



GUYANA ELECTIONS 2011 Articles on the Elections

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Gov't, opposition to exchange lists of priority issues

Stabroek News - December 15, 2011

In a nod to the novel parliamentary configuration thrown up by this year's elections results, the government and the opposition are to exchange lists of priority issues. This is the first time since the PPP/C took office in 1992 that it has agreed to a formal exchange of priorities prior to the convening of Parliament.

A joint statement today said that at the invitation of President Donald Ramotar, the leaders of A Partnership for National Unity (APNU) and the Alliance For Change (AFC) met with the President today at the Office of the President.

Ramotar was accompanied by Prime Minister Samuel Hinds, Head of the Presidential Secretariat, Dr. Roger Luncheon and Presidential Adviser Gail Teixeira. The APNU delegation comprised David Granger, Rupert Roopnaraine and Joseph Harmon. The AFC delegation comprised Raphael Trotman, Khemraj Ramjattan, Clayton Hall and Gerhard Ramsaroop.

The statement said that during the discussions several issues were raised by the three parties to the discussion and the following was agreed to:

"i) The three parties would by Monday, December 19, 2011 exchange lists of issues for discussion and prioritization at the next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, December 21, 2011;

"ii) The three parties will name two persons each as their plenipotentiaries who will meet after the meeting of December 21, 2011 to work on identified and agreed on priority issues;

"iii) The National Assembly will not be convened in the month of December;

"iv) The Minister of Finance will meet with the two identified finance persons of the APNU and AFC in the near future to consult on the preparation of the Budget 2012." Prior to today's meeting APNU and the AFC had met to work out their approach to the new parliament. They agreed to set up sectoral working groups on the economy and governance.

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Welcome to the Guyanese Online Newsletter

By: Cyril Bryan. Editor and Publisher

This is the **21th** edition of the Guyanese Online Newsletter. Due to the Elections, we have combined the November and December 2011 Newsletters in this issue.



Cyril Bryan

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Guyana's Elections - A new era begins

The 'Youth Vote' has decided these Elections

By: Cyril Bryan — Editor

In the September and October editorials, I postulated that this election would be won by the "Youth Vote". GECOM stated that 18-35 year-olds were 46 % ; ages 36-50 were 29 %, while voters 51 + were 25 % of the 475,496 eligible voters on November 28. Therefore, almost 75% of the voting population were born since Independence, in 1966.

In earlier elections most of the youth had shown little, if any, interest in politics. However, these are difficult times worldwide. Remittances are drying up, and there was a mood for CHANGE. Voters wanted well paying jobs at home to realize their dreams, rather than emigrating to shrinking job markets and opportunities overseas.

We will now see CHANGE in Guyana. The PPP/C now has a minority government having won the Presidency and 32 seats. The opposition APNU and AFC have a total of 33 seats. It is a narrow majority but it will force cooperation between the parties to enact and revise legislation that focuses on the social and economic issues that need urgent addressing, as the youth pressures are "ON".

In the last editorial I said that there will be pressures to enact agreed constitutional changes: Laws that ensure real transparency in government transactions to reduce the level of corruption in government; the reduction of the Value-Added-Tax, and increases in Government workers' salaries. The focus will be on jobs for the youth. Most of all there may be changes in the Executive President's powers so they do not contravene the powers of Parliament.

In Georgetown, there have been demonstrations, mostly by young APNU persons, against GECOM for alleged irregularities. However, there has been no violence, except by the police shooting rubber bullets at peaceful demonstrators. Obviously, these demonstrations have affected Christmas shopping and business in Georgetown.

One cannot have a society of private super-wealth amid public squalor and not expect endemic social ills. It must be admitted that the PPP/C governments have done much in infrastructural development and in reducing the National Debt. However, Region 4, and specifically Georgetown, with half of Guyana's population, has not had its fair share of benefits. If it did, the City of Georgetown would be the "Garden City" that it once was. This should now happen!

Have a Happy Holiday Season and a Prosperous 2012.**Nov 15 – Dec 15 - 30 Most popular entries**

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Parliament of the
Cooperative
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Guyana's Coat of Arms and an aerial view of Guyana's Parliament Buildings

Guyana's Parliament

History of the Parliament Building; History of Parliament; The Constitution and Operations

[Guyana's Parliament Building](#), designed by Joseph Hadfield, was built on a foundation of [greenheart](#) logs. The foundation stone was laid in 1829 and, in April 1834, the structure, [stuccoed](#) to resemble stone blocks, was completed.

Having been completed, the building was formally handed over to a committee of the Court of Policy on 5 August 1834. The architect was Joseph Hadfield. The building was constructed at a cost of 50,000 pounds.

The Chamber also features paintings, of [Arthur Chung](#), Guyana's first ceremonial President (1970-1980) and of [Forbes Burnham](#), Guyana's first executive President (1980-1985); and a gilded clock, depicting the rays of the sun,.

The Parliament Building is an excellent example of 19th century [Renaissance architecture](#) and is one of two domed buildings in [Georgetown](#). Within its compound are two [cannon](#) that were used in the [Crimean War](#) and a statue of [Hubert Nathaniel Critchlow](#), OBE (1884-1958) who is regarded as the father of [Trade Unionism](#) in Guyana. (Wikipedia) [Link here](#)

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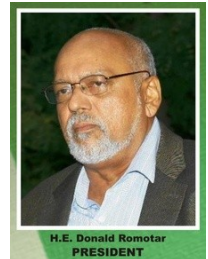
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CABINET – after 2011 ELECTIONS

President Donald Ramotar has sworn in 20 members to his Cabinet with five new ministers and one new ministry. The Minister of Tourism, Industry and Commerce is still to be appointed.



H.E. Donald Ramotar
PRESIDENT

The full list of ministers sworn in is as follows:

Prime Minister, Samuel Hinds

Ministers

- Ally Baksh** – Minister Within the Ministry of Agriculture (*new*)
- Irfaan Ali** – Minister of Housing
- Dr. Frank Anthony** – Minister of Culture, Youth and Sport
- Robeson Benn** – Minister Of Public Works
- Carolyn Rodrigues-Birkett** – Minister of Foreign Affairs
- Juan Edghill** – Minister within the Ministry of Finance (*new*)
- Dr. Nanda Gopaul** – Minister of Labour (*new*)
- Priya Manickchand** – Minister of Education
- Anil Nandlall** – Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs (*new*)
- Ganga Persaud** – Minister of Local Government and Regional Development (*new*)
- Robert Persaud** – Minister of Natural Resources and Environment (*new Ministry*)
- Dr. Leslie Ramsammy** – Minister of Agriculture
- Dr. Bheri Ramsarran** – Minister of Health
- Clement Rohee** – Minister of Home Affairs
- Dr. Ashni Singh** – Minister of Finance
- Pauline Sukhai** – Minister of Amerindian Affairs
- Jennifer Webster** – Minister of Human Services and Social Security
- Dr. Jennifer Westford**- Minister of Public Service
- Norman Whittaker**- Minister within the Ministry of local Government and Regional Development

[Read Wikipedia entry on Donald Ramotar](#)
[Click here](#)

Read: [Five new faces for Ramotar's Cabinet](#)

Caribbean electorates: Not for sale

"High spending - while it may have captured a small number of voters - is no longer a decisive weapon" -- Sir Ronald Saunders



Sir Ronald Saunders

Barbados, Thursday December 8, 2011 -

General elections in St Lucia and Guyana on November 28 have raised serious questions about the financing of campaigns and the unfair use of state resources by governing political parties to gain an advantage over their opponents.

In St Lucia, it is alleged that a significant portion of the United Workers Party (UWP) campaign funds came from Taiwan. The UWP was the ruling party at the time of the elections and the then leader of the Opposition and leader of the St Lucia Labour Party (SLP), Kenny Anthony, had engaged in a public row with the Taiwanese Ambassador over his blatant interference in the electoral politics of the island.

In Guyana, it is claimed that the ruling Peoples Progressive Party/Civic (PPP/C) outspent its three rivals by a sizeable margin in the elections campaign.

International observers from the Commonwealth and the Organisation of American States (OAS) commented unfavourably on campaign financing in both countries. The OAS Observer Mission in St Lucia pointedly called for legislation, including strengthening the Integrity Commission and auditing and reporting mechanisms, and it noted that "Saint Lucians have no access to information regarding campaign financing by the parties". In Guyana, a similar observation was made by the Commonwealth Observer Group who said "the requirement for declarations of election expenses by parties after the election is not adhered to and the law in this regard is largely symbolic".

Local observer also raised concerns that both the UWP in St Lucia and the PPP/C in Guyana abused their positions in government to exploit state resources to bolster their positions during the period leading to the elections.

What is significant is that despite the fact that the ruling parties spent more on their campaigns and manipulated state resources to boost their prospects, the opposition parties did extremely well. In St Lucia, the SLP defeated the UWP overwhelmingly to form the government. In Guyana, the opposition parties, A Partnership for National Unity (APNU) with 40.8 per cent of the votes cast and the Alliance for Change (AFC) with 10.3 per cent enjoyed enough support to deny the PPP/C the overall majority in the National Assembly that it had since 1992. Consequently, having secured 48.7 per cent of the voter turn-out, the PPP/C, although it won the Presidency on a plurality of the

vote, has had to form a minority government. Of the 65 member National Assembly, the PPP/C has 32 seats and the combined opposition has 33 with 27 held by APNU and 6 by the AFC.

The Commonwealth Observer Mission in Guyana also criticised the bias displayed by the state-owned media for the ruling party. It said the Media Monitoring Unit analysis indicated "overt bias in state-owned media in favour of the government and ruling party" and added "state-owned media has a higher moral responsibility to serve the interests of all citizens, particularly as in some parts of the country it is the only media available to citizens".

This phenomenon is not unique to Guyana. In other parts of the Caribbean, the state-owned media is increasingly controlled by ruling parties for party political propaganda and to deny opposition parties a voice. But, again, it is noteworthy that despite government control of the state media, the opposition parties in Guyana gave the ruling party a robust fight. It is a warning to all ruling political parties that restricting democracy by muzzling state-owned media will do them more harm than good in the judgement of the electorate

In St Lucia, the SLP has formed the government and Kenny Anthony is Prime Minister while the UWP and its leader, Stephenson King have been scattered in the wind of change ushered in by a dissatisfied electorate.

In Guyana, the new President, Donald Ramotar - elected on a plurality of the vote (as the Constitution provides) not an overall majority - has formed a minority government made up of PPP/C members only. This has created a great deal of bitterness among the supporters of the main opposition party, the APNU which is a combination primarily of the Peoples National Congress founded by the late President, Forbes Burnham, and the Working Peoples Alliance founded by the late historian Walter Rodney.

Whether this new arrangement will work in Guyana is left to be seen. Certainly, the combined opposition parties have an opportunity to bargain with the minority PPP/C government over the areas in which money will be spent and how. They are also in a good position to insist on parliamentary oversight committees that will closely examine the operations of key ministries. And, in the final analysis, they could vote against the Government's Budget and bring government to a halt, thus forcing a new election.

Despite APNU street protests in the immediate aftermath of the Guyana elections - one of which involved Police shooting pellets at participants - APNU leader, David Granger, said on December 6 that the election results

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New mining deal set to rake in whopping US\$1.6B

-scale of operations to eclipse Omai's

THE Government of Guyana (GoG) on Friday inked an agreement that allows Canadian mining company, Guyana Goldfields Inc. (GGI) to develop and operate its Aurora Gold Project as part of what has been described as the largest single private investment in Guyana, eclipsing even Omai Gold Mines.

The signing was done at the Office of the President, with Prime Minister Sam Hinds, the minister responsible for mining, appending his signature on behalf of the Guyana Government, and Patrick Sheridan, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of GGI, signing on behalf of the company.

President Bharrat Jagdeo, presidential candidate Donald Ramotar, Adviser Sir Shridath Ramphal, Finance Minister Dr. Ashni Singh, and retired Major General Joe Singh, current Chairman of the Guyana Geology and Mines Commission (GGMC), were among those witnessing the historic signing.



The GGI recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on a Mineral Agreement (MA) with the government in October last.

The MA is the company's permit to build and operate the Aurora Gold Project, and since OMAI in 1991, is the first large-scale mining licence to be issued in the gold sector in Guyana.

The validity of the document is immediate, and lasts for an initial 20-year term, with provisions for extension on application by the company. It will allow the advancement of the mine development project in Cuyuni, Region 7 (Cuyuni/Mazaruni) under a clear and stable fiscal and royalty regime.

Construction work on the mine site facilities and the mill will begin in the first quarter of 2012, and is scheduled to be completed over a period of 24 months, [read more](#)

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have cleared the way for the politics of 'inclusionary democracy'. He also stated that the APNU will "pursue our legislative programme to ensure that laws are enacted to provide jobs for our youth; to provide relief from the burden of taxation; to alleviate the suffering of our people; to expose and root out corruption and to eliminate discrimination and marginalisation".

In looking at the issue of money in elections in its member-states generally, the OAS released a report on December 6 titled, 'Politics, Money and Power: a Dilemma for Democracy'. The report recommends "the creation of broader national regulations concerning the use of funding, the disclosure of political parties and campaigns donors and the creation of a fair and transparent competition in the campaigns". But, getting these recommendations implemented requires determination by all political parties as well as concerted lobbying and action by civil society in every country.

Nonetheless, the failure of the two ruling parties in St Lucia and Guyana to win the elections overwhelmingly indicates that high spending - while it may have captured a small number of voters - is no longer a decisive weapon. Big spending on advertising, musical extravaganzas and give-aways, and abuse of state resources by ruling parties will not buy an electorate that is dissatisfied with performance.

The opinions expressed in this commentary are solely those of Sir Ronald Sanders. Sir Ronald Sanders is a Consultant and former Caribbean diplomat.

Guyana Goldfields considers selling Aurora operations

November 27, 2011—Kaieteur News

One week after being granted licence...

Almost a week after being granted a licence to start mining operations, Canadian-owned Guyana Goldfields Inc. has signed confidentiality agreements with six parties interested in buying the company and its Aurora gold project, Chief Operating Officer Claude Lemasson said.

"We have been on the radar of many companies, I think, for quite a while," Lemasson said in an interview with Bloomberg at the company's headquarters in Toronto. Guyana Goldfields received its licence for Aurora, the first issued in the country a large-scale gold mine since 1991, the company said last week.

The project, which may have an initial cost of \$400 million, is now fully permitted, Lemasson said. The company may sell stock or convertible bonds in the next four months to raise between US\$100 million and US\$150 million to fund development, he said. It was unclear yesterday whether the company is allowed to sell under the current licence. [Read more](#)

CGX Awards Drilling Contract for Off-shore Eagle Well

November 29, 2011

Toronto, Ontario – CGX Energy Inc. has announced that it has awarded a drilling contract to a subsidiary of Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc. for the Ocean Saratoga semi-submersible drilling rig to drill the Eagle-1 well on the Company's 100% owned and operated Corentyne Petroleum Prospecting License ("PPL"), offshore Guyana.

The Ocean Saratoga is currently performing a work-over in the Gulf of Mexico and will soon be available to drill the Company's Eagle-1 well. CGX is in discussions with Government of Guyana officials regarding timing for drilling. An announcement on mobilization and drill timing will be announced in a separate press release.

Steve Hermeston, President and CEO commented, "The Company will be drilling two highly prospective wells offshore Guyana -- the Eagle-1 well that will appraise the Eocene and Maastrichtian geologic formations to an anticipated total depth of 4,300 metres and the Jaguar-1 well which will appraise the Turonian geologic formation to an anticipated depth of 6,500 metres. Our 100% Eagle-1 well is anticipated to take approximately 60 days to drill.

The Jaguar-1 well, located on the Georgetown PPL, in which CGX has a 25% interest with partners Repsol Exploración S.A (operator), YPF Guyana Limited and Tullow Guyana BV, will be drilled by the Atwood Beacon jackup rig as soon as it completes drilling for Inpex Corporation offshore Suriname. This drilling will mark the fruition of years of evaluation, preparation and cooperation between CGX and the Guyana Government and the onset of evaluating the petroleum potential of this highly prospective basin."

GGMC to be overhauled, new Commissioner identified



L to R: Ms. Livan, Minister Robert Persaud, and GGDMA President, Patrick Harding.

Demerara Waves - December 15, 2011 A new Commissioner of the Guyana Geology and Mines Commission (GGMC) has been identified as part of an administrative overhaul of the regulatory agency and decades-old mining laws are to be revised.

The announcement was made by Minister of Natural Resources and the Environment, Robert Persaud at the Annual General Meeting of the Guyana Gold and Diamond Miners Association (GGDMA).

Persaud did not name the commissioner-designate, only saying that the "leading candidate" was among the several miners and oil and gas players who were attending the meeting. However, well-placed sources told Demerara Waves Online News (www.demwaves.com) that Regional Goldmining Pollution Abatement Officer at World Wildlife Fund (Guianas), Rickford Viera is tipped to take up the job. [Read more](#)

News: Royal Caribbean - An iPad in every cabin



Should every cabin on a cruise ship come with an iPad? At least one major line is giving the idea a try. Royal Caribbean recently announced it would have an iPad in every cabin of the

1,804-passenger **Splendour of the Seas** by mid-February in what it's billing as an industry first, and it'll add the Apple devices to the cabins of five more of its 22 ships within two years.

Royal Caribbean says the iPads will be programmed to let passengers access the ship's daily listing of events and activities and to see a personal daily itinerary including shore excursions. Passengers will be able to use the devices to monitor their onboard account, order room service, view restaurant menus, access the Internet and watch movies. In short, the iPads will act much like the interactive television systems found on many ships.

The five additional Royal Caribbean ships scheduled to

get iPads in every cabin are all part of the line's Vision Class series and include Legend of the Seas, Grandeur of the Seas, Rhapsody of the Seas, Enchantment of the Seas and Vision of the Seas. All of the vessels are scheduled to undergo major revitalizations in dry dock over the next two years

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Combined opposition to push for higher wages, lower taxes, and repeal of the presidents pension act...

December 5, 2011- Demerara Waves) The opposition intends to combine its votes in the National Assembly to push for higher salaries, more jobs, an open state media and the repeal of the president's pension's act and the broadcasting act.

The opposition coalition A Partnership for National Unity (APNU) hopes that it can win the support of the Alliance For Change (AFC) to use the legislative branch effectively in getting the executive branch to address social and other issues.

"We have to use this opportunity to ensure that the executive does what the majority of the population wants and the majority of the population wants low cost of living, they want security, they want better education, they want better services and these are the things that we intend to press for" said APNU's David Granger.

If the president refuses to assent a law, he must send it back to the National Assembly with reasons within 21 days of it being presented to him. Legal sources point out that Article 170 (4) of Guyana's constitution states that two-thirds of all elected members are required (within 6 months of the bill being returned) to support a motion that the un-assented bill be presented to the president again for his assent. This means that the Peoples Progressive Party Civic (PPPC) Members of Parliament must support its return to the president for his assent or it will lapse.

Seemingly eager to call off street protests for an all-party reconciliation of Statements of Poll, Granger told a weekend television programme 'Nation Watch' that the November 28 general election is a victory for all Guyanese. The Private Sector Commission (PSC) has been lobbying APNU to call of its "walks" in sections of the city and accept the results because businesses were suffering losses.

APNU's Dr. Rupert Roopnaraine dismissed calls for ordinary people to abandon street protests but categorically called on supporters not to engage in disorderly and disorganized acts.

APNU did not organise any street protests during the swearing in of President Donald Ramotar on Saturday and the party is unlikely to do so during the swearing in of ministers. "These must be subject only to direction. We do not want spontaneous activity in the streets and we certainly don't want any form of disruptive behaviour," said Roopnaraine who has been talking with the Private Sector Commission about the "walks".

Roopnaraine also wants the opposition to use its 51 percent majority in the 65-seat National Assembly to reform the National Communications Network (NCN) and audit its operations, particularly as it related to political advertisements for the ruling Peoples Progressive Party Civic (PPPC). . [more](#)

Youth group denies calling for boycott of dozens of businesses

The Youth Coalition for Transformation (YCT) is calling on youths to be "fiscally conservative" with their cash even as it rejects reports that it has called for a boycott of dozens of businesses supportive of the ruling PPP/C.

The group, with many of its key members being PNCR members and supporters, held its first media briefing on Tuesday at City Hall where it categorically denied a report carried in the Guyana Times newspaper.

That report stated that there was a list with the names of some 70 businesses which the YCT has called to be boycotted. The group said its call has only targeted two specific businesses.

"Whilst representatives of the YCT have made specific calls for youths to abstain from spending lavishly to attend functions promoted by Kashif and Shanghai and Hits and Jams Promotions, the organisation has not issued, endorsed nor supported any list of businesses to be boycotted," young attorney James Bond read from a statement.

According to him, the fabrication of the list is the work of "agent provocateurs" acting on behalf of the PPP/C to cause confusion and "conjure malice, hate and racial conflicts."

When it was pointed out that businesses have a right to associate with any party of their choice YCT member Lurlene Nestor acknowledged that this was so and sought to justify the group's call by citing what she said was the attitude of the Kashif and Shanghai organisation.

"We are not saying that people must not practice their democratic right to choose but the young people of this country have taken a stand against Kashif and Shanghai because of what they perceive to be arrogance and disrespect to the people who support them," Nestor said.

She added that the issue had its genesis in a photograph of one the football promoters on Facebook in which he was clad in a PPP t-shirt. The photo in question depicts Kashif Mohamed in the garment alongside his business partner Aubrey "shanghai" Major.

"I think it all started with his response when somebody posed a question as to why was he sporting this t-shirt and he [responded] quite lightly by saying it's just like wearing a New York t-shirt. That response for young people they were not satisfied because they're saying you are taking our lives and our political business very lightly and they have serious grouses with that," Nestor stated. [more](#)

[Tuesday, 13 December 2011—Demerara Waves](#)

Canada's visa System Badly Flawed - Watchdog

Security threats not being urgently addressed

OTTAWA, (Reuters) – **Canada could be admitting people who are security threats or carrying serious diseases because its visa system is badly flawed, a parliamentary watchdog warned on November 22, 2011.**

The report by the auditor general is likely to bolster U.S. critics who call for much tighter controls on the border with Canada on the grounds that Ottawa is letting in terror suspects and militants who could one day attack the United States.

Interim Auditor General John Wiersema said visa and security officials “need to do a much better job of managing the health, safety and security risks” of applicants.

In 2010, visa officers abroad processed applications for 1.04 million people seeking temporary residence and for 317,000 people seeking permanent residence. Canada has a population of 34.5 million and is one of the few western nations actively encouraging immigration.

Wiersema said officials at the two main departments involved – Citizenship and Immigration and the Border Services Agency – were overworked, ill-trained, poorly supervised and were using outdated methods.

“Visa officers are responsible for deciding whether to grant or refuse a visa to enter Canada. The system lacks basic elements to ensure they get the right information to make those decisions,” Wiersema said in a statement.

“We’ve been reporting some of these problems with visas for 20 years, and I find it disturbing that fundamental weaknesses still exist.”

The report comes at a sensitive time. President Barack Obama and Prime Minister Stephen Harper will meet in Washington next month to sign an agreement on closer co-operation on border security. [more](#)

CENTURY21 CAMDEC Real Estate Ltd. Celebrates 35th Anniversary in 2012 Hemthorn Investments Corporation Celebrates 26th Anniversary in 2012

Camille De Castro FRI formed CAMDEC Real Estate Ltd. on January 4 1977. **Rupert De Castro** joined Camille in CAMDEC in August 1977. CAMDEC joined the CENTURY 21 system in 1978 at which time, Camille and Rupert were the only agents.

Hemthorn, owned by Camille and Rupert, owns and manages the 17,000 sq.ft. building from which CENTURY21 CAMDEC operates. The majority of space is divided into private, fully furnished offices which we rent from \$309.00/mth on short terms, 1-24 months +.

At the “peak” of the market in 1989 Camille and Rupert worked with 230+ sales associates speaking some 30 different languages, 23 support staff, opened the office from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. 7 days a week and closed \$6.75 million in commissions (1988).

In April of 1989 the market turned: The average house price in Toronto dropped from a peak of \$273,698 in 1989 to \$198,150 in 1996.

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Guyanese Association of Manitoba, (GAM) Canada - Awards Ceremony - 2011



By. Sharmela Sukhdeo-Rambally, MC for the Awards Ceremony

Saturday November 19, 2011 is a day to put into the record books of the Guyanese Association of Manitoba. We had our Annual Awards Ceremony and we were honoured with having the Hon. Harry Narine Nawbatt, Guyana's High Commissioner to Canada, join us in celebrating this event. Other honoured guests, included City Councillor Russ Wyatt and Legislative Minister Flor Marcelino . It was an extravagant evening of community fellowship, food, entertainment and fun.

The two national anthems were sung by Miss Tashina Kaidnath (age 7) and Miss Sophia Guyadin (age 5). We were then entertained by a beautiful dance by the Guyanese Association of Manitoba dance duo of Fernaz Shariff and Reetika Sharda both age 7.

The night was very successful not only for the 14 awardees but also for the 3 Rivers Kids Foundations who were given an amazing gift from our guests. This was in a donation of \$7,500, surpassing the 2009 total, and gladly received with thanks by the representatives of that organization.

Seeing the generosity and being present to celebrate in our community, Honourable Nawbatt stated : " I am very happy and impressed to know your president Kamta Roy Singh, and the members of the Guyanese Association of Manitoba ... you have managed to keep the culture, heritage and pride for our beloved Guyana going strong and I hope it continues in the future." (GAM)



Some of the attendees at the GAM Awards Ceremony



Guyanese Canadian Cultural Association of BC

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Fort Langley Douglas Day Celebrations on Saturday, 19 November 2011 “The Caribbean comes to British Columbia”... at Fort Langley National Historic Site.

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Election tension adversely affects Guyana's tourism

Kaieteur News—December 11, 2011

Tension following the General and Regional Elections on November 28, and even the fear and anticipation of conflict prior to the elections, have adversely affected the tourism sector.

Many hoteliers and tourist resorts across the country have experienced cancellations and fewer bookings. Everyone is on the 'wait and see mode'.

This is according to Kit Nascimento, Member of Tourism and Hospitality Association of Guyana (THAG) and the proprietor of Hurakabra River Resort.

Nascimento explained that Guyana's tourism sector peak season is during the Christmas holidays, since many tourists want to escape the winter. He said that while many other Caribbean, Central and South American countries are being flocked by tourists, Guyana is not benefitting this year.

With fewer visitors, tourist operators are experiencing financial difficulties to pay staff and maintain their hotels and resorts.

[Read more](#)

Caribbean Airlines loses almost TT300 Million

(Trinidad Express) November 27, 2011 The Ministry of Finance has requested that State carrier Caribbean Airlines submit its latest financial statements following CAL chairman George Nicholas' recent announcement that the airline made a TT\$200 million profit.

Sources familiar with the airline's performance say that the "profit" does not factor in a TT\$279 million fuel hedge, which would actually show that CAL has lost almost TT\$300 million this year even with full flights to most of its destinations.

Finance Minister Winston Dookeran yesterday confirmed that a request was issued for all updated financial documents from CAL just days after CAL chairman George Nicholas publicly announced the multi-million dollar net profit.

Dookeran yesterday confirmed that he requested CAL to submit its financial statements [Read more](#)

Probe in Caribbean Airlines crash still on

Investigations into Caribbean Airlines Limited Flight BW 523 which crash-landed in Guyana on July 30, 2011 have now turned to analysing simulations of the aircraft when it crash-landed.

The simulations that were done were based on data retrieved from the flight data recorder (FDR) and the cockpit voice recorder (CVR), explained Ramesh Lutchmedial, Director-General of Trinidad and Tobago Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), in a Trinidad and Tobago Newsday article.

The aircraft touched down at the Cheddi Jagan International Airport in rainy conditions, overshot the runway and split in half on stopping. No fatalities were recorded. There was one major injury.

Lutchmedial spoke with Newsday on Friday, December 9th, on the status of the investigations. At present, the investigations, he said, were moving apace — "We are hoping," he said, "that within the next three months we would have the report ready." "We have merged the data from the FDR and the CVR to actually simulate what happened when the aircraft landed," he said. ([Kaieteur News December 11, 2011](#)).



[ATR600 information web page](#)

Caribbean Airlines takes delivery of new European made airplanes

Caribbean Airlines (CAL), has taken delivery in Toulouse, France of its first ATR 72-600 regional turboprop airliner.

Port-of-Spain-based [Caribbean Airlines](#), which becomes one of the first operators of the new ATR -600 series, placed an order earlier this year for nine ATR 72-600s. ATR values the deal at \$200 million at list prices.

These planes will replace the DeHaviland planes now used by CAL. They will be competing with LIAT with these planes.

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Brazil to recover US\$1.2B lost to corruption

December 14, 2011-Kaieteur News

Politicians and Public servants targeted

BRASILIA, Brazil – (AP) – Brazil's Attorney General's office says it has filed 2,343 civil suits to try to recover \$1.2 billion in public funds from politicians, public servants and private companies.

The agency said in a press release that 664 suits involve current and former mayors and 429 are against current and former public servants. The remainder are against private companies.

The suits were filed between December 1, 2010 and November 30, 2011. The release says it takes about seven years to recover funds.

The agency has been improving its success record. Four years ago, it recovered 1 percent of money stolen. In 2011 it was 15 percent. It hopes to reach 25 percent by 2016.

IDB loans Suriname US\$ 300 million

(De Ware Tijd) PARAMARIBO – The cutting off of Dutch development aid had proved to be beneficial to Suriname. In the coming five years, the country will receive a total of US\$ 300 million in loans from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB).

The money was made available after the IDB's executive board approved the their strategic plan 2011-2015. With these funds, the Suriname's government will, among other things, invest in the public sector, diversification of the economy and protection of current and future human capital.

Investments will also be made in agriculture, energy, education, finance, social security and transportation, among other things. Meanwhile, Suriname and the IDB are also negotiating for additional loans for water and sanitation, disaster control, tax administration, natural resources, and environmental management.

Jamaica in deep crisis – analysts

Political parties incapable of making hard decisions to revive the economy..

Jamaica Gleaner - November 27, 2011

Arguing that Jamaica's political parties lack the social legitimacy required to push through the tough policies necessary to pull the economy out of its crisis, academic Don Robotham has suggested a renewed experimentation with the Senate to give the legislature a wider base and the Government a stronger platform to do the difficult things.

"We cannot be jogging on in the same old way. It is not sustainable. We need to find a way to cut expenditure. We need to expand the Senate. It cannot be done by government alone it needs consensus," Robotham said.

At the same time, Trevor Munroe, who heads the anti-corruption organisation National Integrity Action Forum, called for a rebuilding of the civil society coalition, whose mobilisation forced the Government to extradite gangster Christopher Coke to the United States, to add muscles to the calls for accelerated economic and

political reform. Both men spoke Friday at a forum organised by The Gleaner on the state of the Jamaican economy.

The consensus: it is in deep crisis, in the government's debt of over one thousand, six hundred million (\$1.6 trillion) dollars, or around 130 per cent of the value of all the goods and services produced in Jamaica.

Paying the debt takes up nearly all the money Government collects in taxes or in grants from other countries, leaving little to do other business.

Austerity measures required

This, analysts say, leaves the administration with little choice but to introduce austerity measures, including cutting public-sector jobs, asking all government workers to contribute to their pensions and collecting more taxes, particularly by capturing people who now escape the tax net.

.....[Read more](#)

US official: Drug traffic may return to the Caribbean

MIAMI (AP) — A top U.S. State Department official said November 8, that drug traffickers may return to old Caribbean smuggling routes as law enforcement pressure builds against them in Mexico and Central America.



William Brownfield

William Brownfield, assistant secretary of state for international narcotics and law enforcement, said the Caribbean routes used to ship cocaine and other drugs in the 1970s and 1980s are the most logical for traffickers. Those routes led most often to South Florida but also to other Southern U.S. states.

"I do not see it right now, but simple logic and common sense tells you that you probably are going to see it in the next two or three years," Brownfield said in an interview. "They are going to look for alternative routes."

Right now less than 3 percent of cocaine and other illegal drugs is smuggled into the U.S. through ocean routes, according to the Drug Enforcement Administration. Traffickers

most commonly bring the drugs produced in Colombia, Peru, Bolivia and elsewhere north through Central America, or off its coasts, into Mexico and then over land into the U.S.

But Brownfield said the cartels are "in the process of being chased out of Mexico" and are beginning to eye Central American countries as an alternative base of operations. And that, he said, would make the Caribbean once again a more attractive option than moving drugs.. [more](#)



Cricket: Umpire Steve Bucknor lashes Windies

(Jamaica Gleaner) FLORIDA, - December 13, 2011

The Jamaican whose job for more than two decades was to watch – up close – the world's best cricketers at work has painted a damning picture of the recent crop of West Indies players and administrators.

Retired international umpire Steve Bucknor is also doubtful the region's once formidable team, which he says is now littered with money-hungry, prideless players, can return among cricket's elite soon.

"There is no problem as far as they (the players) are concerned," said Bucknor, who stood in 128 Test matches between 1989 and 2009, including 26 in the West Indies. "I can see it. Once they are making money, (they) will play."

Bucknor suggested a change in the system of compensation. [Read more](#)

Grenada Tourism expands with more Canada/US flights

Grenada, Wednesday November 16, 2011 – Air Canada will begin direct flights between St George's and Toronto from the middle of December.

Tourism officials said this would give a "big boost to the island's tourism during the peak winter months" at a time when two other airlines are beginning their seasonal schedules.

Charter airline Sunwing is also resuming its annual one-month charter schedule from mid December, while Air Canada Vacations is also set to start its now five-month annual winter schedule.

Tourism Minister Peter David said he is also excited about the prospect of a long-term visitor arrival hike from the North American country under a new deal with Caribbean Airlines.

"The onus is for us to now increase our marketing drive to make maximum use of what the Canadian market can offer," he said on November 15. [more](#)

Jamaica Labour Party leads Election Polls

Elections on December 29, 2011

(Jamaica Gleaner) The big green machine—JLP- being ridden by recently crowned champion jockey **Andrew Holness** has surged into the lead, gaining six percentage points in the past month, as the party most likely to win the December 29 general election.

But the heavyweight PNP orange machine, ridden by former champion jockey Portia Simpson Miller, is not yet out of the race and, with two furlongs to go before they hit the finish line, it is still anybody's race.

That's the finding of the latest Gleaner-commissioned Bill Johnson public-opinion poll held on Dec 10-12

Johnson's team found that if the election were held today, 31 per cent of the voters would put their 'X' beside the bell, the symbol of the Jamaica Labour Party (JLP), while a further five per cent of the voters say they would probably vote JLP.

That gives the Holness-led party a solid 36 per cent support.

For the People's National Party (PNP), 29 % say they would definitely put their 'X' beside its symbol, the head. A further 3% say they would probably vote for the PNP. That leaves the Simpson Miller-led party with 32 per cent support or four percentage points behind the JLP.

With the poll having a sampling error of +or- 4%, the parties are in a statistical dead heat, but what should worry the PNP is that this is the first time it has trailed the JLP in any Gleaner-Johnson poll since 2007.

The PNP's troubles are compounded by the fact that despite its campaigning over the past month, its support has remained at 32 per cent, which the Johnson team found when it tested the pulse of the nation in November 2011.

Regional governments meet re Inter-island Ferry Service

Details and agreements with investors being finalised

Caribbean360 – November 25, 2011 – The five countries that are slated to benefit directly from a Trinidad-based inter-island ferry service have moved a step closer to thrashing out the details of the proposed arrangement. The matter was discussed just days ago by representatives of Trinidad and Tobago, Grenada, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, St. Lucia and Barbados.

Grenadian Trade Minister Joseph Gilbert said his Trinidad counterpart Stephen Cadiz disclosed that project representatives were "very optimistic" the service could come on stream as early as the middle of next year.

It is anticipated that the ferry would service all the countries within one day. It would over-night in Barbados before making the "island-hopping" return trip to Trinidad.

"The proposed ferry would have a capacity for about 300 passengers and



would be able to carry "roll-on, roll-off" containerized cargo as well as motor vehicles", he stated.

The Grenada-Trinidad ferry journey is expected to take just over two hours, and cost a fraction of the cost of air travel between the two countries.

The ferry service was approved in late September by the Trinidad and Tobago government. It would be financed through a public/private arrangement, with the majority of coming from the private sector.



Barbados presents a tale of two tourisms

[Barbados, December 15, 2011 – Caribbean360](#)

On the same day that Barbados received its first scheduled direct flight from Sweden in 15 years with the promise of new northern European markets, the head of the hoteliers' association called for a high-level meeting to rescue Barbados' tourism.

While Minister of Tourism Richard Sealy and Minister of International Transport George Hutson were on hand at the Grantley Adams International Airport on December 14, to enthusiastically welcome the TUI Nordic for the start of its scheduled bi-weekly service, head of the Barbados Hotel and Tourism Association (BHTA), Colin Jordan, wants to urgently see the two officials in another setting.

The BHTA president revealed at the association's fourth quarterly meeting on December 14, that Minister Sealy had been contacted to urgently pave the way for a meeting between the BHTA and Minister Hutson so that the challenges facing [Read more](#)

T&T leads Caribbean in diabetes

Trinidad Guardian - Tue, 2011-11-15

T&T has the highest rate of diabetes in the Caribbean and more than half the population is overweight. Deputy permanent secretary in the Ministry of Health Cheryl Hay said so yesterday at a sensitisation meeting for members of the Cabinet-appointed Partners' Forum Working Committee for Action on Chronic Non-Communicable Diseases. The meeting was held at the Hyatt Regency, Wrightson Road, Port-of-Spain.

Hay said the preliminary report of the T&T National Risk Factor Survey conducted this year revealed alarming results. She said: "The report confirmed that a large proportion of the population already have the risk factors for developing chronic diseases. "More than half the population is overweight or obese and we are already seeing that 25 per cent of school aged children are overweight or obese." [more](#)

Barbados steps up business competitiveness with free Wi-Fi

A private sector push to make Barbados a more attractive place to do business

Barbados, Thursday November 11, 2011 –

The vision of Barbados as a 24-hour work hub has moved closer to reality as the Barbados Entrepreneurship Foundation (BEF) reports that almost 60% of the island is now wireless fidelity (Wi-Fi) accessible.

This was the position achieved by November 11, 2011, the target date initially set one year ago by the BEF to achieve full island-wide free internet access.

While acknowledging that they had fallen short of this ambitious target, the private sector-led foundation was pleased to report that their concerted efforts had transformed the island from a position of about 1% free wireless access to almost 60% access.

Chief Executive Officer of the BEF, Damian McKinney, noted that the target was a critical one in the development of Barbados as a business hub.

He said: "The project is fundamental to propelling Barbados to the center of global business with the incremental proliferation of free Wi-fi hot-spots, which in turn will enable new business opportunities and innovations."

He highlighted that while Barbados enjoys a literacy rate of an estimated 99.7%, it is now an indisputable fact that Internet literacy is the new necessary paradigm. Indeed, IT capability and capacity is the single most important transformational force that Barbados can harness, now, when seeking to compete for the lifeblood that is global market share.

The initiative, branded: '11.11.11 Wi-Fi Barbados – Wi Not', was made possible through the collaboration of government, private sector, public sector, labour, and telecommunications providers. [Read more](#)

T&T offers to open Guyanese aeronautical school there

-as Ogle school graduates 20 aircraft mechanics

[December 17, 2011 Kaieteur News](#)

-Trinidad and Tobago has offered to help Guyana open an aeronautical school there and to collaborate more in strengthening oversight capacity.

The offer was made yesterday by Ramesh Lutchmedial, T&T's Director General of its Civil Aviation Authority during a graduation ceremony of 20 students, now aircraft mechanics.

Also there for the graduation and induction ceremony at the Art Williams and Harry Wendt Aeronautical Engineering School at the Ogle Airport, East Coast Demerara, were President Donald Ramotar, Public Works Minister, Robeson Benn, diplomats and parents, among others.

Currently, the school flies lecturers from T&T to hold classes.

Lutchmedial, a 40-year veteran in the aviation field, said the region should now move to introduce certificates that



Some of the new graduands taking the Mechanic's Creed during a Graduation and Induction ceremony on Dec 16th, at the Art Williams and Harry Wendt Aeronautical Engineering School.

can be accepted in any one of the member states within CARICOM.

He charged the new mechanics to continue upgrading and never divert from set procedures and norms as it could end up with lives lost.

The aeronautical school has graduated 210 Ab-Initio (beginners' course) students of whom 90 are now fully licenced Engineers under the Ab-Initio and Modular Programmes which commenced in 1997. [Read more](#)

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Toronto group of Caribbean poets publish poetry anthology "Roraima"



Roraima

An anthology of poetry from emerging Caribbean Canadian writers

Roop Misir Ken Ramphal
Ram Jagessar Harry Persaud
Habeeb Alli Naraine Datt

Toronto: November 7, 2011

Six Caribbean poets from the Toronto and Southern Ontario region have announced the joint publication of *Roraima*, an anthology of poetry from emerging Caribbean Canadian writers.

The huge collection of 75 poems by **Roop Misir, Ken Ramphal, Ram Jagessar, Harry Persaud, Habeeb Alli and Naraine Datt** breaks news ground

in exposing a vision of Caribbean writing that goes beyond wallowing in nostalgia about former lives in Guyana, Trinidad and other parts of the Caribbean.

Roraima is a rich and varied collection of poems on many aspects of life in Canada and the perspectives of former immigrants who have adapted to life in a large, different and developed nation.

Here is some information on four of the six authors:

Poet Harry Persaud, a retired anthropologist, says, "These poems come from a Caribbean community that has been settled in Canada for many decades, and has a lifestyle that is mostly unknown to people in our former Caribbean homelands. We find that even within Canada we here in Toronto may not know much about our cousins in places like Winnipeg, with a huge Caribbean population of over 50,000, and they also don't know us.

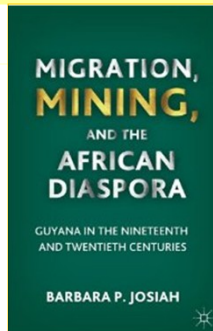
"We are hoping that *Roraima* begins to break down some of the barriers of time and distance and show other Caribbean people and the wider Canadian population what we are thinking and doing."

Poet Ram Jagessar, a retired newspaper editor, commented that all his poems were true and were taken directly from the lives of Caribbean people he has known in Canada. They reflect the movement of the new immigrant from a Trinidad or Guyana focus towards a new Canada centred life while still retaining much of the cultural, social and religious behaviour of the Caribbean.

Poet Habeen Alli, a Muslim imam, explains, "My poems reflect my odyssey from a new immigrant to a context of religious life in Canada. I am attempting to introduce an enlightened Islamic perspective, for as you know Caribbean Muslims are generally quite moderate. And I am exploring the romantic concept of love within Islam."

Poet Naraine Datt, Naraine's poems reflect a wide international interests and attitudes and has enough interest for a wide range of readers. His subjects includes everything from the Nuclear Holocaust to domestic issues between

Book Released by Dr. Barbara Josiah Migration, Mining, and the African Diaspora: Guyana in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries



Released Nov. 8, 2011, *Migration, Mining, and the African Diaspora: Guyana in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries* (Palgrave Macmillan). By Dr. Barbara P. Josiah – bjosiah@jjay.cuny.edu

Please go to www.amazon.com/Migration-Mining-African-Diaspora-Nineteenth/dp/0230115896 and pre-order your copy at a special price.

Offering unique insights on a colonial mineocracy and African Diaspora labor migrants who diversified an economy to include mining with agriculture, Eldorado in Guyana's history unfolds here.

Gold miner "Pigeon Island" Brown, "King of Diamonds" Fred Mahaica, & others "walked between the raindrops," as part of a pendulum migration to interior mining. The book investigates how they grappled with deadly Itanami waterfall and geographically and ecologically challenging environments.

Migration and mining interconnect precious metal, gemstones, and bauxite to include female mining entrepreneur, Gertrude Orderson, boat designer and builder, Edward Nassy, and James "Dutchie" Orna, originally from Surinam, both of whom provided invaluable transportation services in the mining areas.

Crafts persons of African ancestry such as Samuel Felix and *Colonial Jewellery Establishment's*, A.C. Young who pioneered and expanded the jewelry industry enrich the study. Knowledge transfer and African continuities intertwine their abilities as workers and jewelers to utilize their earnings and provide for the future. "This book is a tribute to the ancestors", says Dr. Josiah.

man and wife. He expressed liberal sympathies taking up the cause of people whether they are aboriginal Canadians, South Africans blacks or Rodney King. Naraine is a retired school teacher and realtor.

The group will be taking up a program of publicity, public appearances and readings, and a book launch within the next few weeks, as well as initiating contacts with other writers in southern Ontario and other parts of Canada for possible future joint publications.

Roraima is available on www.amazon.com as an e-book and printed paperback. It is also be available from the authors and local venues in the Greater Toronto area.

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