

MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SECURITY

PRESS STATEMENT

Meeting with the Ambassador of the People's Republic of China

Minister of Public Security, Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan, and the Commissioner of Police, Mr. Leslie James, both on Friday morning (14th September) met with Ambassador of the People's Republic of China, Mr. Cui Jianchun to discuss security issues related to the Chinese Community.

A number of Chinese business places have been burgled, with property stolen, sometimes under circumstances of violence. This has led the Chinese business community to feel that it is a targeted group.

Both Minister Ramjattan and recently appointed Commissioner of Police, Mr. James, sought to allay this mis-perception indicating that the crime statistics, and the motives of those caught do not suggest any such profiling. Those who are victims are generally as a result of opportunistic criminals who prey on those who may have been unalert and vulnerable.

They also indicated that every effort is being made to ensure additional police patrols are prominently positioned in the commercial areas of the City and other communities which will deter criminal activities across the board. They informed Ambassador Jianchun, who agreed, that a meeting with the Chinese business community should be held as early as possible so that a number of concerns and questions can be directly answered.



From Left: Commissioner of Police Mr. Leslie James, China's Ambassador Mr. Cui Jianchun, Minister of Public Security Hon. Khemraj Ramjattan.

The matter of the Smart City project which will be funded by a loan from China was also discussed along with the China- Caribbean Countries Anti- Corruption Law Enforcement Conference held in Grenada recently.

Minister Ramjattan thanked the Ambassador and People's Republic of China for the extensive support in assets and materials given to the Guyana Police Force, and the training of a number of ranks and officers.

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