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APNU WARNS OF REPEATED MUNICIPAL SABOTAGE, CONSTITUTIONAL EROSION AND SYSTEMIC GOVERNANCE FAILURE

A Partnership for National Unity (APNU) issues this statement as a grave and repeated caution to the People's Progressive Party/Civic (PPP/C) Government and as a clarion call to the citizens of Guyana to move beyond passive vigilance and toward active democratic accountability.

The issues confronting Guyana today are not isolated incidents. They form a deliberate and dangerous pattern of executive overreach, constitutional neglect, municipal sabotage, and reckless failure of public expenditure.

With Local Government Elections (LGE) approaching, citizens must recognize that the ballot is one of the only remaining corrective instruments against a government that has abandoned restraint.

Pervasive and Persistent Local Government Maligning
The ongoing saga between the Mayor of Georgetown and the Minister of Local Government and Regional Development, Hon. Priya Manickchand, exemplifies the PPP/C's long-standing hostility towards municipalities and other local government organs not under its political control.

Despite public claims of collaboration, commitments made by the Minister to the Mayor and City Council have been repeatedly broken. This failure is not a 2026 issue. The pattern dates back to the 1990s. The result continues to be administrative paralysis, sanitation crisis, unpaid service providers, and an increasingly filthy capital city. This is a threat to public health and safety, and a blemish on our tourism product. This is not governance by competence and service, it is governance by control, coercion, and calculated institutional decay.



being promoted as part of Guyana's diversification beyond oil. Sanitation must be addressed as a serious development obligation - not manipulated for short-term political advantage. The approach of starving opposition controlled local government organs of state resources is an internecine practice that has been used since 1992 with the hope of giving the PPP/C political advantage. It must be brought to an end. The PPP/C punishes communities by paralyzing local government, then expects the same communities to reward it at election time. The Constitution provides for these local democratic organs to be autonomous and independent and the PPP/C's actions to undermine them and our democracy cannot continue.

It is now the responsibility of the people of Guyana to keep an accurate scorecard on the PPP/C's deliberate efforts to undermine or coerce local democratic organs for self-serving political gains.

The Complete Collapse of Parliamentary Neutrality

The Constitution of Guyana is explicit in its requirements for the functioning of Parliament, including the existence of key constitutional offices. Yet Guyana has been experiencing the erosion of democratic practices in the National Assembly.

The inability of the National Assembly to meet and get on with the business of scrutinizing government performance or lack of it is undemocratic and runs against the letter and spirit of the Constitution.

The non-establishment and concomitant non-functioning of the Parliamentary Sectoral Committees are clear indications that the government is authoritarian and wants to avoid public scrutiny.

When the foregoing is coupled with the government's changing of parliamentary rules to control every aspect of the Public Accounts Committee and its actions to ensure that the PAC rarely meets to scrutinize public spending, it is further evidence of the erosion of democratic practices in Guyana and a clear indication that Guyana is hurtling towards dictatorship.

Speaker Manzoor Nadir's conduct has raised public concern about confidence in the National Assembly. The question of his unwillingness to be a non-partisan Speaker is a loud worry we hear from the Guyanese people.

Speaker Nadir is at risk of transforming the Speaker's Chair from a neutral constitutional office into a partisan political shield for executive convenience, lawlessness and abuse. Further, his direct and incendiary attacks on the diplomatic community are unbecoming of the Speaker in a democratic society and bereft of the expected statesmanship.

Parliamentary Opposition

Fragmentation empowers executive overreach. APNU reaffirms its commitment to unity, reform, and the rule of law as guided by its mandate from supporters and Guyanese best interests.

Today, the opposition landscape has changed. We, therefore, need to approach this new Parliament, cognizant of the new parliamentary landscape at a time when unity is most required.

APNU makes no apology for its record, its reforms, or its history. The coalition's legacy, institutional experience, and commitment



survival. With our credibility and experience, we will help make the Opposition succeed in the Thirteenth Parliament.

Massive Failure in Housing Delivery

The PPP/C government has perfected the art of ceremonial launches and abandoned delivery. Across the country, infrastructure projects tell a consistent story of incompetence, under performance and neglect.

Housing developments have delivered barely a fraction of promised titles and homes. Nationally celebrated infrastructure projects have severely underperformed against completion timelines.

This week we are revealing concerning facts. In Region #9, the Tract CHPA has recorded tremendous failure with only 12% or 81 of 650 titles issued.

Another housing project, the Lethem Housing Support Programme, is also failing with only 13% or 78 of 600 houses handed over to applicants. Housing in Guyana is struggling. Even in house lot allocation, there is a significant backlog, and the riches of oil are barely trickling down to our hinterland countrymen.

Unless there is significant reallocation of resources to benefit the people of Guyana, a very large section of our population will continue to live in poverty. While the people of Guyana will have to pay the large public debt that this government is creating, the people are not benefiting.

The 2026 Budget

APNU anticipates that the 2026 Budget will be the largest in dollar value in Guyana's history. Size, however, is not substance. This budget is shaping up to be a public relations spectacle rather than a set of monetary and fiscal policies that will benefit the average Guyanese. It is likely to be another one in which there will be focus on infrastructure to put money into the hands of the PPP elite, family, friends and favourites. Again, it will be heavy on promises, light on implementation, and structurally indifferent to the plight of the most vulnerable Guyanese.

Our Manifesto offered a people-centered plethora of measures that included: a tax-free threshold of \$400,000 per month, a graduated public service wage increase up to 35%, old age pension of \$100,000 per month, tertiary and technical education stipends of \$50,000 per month, childcare allowance of \$120,000 per month, increased stipends to \$200,000 for Toshaos, distribution of 50% of carbon credit funds to residents of indigenous communities, expansion of the non-oil economy, roads in the hinterland to spur development, a data guided policy agenda, a rent-to-own housing programme and policy, transparency in public procurement, special economic zones, a corporate tax reduction to 35%, a flat 15% tax on cost of four door 4wd pickups, diversification of our non-oil economy. We are well aware that the PPP copies our ideas. We wish this budget will incorporate our people-centered development programmes in the budget. It is not too late. The APNU stands ready to explain the details of these programs.

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