



Incessant heavy rainfall continued to batter parts of Guyana's coastland, leaving many areas under several inches of rainfall, threatening businesses and homes on the lower-flats.

President Bharrat Jagdeo, meanwhile, said that he would consult with Opposition Leader, Robert Corbin about pushing back the Masharamani Costume and Float parade to Sunday and making Monday a National Holiday. Guyana celebrates its 41st Republic Anniversary on Wednesday.

Guyanese weather forecasters say that more than four inches of rainfall were recorded at several of its weather stations.

Coastal residents were Monday urged to be on the look-out for flooding and ensure that sluices and pumping stations are working on a timely basis and that waterways are cleaned and free of garbage.

"The Ministry of Agriculture's National Drainage and Irrigation Authority (NDIA) is urging residents in vulnerable low lying agricultural and residential communities to take necessary precautions to avoid flooding and water accumulation."

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Although the drainage sluices were opened at low tide and high-powered pumps continued to belch water into the river and sea; many places were flooded because the rains have not ceased since Sunday night.

In commercial Georgetown, pedestrians and vehicular traffic jostled to use the roadways because nearby garbage-clogged and silted up gutters have over-flown.



Store-owners, hoping to secure sales, lay wooden planks and pallets for customers to enter and exit.

In one instance, Best Buy Pharmacy on Regent Street was forced to place sand-bags at the door to avoid water from gushing inside.

In all of the Ruimveldts, water was slowly creeping into the lower-flats of some residents. Aubrey Barker Street and other streets were all like rivers and streams.

The situation was the same in parts of Lodge and Wortmanville.

The Ministry of Agriculture reported that there is accumulation of water in some low areas of South Georgetown, Bel Air and sections of Queenstown.

There were also high waters in the low sections of Sophia and sections of Newtown Kitty. The City Engineer Department has reported that all pumps are operable. The Mayor and City Council has responsibility for drainage of the city.

In GuySuCo cultivation areas, there were reports of accumulation of water in some low fields in LBI and Enmore estates. In addition, there were reports of high water at Montrose and Good Hope. Two drainage pumps at Good Hope will be operable by 20:00 hrs today.



Across at Parfait Harmonie housing scheme, West Bank Demerara; residents there reported that streets made of loam were under several inches of water. Lower flats were in danger of being inundated by flood waters.

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Regional Chairman for Demerara-Mahaica (Region 4), Clement Corlette told demwaves.com that coastal areas were not yet flooded.

When demwaves.com visited parts of the East Coast Demerara, the water level in major drainage canals was very high and several cemeteries were under water.

Corlette explained that the monthly maintenance of canals and the functioning of all pumps have helped to delay the onset of severe flooding.

President Bharrat Jagdeo and Public Works Minister, Robeson Benn on Monday visited several flood-affected areas.