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ERC AND GPF STRENGTHEN COLLABORATIONS AHEAD OF ELECTIONS

The Ethnic Relations Commission (ERC) paid a courtesy call on the Commissioner of Police, Mr. Clifton Hicken, at the Eve Leary Police Headquarters to discuss areas of mutual cooperation.

During the meeting, Shaikh Moeenul Hack, Chairman of the ERC, expressed gratitude to the Guyana Police Force (GPF) for providing training to ERC staff on the Cybercrime Act and CID Induction Training for the ERC's Investigative Unit. In response, Commissioner Hicken reaffirmed the GPF's commitment to providing additional training support to the ERC. He also welcomed the opportunity for GPF officers to benefit from ERC-led training, such as Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) training.

In addition, the ERC and GPF have also collaborated on several cases related to violations of the Racial Hostility Act and the Cybercrime Act, cases of which are ongoing.

With the country entering the elections season, both sides recognized the importance of enhanced collaboration. To strengthen this partnership, they intend to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to streamline the handling of cases forwarded by the ERC. Additionally, a Working Group comprising representatives from both the ERC and GPF has been established. This group will meet monthly to review pending cases and address emerging issues.

Present at the meeting were Commissioner of Police, Mr. Clifton Hicken, along with Deputy Commissioner 'Administration' Mr. Ravindradat Budhram and Superintendent Ms. Carol Fraser-Harding. Representing the ERC were Chairman Shaikh Moeenul Hack, the nine other Commissioners, Mr. Charles Ogle, Rev. Alphonso Porter, Pandit Krishn Sharma, Mr. Neaz Subhan, Mr. Norris Witter, Mr. Dwayne Adams, Mrs. Chandrowtie Sarran, Mr. Ashton Simon, Mr. Deon Dick (Ras Khafra), and Chief Executive Officer/Secretary Ms. Gomin Camacho.

The ERC and GPF reaffirmed their shared commitment to upholding the rule of law and fostering ethnic harmony, security, and good relations across Guyana.

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