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Readout of Secretary of War Pete Hegseth's Meeting With His Excellency Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali, the President and Commander-in-Chief of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana

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Today, Secretary of War Pete Hegseth met with the President and Commander-in-Chief of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana, Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali, at the Pentagon. Secretary Hegseth thanked President Ali for Guyana's regional leadership in countering narcoterrorism as a founding member of the Americas Counter Cartel Coalition. President Ali emphasized his appreciation for the strong and enduring defense partnership between the United States and Guyana and discussed ways to improve interoperability across our armed forces and increase defense industrial base resilience in the interest of both countries. Both leaders signed a landmark joint declaration for an enhanced defense partnership that will increase security across the Caribbean.

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