Guyana, China sign airport US$130M expansion loan

Finance Minister Dr Ashni Singh and Chinese Ambassador Yu Wenzhe exchange documents after signing the loan agreement for the Cheddi Jagan Airport Expansion Project as President Donald Ramotar and Public Works Minister Robeson Benn look on.

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- Construction to start in first quarter of 2013
The way is now clear for expansion of the Cheddi Jagan International Airport (CJIA) to begin during the first quarter of next year, with the signing of a US$130 million loan agreement between Guyana and China. The concessional loan is being provided by the Chinese EXIM Bank.

Transport Minister, Robeson Benn said 300 houses with an estimated 815 residents in the “impact area” are to be relocated to a designated area.

Benn said a feasibility study and environmental impact assessment of the CJIA expansion project have been already conducted.

Guyana’s President publicly endorses proposed ethanol project

Guyana’s President Donald Ramotar Friday night October 26, signalled that his administration is fully behind Ansa Mc Al’s proposed multi-million dollar ethanol project.

Addressing a reception to mark the company’s 20th anniversary in Guyana, he sought to publicly dispel suggestions in some quarters that government was reluctant to fully support the project.

“’I am very, very supportive of the proposal to invest in our productive sector of the economy and a project that, of course, has enormous benefits and a win-win situation for all that are involved in it,” the Guyanese leader told the gathering at the Georgetown Club.

Group Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Ansa Mc Al Group, Norman Sabga, in a brief interview with Demerara Waves Online News (www.demwaves.com), declined to say whether the company has been able to acquire the desired land for the study.

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GUYANESE ONLINE NEWSLETTERS
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Every month we publish over 100 Blog entries and these are also listed here and accessible by clicking on the items on the list. Your comments are welcome!
The effects of Hurricane Sandy

Hurricane Sandy is a wake-up call for everyone, as it again highlights the fragility of our infrastructure in natural disasters. Sandy was barely a Category 1 storm yet its rainfall and storm surge crippled many communities, took many lives and incurred billions of dollars in damage. This may just be the beginning of a new trend affecting the upper eastern seaboard of the USA.

In an article (see link), David Bielo says: “Higher sea surface temperatures have made the storm surge stronger,” he explained. “Normally hurricanes come up to the coast and turn right back into the ocean, but as a consequence of the major meltdown of Arctic sea ice this summer, there was a weather pattern preventing Sandy from taking that course, and steered it back into land.” “One conclusion on which experts do agree is that the frequency and intensity of hurricanes like Sandy will increase over time”.

This storm has reignited the hotly debated topics of climate change and global warming, which environmentalists blame for Hurricane Sandy. However, this is not the time for further debates. Action must be taken now to minimize the effects of a reality that cannot be reversed as the environmental damage has already been done. The polar ice caps are melting and sea levels are rising, while weather patterns are changing and becoming more destructive: droughts, floods etc.

We in Guyana should not be complacent and think “It could not happen here”. It has been reported that Guyana’s sea defenses have not been properly maintained and that its drainage systems are inadequate. Being below sea level at high tide also makes drainage even more difficult.

Are we prepared for floods and rising sea levels?
JOIN GCA IN GUYANA IN DECEMBER  
SYMPOSIUM 2012 “Masquerade Lives”  
AN IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCE

• WORKSHOPS ON MASQUERADE MUSIC, COSTUME DESIGN, IMAGE MAKING, THE POETICS OF MASQUERADE • BAD COW COMPETITION • THEATER GUILD SEASON “MASQUERADE HERITAGE”

Responding to its mission to preserve, promote, and propagate Guyana’s cultural heritage, the Guyana Cultural Association of New York, Inc. will in December 2012 partner with Guyana’s Department of Culture to present the 2012 symposium during Masquerade season.

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What follows are current details:

Symposium: December 13th and 14th, 2012: Georgetown, Guyana. The Call for Participation has been circulated. The details are available online at www.guyfolkfest.org. Potential topics include but are not limited to:

• Origins of the art form
• Immigration, class, and transferal and transmission of masquerade
• The poetics of the masquerade: literary expressions
• Masquerade as graphic text (PAINTING)
• Costuming: meaning and subtexts
• The masquerade band and community pride
• Masquerade as public spectacle
• Masquerade and foreign policy
• Masquerade and CARICOM festival arts
• The Music(s) of Masquerade
• Masquerade and the Bhoom
• Masquerade and biography
• Masquerade as a socio-historical unit in curricula in schools

The University of Guyana and the Unit of Allied Arts in the Ministry of Education have been requested to support the initiative by engaging students during the Fall term. “The research reports from the symposium will be published by the Department of Culture. The Ministry of Culture has also indicated its intention to publish a collection of essays on masquerade that should emerge from the national schools system.” In addition to the research reports and poster sessions, there will be workshops on masquerade music, costume design, image making, and the poetics of masquerade. It is anticipated that current practitioners of the art will be actively engaged in these workshops.

Also associated with the 2012 Masquerade season will be a special season at the Theater Guild which will feature a new work based on the masquerade heritage. Another event will be The Original Bad Cow Masquerade Competition.
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- The Poetics of Masquerade
- Bad Cow Competition
- Theater Guild Season
- “Masquerade Heritage”

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Scouts gearing up for huge 103rd anniversary celebrations

October 21, 2012 KNEWS

The Scout Association of Guyana is planning a wide-range of activities to mark its 103rd anniversary this month. The association is inviting members of the public to come and be part of the festivities, set to get underway during the weekend of October 26.

Groups from across the country will begin assembling at the association’s headquarters on Woolford Avenue to set up camp on Friday, October 26. This will be a prelude to the major activities set to take place the following day, Saturday October 27, including a parade around Georgetown beginning at 8:30am. [more]

American chef here to boost DDL Foundation’s education for the underprivileged initiative

The Demerara Distillers Limited (DDL) Foundation is working on fine-tuning its criteria for selecting and supporting high-achieving underprivileged Grade Six (‘Common Entrance’) students through their secondary school career.

The Foundation had a fund-raising dinner at the Princess Hotel Saturday October 20 7 PM. Where for GUY$15,000 per plate, patrons savoured the culinary delights of American Executive Chef, Nilka Hendricks. [more]

CENTURY21 CAMDEC Real Estate Ltd.
“When young build assets…Then build cash flow,” by A. Rupert De Castro, CMA

In most western democracies, inflation is a given. It is how the politicians make us believe we are better off so we can continue to vote for their promises. Here are some Inflation examples:

1) I arrived in Toronto as an immigrant from Guyana on February 4, 1965. My first job as a clerk in an Insurance company paid $58 per week. Wow! You say “That’s not a lot of money” but… a cup of coffee was 5 cents. Let me go through the calculation to demonstrate:

A cup of coffee today is say $1.20… that is 24 times the price in 1965.

24 times my salary of $58 as a clerk is 24 x $58 = $1392 per week x 52 = $72,384 per annum… do you know of any clerk making $72,384 per annum? That’s inflation.

2) Camille and I bought our first house in 1971. A detached, side-split at Don Mills and Lawrence for $32,000. I remember, that’s the year I became a CMA, Certified Management Accountant. I was making $10,000 per year.

The house cost $32,000 divided by $10,000 = 3.2 times my salary.

That house today is $850,000; I would have to be making $265,625 to have the bargain we got in 1971. Now, and this is the enlightening part: we paid 9 ½% on a 5 year term mortgage.

Ask yourself the question, “What will happen to real estate values when mortgage rates rise?”

3) Many of you know Camille and I were involved in buying and renting houses. Hey! We moved 15 times in the first 15 years of marriage; from one house to the next cleaning up some tenant’s mess. In the 70’s + 80’s, I read every book on buying and renting houses I could get my hands on.

The best line I ever read was, “Make money while you sleep.” It seems ridiculous but it is true. Camille and I are no smarter than any of you. Inflation (courtesy of the politicians) made us a lot of money over the years ………

So I say, “When young build assets…Then build cash flow.” “Build a portfolio of houses, attract good tenants, keep your properties in good shape… in time, as you pay down your mortgages and refinance, your positive cash flow will be significant by the time you retire. It ain’t rocket science.

Should you start buying investment properties (houses) now? I say NO. Not now. In my opinion (and I am not a genius ) you wait for the effect on real estate values that rising interest rates will have.

Some do not know mortgages rates in 1982 hit 22%. Some do not know short term interest rates in 1980 went from 6% to 17% in SIX MONTHS. I am certainly not suggesting that this will occur again but life being a pendulum , we cannot forever stay at 3.14% for a 5 year term mortgage. … Contact me:

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“When young, build assets… Then build cash flow.”
**Book Review: Accountability book challenges Guyana govt.**

October 21, 2012  KNEWS

By Dr Glenville Ashby  glenvilleashby@gmail.com


This meticulously researched and measured undertaking – shaped by his doctoral dissertation – explains its strong academic leaning. It is exploratory, but concise, as it confronts a national scourge that is global in scope.

The author is deliberative, defining almost laboriously, the constitution of public accountability. He details the requisites of financial management at a governmental level, defines short and long term objectives, and delves into operational planning. He touts the essentiality of the legislative audit (also called the Supreme Audit Institution), which “carries out ex post evaluations of financial transactions”.

**Masquerade art form, historical events to be highlighted for Mash**

October 23, 2012- Knews

Culture Minister Dr Frank Anthony makes a presentation flanked by representations of mannequins depicting the birds of Guyana.

The fact that the masquerade art form is currently in jeopardy has prompted the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sport to engage intervening measures. According to Minister with responsibility for the Ministry, Dr Frank Anthony, “the masquerade art form is suffering because the bands that we used to have we are no more having them.”

Against this background, he said that efforts are being made to organize an international conference on masquerade later this year. The Minister said that the Ministry is collaborating with the Guyana Cultural Association of New York to host the event in December.

**Order Republic of GUYANA postcards by BartonCreations**

This is the latest of the Guyana Postcards designed by Lyndon Barton featuring various pictures of The Republic of GUYANA, now available at Zazzle.com

**Stamps tell a story.** Together they represent a pictorial showcase of what Guyana is most noted for. One example is the replica of Guyana half penny magenta stamp that is most prominently featured at the center of the map of stamps. This stamp is the rarest and most valuable stamp in the world.

The postcard features other stamps like the world renowned Kaieteur Falls, the spectacular flora and fauna, and aspects of Guyana’s history, culture, and various industries....  Lyndon O. Barton - Artist
PATH to FREEDOM: My Story of Perseverance by Conrad Taylor

The view will be nostalgic for some, shocking to many, and enlightening for others.

- The Smithsonian Institute has selected it for display in its Anacostia Museum Library.
- It was the Second Place Winner in the Autobiography/Memoir category of the 2011 Royal Palm Literary Awards Competition held in Orlando Florida October 2011.

More than a memoir, the historically-accurate PATH to FREEDOM provides a unique prism through which to see the cultural trauma of emigration, the unique experience that is West Point, the personal side of Cold-War-era geopolitics, and the mayhem of Third World politics.... Including Guyana’s GDF before emigrating to the USA.

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BERBICE DOCUMENTARY - AMANDA WILSON

Overseas-based Guyanese documentary maker, Amanda Wilson, announces her latest project, Cuffy: Face Of A Rebellion – a 60-minute film celebrating the life and mission of a truly peerless Guyanese hero and the 250th anniversary of his 1763 Berbice revolt.

The documentary, currently in production in Guyana for release in February 2013, draws on months of painstaking research in slavery archives in Guyana, Ghana, the Netherlands, the United States and Britain, and extensive interviews with leading academics, historians, politicians and journalists.

Amanda Wilson seeks to resurrect slave rebellion leader

Amanda Wilson has a dream: to bring suicidal house slave Cuffy to life via the first known locally produced documentary of the 1763 Rebellion.

To this end, Wilson is working on the production of a documentary dubbed “Cuffy: Face of a Rebellion.”

The documentary, which takes the style of a film, is intended to bring Cuffy back to life; to tell the tale of the journey, the life and the mission of the “peerless Guyanese hero” and is expected to be released on 21, February 2013 to commemorate the 250th anniversary of Cuffy’s 1763 Berbice revolt.

The UK-based Guyanese told Kaieteur News yesterday that the ‘trailer’ is completed and was shot on location in Canje, Berbice.

Wilson noted, as one of her primary reasons for production, that she finds it disturbing that the average Guyanese student knows about Martin Luther King and his struggle but asked about Cuffy, all they know is about the 1763 monument that has been erected in his memory.

BERBICE INDIAN EXPO

A simple launching ceremony was done on Friday in New Amsterdam. Mr. Saveen, of India, who is in charge of the event, stated that exclusive Indian wear can be found at the expo. “We are doing our best and I hope everyone comes,” he said.

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Stanley Greaves makes presentation at National Gallery

October 21, 2012 — KNEWS

Known primarily for his complex and dynamic paintings from the 1950s to date, distinguished Guyanese artist, Stanley Greaves, A.A., delivered a Power Point presentation and gallery talk at the National Gallery of Art on Thursday October 25, 2012. The talk and exhibition started at 7.00 pm and was open to the public at no cost to them.

The occasion saw the artist seeking to raise awareness about his sculptural works produced over his career of more than 50 years.

Although his works over the years have reflected his critical engagement with Guyanese and the wider Caribbean life and culture, his presentations seek to illustrate the development of his equally powerful three-dimensional and relief carved works in wood, stone and metal among other materials.

Numerous Awards

Greaves has been honoured with numerous awards both for his work as a visual artist and more recently, for his literary output as a poet. He started in the late 1950’s and early 60’s in Guyana when he won the Burnham Gold Medal for Painting and other national competition awards.

He later earned Gold, Silver and Purchase awards for his paintings, sculptures and drawings in annual national competitions in Barbados, where he lived for more than 20 years from the mid-1980’s and a Gold Medal at the Second Santo Domingo Painting Bienal in 1994.

As a student at Newcastle University he won a Second Year Sculpture award and a Travel Scholarship in 1965 and 1966 respectively and later, a Fulbright Award in 1979 to study for a second degree at Howard University.

Stanley Greaves - The Poet


Greaves, with works in the National Collections of Guyana and Barbados and in several private and institutional collections, has exhibited in solo and group exhibitions in the wider Caribbean as well as in London and Paris.

More recently in the United States, where he has been living since 2008, he exhibited in Washington D.C. at the Maruka Gallery and at the Arthur Rose Museum at Claflin University, South Carolina, both in 2011.

Greaves last exhibited his works at Castellani House in 2001 with his There is a Meeting Here Tonight series, and in 2005 with New-Retro, a retrospective exhibition. Most recently he made a presentation on his suite of paintings, Shadows Move Among Them, dedicated to pioneering Guyanese author Edgar Mittelholzer, in 2009, the centenary year of Mittelholzer’s birth.
Guest Editorial

We are extremely pleased with the announcement by President Ramotar that from this year, the top performers at CSEC and CAPE would be awarded scholarships abroad and at UG'. This newspaper has long advocated the resuscitation of the "Guyana Scholarship" programme which had produced so many distinguished Guyanese who went on to serve this country with great distinction.

In September 2007 we wrote, "We ought to take the lead from Prime Minister Lee Kwan Yu’s book when he set out in the 1960’s to chart and lead Singapore on the path to First World status. In addition to soliciting and receiving all the grants and aid that have been pouring in from the Cuba and the developed countries, let us in a structured manner negotiate a number of scholarships to the latter’s elite universities especially in the subject areas that would assist in our development thrust.

“As we have advocated in the past, let us resuscitate the Guyana Scholarships and award the scholarships obtained to the top Upper Sixth Form performers on condition that they return to serve the Government for five years after completion of their studies. This would provide, in our estimation, the requisite incentive for some of our best and brightest to return and serve our country.”

It appears that the government has eschewed the suggestion to negotiate scholarships with friendly governments and opted to pay for the scholarships. We hope that this policy is not carved in stone on the presumption that the universities in the US and UK are all ‘private’ and therefore not under the auspices of their governments. We are sure that the said governments extend a wide array of services to their universities, which give them some influence in awarding scholarships – once the awardees have satisfied the admission criteria.

But we also pointed out in 2007: “Today it is not just the UK that has a monopoly of the top universities – nor even the US, for that matter: India, China, Japan and a host of other countries can hold their own with the best in the world. In fact the top Indian colleges in science, engineering and business produce students who are in such demand that head hunters from the west snap them up like hotcakes.

“While we are on the subject, we ought to mention that the latter institutions were able to catch up with and even surpass the older ones in the developed countries by sticking to rigorous and rigid admission and retention standards. As such, we believe that our Ministry and Minister of Education (MoE) are on the right track to insist that any student who wishes to proceed on to the Sixth Forms ought to have passes in English and Mathematics at CSEC. Sixth Form work is for those who intend to do serious University work and there ought to a solid initial screening process.”

We note that the government has offered scholarships to CSEC top students also, but we caution that if we expect these young students (generally sixteen years old) to enter the top foreign universities, they will have to complete their CAPE. And this brings us to the promise by the MoE that they will establish specialised Sixth Form School(s). The recent CSEC results demonstrate that even though Queens College received the “cream of the crop” at the NGSA, they were unable to translate that into commensurately high results. We hope they had a ‘wake-up call” this year.

Something is amiss at what is supposed to be our ‘premier high school” – more so in light of interviews that revealed the Queens high flyers – at CSEC and CAPE – attributing their success to ‘lessons'. Many Guyanese do not remember that at present, all science students proceeding from CSEC to CAPE must transfer to Queen’s, which then somewhat undeservedly receives credit for their success.

The removal of their Sixth Forms to the specialised school might lessen whatever challenges the present Queens’ administration faces; and simultaneously better prepare scholarship winners, and other graduates, for the rigours of competitive university life.
**Guyana’s Parliament and Governance**

**NIS in trouble…Immediate reforms needed as income dwindles – Board**

September 28,2012 KNEWS

Immediate reforms are needed at the state-owned National Insurance Scheme (NIS), its Board of Directors have warned.

“The year 2012 has issued in a period of importance for the scheme and importantly for its stakeholders. The challenge of maintaining its financial viability has become even more pressing and it is evident that immediate solutions are necessary,” NIS said in a statement from Board Chairman, Dr. Roger Luncheon, on the state entity’s anniversary. [more]

**NIS woes…Govt. is to be blamed, Luncheon must resign – AFC**

OCTOBER 2, 2012 | BY KNEWS |

“Our information is that the government officials heading and controlling the scheme do not want to see their family, friends and favourites being investigated and prosecuted. This is the institutional corruption that the AFC knows about.”- Khemraj Ramjattan

The Alliance For Change (AFC) is calling for the immediate removal of Board Chairman, Dr. Roger Luncheon, as worry continue to mount over the future of the National Insurance Scheme (NIS).

Non-compliance by contributors coupled by a dwindling workforce will see the scheme recording a $1.4B shortfall this year, and policy makers are scrambling to find ways to raise NIS’s income in a hurry or face bleak [more].

**US fact finding mission mulled for Guyana**

October 22, 2012 By Lin-Jay Harry-Voglezon - KNEWS

– Region 10 Chairman says “broken system must fix now!”

The touring party of Alliance For Change (AFC) Chairman Nigel Hughes, with Lindeners, Region 10 Chairman Sharma Solomon, Vanessa Kissoon; Aubrey Norton, former MP and Pastor Maurice Mc Kennon, are impacting both Guyanese emigrants and American politicians.

Last Friday evening October 19, just over 100 persons, almost all Linden emigrants, turned up at the Rose Garden Catering for the Brooklyn leg of the planned meetings in with the Diaspora. By the end of the two-hour session people had become quite animated and expressive [more]

**Hinterland school feeding programme…Little evidence that $43M in snacks delivered-Auditor General**

October 23, 2012 - KNEWS

Questions have been raised whether some $43M in snacks for children in the hinterland schools were actually delivered. The questions were raised in the 2011 Report of the Auditor General which was laid in Parliament yesterday.

Last year, Government reportedly allocated $1.2B for the countrywide school feeding programme. However, according to the audit report, checks with the Ministry of Education regarding the programme in Region Nine found little evidence that value was received. [more]
Rohee says not responsible in any way for death of Lindeners

Stabroek editor On October 31, 2012

Minister of Home Affairs Clement Rohee this morning denied that he was in any way responsible for the death of the three Lindeners on July 18th and charged that there is a campaign of “vilification” against him that is politically motivated.

“The word vilification comes from the word villain, I have been made out to be the villain by linking me directly to the shooting of the three Lindeners,” Rohee said when he was asked what he meant by vilification [more]

Guyana’s Parliament and Governance

Guyana: Commerce Chamber worried about politics and business

VIDEO: Capitol News Report < click

Doing business in Guyana takes a special effort and those persons who venture in must be commended. This is the view of Speaker of the National Assembly, Raphael Trotman. He made those comments while addressing a luncheon organized by the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCI).

Trotman was the guest speaker at the luncheon and he pointed to the reality of Guyana’s Governance structure, noting that all the actors seem not to fully understand their role.

Trotman’s comments came after Chairman of the Private Sector Commission, Ron Webster, delivered some stinging remarks to the nations politicians, asking them to put the issues and people first. [ more on video ]

Auditor General confirmed after acting for seven years

Posted By Stabroek editor On October 31, 2012

In a surprise move, the government today confirmed Deodat Sharma to the post of Auditor General after he had been acting in the position for seven years.

The move came amid growing pressure for an adequately qualified Auditor General to be appointed to the post and in the backdrop of Sharma’s approach of the mandatory public service retirement age of 55. He is presently 54. [more]

Guyana gov’t abandons bootlegged textbooks for originals at discount

October 30, 2012 Demerara Waves

In the wake of an injunction by British publishers that has effectively blocked the Guyana government from procuring bootlegged textbooks, negotiators have secured “massive discounts” for originals to be supplied to public schools.

Cabinet Secretary, Dr. Roger Luncheon is expected to Wednesday announce that cabinet has offered its no-object to purchase original textbooks from seven publishers for more than GUY$170 million, Education Minister, Priya Manickchand told Demerara Waves Online News (www.demwaves.com).

She disclosed that government and the publishers are in talks about “procuring the books in a manner that will be affordable to Guyanese and we are happy to report that the reception to this conversation has been encouraging.” [more]

See Capitol News Video—click here
**Guyana poised to surpass gold production target**

October 5, 2012 Demerara Waves

Guyana has recorded a 22 percent increase in gold declaration compared to the same period last year due to a number of factors, Natural Resources Minister, Robert Persaud said on October 5, 2012.

“I have seen increased declarations and so our efforts are yielding positive results. We are 22 percent of where we were last year. I think that is a substantial improvement,” Persaud told Demerara Waves Online News (www.demwaves.com).

Official figures show that so far 314,000 ounces of the precious metal has been produced for the year. Guyana has set itself a target of 336,000 ounces in 2012, about 27,000 more than last year’s production. [more]

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**Rice production set to exceed 400,000 tonnes again**

Guyana Chronicle Online; - by Nadine Sanchara; Friday, 26 October 2012

THE local rice industry is set to exceed a production of 400,000 tonnes of rice this year which will be the second time in Guyana’s history that this amount is surpassed. This was disclosed by Agriculture Minister Dr Leslie Ramsammy in a recent interview.

He pointed out that for the first crop of this year more than 210,000 tonnes of rice were produced, exceeding the target of 200,000 tonnes, and the second crop, which is now being reaped, is also expected to surpass 200,000 tonnes.

“When we did it last year a lot of people said that it was a fluke, that it will never happen again but already there is indication that not only will we exceed it this year…. [more]

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**Commerce Chamber worried about politics and business - video**

Oct 25, 2012 - Capitol News

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Trotman’s comments came after Chairman of the Private Sector Commission, Ron Webster, delivered some stinging remarks to the nations politicians, asking them to put the issues and people first. Webster also drew attention to the functioning of Guyana’s Parliament drawing a link between conflict in Parliament and subsequent unrest.

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**80% of registered companies failed to submit returns in 2011 – Auditor General**

October 27, 2012 | By KNews |

More than 80 per cent of the registered companies failed to file mandatory annual returns in 2011, according to state auditors.

Under the Companies Act of 1991, companies are required to file annual returns from the year following their incorporation and to pay a filing fee of $800.

Any failure to comply in this regard carries a penalty of being struck off the Companies register and being deemed an invalid company.

But non-compliance continued to dog the system which is managed by the Supreme Court Registry. The registry falls under the Ministry of Legal Affairs.

In 2010, there were 223 companies that registered and were required to file returns in 2011. “However, only thirty-four companies complied with the requirements of the Act.” [more]
Other News from Guyana

**New Amsterdam Town Week gets underway**
October 25, 2012 | By KNews |
New Amsterdam Town Day 2012 got on the way on Sunday with an opening ceremony and cultural show at Main and New Streets, New Amsterdam, which was preceded by a march-past around the town of New Amsterdam.
The procession which was led by the Cofono Band Corps began in front of the New Amsterdam Secondary School at Strand and 39 Stanleytown under the theme “Collaboration and Unity for the restoration of New Amsterdam.” [more]

**GUYOIL sees near half-billion-dollar shortfall in 2011**
Oct 23, 2012 - KNEWS
High acquisition prices, aggressive competition coupled with low margins were factors that contributed to a near half billion shortfall in the gross profit obtained by the Guyana Oil Company during the past year.
This state of affairs was highlighted in the company’s 2011 Annual Report which was yesterday circulated, among other reports, in the National Assembly [more]

**Most victims of TIP unwilling to testify against perpetrators**
Oct 22, 2012 - KNEWS
The unwillingness of some victims of Trafficking in Persons (TIP) to testify against their perpetrators continues to be a challenge to the Ministerial Task Force on TIP.
According to the Secretary of the Task Force, Clement Henry, “most victims of TIP prefer to forget the ordeal and move on with their lives rather than see their perpetrators behind bars.” While, victims’ statements could be used against perpetrators in Court, their actual cooperation is necessary for obtaining evidence. [more]

**Freddie Kissoon tries justifying labeling Jagdeo "ideological racist"**
November 1, 2012 | Demerara Waves
Kaieteur News newspaper columnist Freddie Kissoon on Thursday sought to justify why he had labelled then President Bharrat Jagdeo an ideological racist by citing employment and wealth distribution practices.
When the libel case was called again before Justice Brassington Reynolds in the High Court, Kissoon’s lawyer, Nigel Hughes examined him on the basis of his client’s study titled “Ethnic Power and Ideological Racism: Examining Presidencies in Guyana.”
Kissoon told the court that on the basis of his two-year study that concluded in June 2012, he was of the view that the Jagdeo presidency had practiced ideological racism when compared to those of Forbes Burnham and Cheddi Jagan.
“In a number of these State institutions when you make the comparative context over time, you see a conspicuous worrying shift of one ethnic presence replaced by another ethnic presence as if there is a complete ethnic replacement,” the political scientist told the court. [more]

**Granger calls on Ann’s Grove – Two Friends villagers to mobilise**
October 23, 2012
PNCR Leader Brigadier (Rtd) David Granger met scores of villagers during a “walk-about” in Ann’s Grove, Two Friends and Dochfour villages, East Coast Demerara. During the walk-about he listened to the problems affecting them.
Villagers expressed their concern about rising unemployment and the dysfunctional public education system which is producing an unmanageable number of dropouts.
Granger was told that many villagers were small miners who worked in the Cuyuni-Mazaruni Region. Several of them complained about having been systematically ‘shaken down’ by rouge cops. .. [more]
**OLPF programme in more trouble**

**October 21, 2012 KNEWS**

The One Laptop Per Family (OLPF) programme has been placed in more hot water when no laptops were available for residents of Wakenaam who registered to benefit from the programme; while, numerous families have been allotted way more than what is suggested in the project.

OLPF made its first distribution visit to the Essequibo Island on Tuesday October 16, and distribution continued the following day. [more]

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**Students struggling to acquire text books**

– as legal importers run out of stocks

While the legal importers of text books are breathing a sigh of relief that an injunction against piracy has been granted, it has now become a challenge to parents and students to locate the required texts. Checks by Kaieteur News revealed that Austins’s Book Store and other legal importers have run out of books that are required reading for primary and secondary schools. [more]

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**UG unions gear for salaries talks**

**October 21, 2012 - KNEWS**

University of Guyana’s unions and negotiation team will commence negotiations on wages, salaries and working conditions for all categories of employees on Tuesday coming.

Vice President of the University of Guyana Senior Staff Association (UGSSA), Dr. Mellissa Ifill, disclosed that on Thursday October 18, 2012 President of the UGSSA, Dr. Patsy Francis, and UGWU head, Bruce Haynes, said that the long awaited negotiations will commence. [more..]

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**Republic Bank preparing more youths for world-of-work**

Republic Bank, Guyana Ltd., on Monday launched its fifth annual Youth Link Apprenticeship Program, with a total of twenty-nine youths from various schools across Guyana.

October 15, 2012 (Demerara Waves) During her welcoming remarks, Shriminie Mendonca; Human Resources Assistant Manager of the Bank stated that the apprenticeship programme is much more than a traditional work-study programme, as the beneficiaries will be receiving “comprehensive training in marketable, business-related knowledge and skills”, along with all the elements of professionalism. Mendonca encouraged the new apprentices to make full use of the “valuable, reputable work experience” [more]

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**Obituary:**

**Dr. Frederick Ignatius Campayne**

October 4, 1939 - October 8, 2012

Frederick went unexpectedly to the Lord on Monday October 8, 2012 in Trinidad. He was the son of the late James and Ora Campayne of Guyana. Dearly beloved brother of Louis (deceased), Hazel, Winston (Alma), Waveney, Berenice (deceased) and Joan (Arthur). Treasured uncle of many nieces and nephews and a very dear cousin of Marjorie (Conrad) as well as many others. Former lecturer in Physics at the University of Guyana and at the University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus, Trinidad, he also tutored Secondary School students in Maths and Physics at Advanced levels.

[Read Complete Obituary and Guest Book](https://guyaneseonline.wordpress.com/obituary-dr-frederick-ignatius-campayne/)

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**Note:** Click headlines to read the articles in full.
Guyanese urged to visit health centres first before flocking hospitals
October 23, 2012 KNEWS - By Leon Suseran

Guyanese are being urged to utilize the services of the primary health care facilities popularly referred to as ‘Health Centres’, before turning up at the Public Hospitals.

This is to ease the build-up of crowds and avoid long waiting times. The call was made by Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Berbice Regional Health Authority (BRHA) and Member of Parliament (MP), Dr. Vishwa Mahadeo. [more]

Almost 15 per cent of the population depressed – Health Minister
October 21, 2012 -KNEWS -

— intervening measures being streamlined

As much as 15 per cent of the population is affected by mental health issues, primarily in the form of depression, a state of affairs that has caused the Ministry of Health to review its approach to deal with such ailments.

This assertion was made by Minister of Health Dr Bheri Ramsaran, who revealed during an interview that the Ministry is now seeking to include mental health treatment at the primary health care level. [more]

Health Minister dismisses call for expansion of nursing schools libraries

Although there has been a call for the expansion of the library at the Georgetown School of Nursing, such a move is certainly not on the horizon. At least this is according to Minister of Health Dr Bheri Ramsaran who said that his Ministry is in fact leaning towards virtual libraries thereby making the call for an expansion irrelevant.

Mrs. Valerie Garrido-Lowe, Executive Member of the Alliance for Change (AFC), on Monday raised the issue during the most recent sitting of the National Assembly. [more]

Anti-malaria drugs tender Investigation - drugs worth less than $30M
October 21, 2012 KNEWS

Government’s purchases of drugs in recent years have come under growing fire with questions of transparency and whether Guyana was getting value for its precious dollars.

Not only has the state auditors criticized the process of procurement, but the opposition parties in Parliament have expressed alarm and have crossed swords with Government. Every year, billions of dollars are handed out in lucrative contracts to especially New GPC, which has been at the centre of the controversy. [more]

New GPC received 80% of drugs contracts in 2011 – Auditor General

The 2011 Report of the Auditor General (AG) is out and its makes for some interesting reading. The report concentrated on the accounts of the government Ministries including the Ministry of Health. Specifically, the report raised issue over the government’s purchase of medical drugs and supplies.

According to the report, one of two local companies pre-qualified by the government to supply pharmaceuticals and medical items are New GPC and Medpharm. New GPC received a whopping 80 per cent of the contracts to supply while Medpharm received one per cent. [more]

Overseas-based group helps reduce kidney failure with outreach mission

Indicating that he has several ambitious plans on the horizon to further aid the advancement of health and education in Guyana, US-based business tycoon, George Subraj, on Friday (October 26, expanded his philanthropic portfolio when he, backed by a competent medical team, descended on the West Coast Demerara, Cornelia Ida area, with a plan to arrest the prevalence of a number of diseases spurred by lifestyle choices. [more]
**Thirty-five percent of LIAT’s daily fights are uneconomic**

Published on October 20, 2012

BASSETERRE, St Kitts (CUOPM) -- LIAT’s newly-appointed chief executive officer, Captain Ian Brunton, has described 35 percent of the airline’s 112 daily flights as “social (uneconomic) routes”.

“LIAT cannot continue to meet the cost of these social routes,” Brunton told the state of the industry conference of the Caribbean Tourism Organisation in St Kitts last week.

The airline operates the intra-regional routes in the Caribbean going as far north as Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic and Guyana and Trinidad and Tobago in the south, also flying into the US and British Virgin Islands and the French Caribbean, Guadeloupe and Martinique. [more]

**US probes CAL on flight delay**

Stabroek editor On October 16, 2012

BASSETERRE, St Kitts (CUOPM) -- With American Airlines adding two-nonstop flights to St Kitts in November, bringing the number of flights from the Sunshine State to nine weekly, the carrier’s vice president for Mexico, the Caribbean and Latin America, Art Torno said the airline remains committed to the Caribbean region and plans to strengthen and expand its service through its Miami hub in particular.

"The centerpiece of our strategic vision for the Caribbean is our Miami hub. [more]"
Bajan central banker clashes with IMF head

Central Bank Governor Dr DeLisle Worrell has gone head-to-head with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) boss, telling her that her agency has been giving “bad advice” to countries like Barbados and, like it or lump it, devaluation is not an option for this country.

A tough-talking Worrell gave IMF managing director Christine Lagarde a blunt assessment of the IMF approach to Barbados and other small economies, saying that its model was simply wrong, at a breakfast meeting with Caribbean delegates attending the recent IMF/World Bank Annual Meetings in Japan.

A transcript of the meeting, showed a vigorous debate between Worrell and Lagarde, a former French minister of finance, over the merits of devaluation, and how economic growth could be achieved. Barbados’ currency has been pegged to the US dollar at two to one since 1973. [more]

US Ex-Im Bank guarantees financing of solar power in Barbados

WASHINGTON, USA -- The Export-Import Bank of the United States has provided a $6.4 million loan guarantee to finance the export of solar modules from West Coast-based SolarWorld Americas to Williams Industries/Williams Evergreen of Barbados. This project, one of the largest in the Caribbean, includes engineering services and solar-system racking exported from two American companies.

"Ex-Im export financing for this deal supports several American businesses and helps support jobs in five states, including California, Oregon, Arizona, Colorado, and Washington," said Ex-Im Bank chairman and president Fred Hochberg. "Our financing is good for American jobs, boosts American manufacturing and supplies clean, renewable energy to Barbados." [more]

Early warning - from Unions
Re: layoffs in the Public Service

BEFORE any of the political parties finish typing their manifestos and solidifying their position on what should be the future of the public service and state-owned organisations in Barbados, General Secretary of the Barbados Workers’ Union (BWU), Sir Roy Trotman, is asking them to tread carefully.

He made the point that a move to chop thousands of jobs would not only send households spiralling into financial hardship, but it would also lead to a spike in criminal activity in the country.

Noting that the BWU cannot speak for all of Labour as it did 1991, Sir Roy nonetheless said: "The BWU wishes to state unequivocally that it considers as an enemy to the working class any agency or political party which at this state in our existence, presents a policy to reduce jobs either in the public sector or in the private sector.”

The general secretary was speaking during a press conference held at the BWU headquarters at Solidarity House on November 1, where he reminded that two decades ago, the Labour Movement, – with the support from its social partners, the employers – told the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank that wholesale lay-offs in the public sector would be resisted. [read more]

Bajan opposition promises divestment of state broadcaster

(Barbados Nation) The Barbados Labour Party (BLP) is promising a new Constitution, the divestment of the state-owned Caribbean Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) and the reform of the court system as part of a 15-point plan to improve governance in Barbados by 2016, once returned to Government.

BLP leader Owen Arthur has also promised a new tax rate for middle-income earners, a land tax ease and “an immediate and comprehensive reversal” of the Democratic Labour Party’s policies. [more]
Caribbean and Regional News

Jamaica News

Canada a key market for Jamaica, says PM Portia Simpson Miller
Published on October 29, 2012
TORONTO, Canada (JIS) -- Prime Minister Portia Simpson Miller says Canada remains an important market for Jamaica as it looks to boost visitor arrivals.

She said despite the economic recession, tourist arrivals from the North American country grew by 60 percent between 2008 and 2011, and another eight percent between January and May of this year. She said that the market grew “from just under 250,000 stopover arrivals in 2008 to nearly 380,000 at the end of last year.”

The prime minister’s remarks were delivered to Canadian travel partners by Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, A.J. Nicholson on October 24 in Toronto. [more]

11,000 Jamaican farmers affected by Hurricane Sandy
Stabroek editor On October 29, 2012
(Jamaica Gleaner) Minister of State in the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries Ian Hayles says early estimates indicate that close to 11,000 farmers across the island have been affected by Hurricane Sandy, with some 1,500 hectares of crops totally destroyed.

“The level of devastation to the agricultural sector is going to take us a little time to get back on our feet,” he said, noting that the preliminary estimate does not include livestock.

The state minister informed that preliminary estimates show that the recent passage of Hurricane Sandy has dealt a devastating blow to the country’s agricultural sector. [more]

Electricity Infrastructure Damaged

Downed electricity poles could be found throughout Jamaica after Hurricane Sandy struck the island. (FP)

SUN, OCTOBER 28, 2012 - 2:23 PM
The Jamaica Public Service Company (JPS) says up to 90 per cent of its customers have now had their electricity restored.

The light and power company says it has entered the final phase of restoration, which is likely be the most challenging as the last 10 per cent are customers mostly in communities that were worst affected by the hurricane and customers fed by power lines and infrastructure that suffered significant damage.

It says customers in areas where restoration crews face access challenges due to damaged roads and roads blocked by landslides and uprooted trees, are among the 10 per cent still without electricity.

Hard times for entrepreneurs
— 50% fall in Start-ups
BY NEKIESHA REID—Jamaica Observer
Friday, October 19, 2012
JAMAICANS who dream of starting their own businesses are facing much tougher times, warn the authors of a new study.

“The entrepreneur climate is declining,” said Dr Girjanauth Boodraj, a senior lecturer at the University of Technology (UTech) and lead researcher on the Jamaican part of the Global Entrepreneurship Monitor (GEM).

The number of businesses started in Jamaica has dropped by more than 50 per cent since 2009, according to GEM’s latest annual report.

And although the figure ticked up slightly last year, it is unlikely to rise much, if at all, in 2012.

The tragedy is that Jamaica is one of the most entrepreneurial countries in the world, with 79 per cent of persons believing they have the skills to be their own bosses. [more]
Trinidad and Tobago News

Rowley’s no-confidence Motion in Trinidad & Tobago parliament defeated
SAT, OCTOBER 27, 2012 -
PORT OF SPAIN – The coalition People’s Partnership government closed ranks during the early hours of this morning and voted against an opposition inspired motion of censure in the embattled Attorney General Anand Ramlogan as the controversy continues over the early proclamation of Section 34 of the controversial Administration of Justice (Indictable Proceedings) Act.

By a vote of 25-11, the motion filed by Opposition Leader Dr. Keith Rowley was defeated at the end of a marathon debate that lasted 15 hours and which Ramlogan described as a “personal vendetta”.

Parliament last month repealed the controversial clause that had the effect of allowing people, whose trials have not started after a 10-year period to walk free and a verdict of not guilty entered against them. [more]

T&T construction industry wrote PM months ago on ‘illegal practices’ in mega projects
Posted By Stabroek editor On October 25, 2012
(Trinidad Express) A letter was sent to the Prime Minister six months ago, calling for an investigation into allegations of corruption into several mega-construction projects, president of the Joint Consultative Council for the Construction Industry (JCC) Afra Raymond has said.

Speaking to the Express by phone on Tuesday, Raymond took issue with Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar’s statements that there was no evidence of corruption against her Government.

Raymond said the Prime Minister’s words seemed like “an echo”, in that they were consistent with Government’s approach of denying any wrongdoing. [more]

‘T&T heart attack capital of the Western Hemisphere’
Posted By Stabroek - September 29, 2012
(Trinidad Guardian) President of the Caribbean Cardiac Society Dr Ronald Henry says research has shown that T&T is the heart-attack capital of the western hemisphere and has called on the Government to provide more funding for health.

Henry was speaking at the Eric Williams Medical Sciences Complex on Thursday night at a function in commemoration of World Heart Day, which will be celebrated today.

This event was put on by the T&T Heart Foundation (TTHF) and supported by pharmacology companies, including Bayer HealthCare, Bhoeringer Ingelheim, Roche, Medtronic and the Caribbean Cardiac Society. [more]

CARICOM mainland territories key to regional food security

Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, Friday October 12, 2012 –
With approximately 16 million inhabitants in its 15 member states, the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) has an annual food import bill of more than US$4 billion.

And with the exception of Guyana, Belize, and St Kitts and Nevis in the English-speaking Caribbean, no country has the required land mass to achieve 100 percent food security, according to a United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization study.

Against this backdrop, Executive Director of the Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI) Dr Arlington Chesney has highlighted the opportunities the Caribbean’s mainland territories such as Guyana, Suriname and Belize offer in the matter of food security. [Read more]
**Suriname News**

**Fall-off in overseas remittances to Suriname**

PARAMARIBO, Suriname, Thursday, October 25, 2012 –

According to a survey conducted by the Dutch central bank DNB, in 2009 no less than 198 million euros were remitted from The Netherlands alone.

However, according to the recently released Financial Note 13, in 2011 the combined remittances by Surinamese people living in the Netherlands, the USA and the Netherlands Antilles totalled only US$159.4 million. [Read more]

**Fire rips through Suriname business district**

October 15, 2012

PARAMARIBO, Suriname; At least seven business places along a major thoroughfare in Paramaribo were destroyed by a massive fire which started around 5.00 am on Monday October 15, leaving hundreds out of work and causing millions of dollars in damage.

The fire occurred in the Zwartenhovenbrugstraat and Prinsenstraat, an area where a lot of Guyanese live and work. A nearby hotel, Oszie's Place, where a lot of Guyanese stay was not affected by the fire.

The fire allegedly started in an uninhabited building and subsequently spread to neighboring building. Retailers from the area tried to save what they could rescue from shops which were threatened by the flames.

Due to low water pressure firefighters had to pump water from the nearby Suriname River to battle the blaze. Fire Commander Cecil Waal was at the scene coordinating the operations of the firemen. In July this year another blaze claimed three business places in the historical inner city which is on the World Heritage List.

**Chinese company to build US$ 250 million highway in Suriname**

Stabroek -On October 21, 2012— (de Ware Tijd) PARAMARIBO –

The plans to modernize the Martin Luther King Highway are at an advanced stage. “President Desi Bouterse has already given his approval and work can start next month,” says Public Works (OW) Minister Ramon Abrahams.

Talks are being held with Chinese road builder Dalian and local engineering firm AC Consultancy to work out the details. The Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Finance have also submitted the financial plan with a price tag of some US$ 250 million to the China Investment Bank for approval.

The project has often been a bone of contention between the government and its political opponents, who call the project unrealistic and populist. “The highway will come, and that's a fact,” the Minister said. [more]

**Suriname-World Bank renew partnership, endorse two-year strategy**

Published on October 19, 2012

WASHINGTON, USA -- The World Bank Board of Directors on Thursday endorsed a new strategy that will guide the World Bank Group’s engagement in Suriname for the next two years.

The interim strategy note (ISN) is closely aligned with Suriname’s Development Plan (2012-2016) and focuses on improving good governance and social inclusiveness, as well as increasing economic diversification and growth.

"We are pleased to have resumed the relationship with the World Bank Group. Their development and competitiveness knowledge, financial products, and convening power will be important for supporting the new social and economic agenda of Suriname,” said Gilmore Hoefdraad, governor of the Central Bank of Suriname. [more]
Other Regional News

Hurricane Sandy kills 21 in Caribbean
Posted By Stabroek staff On October 26, 2012

HAVANA, (Reuters) – Hurricane Sandy swelled into a major threat to much of the U.S. East Coast yesterday, U.S. forecasters said, as the storm swirled through the Bahamas after killing 21 people across the Caribbean.

Strengthening rapidly after tearing into Jamaica and crossing the warm Caribbean Sea, Sandy hit southeastern Cuba early yesterday with top sustained winds up to 110 miles per hour (177 km per hour) that left a trail of destruction, especially in the historic city of Santiago de Cuba.

The Cuban government said last night that 11 people died in the storm, most killed by falling trees or in building collapses, including nine in Santiago de Cuba province and two in neighbouring Guantanamo province.

Sandals coming to Grenada in December, says finance minister

ST GEORGE’S, Grenada -- The government of Grenada is awaiting documents from Sandals Resorts International that Finance Minister Nazim Burke says will be doing business in Grenada by mid-December.

“If all goes according to plan, Sandals will open its doors in Grenada on December the 15th,” said Burke.

His pronouncement about Sandals’ arrival in December follows a similar one made recently by Information Minister, Senator Glen Noel.

Sandals Resorts, established in 1981 by Jamaican businessman, Gordon “Butch” Stewart, is reported to be eyeing La Source Resort that ceased operations in Grenada on October 15.

According to Burke, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been signed and sent to the US “……… [more]

EC$47 million in development fund assistance for three CARICOM members

Published on October 20, 2012  BRIDGETOWN, Barbados --

The board of directors of the Barbados-based CARICOM Development Fund (CDF) has approved a total of EC$47,618,906 in assistance for three member countries.

This decision was taken at the sixteenth regular board meeting held in Belize recently, where the green light was given for country assistance programmes (CAPs) of EC$19,053,317 and EC$19,758,589 for Dominica and Guyana respectively, and a further loan of EC$8,807,000 for St Vincent and the Grenadines. [more]

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