NO CONFIDENCE

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CORRUPTION
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MONEY LAUNDERING
DRUG TRAFFICKING
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STATE-OWNED MEDIA POLITICISED
POOR HEALTH CARE SYSTEM
NO INCREASE IN WAGES & SALARIES
CONTINUOUS DELAY OF LOCAL GOVT ELECTIONS
AMONG MANY MORE ISSUES
No Confidence - It is time for them to go

It should have come as no surprise that the People's Progressive Party/Civic will face a Motion of No Confidence when the Tenth Parliament reconvenes. From the outset the PPP/C was determined to provoke a constitutional crisis and undermine parliamentary democracy. From the start of the Tenth Parliament in January 2012, the PPP/C sought to diminish the autonomy and authority of the National Assembly. The Executive have been trying to prevent the National Assembly from functioning in a democratic manner, continually being met with refusal to address the demands made by the Opposition. The worst display of contempt for parliamentary democracy by the Executive was the Minister of Finance, Dr. Ashni Singh's submission of a "Statement of Excess" to the National Assembly in June of this year. This indicated that the Executive had already spent more than $4.5 Billion of the $81 Billion that the Opposition had disapproved in the Debate on the National Budget in March and April 2014. This action was contemptuous of the Assembly's actual passage of the Appropriations Bill at the end of the debate and a clear demonstration of Executive lawlessness.

The PPP/C one party domination of the nation has damaged both political democracy and economic development. The party has persistently failed to address the basic needs of the masses. This is evident in the perpetual restlessness of workers' unions and the PPP/Cs disregard for the Guyana Trade Union Congress. The PPP/C spectacularly failed to advance local democracy. It has destroyed Neighbourhood Democratic Councils and after more than two decades, continues to delay local government elections. The PPP/C has failed most seriously to address the country's most pressing problem - the public security crisis. The party has not accepted responsibility, and seem to have no answer for the high rate of armed robberies, murderous maritime piracy, rampant gun running, kidnaping in persons, contraband smuggling and other violent crimes. The PPP/C has impaired regulatory and law enforcement agencies such as the Customs Anti-Narcotics Unit; the Environmental Protection Agency and the Guyana Energy Agency by depriving them of adequate assets and financing to such an extent as to diminish their capability to function effectively. It has cultivated the state owned communications media, the Government Information Agency (GINA), the state owned newspapers and the National Communications Network (NCN), as political organs which systematically and a clear demonstration of Executive lawlessness.

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The primary health care system is meant to provide access to good health care for all, whether they live on the coastland or in the hinterland. The PPP/C Administration, however, seems to be incapable of solving the problems of health administration. It has freely admitted that Guyana's target to achieve the United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDG's) Four and Five which concern the reduction of both maternal and infant mortality rates are unlikely to be met by 2015. The PPP/C continues to mismanage this sector; the result is that the system continues to fail the children of women and children and the aged, especially in hinterland and rural areas. A Partnership for National Unity has called for Commissions of Inquiry into Primary school system; Primary health care system; Criminal violence; Trafficking in Persons; The sugar Industry; The National Insurance Scheme; Deaths from gastro-enteritis; Deaths from malaria; Deaths from school accidents; Deaths from road accidents; and the National Security, Economic Viability, National Security, Economic Viability, National Security, Economic Viability, National Security, Environmental protection, and a clear demonstration of Executive lawlessness.

The PPP/C administration has chosen to ignore them all. The Executive has also resorted to the denial of Presidential assent. The President as a result delayed his assent to the several bills, including three Local Government Bills - the Local Government Commission Bill, the Municipal and District Councils (Amendment) Bill and the Fiscal Transfers Bill. He refused to assent to the Local Government (Amendment) Bill, the Fiscal Management and Accountability Bill and the Former Presidents (Facilities and Other Benefits) Bill. The PPP/C strategy is clear, it has set out to strangle the autonomy of the National Assembly and in the process blame the Opposition for its own mismanagement and mistakes in Government. The PPP/C for the last 31 months has defied the decisions of the National Assembly to disapprove funds, withheld assent to important Bills; refused to implement resolutions; brought Motions in the High Court against the Speaker and Opposition Leader; denied Guyanese their right to Local Government Elections and launched a fierce media campaign against members of the National Assembly. In view of the PPP/C's record, New Nation supports the Motion of No Confidence in the Donald Ramotar led PPP/C administration. It is time for them to go.
Regional Roundup

PPP/C housing policy has failed

Speaking to over seven hundred (700) Guyanese who have settled on land at Yarrowkabra, Linden Soesdyke Highway, APNU Member of Parliament, Mr. Joseph Harmon said that the PPP/C administration’s housing policy had failed them. The residents who hail from all regions of the country are currently settled in an area they have named ‘Circuitville’. Mr. Harmon who was on a fact finding mission along with personnel from the Office of the Leader of the Opposition and the media, told the residents that he was going to make inquiries of the Guyana Lands and Surveys Commission concerning instructions it had given to them to relinquish the land and leave the area. After leading the crowd in singing ‘This land is my land’, the APNU Member of Parliament told them, “We are all entitled to a nice piece of land. This country is so big and we are all entitled to live well.... Persons from as far away as the South Rupununi Savannahs have been moving to Yarrowkabra over the last five years. Recently the group has formed themselves into an organization with the view of getting their homesteads regularized. Mr. Harmon told the crowd that A Partnership for National Unity will work with them to ensure that they can enjoy the good life that all Guyanese are entitled to.

Granger praises Annual Upper Mazaruni District Games

The Leader of the People’s National Congress Reform, Brigadier David Granger has congratulated residents of the Upper Mazaruni District of the Cuyuni-Mazaruni Region (No. 7) for the successful hosting of their annual games which opened at Kako Village on Sunday 10th August 2014.

Brigadier David Granger, accompanied by his wife, Sandra and PNCR Vice-Chairman, Dr. George Norton, was invited by the management committee to bring greetings and to witness the games. Brigadier Granger complimented the teams which were uniformly attired and displayed a high standard of sportsmanship and skill. Both boys and girls were included in the teams which were expected to compete in athletics, football, volleyball, swimming and other sports.

The PNCR leader praised the large village contingents of about 1,000 young people. He said that the week-long games were well-organized, well-administered and well-supported by the villages. He presented trophies, footballs and sports gear to the organisers on behalf of his Party.

Brigadier Granger said that villages on the coastland could learn a lot from the hinterland. The annual games were a model of inter-village cooperation and administrative coordination which should be emulated by communities on the coastland. The theme of this year’s games was ‘We are one: United in sports.’

Helping the less fortunate

As part of the People’s National Congress Reform’s commitment to community service the Party’s women arm, the National Congress of Women (NCW), and the youth arm, the Guyana Youth and Student Movement (GYSM) were both engaged in charitable work during the month of August. The NCW distributed food hampers to residents of Sophia, and the GYSM served hot meals to the homeless. The Georgetown district of the PNCR is also conducting an educational camp for students in the Worthmanville and Werk-en-Rust areas.

(See pictures below)
Dr. George Norton is an Ophthalmologist by profession. He was educated in the Republic of Cuba where he graduated with a Degree in Medicine from the Superior Institute of Medical Science in 1984 and specialized in Ophthalmology in 1988. Dr. Norton is a Consulting Ophthalmologist and Head the Department of Ophthalmology, University of Guyana.

Dr. Norton is one of the Vice Chairpersons of the People’s National Congress Reform (PNCR) and a member of the Central Executive Committee (CEC). He is also the Party’s Director of Hinterland Affairs. He takes a special interest in sports, youth and culture and in advocating the Rights of the Indigenous people.

Dr. Norton entered Parliament in 2001 and has been a vibrant representative of Amerindian Communities throughout Guyana. He is currently serving in the Tenth Parliament of Guyana as APNU Shadow Minister of Public Health and Disease Control.
REMEMBERING FORBES BURNHAM

Remembering The Father of the Nation

By Brigadier David Granger

The People's National Congress Reform has congregated at this shrine - the Forbes Burnham Mausoleum - to celebrate the life, labour and legacy of its Founder-Leader. The Party recalls Forbes Burnham's challenges on becoming Premier of British Guiana 50 years ago in December 1964.

Forbes Burnham inherited a land that had been divided by Cheddi Jagan's murderous 'Hurricane of Protest' - a conflict that caused much hatred, death and destruction. Forbes Burnham led us to peace and freedom 18 months later, on 26th May 1966, under the inspirational national motto - One People, One Nation, One Destiny. We were committed then to make that motto a reality. We remain committed today to making Guyana 'One Nation.'

Forbes Burnham made a contract with this country 50 years ago. The PNCR, the executors of that contract, have an obligation to continue his work to make Guyana 'One Nation.' The PNCR has a duty to actualise its Founder-Leader's vision by fulfilling his mission to make Guyana 'One Nation.'

Forbes Burnham started the process of national unification by eliminating the human vulnerabilities and by erasing the disparities and inequalities associated with demographic, economic, geographic and gender differences and discrimination. These inequities had divided this country into two - one privileged, the other poor and dispossessed. Guyana could not become 'One Nation' if it remained divided.

Forbes Burnham implemented a programme of national unification by providing easier access to essential public services especially education, full employment and social protection. He pursued these goals by providing free education as a constitutional entitlement. He constructed the University of Guyana and Cyril Potter College of Education, the New Amsterdam Technical Institute, Guyana Industrial Training Centre, several multilateral schools and hinterland schools for indigenous students. He pioneered national insurance, working people's housing schemes, the Amerindian lands rectification process, gender equality legislation and equal recognition of religions. He did much more to make Guyana into a more equal nation.

The People's National Congress Reform remembers Forbes Burnham with admiration and affection. The Party is proud of his struggle to make Guyana into 'One Nation.' The Party renew its collective commitment to continue Forbes Burnham's campaign to make Guyana 'One Nation.'

Linden Forbes Sampson Burnham, O.E., S.C.

FLORAL TRIBUTES

Linden Forbes Sampson Burnham, O.E., S.C.
1923 - 1985

PNCR Leader, Brigadier David Granger is seen here paying tribute to the late Founder Leader at the Mausoleum, Seven Ponds on Wednesday 6th August 2014.

Kamana Burnham, son of the late Founder Leader and his children paying tribute at the NCW Headquarters on Wednesday 6th August 2014.

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This Week with Dr. Robert McGregor

Bad Breath

A few months ago, a man of about 55 years old asked me whether masturbation could result in bad breath. After recovering from my surprise, I told him that I did not see an obvious connection, and asked him where he came up with this idea. He said someone told him that. I dismissed the issue as a joke until I recently read an article by the great Jewish sage and rabbi Ramban of the middle ages who wrote that sexual abstinence causes one’s strength to grow weak, one’s eyesight to grow dim and bad breath to appear. Of course no research has been done to support the premise although there are many factors scientifically proven to cause bad breath.

But on an aspect which is more verifiable, how is your breath? Not sure? Well don’t be worried many studies show that generally people are unable to judge their own bad breath in an objective fashion. This is probably because we all have certain preconceptions of how bad our own breath smells. We are heavily influenced by our mindset, regardless of how bad the smell actually is. In the United States there are companies which sell various gadgets to determine if we do have bad breath? One solution is to ask the opinion of a spouse or significant other. In lieu of the availability of these gadgets, you might ask a friend or your dentist at your next appointment.

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Health Benefits of Turmeric

Turmeric was traditionally called Indian saffron since its deep yellow-orange color is similar to that of the prized saffron. It has been used throughout history as a condiment, healing remedy and textile dye. Turmeric comes from the root of the Curcuma longa plant and has a tough brown skin and a deep orange flesh. This herb has a very interesting taste and aroma. Its flavor is peppery, warm and bitter while its fragrance is mild yet slightly reminiscent of orange and ginger, to which it is related.

It is a powerful medicine that has long been used in the Chinese and Indian systems of medicine as an anti-inflammatory agent to treat a wide variety of conditions, including flatulence, jaundice, menstrual difficulties, bloody urine, hemorrhage, toothache, bruises, chest pain, and colic.

Turmeric has a peppery, warm and bitter flavor and a mild fragrance slightly reminiscent of orange and ginger, and while it is best known as one of the ingredients used to make curry, it also gives ballpark mustard its bright yellow color.

Turmeric comes from the root of the Curcuma longa plant and has a tough brown skin and a deep orange flesh. Turmeric has long been used as a powerful anti-inflammatory in both the Chinese and Indian systems of medicine. Turmeric was traditionally called “Indian saffron” because of its deep yellow-orange color and has been used throughout history as a condiment, healing remedy and textile dye. The volatile oil fraction of turmeric has demonstrated significant anti-inflammatory activity in a variety of experimental models. Even more potent than its volatile oil is the yellow or orange pigment of turmeric, which is called curcumin. Curcumin is thought to be the primary pharmacological agent in turmeric. In numerous studies, curcumin’s anti-inflammatory effects have been shown to be comparable to the potent drugs hydrocortisone and phenylbutazone as well as over-the-counter anti-inflammatory agents such as Motrin. Unlike the drugs, which are associated with significant toxic effects (ulcer formation, decreased white blood cell count, intestinal bleeding), curcumin produces no toxicity.

See more on this spice at http://www.whfoods.com/genpage.php?name=foods&dbid=78

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POLITICS

Protest! Protest! Protest!

The People’s Progressive Party/Civic - in its 2011 Elections Manifesto titled ‘Working Together For A Better Tomorrow’ - pledged, under the heading ‘Reinvigorating Local Government’, that “In the area of local government and governance, elect next PPP/C Government will:

- Ensure, within one year of the 2011 general elections, that local government elections are held, bringing much needed reinvigoration into local government entities;

- Enhance accountability and transparency in the operations of local government bodies especially as it relates to the awarding of contracts;

- Put greater emphasis on coordination between central government agencies and the local government bodies”.

Three years later, the PPP/C has failed to fulfill its promises.

The media, over the past two weeks has been littered with articles of protest activity by residents in Mahdia, the administrative centre of the Potaro-Siparuni, Region (No. 8).

The people were protesting for relief from the appalling conditions of deplorable roads and non-existent pure water supply. This is what the PPP/C’s rule mean for our citizens - curry mutton for the favoured few and ‘nuttin’ for the majority.

What was the PPP/C’s response to the people’s cries for alleviation of their plight? Instead of its Ministers engaging the people’s representative - i.e., the Regional Democratic Council - to address the grievances, riot police were deployed from Georgetown to Mahdia.

The state’s response to peaceful protest actions by citizens to highlight their plight has been met with a show of force and the mailed fist! One resident is quoted in the Stabroek News of August 6, 2014 as follows: “We protested so everybody knows what is happening and someone in authority will take action. Instead, they sent two vanloads of riot police with big guns and bullet-proof vests ... for what? We are not criminals ... we will continue until [there is] some action.”

The pictures in SN [Aug.5 (Residents protest Mahdia roads), Aug.6 (Mahdia protests bring riot cops) and Aug.8 (Mahdia protest irresponsible -Whittaker)] convey more than any amount of words can, both the plight of the residents of Region 8 and the callous indifference to their suffering by the PPP/C administration.

RDC Councilor Gafoor is quoted in KN of Aug.7, 2014 as follows: "The ranks (riot police) were deployed so as to induce fear but we will be more radical this time. We will no longer be peaceful because the way the government continues to ignore the people is an act of injustice. This is a country where people are suffering, the President and the government have people on their knees but it’s time for the people to stand up. The government needs to respect Guyanese and stop treating us like animals. Guyanese keep suffering while all the people in the PPP are eyeing that fat pension. It is an injustice to humanity.” Regional Chairman Crawford added that: “It was a peaceful protest, no one was violent or anything. We were protesting the water and the road and police came in from over 200 miles away when road maintenance equipment was about 20 miles away and which was not deployed! This is a way to tell us to shut up and accept what we have unless we want to be shot the way the people in Linden were!”

As far as the PPP/C’s pledge to hold local government elections ‘within one year of the 2011 general elections’ every single action of theirs has been to frustrate the holding of any such elections. It culminated with the pathetic statement by Minister Whittaker that the majority of Guyanese do not see the need for such elections as a priority!

In the meantime, apart from the mal-administration of this and all other hinterland regions, corruption is rife and rampant.

A Partnership for National Unity supports the No-Confidence Motion which has been tabled in the National Assembly and which will lead to General and Regional Elections being held by February 2015. Citizens should be reminded that they will then have the opportunity to rid themselves of this unchar ing and corrupt administration.

Community renewal, revitalization and rebirth will come when we have A Partnership for National Unity (APNU) in Government.
The National Congress of Women (NCW), the women’s arm of the People’s National Congress Reform held their Biennial Conference on Monday 28th July 2014. The conference was attended by delegates and observers from all of the ten administrative regions of Guyana; representatives from North America and UK regions also attended. The theme of the Conference was: "NCW for National Unity, Good Governance and Development."

Presentations were made by the National Chairperson of the NCW, Ms. Cheryl Sampson and Leader of the People’s National Congress Reform, Brigadier David Granger. The highlight of the Conference was the election of officers to lead the women’s arm of the PNCR for the next two years. Ms. Cheryl Sampson was returned as Chairperson; Ms. Volda Lawrence was elected 1st Vice Chairperson; Ms. Carol Smith-Joseph as 2nd Vice Chairperson; Ms. Linda Gomez-Haley as Treasurer; Ms. Sandra Adams as Assistant Treasurer; and Ms. Germaine Van Sluytman as Assistant Secretary Treasurer.

Fifteen executive committee members were also elected to serve until the next Biennial Conference. The NCW in keeping with their constitution will soon appoint someone to serve as the National Secretary.

A new Central Executive Committee has been elected to manage the affairs of the People’s National Congress Reform. The new executive members were elected during the 18th Biennial Congress of the People’s National Congress Reform. Those elected were: David Granger - Leader; Basil Williams - Chairman; Volda Lawrence - Vice Chairman; Dr. George Norton - Vice Chairman; and Mr. Ronald Bulkan - Treasurer. Committee members are Winston Felix, Annal Ally, James Bond, Joseph Harmon, Annette Ferguson, Patricia Chase-Green, Christopher Jones, Beni Rayman, Bishwashwar ‘Cammie’ Ramsaroop, Hazel Pinder, Mortimer Mingo, Morris Wilson, Clement Corlette, Genevieve Allen and Cheryl Sampson. Under the Party’s Constitution newly elected National Chairman of the Guyana Youth and Student Movement (GYSM), Mr. Ryan Belgrave will also sit on the executive committee. The Central Executive Committee is mandated by the Constitution of the PNCR to draw up the Party’s general programme, in conformity with the overall policy formulated by Congress. It implements the decisions and policy of the General Council and is the second highest decision making forum of the Party between General Council meetings and the Biennial Congress.

The Guyana Youth and Student Movement (GYSM), the youth arm of the People’s National Congress Reform on Saturday 9th August 2014, held it Biennial Congress at the Party’s Headquarters, Congress Place, Sophia. The Congress was held under the theme: “One Movement, One Partnership, One Nation.” In his farewell address to the Congress, outgoing National Chairman, Mr. Christopher Jones, MP, said that the People’s Progressive Party/Civic administration has failed the youth of Guyana. Mr. Jones said, “the PPPC had failed to provide jobs, failed to govern in the interest of all the peoples of Guyana, failed the youth of Guyana. Mr. Jones said, “the PPPC had failed to provide jobs, failed to govern in the interest of all the peoples of Guyana, failed the youth of Guyana.”

In elections that were held, a new national executive was elected. Mr. Ryan Belgrave was elected to serve as National Chairman. In his acceptance speech, Mr. Belgrave said that his task was to make the GYSM the leading youth organization in Guyana. He said that this will be achieved by aggressive and continuous mobilization, organization, registration and education. He said that education was the greatest tool to fight tyranny. He also charged members of the GYSM to seek knowledge, to get educated. Mr. Belgrave said “the PPPC was afraid of an educated nation.” A new twenty-four person General Council was also elected to serve for the next two years.

The law protects you in case the landlord tries to take a short cut to possession by harassing you into leaving or evicting you without a court order or threatening to do so. If the landlord or anyone on his/her behalf harasses you by doing anything to interfere with your peaceful enjoyment of the property you can sue him/her for an order to stop the harassment and damages. Examples of the harassment are threats and abuse; frequently cutting off water or electricity; changing the locks. If the landlord removes the roof, windows, door or any other part of the property without your consent and otherwise than in the course of doing repairs he/she will be guilty of a criminal offence.

If your landlord throws you out of the property without a possession order or tries to do so he/she will be guilty of a criminal offence and you can sue him/her for an order to let you back into the property or to stop trying to evict you and for damages.

If I die what happens to people living with me?

If you die the tenancy will automatically pass to your widow/widower if she is living with you in the property when you die, or your reputed wife/husband if she/he has been living with you in the property for at least 6 months when you die, or a member of your family or household who is living with you when you die (if there is a dispute as to who should become the tenant a magistrate can be asked to decide), or a dependant who has been living with you for the at least 6 months when you die.

**LEGAL CORNER**

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**LANDLORD - TENANT**

Protection from harassment and the threat of eviction

**If I die what happens to people living with me?**

If you die the tenancy will automatically pass (in the following order) to:

- your wife/husband who has been living with you in the property when you die, or your reputed wife/husband if she/he has been living with you in the property for at least 6 months when you die, or a member of your family or household who is living with you when you die (if there is a dispute as to who should become the tenant a magistrate can be asked to decide), or a dependant who has been living with you for the at least 6 months when you die.

**KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!**