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## **Courtesy Visit to H.E. Ramon Santos, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Spain in Caracas**



H.E. Dr. Richard Van West-Charles made a Courtesy Visit to H.E. Ramón Santos, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Spain in Caracas, Venezuela, on Monday, August 5, 2024. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Ambassador Santos and the Embassy of Spain for their warm hospitality and the fruitful discussions.



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## Meeting: VM Raul Li Causi and CARICOM Ambassadors



On August 6, 2024, the Vice Minister for the Caribbean, Raul Li Causi, welcomed the CARICOM Ambassadors for a discussion on current national issues in Venezuela following the presidential elections held on Sunday, July 28, 2024.



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## **Courtesy Visit from Honorable Mr. Daniel Gromann, Charge d'Affaires of the Embassy of Poland, Caracas**



On August 7, 2024, H.E. Dr. Richard Van West-Charles received a Courtesy Visit from the Honorable Mr. Daniel Gromann, Chargé d'Affaires of the Embassy of Poland in Caracas. It was a cordial and pleasant meeting that strengthened the bonds of cooperation between Guyana and Poland. We warmly welcome Mr. Gromann to what promises to be a successful mission in Venezuela.





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## ASEAN countries 57th Anniversary Floral Wreath laying in Caracas

H.E. Dr. Richard Van West-Charles attended the ASEAN countries' 57th Anniversary Floral Offering in Caracas. The event commemorated ASEAN Day with a tribute at the sarcophagus of the Liberator Simón Bolívar in the National Pantheon of Caracas. The ceremony was attended by the Vice Minister for Asia, Middle East, and Oceania, Tatiana Pugh Moreno, along with representatives of the diplomatic corps accredited in Caracas. This event highlights the continued cooperation between ASEAN member states and Venezuela.





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## Courtesy Visit to H.E. Mr. Naci Aydan Karamanoglu, Ambassador of Türkiye in Caracas



H.E. Dr. Richard Van West-Charles, the Ambassador of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana in Caracas, made a Courtesy Visit to the Honorable Mr. Naci Aydan Karamanoglu, the Ambassador of Türkiye in Caracas, Venezuela. This meeting took place on August 12, 2024.

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## **Courtesy Visit to H.E. Leopoldo De Gyves, Ambassador of Mexico to Venezuela.**

H.E. Dr. Richard Van West-Charles, Ambassador of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana in Caracas, recently had the pleasure of meeting with H.E. Leopoldo De Gyves, Ambassador of Mexico to Venezuela. We extend our heartfelt gratitude for his gracious hospitality and valuable insights.

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## **Courtesy Visit to H.E. Imam Edy Mulyono, Ambassador of Indonesia in Caracas.**

On August 13, 2024, H.E. Dr. Richard Van West-Charles, Ambassador of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana to Caracas, paid a productive courtesy visit to H.E. Imam Edy Mulyono, Ambassador of Indonesia in Caracas.

This meeting highlights the strengthening ties and continued collaboration between Guyana and Indonesia, paving the way for a future of shared opportunities and mutual growth. We look forward to many more productive engagements and are optimistic about the potential for enhanced cooperation in various fields.



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## Courtesy Visit from H.E. Mr. Volker Pellet, Ambassador of Germany in Caracas

On August 14, H.E. Dr. Richard Van West-Charles warmly welcomed H.E. Mr. Volker Pellet, Ambassador of Germany, during a courtesy visit at our embassy in Caracas, Venezuela.

As we forge strong relationships with our international partners, we wish Ambassador Pellet the greatest success in his important mission in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela. Together, we envision a future of mutual cooperation and prosperity.

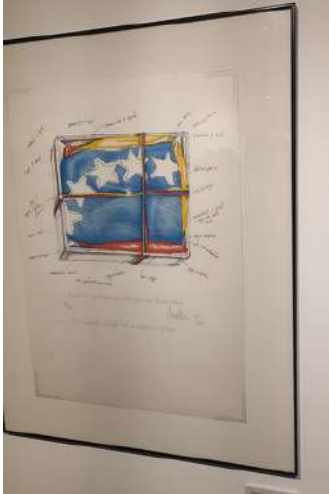
Here's to many more fruitful collaborations and enduring friendships. May this visit mark the beginning of a lasting and impactful partnership!



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## CAF: "Litho Graphica" Exhibition

Art as a Bridge to Harmony and Understanding

On Thursday, August 15, 2024, H.E. Dr. Richard Van West-Charles graced the CAF Gallery in Caracas with his presence to attend the "Litho Graphica" exhibition. This event celebrated the vibrant spirit of art and its power to unite diverse cultures and perspectives.

Art transcends borders, creating a dialogue that speaks to our shared humanity and deepens our understanding of one another. The "Litho Graphica" exhibition beautifully showcases the harmony that art brings to our lives, reminding us of its essential role in fostering peace and connection.

We are honored to support initiatives that highlight the beauty of creativity and the profound impact it has on building bridges between nations. Here's to the artists who inspire us and the art that moves us!

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## **Book of Condolences for the late former Ambassador of Colombia, José Fernando Bautista.**

On behalf of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana, H.E. Dr. Richard Van West-Charles visited the Embassy of Colombia in Caracas to sign the Book of Condolences for the late former Ambassador José Fernando Bautista.

In moments of sorrow, we stand united with our Colombian friends and colleagues, honoring the legacy of a dedicated diplomat and public servant. Ambassador Bautista's commitment to fostering international friendship and cooperation will always be remembered and celebrated. His contributions have left an indelible mark on all those who knew him.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends, and the people of Colombia during this difficult time. May his soul rest in peace.

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## **Courtesy Visit to the Honorable Mr. Mustafa Abuali Mohammed, Chargé d'Affaires of Sudan in Caracas**

On Tuesday, August 20, 2024, H.E. Dr. Richard Van West-Charles made a Courtesy Visit to the Embassy of Sudan in Caracas, where he had a warm and engaging conversation with the Honorable Mr. Mustafa Abuali Mohammed, Chargé d'Affaires of Sudan in Caracas, Venezuela.

This visit reaffirms the strong and enduring alliance between Guyana and Sudan, underscoring our shared commitment to fostering mutual cooperation and deepening diplomatic ties.

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## **Courtesy Visit to His Excellency Mr. Marcos Ndong Edu Nchama, Ambassador of Equatorial Guinea in Caracas.**

His Excellency Dr. Richard Van West-Charles, Ambassador of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana in Caracas, made a Courtesy Visit to His Excellency Mr. Marcos Ndong Edu Nchama, Ambassador of Equatorial Guinea in Caracas.

The visit was both fruitful and cordial, further strengthening the ties of friendship and cooperation between our two nations.



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## **Dinner at the State House: National Toshaos Conference 2024**

His Excellency President Dr Irfaan Ali hosted a dinner at the State House in honour of Indigenous leaders attending the National Toshaos Conference 2024.

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## **His Excellency President Dr Irfaan Ali received a farewell visit from members of the 19th Chinese Medical Mission**

His Excellency President Dr Irfaan Ali received a farewell visit from members of the 19th Chinese Medical Mission, who completed their one-year tenure of providing medical services in various specialties at the Georgetown Public Hospital Corporation and the Linden Hospital Complex.

During Tuesday's engagement at the Arthur Chung Convention Centre (ACCC), President Ali emphasised the important role of the medical team in Guyana/China relations.

He said continuous medical support illustrates the "spirit of humanity" beyond trade and economic cooperation.

The President also expressed his gratitude to the team for the sacrifices and services made.

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## His Excellency President Dr Irfaan Ali paid final respects to legendary musician David Anthony Martins

His Excellency President Dr Irfaan Ali paid final respects to legendary musician David Anthony Martins earlier today during a private funeral service at the Kaashi Dhaam Crematorium, Ruimzeight, West Coast Demerara.

Remembered as an “Icon of Caribbean Identity”, he noted that Martins’s legacy will continue to form connections with generations to come through his music, selfless contributions to the cultural sector and his ability to foster national unity. “In celebrating his life, we honour the footprints he has left on our culture, his words that will continue to inspire and his melodies that will never fade from our collective consciousness. Dave Martins is a very special and irreplaceable part of our nationhood,” President Ali said.



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## **His Excellency President Dr Irfaan Ali met with His Majesty's Trade Commissioner (HMTC) for Latin America and the Caribbean**

His Excellency President Dr Irfaan Ali met with His Majesty's Trade Commissioner (HMTC) for Latin America and the Caribbean, Jonathan Knott at the Arthur Chung Conference Centre.

During today's follow-up meeting, discussions focused on proposals submitted by United Kingdom businesses to the Government of Guyana. These proposals are at various stages of consideration.

UK's High Commissioner to Guyana, HE Jane Miller; UK Export Finance (UKEF) officials, and members of British companies were also at the meeting.



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**His Excellency President Dr Irfaan Ali today announced that Amerindian communities in Guyana will now benefit from 26.5% from the sale of carbon credits.**

His Excellency President Dr Irfaan Ali announced that Amerindian communities in Guyana will now benefit from 26.5% from the sale of carbon credits.

During the opening of the National Toshao Conference (NTC) at the Arthur Chung Conference Centre, the Head of State explained that the Government has agreed to increase the earmarked amount by 11.5 per cent to bolster support to indigenous Guyanese.

Additionally, President Ali, in his address, noted that throughout the years, the PPP administration ensured that the lives of Amerindians were empowered and enriched through development in education, health care, social welfare, and sport among other areas.

He explained to the Toshao that his Government would continued to invest and develop in their communities to enrich the lives of all Amerindians.

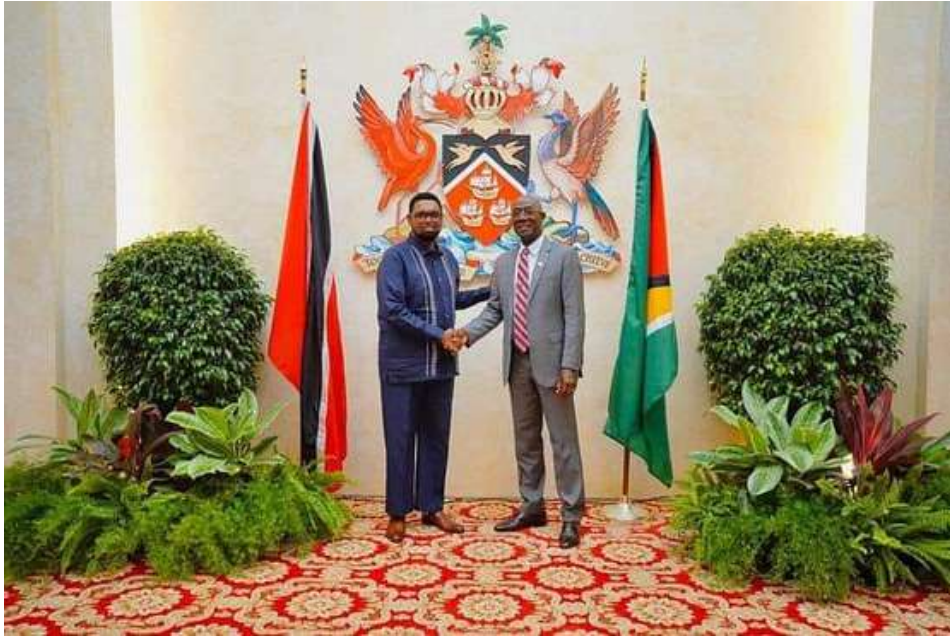
President Ali also presented Absolute Grants and Certificates of Title to seven communities under the Amerindian Land Titling Programme.

The communities of Hotaquai, Hobodia, Red Hill, Akawini and Moco Moco received Absolute Grant for land extension, while communities of Arau and Karasabai were granted Certificates of Title.

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## Trinidad and Tobago on the occasion of 62nd Independence Anniversary

"On behalf of the Government and people of Guyana, I extend our warmest congratulations to the Government and people of Trinidad and Tobago on the occasion of your 62nd Independence Anniversary.

This milestone is a testament to your nation's enduring spirit, resilience, and commitment to progress.

As you celebrate this significant day, we reflect on the strong bonds of friendship and cooperation that unite our countries. May your continued journey be marked by peace, prosperity, and unity.

Happy Independence Day"

-His Excellency President Dr Irfaan Ali

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## Message of Condolence A giant among men

"The passing of Sir Shridath Ramphal marks the end of an era, not only for Guyana but for the entire Caribbean and the Commonwealth of Nations. We mourn the loss of an outstanding statesman, a regionalist par excellence, and a committed internationalist. Sir Shridath's life was one of magnificent service—dedicated to his homeland, to the region, and to the world.

Guyana recalls with deep appreciation, his unflagging commitment to defending Guyana's territorial integrity and sovereignty. His efforts before the International Court of Justice and the Tribunal of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) were not just a service to the nation; they were acts of supreme and selfless devotion to the land that nurtured him. He was deservedly the recipient of Guyana's highest national award, the Order of Excellence.

As Secretary-General of the Commonwealth, he stood tall against the injustices of apartheid, becoming a voice for the oppressed and a champion for justice and equality. His firm opposition to apartheid rule will be remembered as one of the defining aspects of his illustrious international career. His contributions went beyond the Commonwealth, shaping the international relations with his wisdom and leadership.

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## Message of Condolence A giant among men

The Caribbean, a region that was always close to his heart, benefited immensely from Sir Shridath's dedication to regional integration. His efforts helped the Caribbean secure its rightful place in global negotiations, protecting and advancing the interests of our member states. His role as Chairman of the West Indian Commission helped to provide direction, impetus and revitalisation to the regional integration process in the post-Cold War era.

Sir Shridath Ramphal was more than a statesman; he was a gem of Guyana, a towering figure in the Caribbean, and a respected leader in the Commonwealth. His loss is deeply felt, but his legacy will continue to inspire generations to come. Guyana has lost one of its finest sons, and the Caribbean and the Commonwealth, a giant among men.

On behalf of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana, the land of his birth, I express my deepest condolences to his family, relatives and to the countless friends, associates, and admirers who were touched by his life and work. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family during this time of grief. We stand with them, celebrating the life of a true legend—Sir Shridath Ramphal."

-His Excellency President Dr Irfaan Ali-



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## Newly constructed four-lane highway in Region Three.

His Excellency President Dr. Irfaan Ali stated that his government has once again demonstrated its commitment to endless and tireless work as he officially opened the newly constructed four-lane highway in Region Three.

The highway, stretching from Schoonard to Crane, will provide four extra lanes of thoroughfare for commuters, decreasing travel time and easing congestion.

President Ali highlighted that the new road is part of his government's comprehensive plan to develop a modern transport infrastructure in Region Three and throughout the country. He also noted that this initiative is supported by the construction and repair of local roads, amounting to \$28 billion in the region over the past four years.

Prime Minister Brigadier (Ret'd) the Honourable Mark Phillips, several Ministers, government and regional officials, and hundreds of Region-Three residents were also at the historic event.



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The Commonwealth

Commonwealth Ministerial Group on Guyana

Virtual Meeting, 3 September 2024

Concluding Statement

1. The Commonwealth Ministerial Group on Guyana was convened virtually on 3 September 2024 by the Commonwealth Secretary-General, The Rt Hon Patricia Scotland KC, at the request of the Government of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana, and in accordance with the mandate given by the Commonwealth Heads of Government in 1999 to monitor, *“further developments in respect of the existing controversy between Guyana and Venezuela.”*
2. The meeting was chaired by H.E. Mr. Md. Touhid Hossain, Honourable Foreign Affairs Adviser of the interim Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh, and attended by Foreign Ministers, and representatives from Antigua and Barbuda, Canada, Guyana, Jamaica, South Africa, and the United Kingdom.
3. The Ministers expressed condolences to the Government and people of Guyana, to the family of Sir Shridath Surendranath Ramphal and to all the Commonwealth on the passing of the longest serving and second Commonwealth Secretary-General. The Group recognised his exemplary global leadership, his pivotal role in the coordination of international opposition to apartheid in South Africa, his visionary advocacy for the rights of small states, and his tireless work to bring nations together.
4. The Ministerial Group received an update from the Honourable Hugh Hilton Todd, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana on the status of the Guyana-Venezuela controversy in respect of the Essequibo region since the last CMGG meeting of 11 December 2023.
5. The Group recognised and commended Guyana’s exemplary conduct throughout the process, in particular, its restraint and adherence to international law.
6. The Group noted that Guyana approached the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in March 2018 petitioning the Court to adjudge and declare, inter alia, the validity and binding nature of the Arbitral Award of 1899.
7. The group encouraged parties to respect the 1 December 2023 Order of Provisional Measures of the International Court of Justice to, *‘refrain from any action which might aggravate or extend the dispute before the Court or make it more difficult to resolve’*.
8. The Group welcomed the Joint Argyle Declaration of 14 December 2023, wherein both Parties committed to maintaining Latin America and the



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Caribbean as a Zone of Peace. Therein Parties agreed that controversies, “*be resolved in accordance with international law*” and that both, “*will refrain, whether by words or deeds, from escalating any conflict or disagreement arising from any controversy between them*”.

9. The Group welcomed the meeting of Foreign Ministers and technical teams in January 2024 pursuant to the Argyle dialogue and noted that subsequent scheduled meetings are yet to be held.
10. The Group also welcomed Venezuela’s participation in the process, and its submission on 8 April 2024 of a counter-memorial on the merits of the case.
11. The Group noted with concern developments in Venezuela since the last CMGG meeting. They include Venezuela’s promulgation of the ‘Organic Law for the Defence of the Guyana Esequiba’ on 3 April 2024 that creates a new state, establishes a High Commission for its defence, proposes the implementation of social programs for the local population, and administrative units for oil, mining and industrial activities.
12. Ministers cautioned that these actions constitute a threat to Guyana’s sovereignty, a disregard for the ICJ’s Order of 1 December 2023, and a departure from the Argyle Declaration. The Group also noted the 9 April 2024 Statement of the United Nations Security Council expressing concern over the escalation of tensions.
13. The Group welcomed the 1 August 2024 decisions of the CARICOM Heads of Government Meeting in Grenada, which reaffirmed continued support for the maintenance and preservation of the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Guyana and for the ICJ process.
14. The Group reiterated its firm and steadfast support for the ICJ process as the appropriate and lawful means to address the matter under international law. Similarly, the group confirmed its support for the preservation of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Guyana, for Guyana’s right to self-defence, and for the unobstructed exercise of its right to develop the entirety of its territory for the benefit of its people.
15. The Group commended the Good Offices of the Secretary-General to engage partners to support peace and stability in the Caribbean region and encouraged the Secretary-General to continue to use her Good Offices to support Guyana in upholding its territorial sovereignty and integrity.
16. The Group agreed to draw the conclusions of this meeting to the attention of all Commonwealth member governments and to present this statement to the Commonwealth Foreign Affairs Ministers’ Meeting later this month.

3 September 2024

Members of the Group, as constituted following the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting held in Durban in 1999, are Antigua and Barbuda, Bangladesh, Canada, Guyana, Jamaica, South Africa, and the United Kingdom.

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## Embassy of Guyana Caracas- Opening Book of Condolences Sir Shridath Ramphal

We honor the remarkable life and legacy of Sir Shridath Ramphal, the esteemed international statesman who passed away peacefully on August 30 at the age of 95. His unwavering commitment to advancing regional integration and global diplomacy has left an indelible mark on the world.

Born on October 3, 1928, to an Indian family in then British Guiana, Sir Shridath Ramphal rose to become a towering figure in international diplomacy. His influence as an attorney, politician, and diplomat is profound, having served as the Commonwealth Secretary-General from 1975 to 1990—an unparalleled tenure that exemplified his dedication to justice and equality.

As we reflect on his extraordinary contributions, we extend our deepest gratitude to the esteemed members of the Diplomatic Corps who joined us at the Embassy of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana in Caracas to offer their condolences. Your presence and support are deeply appreciated during this time of mourning.

Sir Shridath Ramphal's legacy will continue to inspire future generations, reminding us all of the power of perseverance, integrity, and dedication to the greater good.

Rest in peace, Sir Shridath Ramphal. Your light will forever shine in the annals of history.





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## **His Excellency President Dr Irfaan Ali received a visit from Global Technology vendors Nutanix, Lenovo, and CrowdStrike as part of tomorrow's launch of DynamIQ Day.**

His Excellency President Dr Irfaan Ali received a visit from Global Technology vendors Nutanix, Lenovo, and CrowdStrike as part of tomorrow's launch of DynamIQ Day.

Hosted by ENet and MBC, the event marks the start of their new strategic ICT partnership, DynamIQ, which is aimed at delivering tailored-technology solutions to the Guyanese public and private sectors.

During today's visit, the vendors shared their expertise, and the key role they intend to play in transforming Guyana's digital landscape.

President Ali congratulated ENet and MBC, noting Guyana's rapid growth and the role of technology in driving the country's modernisation.

He emphasised that initiatives like DynamIQ are vital to building the foundation for future technological advancements.

The President also highlighted the importance of local content development and collaboration between the public and private sectors to ensure that Guyana can compete globally.

DynamIQ Day, which will take place on Tuesday, September 10, at the Pegasus Corporate Suites, will feature expert-led product showcases, interactive sessions, and discussions on cloud computing, cybersecurity, AI, and more. Registration to attend the event is open to all ICT professionals and enthusiasts and is available on the company's website.

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## Embassy of Guyana Caracas Condolences Book Final Day

On the final day of the Condolence Book signing for Sir Shridath Ramphal, the Embassy of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana extends its deepest gratitude to the Members of the Diplomatic Corps accredited in Venezuela, as well as to the Guyanese diaspora, for their kind gestures and heartfelt words.

Sir Shridath's legacy—his relentless fight for justice, his unwavering values—will live on forever. There is no better place to honor his life, his legacy, and his dreams than the Essequibo Hall of our Embassy in Caracas.

May his spirit continue to inspire generations to come.

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## Honoring Youman Nabi: A Thoughtful Reflection on the Life of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH)

Honoring Youman Nabi: A Thoughtful Reflection on the Life of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH)

The Embassy of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana in Caracas recently hosted an insightful discussion on the life and legacy of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), led by one of our esteemed colleagues. This event was part of our observance of Youman Nabi, an important occasion celebrated in Guyana and across the Muslim world, where we reflect on the Prophet's teachings of peace, compassion, and justice. In Guyana, Youman Nabi brings together communities in prayer, reflection, and unity, as we commemorate the birth and life of the Prophet. We are honored to participate in fostering these values and continue building bridges of understanding and respect.



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## **His Excellency President Dr Irfaan Ali hailed the late Sir Shridath Surendranath Ramphal OE, OCC, GCMG, AC, ONZ, as one of the architects of Guyana**

His Excellency President Dr Irfaan Ali hailed the late Sir Shridath Surendranath Ramphal OE, OCC, GCMG, AC, ONZ, as one of the architects of Guyana, who helped in shaping its legal framework, fashioning its constitution and always defending its territorial integrity.

The Head of State heaped praises on the late “statesman” for his stellar contributions to country, region and the Commonwealth during a National Funeral Service held at the Promenade Gardens this afternoon.

“His life and legacy stand as a testimonial, not only to his brilliance as a legal eagle, statesman and diplomat, but also to his undeniable dedication to the land of his birth, Guyana.”

After the funeral service, Sir Ramphals’s ashes were laid to rest at The Place of the Seven Ponds at the Botanical Gardens in Georgetown.

Chair of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and Prime Minister of Grenada, the Honourable Dickon Mitchell; Prime Minister of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, the Honourable Ralph Gonsalves; CARICOM Secretary General, Dr Carla Barnett and past and present regional and local government officials were also at the event.



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## 214th anniversary of Mexico's Declaration of Independence

His Excellency President Dr Irfaan Ali attended a reception to commemorate the 214th anniversary of Mexico's Declaration of Independence last evening at the Marriott Hotel in Georgetown.

The event was hosted by Mexico's Ambassador to Guyana, HE Antonio Cruz Diaz and the Embassy of Mexico in Guyana.

A number of Government officials, including Prime Minister, Brigadier (Ret'd), the Honourable Mark Phillips attended the event.



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## **His Excellency President Dr Irfaan Ali was on hand for the culmination of the two-day launch of DynamIQ Inc.**

His Excellency President Dr Irfaan Ali was on hand for the culmination of the two-day launch of DynamIQ Inc. at the Pegasus Suites and Corporate Centre.

DynamIQ is a strategic partnership, between ENet and Memory Bank Computers (MBC) from Trinidad and Tobago, aimed at offering tailor-made solutions to meet the specific technological needs of Guyanese.

The event was attended by several Ministers of the Government, representatives from the private sector and representatives from the tech industry.

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**Electricity costs to be slashed**  
**for every consumer by 50%**  
**before the end of 2025.**



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## Diplomacy at Work: Protecting Essequibo, Strengthening Investor Trust

Under the dynamic leadership of President Dr. Irfaan Ali, our nation is focused on economic growth and ensuring stability. With the strategic diplomacy of Ambassador Richard Van West-Charles, Guyana is showcasing its strength on the international stage. Here are three reasons why you can build your business in Guyana with confidence:

**Strong National Security:** President Ali's leadership has reinforced Guyana's position globally. Ambassador Van West-Charles is dedicated to maintaining our territorial integrity, creating a stable environment for investment.

**High Investor Confidence:** Thanks to the strategic vision of President Ali and the swift actions of Ambassador Van West-Charles, investors are feeling secure. Guyana offers a safe and promising investment climate.

**Visionary Leadership:** Under President Ali's leadership, Guyana is focused on a bright future. His commitment to our nation ensures a path toward growth and prosperity.

Join us in investing in a nation defined by strength, vision, and opportunity. Essequibo belongs to Guyana



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**Guyana is projected to save more than US \$80 million by 2027 on imports**

Guyana is projected to save more than US \$80 million by 2027 by increasing local production of corn, soya, beans, and hatching eggs, and reducing the country's reliance on imports. President Dr Mohamed Irfaan Ali shared these projections during the International Business Conference 2024 at the Marriott Hotel in Kingston, Georgetown, on Tuesday evening. He said that the savings and earnings are expected by the end of 2027

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## **49th anniversary of the signing of the Panama Convention, organized by the Latin American and Caribbean Economic System (SELA)**

H.E. Dr. Richard Van West-Charles, Ambassador of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana in Caracas, proudly participated in the commemoration of the 49th anniversary of the signing of the Panama Convention, organized by the Latin American and Caribbean Economic System (SELA). The event took place with a floral offering at the Mausoleum of Simón Bolívar, located at the National Pantheon in Caracas.

This special ceremony was led by SELA's Permanent Secretary, Ambassador Clarems Endara, and featured distinguished representatives from various nations in the region, including Barbados, Colombia, and Cuba. SELA, which was founded on October 17, 1975, now unites 27 countries from Latin America and the Caribbean to promote regional cooperation and integration.



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## ABOLITION OF TUITION FEES AT ALL GOVERNMENT TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTIONS

- IN ADDITION TO THE ABOLITION OF TUITION FEES AT THE  
UNIVERSITY OF GUYANA

With effect from 1st January 2025, tuition fees will also be abolished at all government technical and vocational training institutions, including all of the technical institutes, the Guyana Industrial Training Centre, the Guyana School of Agriculture, and the Carnegie School of Home Economics.

This expanded measure will benefit over 3,000 additional persons.

**H.E. DR. MOHAMED IRFAAN ALI**

President of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana



16th October, 2024



## ONE-OFF CASH GRANT OF \$100,000

TO EVERY GUYANESE CITIZEN 18 YEARS AND ABOVE

- INSTEAD OF THE ONE-OFF CASH GRANT OF \$200,000 TO  
EVERY HOUSEHOLD PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED

This cash grant will be given to every single adult citizen of Guyana who would have attained the age of 18 years as of the 1st January, 2024, with the simple means of verification being possession of a valid national identification card or a Guyana passport.

**H.E. DR. MOHAMED IRFAAN ALI**

President of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana



16th October, 2024



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## **Courtesy Visit to H.E. Dr. Walter Clarems Endara, Permanent Secretary of the Latin American and Caribbean Economic System (SELA)**

On Friday, October 18th, 2024, H.E. Dr. Richard Van West-Charles, Ambassador of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana in Caracas, paid a Courtesy Visit to H.E. Dr. Walter Clarems Endara, Permanent Secretary of the Latin American and Caribbean Economic System (SELA). We express our gratitude for the warm reception during this highly productive meeting.

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## **His Excellency President Dr Irfaan Ali praised Arimu Investments— a 100% Guyanese-owned company—**

His Excellency President Dr Irfaan Ali praised Arimu Investments— a 100% Guyanese-owned company— for understanding the development trajectory of the country in its building of Aiden by Best Western Hotel.

The Head of State also lauded the "quality of product" of the world-class 138-room boutique hotel, situated on Robb and Oronoque streets, at its official launch on Saturday evening.

He said that the hotel epitomises the development drive of the country and the top-of-the-line economy that the Government is building through its multifaceted approach. The President said that he is convinced "beyond the shadow of a doubt that we are heading in the right direction, and we know the destination will be for a strong, sustainable, resilient, vibrant Guyana".

The hotel contains elite amenities and currently employs over 70 Guyanese.

Prime Minister, Brigadier (Ret'd), the Honourable Mark Phillips; other Government officials; along with members of the diplomatic corps were also at the event.

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**During the engagement, President Ali, Mr Montagliani, and the Guyana Football Federation's (GFF) President Mr Wayne Forde, discussed the growth of football in Guyana and the region.**

**The Head of State also highlighted his Government's plans to develop a sport economy in the country and the role that CONCACAF can play in this development.**

**Mr Montagliani said that CONCACAF will play its part to work with the GFF and the Government to further advance football in Guyana.**



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## International Business Conference at Castellani House

**His Excellency President Dr Irfaan Ali hosted a reception for the attendees of the International Business Conference at Castellani House on Thursday evening.**

**The conference was held at the Marriott Hotel from October 15-17, 2024 under the theme "Building a Strong Tomorrow: Guyana's Manufacturing Focus".**

**Senior Minister within the Office of the President with responsibility for Finance and Public Service, the Honourable Dr Ashni Singh and other cabinet ministers and Government officials were also at the event.**

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## Doing Business Guyana

**On Thursday, October 24, 2024, H.E. Dr. Richard Van West-Charles, Ambassador of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana in Caracas, along with Mr. Robin Motayne, Counsellor, and Dr. Ganga Persaud, Political Attaché, welcomed a distinguished group of 16 Venezuelan entrepreneurs in the "Umana Yana" Hall of the Guyanese Embassy in Caracas.**

**Representatives from Agroamerica, Constructora Cunaguaro, INPLAVEN, Logistic UGA, Vicar Corp, Global Truck, Aramart Corp, and Blue Green gathered for the presentation, "Doing Business in Guyana," where Guyana was introduced as a vibrant, open destination for Venezuelan investment.**

**We thank each of the attendees for their presence and interest in exploring Guyana's dynamic investment landscape. Opportunities for growth and collaboration await in sectors across both countries, fostering a future of shared prosperity.**

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## 45th Anniversary of Independence of St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

On Friday, October 25, 2024, H.E. Dr. Richard Van West-Charles, Ambassador of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana in Caracas, took part in the Floral Wreath Laying Ceremony celebrating the 45th Anniversary of Independence of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

This commemoration highlights the enduring bonds of friendship and shared commitment to progress and unity among Caribbean nations. Congratulations to the people of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines on this important milestone!



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## 45th Anniversary of Independence of St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

**"On behalf of the Government and people of Guyana, I extend warm and heartfelt greetings to the Government and people of St. Vincent and the Grenadines on the occasion of your 45th Independence Anniversary.**

**As we celebrate this significant milestone, we acknowledge the resilience, culture, and achievements of the Vincentian people. May this anniversary be a reminder of the strength and potential that lie within our Caribbean family. Together, let us continue to work hand in hand towards a prosperous and unified future for all. Happy Independence, St. Vincent and the Grenadines!"**

**—His Excellency President Dr Mohamed Irfaan Ali**

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## President Ali Visits Lalovi-Mulifanua, Samoa's Adopted Village for Guyana, at CHOGM

His Excellency President Dr. Irfaan Ali visited Lalovi-Mulifanua, the Samoan village designated to represent Guyana for the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in Samoa.

The village of Lalovi-Mulifanua embraced its role with enthusiasm, decorating the entire village in Guyana's national colours. President Ali was met by a large gathering of villagers, including elders and community members of all ages. In true Samoan tradition, the village elders extended a heartfelt welcome to the President, sharing messages of love and unity for the people of Guyana.

During his address to the village, President Ali expressed his deep gratitude for their warm welcome and shared that the people of Lalovi-Mulifanua would always hold a special place within the larger Guyanese family. He thanked the villagers for their incredible hospitality, noting that the connection formed between Samoa and Guyana through this visit exemplifies the Commonwealth's spirit of togetherness and respect across nations.

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## **His Excellency President Dr Irfaan Ali accepted the Letters of Credence from HE João Pedro Vasconcelos Fins do Lago, the Non-Resident Ambassador of the Republic of Portugal to Guyana**

**His Excellency President Dr Irfaan Ali accepted the Letters of Credence from HE João Pedro Vasconcelos Fins do Lago, the Non-Resident Ambassador of the Republic of Portugal to Guyana today at the Office of the President.**

**Several areas of cooperation were discussed, including the advancement of sport, Guyana's energy sector, food security, tourism, climate change mitigation and the booming construction industry.**

**President Ali also invited the Portuguese private sector to consider exploring the diverse opportunities available in the country.**

**Guyana and Portugal established diplomatic relations on February 14, 1979.**



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## Diwali Social Evening at Indian Embassy in Caracas Residence

Last Friday, October 25, 2024, H.E. Dr. Richard Van West-Charles and the staff of the Embassy of Guyana had the honor of participating in a remarkable Diwali celebration hosted by H.E. P.K. Ashok Babu, Ambassador of India to Caracas, and his gracious wife at the Indian Embassy residence.

During his speech, Ambassador P.K. Ashok Babu expressed his gratitude for the initiative taken by H.E. Dr. Richard Van West-Charles to organize this extraordinary event, which also featured the presence of other CARICOM embassies.

The evening highlighted the beautiful spirit of Diwali—a festival of light, unity, and hope. Representatives from Hindu, Christian, and Muslim faiths opened the gathering with prayers, setting a peaceful and reverent tone. Speeches followed from H.E. P.K. Ashok Babu, H.E. Dr. Richard Van West-Charles, and the Honorable Mr. Dayne-Marc Chin Slick, Chargé d'Affaires of the Embassy of Trinidad and Tobago.

Adding to the night's charm, a Guyanese musician from the diaspora performed traditional Hindu music, accompanied by captivating cultural videos and performances, honoring the deep cultural ties that bind India, Guyana, and the Caribbean.

May this Diwali season inspire us all to embrace light, peace, and unity.

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## Diwali Mahotsav

His Excellency President Dr Irfaan Ali emphasised the tenets of goodness while highlighting the importance of hope in fostering a brighter future for Guyana.

The Head of State made the comments last night at the opening of Diwali Mahotsav, an event organised by the Government of Guyana, at the National Track and Field Facility, Leonora, West Coast of Demerara. The President underscored the importance of culture and spirituality in uplifting communities. He urged citizens to embrace values that promote unity and joy. He noted too, that Diwali is a celebration of light over darkness and a time for reflection and renewal.

“Light your diyas, let it reflect the brightness, the hope and the aspirations of your families, society and communities.”

The senior minister within the Office of the President responsible for Finance and Public Service, the Honourable Dr Ashni Singh, and other cabinet ministers, government officials, and regional officials were joined by hundreds of families at the event, which runs until Wednesday evening.

Diwali, the Hindu festival of light, will be celebrated on Thursday, October 31, 2024



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## **DIWALI**

On behalf of H.E. Dr. Richard Van West-Charles, Ambassador of the Republic of Guyana in Caracas, and the entire Embassy team, we warmly wish everyone a joyous and blessed Diwali!

As one of the most cherished festivals in Guyana, Diwali shines as a time of love, unity, and spiritual renewal. It's a beautiful reminder of the triumph of light over darkness, of hope over despair, and of knowledge over ignorance.

Let this Diwali fill our hearts with light, our lives with peace, and our communities with strength. May it inspire us all to radiate compassion and kindness, lighting up the lives of those around us, just as it illuminates the streets and homes across Guyana tonight!

**Happy Diwali to all!**