Coalition (APNU + AFC).

4. That the said Electoral District consisted of 355 (three hundred and fifty) polling stations.

5. That as Deputy Campaign Manager and Assistant Election Agent my duties entailed, assigning agents to different polling stations, ensuring all polling agents of APNU+AFC are appointed and accredited by the Guyana Election Commission (GECOM) for each polling station.

6. That there were 3 (three) sub districts in electoral district 3 (three).

7. That I was issued by GECOM badges of accreditation for all the candidates to visit polling stations in electoral district 3 (three).

8. That there were 3 (three) Assistant Electoral Agents for district number 3, namely; myself, Aubrey Norton and Thandi McAllister.

9. That I was permitted to visit all of the polling stations in electoral district 3 (three).

10. That I instructed all of the APNU+AFC Polling Agents to arrive at 5am on the 2nd day of March, 2020, at their respective polling stations.

11. That the Polling Agents were expected to be there to witness the arrival, opening and to verify the contents of the ballot boxes and the selection of the 6 (six) digit unique number for each polling station and to ensure that all other supporting documents is in place before the polls were open.

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12. That the Polling Agents of APNU+AFC also acted as Counting Agents for APNU+AFC in district number 3 (three).

13. That after the count was completed the Counting Agents signed off on the Statement of Polls (SOPs).

14. That the ballot boxes were sealed and the polling agents, after receiving their copy of the SOPs, had departed the polling station.

15. That the Presiding Officer and the Deputy Returning Officer accompanied the ballot boxes and GECOM's copy of the Statement of Polls to the metal containers controlled by GECOM.

16. That several of our Polling Agents did not receive any tallying sheets from the Presiding Officer.

17. That at the Office of the Returning Officer in district 3 (three) the staff of GECOM had prepared a blank spread sheet and had posted it on the walls of the office of the Returning Officer.

18. That upon my arrival at the office of the Returning Officer the staff of GECOM, with the Returning Officer's instructions, were entering the counts from purported Statement of Polls onto the said spread sheet.

19. That at sometime around 3am the morning of March 3, 2020 the recording of the information on the spreadsheet was halted and the polling agents of APNU+AFC, PPP/C and the Electoral Observers exited the office of the Returning Officer.

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20. That the Returning Officer then informed me, via telephone conversation, that he would recommence at 1:30pm the process.

21. That I arrived at the Office of the Returning Officer at 1:30pm on the 3rd day of March, 2020, and the Returning Officer then handed to me a copy of a spreadsheet with numbers filled in for every polling station and with the number of votes that each political party purported to received.

22. That all of the Polling Agents of the APNU+AFC left the Office of the Returning Officer.

23. That on the 4th day of March, 2020 the Returning Officer informed me that he was ready to make a Declaration of the results for District 3 (three).

24. That upon my arrival at the office of the Returning Officer the results for District 3 were already declared and he then handed me an unsigned copy of the declaration.

25. That I then handed him a request for a recount of the results of district 3 (three) and he has since denied that request.

26. This Affidavit was drawn by my instructions and on my behalf by Mr. Neil Boston S.C., Attorney-at-Law whose address for service is Lot 2 Croal Street, Stabroek, Georgetown for the Respondents herein.

Sworn before me at the City of Georgetown
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March 2020

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- Former British Colony (British Guiana)
- Located on the Venezuela's Eastern Border
- Achieved Independence in 1966
- Republic type of Government with a Parliamentary style
- Government elected by 65 member National Assembly
- President and Prime Minister serve 5-year terms
- Last General Election held on March 2nd, 2020

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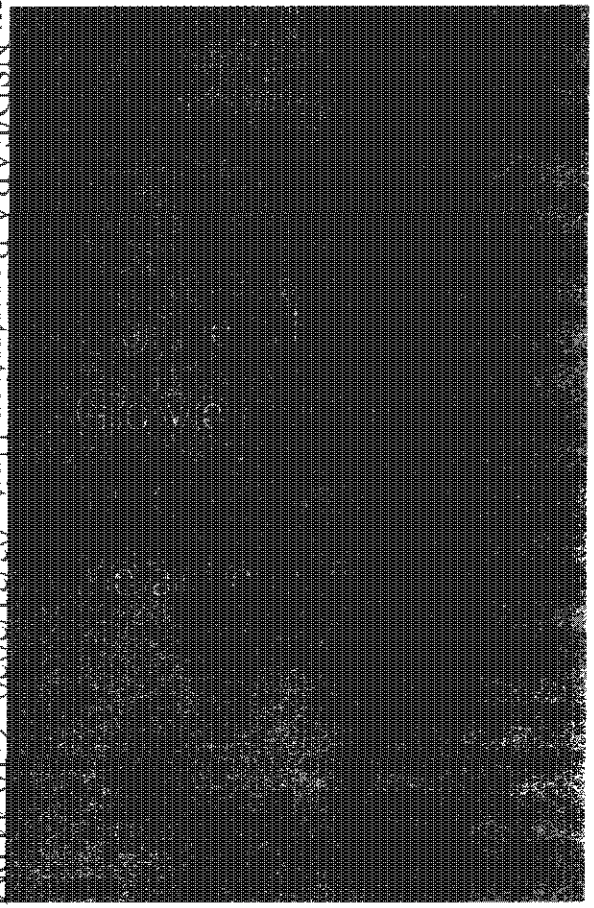

- President and Chief of State, His Excellency David Granger: United States Citizen, U.S. & British military specialist training, Prolific Author, Former Chief of Guyana's Defense Force
- Prime Minister and Head of Government, His Excellency Moses Nagamootoo
- Minister of Presidency Chief of Staff Joseph Harmon, a US Citizen and Attorney by training. Former head of Intelligence at the Guyana Defence Force and pro US
- Coalition Government: APNU: A coalition of European, Afro Caribbean, Indigenous Guyanese, and members of mixed-race and Indo Guyanese
- Pro United States Friendly Government
- President Trump praises President Granger for implementing democratic values in Guyana: https://demerarawaves.com/tag/guyanas-49th-republican-anniversary/

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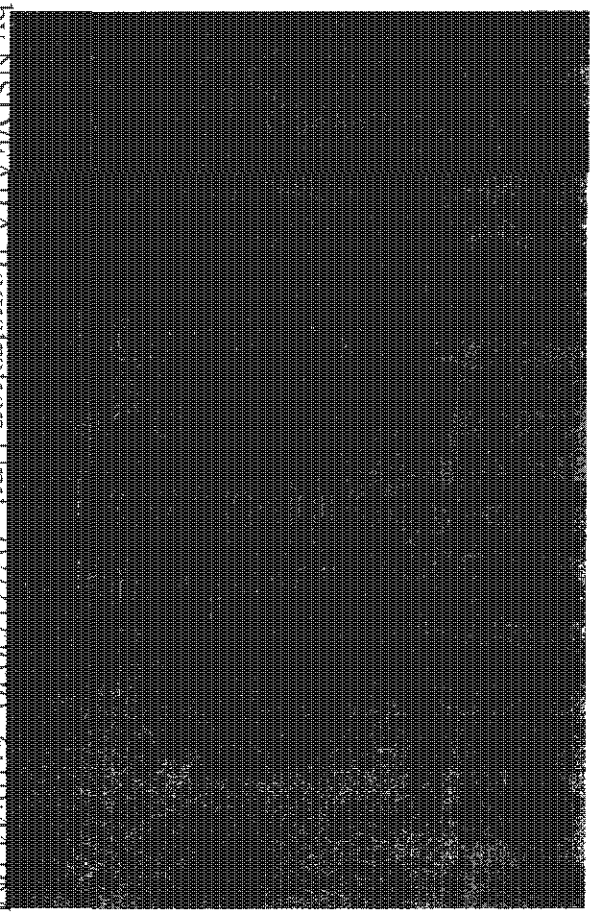

- Agricultural and Natural Resources-Rich Economy and the potential to surpass Qatar in natural gas production
- Prodigious agricultural land used for cultivation of sugarcane primarily for spirits production, and all other tropical fruits and vegetables.
- Bauxite, Gold, Oil and Natural Gas
- Major Oil and Gas discovery headed by Exxon and Apache: Potential: 13.6 billion barrels of oil and 32 trillion cubic feet of natural gas (the U.S. has 15 trillion cubic feet of natural gas). Oil revenues began in December, 2019
- Chevron and Andarko has holdings
- Pre-Oil and Gas GDP: $3.6 billion in 2019
- Pre-Oil and Gas GDP Growth: 4.5 % in 2019
- Projected-Oil and Gas GDP: 33.5% in 2020

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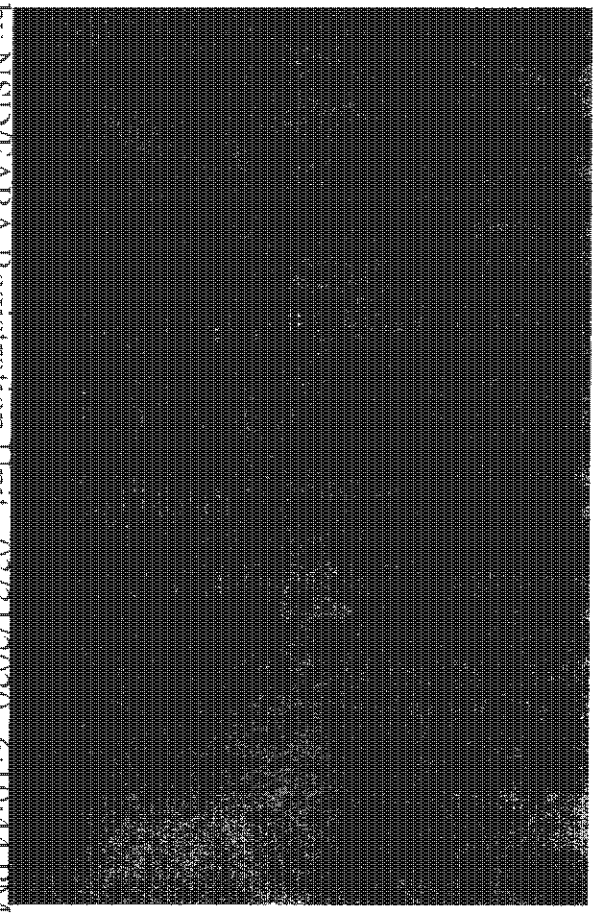

- The Incumbent Government (APNU) Claimed Victory in a close election held in on March 2, 2020
- The Opposition refused to concede and sued for a recount
- A private citizen sued to prevent a recount and to allow the constitutionally independent Election Commission (GECOM) to report the results.
- The court has agreed to hear the case brought by the private citizen
- The Incumbent Government is considering allowing the Election Commission to report the result and to swear in President David Granger for a new term.
- The British Foreign Minister has warned the Incumbent government not to swear President Granger in because of the dispute
- The British is purportedly representing BP and Shell to access the new oil & gas finds
- U.S. Assistant Secretary of State is alleged to have called the Guyanese Ambassador in for consultations and warned against swearing President Granger into office.
- The Government believes that these statements are deliberately being orchestrated by the PPP and their consultants in the US

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1. PPP established **a base for China in Guyana** by gifting China 1,000,000 hectares or 5% of Guyana's territory for logging and other unauthorized business ventures. They also gave China access to Guyana's **rare earth minerals** and bauxite deposits.
2. The PPP went so far as to offer Chinese nationals expedited and preferential citizenship in Guyana in direct violation of Guyanese Law. They increased the Chinese population to approximately 10 of Guyana.
3. Educated in Moscow, Mr. Jagdeo has used his influence with Russia to serve as a liaison with his decades long friend Nicholas Maduro of Venezuela. no wonder the private jet carrying a Cuban, Libyan and Russian who came to Guyana to work for PPP during the election originated in Venezuela (see documentation in the Dossier)
4. Mr. Jagdeo has worked with his friend Nicholas Maduro to undermine Guyana's President Granger's effort in the current border dispute with Venezuela, choosing to deny Guyana a resolution of a dispute upon which the country's future chiefly depends
5. Mr. Jagdeo has consistently worked to undermine Exxon's position in Guyana: http://guyanachronicle.com/2020/01/24/jagdeo-dismisses-ali-position-on-review-of-exxon-contract

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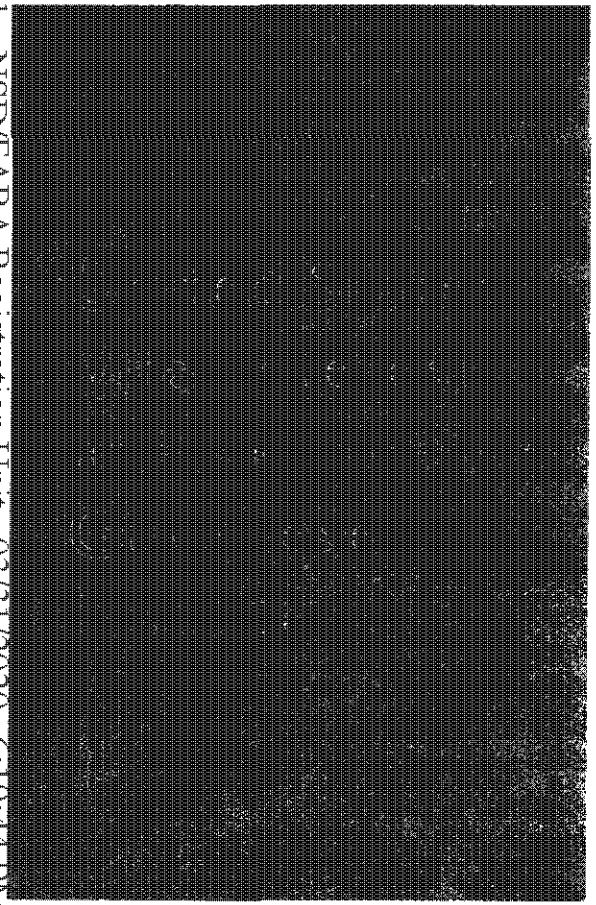

Guyana is in Danger of Falling into China's Orbit

- The Guyanese Opposition Party- PPP, founded by Cheddi Jagan as a Marxist party, is led by some very dangerous people who have undermined U.S. interest in the region for more than 20 years.

1. PPP tenure in office awash in criminal activity; Robbing the Treasury, Money Laundering, Narcotics Trafficking and Extrajudicial Killings
2. PPP engaged in directly undermining U.S. interest by cozying up to the Venezuelan Regime of Hugo Chavez and Maduro. Mr. Jadeo, the leader of the party, as President, harbored vicious drug traffickers in the region, most of whom ended up in U.S. prisons without his cooperation
3. PPP worked against the United States in **promoting China's interest** not only in Guyana, but in the region as a whole, serving as ambassador for China in regional forums, such as the one in September 23, 2011. "China," the Guyanese President noted, "given its phenomenal industrial growth, manufacturing capability and huge market for goods and services, holds a critical key to the economic development of the region."
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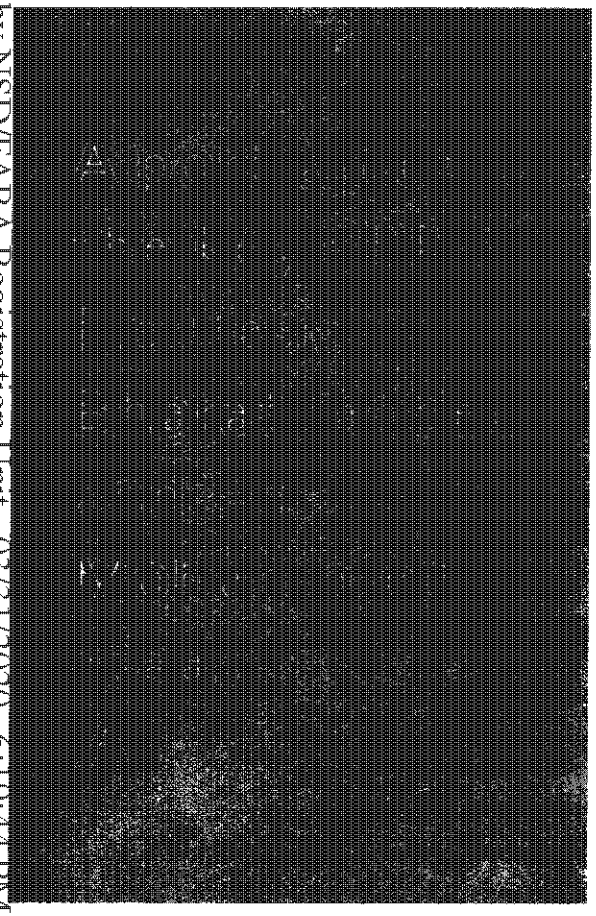

BHARAT JAGDEO

If you landed from outer space today, you would think that Bharat Jagdeo is the PPP's March 2, 2020 Presidential Candidate in Guyana. He has been publicly relentless as if he were the Presidential Candidate, running an ethnic campaign

- Mr. Jagdeo was educated in Moscow
- Served as President from 1999 to 2011 and statutorily cannot run for the presidency
- He went to the highest court in the Caribbean (CCJ) to change the constitution to run again, but failed.
- During his reign, Guyana was widely viewed as a Narco-State, rampant with government corruption
- Mr. Jagdeo became close to the Cartel De los Soles head Dios Dado Cabello and was actively collaborating with deceased **President Hugo Chavez**, and now **Nicholas Maduro**, recently indicted by the United States for drug trafficking.

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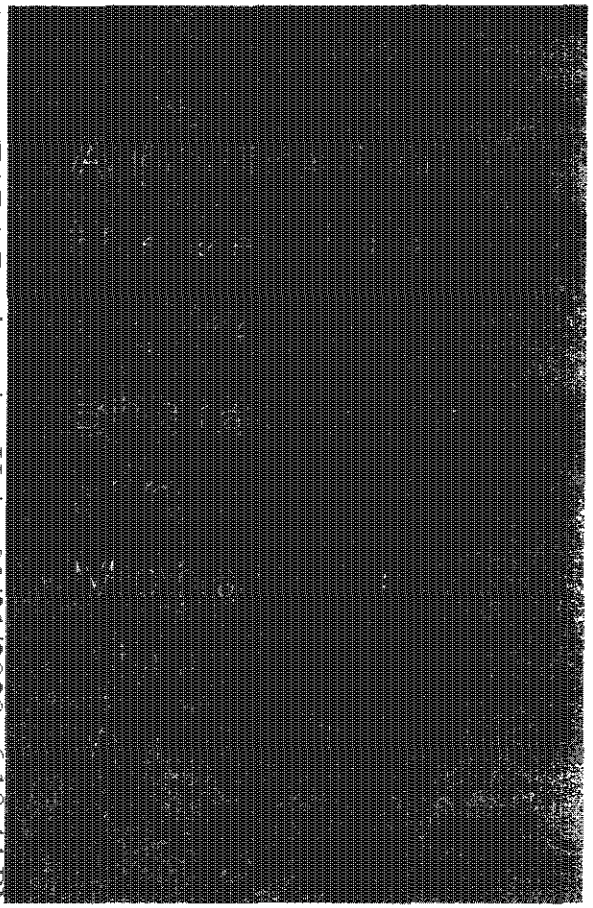

- Mr. Jagdeo's government and the allied criminal network headed by Shaheed Roger Khan, who subsequently served **15 years in a U.S. prison** after extradition to the United States, turned Guyana into one of the most corrupt and violent countries in the region. His administration, carried out by current **PPP Presidential Candidate Mohamed Irfaan Ali as Housing Minister**, approved the sale of the country's land to cabinet members at below market rates.
- Mr. Jagdeo turned a blind eye to the **execution of over 400 Afro Guyanese men and women**, which the International Community saw as state sponsored, extra-judicial killings. Those killings prompted the following statement from the United States Government:

> "Necessary steps should be taken to ensure that human rights are observed and protected and that where persons are found to be culpable of violating those rights they should be prosecuted," U.S. **Charge d'Affaires Karen Williams** told reporters at the **U.S. embassy in Georgetown**.

- Mr. Jagdeo amassed a fortune, estimated to be around $50 million after serving as President of poverty-stricken Guyana for 12 years

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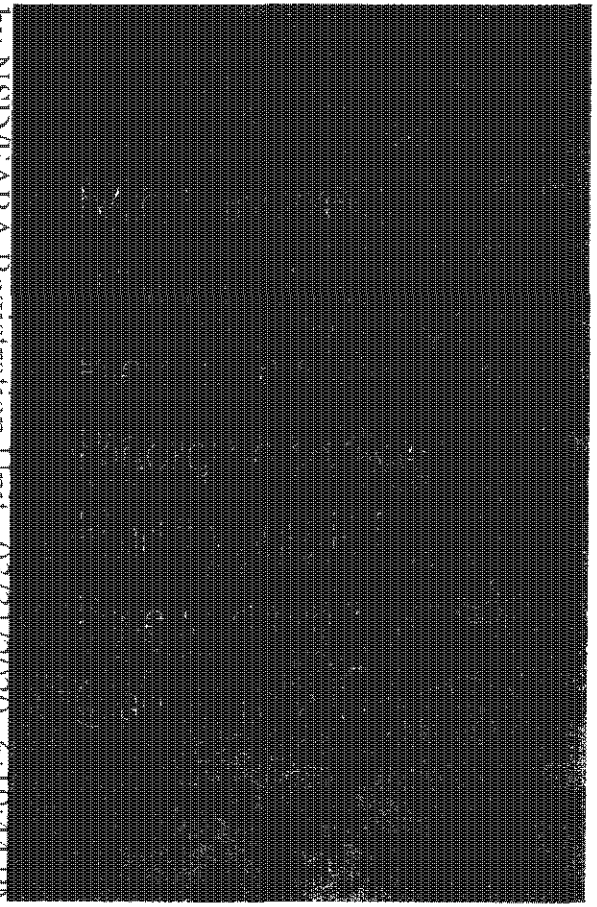

- Mr. Ali is a member of Guyana's small Muslim population who primarily engage in FOREX and Agribusiness.
- Minister of Housing in the Bharat Jadjeo Administration
- Mr. Ali has been charged by the Guyana Special Organized Crime Unit (SOCU) for illegal sale of public land
- Mr. Ali was recently denied entry to Canada arising from his criminal charges and unsavory background
- Recently he has been the subject of controversy for falsifying applications to universities by claiming degrees he never earned
- In the March 2, 2020 Presidential contest he was the candidate, but it is clear that he is a surrogate for Mr. Jagdeo, who statutorily cannot run for president.

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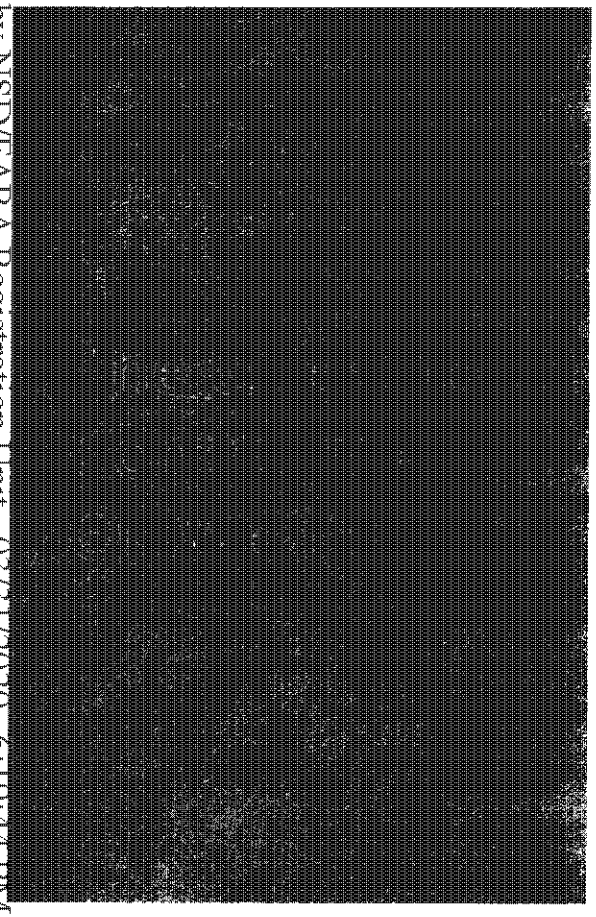

- With an almost fanatical zeal, the PPP, lead by Bharat Jagdeo and his understudy Mohamed Irfaan Ali, has been in relentless pursuit of control of the oil resources of Guyana.
- Messrs. Jagdeo and Ali have condoned violence by the Indian-Guyanese against the rest of the population if they don't win the election.
- Both men stormed into the Election Commission Headquarters and barged into the Director's office, with members of his party arrested for physically threatening behavior. The building was surrounded by a mob of their supporters, some of whom were armed.
- If the PPP gets control of Guyana, China and Russia will control the Northern Region of South America, from Venezuela to Suriname, and natural resources far exceeding Saudi Arabia's.
- It is obvious that Jagdeo must never again be allowed to gain power in Guyana for the preceding reasons.

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- The Government of His Excellency David Granger won the election held on March 2, 2020
- The opposition refused to concede and stormed the Headquarters of the Guyana Election Commission backed up by an unruly mob to intimidate the officials and prevent them from announcing the results as is required
- The last remaining tally was from Region 4, a historical stronghold of the Granger Administration
- The vote count of the Granger Government v. the PPP in Region 4 was not even close and was consistent with historical trends
- The PPP has been trying to gain U.S. support to stage a coup against the Granger Government

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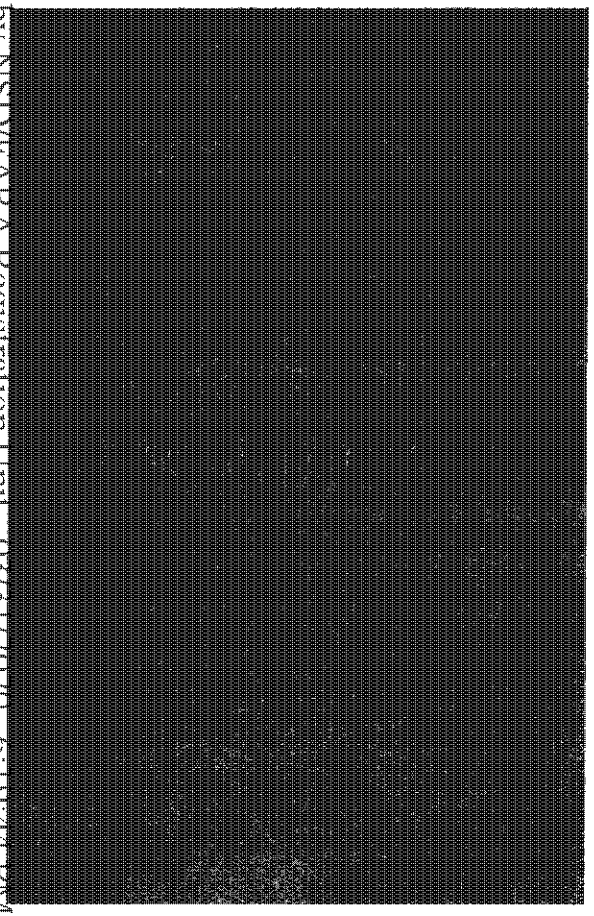

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Mike, As per my email request yesterday for a brief conference call with my partners, please see a summary of the Guyana information I sent to you yesterday. As I mentioned, having a conference call with you on this situation would be most appreciated. As it turns out, I have conference calls at 12:00, 1:00 and 3:00 pm today so maybe we can work around those times or maybe tomorrow would be great. Many thanks for your consideration. Best, Jim Albertine

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