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DPI debt to Stabroek News at \$87m



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As Stabroek News (SN) winds down printing, the sum owed by the Department of Public Information (DPI) to the newspaper for advertisements published stands at \$87,056,431 as of February 28, 2026.

For more than eight months, SN has been reporting on the large amount owed by DPI. While some payments have been made in recent months they

have mostly been small amounts.

Stabroek News will cease printing on March 15th this year. On February 26, DPI notified Stabroek News that all advertisements that had been intended for publication in March had been cancelled with "immediate effect". No explanation was provided by DPI for the move.

Stabroek News has carried a series of reports about the large outstanding amount owed by DPI to the newspaper.

The February 26th edition reported that DPI on February 24th made a payment of \$7.4m to Stabroek News.

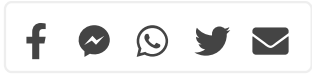
The \$7.4m was part payment for advertisements published by SN in April 2025. DPI still owes SN for the last half of 2025 and for this year.

Prior to Tuesday's payment, the last DPI payment of \$23.3m on November 21, 2025 related to the months of February and March in 2025.

A number of letters have been sent by Guyana Publications Inc (GPI), publishers of Stabroek News and the Sunday Stabroek to the Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister, Kwame McCoy about the debt.

GPI General Manager Shaleeza Khan wrote to McCoy last year on June 18th, July 15th, August 8th, September 30th and December 17th on the large outstanding balance. The letters followed the unresponsiveness of DPI to requests by Stabroek News for payment. There has been no formal reply by McCoy to any of the letters.





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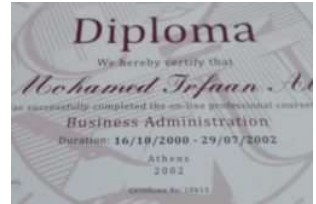
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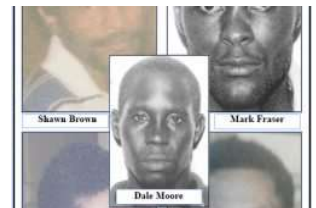
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Why hasn't Stabroeknews approached the Justice system for relief? If granted such relief, it can then with a court order commence seizing government property for failure to settle its debt.

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Dr W. C. Star → W. A. Roodney





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It is the " same difference " like in the days of Burnham.
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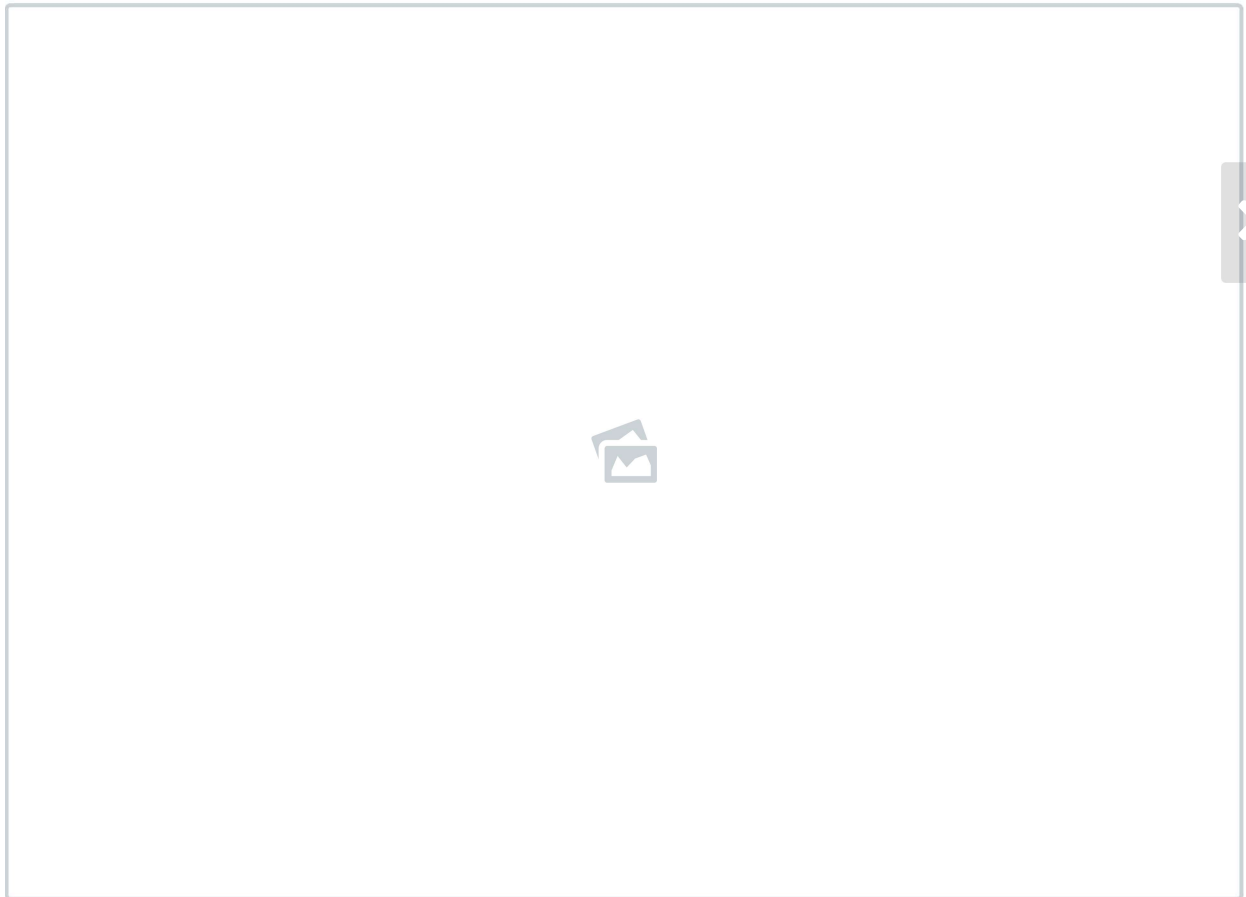
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Hopefully Kaietur News can take up from where Stabroek News left off - for nothing I am buying that thingy called Guyana Chronicle that offered no sense of critical analysis in reporting.

I am sure there is room and scope for some of the reporters and editor to join them, so as to keep the Fourth Estate alive and holding govt accountable as the many ills are exposed.

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