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Norton hands over dossier of issues to Blinken



United States Secretary of State Antony Blinken (left) and Opposition Leader Aubrey Norton in yesterday's meeting at the US Embassy in Georgetown (Office of the Leader of Opposition photo)

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When Opposition Leader Aubrey Norton yesterday met with United States Secretary of State Antony Blinken, he presented a "dossier" setting out what



issues that in his opinion, need to be urgently addressed before the 2025 general elections.

At the meeting held at the US Embassy in Georgetown, Norton said he gave a general indication of the political and economic situation in the country and highlighted several issues that were affecting the people.

The meeting between the Opposition Leader and Blinken was unannounced and came as a surprise to the government, Stabroek News understands. The engagement occurred immediately after a meeting with President Irfaan Ali and members of his Cabinet at State House.

Blinken, after his departure from State House, was scheduled to participate in a meet-and-greet with US Embassy staff and their families. Norton was the only opposition member who met with Blinken following an invitation from the US Embassy.

Norton told Stabroek News in a telephone interview that the dossier presented to Blinken gave details on the issues he raised.

According to Norton, he informed the Secretary of State of his party's call for a clean voters list and the use of biometrics in the upcoming 2025 elections. He also shared the view that the guardrails of democracy were slowly eroding and the country is stepping into a "one party state era." The idea of inclusivity and direct discussion was floated to address this.

Asked if Blinken gave any indication on how he plans to address these concerns, Norton said the Secretary of State responded by saying that the wish of the United States is to see this country operating in a stable manner.



regional elections and does not wish for the situation to repeat itself in 2025.

“And I said [to Blinken] a stable country is possible after elections once we can get a clean voters list and biometrics among other things”, the Opposition Leader told Stabroek News.

Norton went on to state that he also said that government contracts are being allocated in a discriminatory manner and the need for it to be addressed. He also raised what he said was the politicisation of the Guyana Police Force.

The Opposition Leader also stressed in the discussion what he believes to be the government’s push for infrastructure at the expense of human development. It was highlighted that the government has been prioritising large-scale infrastructure rather than addressing the high cost of living, growing poverty, and economic discrimination, as the revenues from oil are not being transferred to the development of livelihoods.

“I pointed out that there is an over-focus on capital expenditure for infrastructure and no real focus on human development, and of course I bemoaned the fact that we are an oil nation and we are living in poverty and the resources are not trickling down. We informed him of the consequences of this type of economic starvation of the African Guyanese community,” Norton said as he highlighted the issues discussed during his meeting with Blinken.

When asked if he received any concrete commitment from Blinken to address these issues raised, Norton said that he will not comment on that.



hemisphere on a free, secure, open and prosperous world, that can only be achieved through inclusiveness.

"I underscored the fact that he himself said in his talk with the Western Hemispheric group that they are looking towards a free, secure, open and prosperous world, and I said to him that we endorse those sentiments but we also believe that in the Guyana context, there is need for inclusiveness and once that can emerge, then we will find ourselves in a better position," Norton explained.

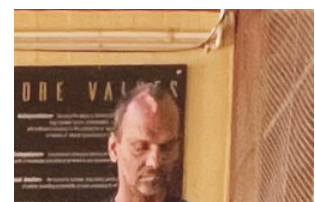


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**Muhammad Raoof**

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2 years ago edited

Handshake, Norton was apparently NOT even afforded the courtesy of a sit down....

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**flabbygasted**

2 years ago

this is a good move. well done, vital to "Share" with the Americans.

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**gerry**

2 years ago edited

I hope he included step by step what we as a country endured with the murder of 21 children.



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**19CAGriffith48**

2 years ago

"Asked if Blinken gave any indication on how he plans to address these concerns, Norton said the Secretary of State responded by saying that *the wish of the United States is to see this country operating in a stable manner*. Blinken said that he was aware of the instability in the last general and regional elections and does not wish for the situation to repeat itself in 2025."

Same was said in recent times about Afghanistan and Iraq.

Norton should have presented his written concerns to Ms. Sarah much earlier and before she depart to take up a new appointment at **DoD** where barracks room language replaces all diplomatic / gobbledygook/ meaningless language.

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**Duglar**

2 years ago

My leader is on a roll. Shaking hand left right and centre.
Shaking hand, baby, shaking!



**Amen-Ra**

2 years ago

Guyanese needs to solve their own problems, the u.s have it's own problems , all u.s cares about is it's own interests that's the purpose of the blinker coming to Guyana

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**Krish Lall**

2 years ago

Always a joy to have high ranking US Officials visiting Guyana. We MUST align with democratic , secular & law abiding nations.

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**BORAPORK** → Krish Lall

2 years ago

How democratic was January 6, 2021?

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**Muhammad Raoof**

→ BORAPORK

2 years ago

How democratic was the period after March 2nd 2020??

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**rs dasai**

→ BORAPORK

2 years ago

Freedom of action, but pay the price.

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**MR VICKASH SINGH**

2 years ago

Hopefully his dossier has he is "WUKING PON SHE ". So Blinken won't have to address that issue.

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**Newbie**

2 years ago

Looks like Norton putting his best face forward.

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**Krish Lall**



force ? & contracts biases ? well, maybe ne should first explain the bedsneet list ! explain why the Security Forces are almost all Afro Guyanese ...we need this to be changed ! Yet Norton missed this aspect of the Police Force completely ! On Contracts ...do you want the contracts to be awarded just because someone applies for it ? Norton need to show cases of discrimination that he is talking about ; show us proof where someone was not given a contract even thought he/she was the best reliable, competent & equipped bidder. We must have a merit based system not one that is race based.

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**Gtloyal**

→ Krish Lall



2 years ago edited

"...explain why the Security Forces are almost all Afro Guyanese ...we need this to be changed !"

The forces are all Afro Guyanese because Afro Guyanese are men enough to accept the responsibility.

All you have to do to change this is to take those tails from between those legs, man up and join up. Don't hide behind the worn out excuse that Indo Guyanese are not given a chance and are discriminated against. You have all that's needed to change things. The ruling party is basically an Indo Guyanese party. The Commander in chief is Indo Guyanese. The Chief of Staff of the GDF is Indo Guyanese. The PM is a former CoS at the service of your Indo Guyanese party. What else do you want? It's time y'all cut the cackle and pull y'all load.

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**BORAPORK**

→ Krish Lall



2 years ago

Should other segments of the economy be diversified? In case of any action with neighbours shouldn't the fighting forces also be of a diversified nature with Indian Guyanese leading the charge?

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**rs dasai**

→ BORAPORK



2 years ago

Good question, why not? Will you follow and respect the leader?

0 0 Reply

**Krish Lall**

→ BORAPORK



2 years ago

I totally agree that we need diversification in the Police & Armed Forces . You would be childish to think that the hard core PNC operatives will just succumb to that notion as a matter of national unity or progress. In any case we need merit based enlistment & hiring in all Govt sectors &



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**Shane Persaud**

2 years ago

Hopefully the winning SOPs are included

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**Gtbeat**

2 years ago edited

Come 2024 Blinken will be history

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**Blackrattler** → Gtbeat

2 years ago

Want to bet?????

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**fmguycan**

2 years ago

Mr. Blinken and his Govt. has bigger fishes to attend too in the US and around the world.All
Dossiers is about petty nonsense.

Why didn't you present him with a dossier on how to get some to stop thieving and others
from a sense of entitlement.

No country just hand out on the basis of who you are.Everyone has to work and demonstrate
commitment.

As far I know some of the same people now learning how to submit tenders for contracts.
When that is finished then they have to be equip with the necessary technical skills.

At least 25 years in the making.

What are you doing to get them ready

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**BORAPORK** → fmguycan

2 years ago

Evil, in the dossier he mentions rape and sodomy of minors.

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Do you think it is also that one referenced Robert Carbone who was accused of the same thing.

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**Carifta**

2 years ago

Guyana is Burning like that movie "Mississippi is Burning" seems like there are a number of similarities in the context of Guyana. In the US Department of State research and analysis, Guyana would be seen as one of those countries that "a powercake". They can very well go back to Wall Street Article for several years ago that talks about the marginalization of a segment of the population.

The leadership of a country like Guyana is also tied to spirituality leadership of which the current lacks. There is where there must be an evaluation of what end of the spectrum that someone in leadership that someone like Jagdeo is bringing to the country. With Jagdeo at the helm again, all types of bad things have beset the country of Guyana. Mr Jagdeo seem to be the worst thing that has happened and is happening to Guyana.

#JagdeoMustGo

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**fmguycan** → Carifta

2 years ago

Nah different. Burning and building like the Roman Empire.

0 0 Reply

**Brian** 🙌🙌

2 years ago

Norton wants inclusion, inclusion, inclusion. These guys are full of talk. I wouldn't trust them an inch.

How about "Be the change you want to see"?

Like giving the Deputy Mayorship to the PPP in GT, NA & Linden? How 'bout dah? Imagine the waves he would have made with those moves. Good waves that would sure to bring a nice catch in return. Like pressure on the PPP to do likewise. Even if the PPP didn't do likewise it still would have been a watershed moment in Guyana politics that's guaranteed to bring some good change later.

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**Amen-Ra** → Guest

2 years ago

**GTbanna** → Brian 🙌🙌

2 years ago

A good start would be to give the PNC deputy speaker of the House as is the tradition. Think before you write!

0 0 Reply

**Carifta** → Brian 🙌🙌

2 years ago

What rubbish is this?

#JagdeoMustGo

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**rs dasai**

2 years ago

Really .my LotO. You accuse the USA of installing the current Gvt and now you are 'begging' them to help you with your leadership problems of the PNC? Massa gone but is still in your mind?

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**Dr. W. C. Star**

2 years ago edited

Both PNC and PPP people in Guyana seem bereft of creative ideas. Not being either, I would have thought of preparing a Video of government Bodies across Guyana and show these to the likes of Hakeem Jeffries and the US Secretary of State to counter the marginalization of the PNC supporters.

Did the local political leader also tell the US Secretary of State, Anthony Blinken, that the Guyanese people themselves are " marginalizing " the Sophia based PNC in every General Election ?

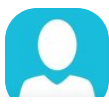
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**Andy Andrew**

2 years ago

Always better to solve your problems privately and in Guyana don't put your problems in the hands of foreigners, it is not the wise thing to do.

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**Dr. W. C. Star**

2 years ago



2 1 Reply

**Buxton**

2 years ago

It's so embarrassing to read dis article.
 Is Nartan dat low ?? Why didn't he hand over his SOP's instead ??
 Is he hoping dat de Americans gonna put him in office like Bunham ??
 It's true PNC gat no shame!!

2 0 Reply

**BORAPORK** → Buxton

2 years ago

We have Hakeem in our corner. You and the Liberty Avenue crowd can vote for the Trump candidates. We are tired doing the heavy lifting and then have freeloaders arrive and reap the benefits. The indentured did not build that coastline. My ancestors did. Maintenance ha never been the same as building from nothing or in this case swampland.

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**Buxton** → BORAPORK

2 years ago

My ancestors build those walls fuh almost free!!
 Kernel ancestors helped to build those walls .

The indentured are Kasseer MR PC Annie
 and so on .

Laawd bless de PPP especially my fearless leadah!!

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**Soph**

2 years ago

Was that a **secret** dossier of complaints?
 Should he reveal it to his supporters?
 Or to the Guyanese public?

1 0 Reply

**Ben Khan** → Soph

2 years ago

He should be brave enough to let the people
 know what is written, so that the people

**Pouderoyen Man** → Ben Khan

2 years ago

The PPP administration did ENDLESS secret things to Guyana and the Guyanese people under Jagdeo presidency...And it's still happening under the TWO "2" PPP Presidents

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**raphel** → Pouderoyen Man

2 years ago

It appears you know the secretes you should expose them or stop talking bullshit.

0 0 Reply

**BORAPORK** → Soph

2 years ago

Should Jagdeo reveal his registered marriage certificate?

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**Soph** → BORAPORK

2 years ago

Nice logic, Bora.

Therefore Norton should say to the nation that he is keeping the dossier secret because Jagdeo did not reveal his registered marriage certificate.

That would show his great statesmanship.

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**Paul**

2 years ago

This is the report Mr Norton give to Mr Blinken as you know from 1966 to 1985 we the PNC Burnham regime stole the democracy from this country by rigging all the election thank you the United State to return democracy to the father of the nation Dr Cheddi Jagan and the leader of the PPP/C.

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2 1 Reply

**Carifta** → Paul

2 years ago



majority of the people of Guyana like Dr Jagan was. Please go sit in a corner.

#JagdeoMustGo

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2 years ago

Norton handing over the SOP's to US Secretary of State or he still didn't find it?

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MR VICKASH SINGH v s

2 years ago

Blinken is serious, "WUKING PON SHE " is not serious that his nature to look like spoil milk. Da PNC should really show him a muscle doctor to relax those face muscle, just my little advice, it may hold back some supporters to cross over to the One Guyana party.

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KD

2 years ago

My thoughts are in alignment.. %

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Muhammad Raoof

2 years ago edited

"Norton hands over dossier of issues to Blinken

Haha watch them running to massa with news,

No one likes and have any respect for a "snitch"(tattletalers" cannot command respect
The irony of it all is that the entire world knows everything that's needed to be know about that camp

The PNC knowing fully well that they cannot turn to the Guyanese voters have adapted a strategy of running to foreign Officials.

It's so "laughable" to see them struggling to convince the A,B,Cs that they have a legitimate beef" after demonstrating to the world what they really are

Reading Blinken body poster he must be asking "what you want me to do? Ha,ha , the comedy of the desperate and confused PNC who don't have a plan B

Norton Bhai you could snitch and tattletale till the cow jump over the moon.

Of all the political strategies I've heard about I'VE never hear of snitching being used as a



Norton Bhai you're talking about 2025 BUT you've seen to have forgotten that the Guyanese voters have REJECTED you an your cabals then reminded yo at this past LGE.
Happy hunting Norton.

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