

PRESS STATEMENT

The National Commission on Law and Order (NCLO) notes with great concern and distress the breakdown in law and order in the town of Linden, and the resulting regrettable loss of life of three persons during a confrontation with police, on the Mackenzie – Wismar Bridge, on 18th July, 2012.

The NCLO expresses condolences to the relatives of the deceased Shemroy Bouyea, Ivan Lewis and Ron Somerset, and hopes for a speedy and complete recovery of those persons who suffered injury.

The NCLO welcomes the immediate declaration by President Donald Ramotar of the pursuit of a Commission of Inquiry into the specific and encompassing circumstances related to the tragic incident.

The NCLO greatly appreciates that the Terms of Reference for the Commission of inquiry benefited from bi-partisan support, and agreement, and sees this as the foundation for deferring a national crisis.

The NCLO supports the right to peaceful protest and the uninterrupted pursuit of social, cultural and economic activities, and secure livelihoods by all Guyanese, but this must be within the parameters of law and order.

It is the Commission's belief that solutions will be found through continued consultations,

resulting in conciliation among all parties.

NATIONAL COMMISSION ON LAW AND ORDER

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