

MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SECURITY

PRESS STATEMENT

Minister Ramjattan meets with a Delegation of EU Ambassadors

The Minister of Public Security, Khemraj Ramjattan met with a Delegation of Ambassadors of non-resident European Union Member States from Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Spain, Romania and Sweden at his Office today with a view to having further cooperation between Guyana and the EU. The Guyana – European Union Relations formalized with the signing of the Georgetown Agreement in 1975. The Guyana /EU relations are currently based on the Cotonou Agreement, the CARIFORUM –EU Economic Partnership Agreement and bi-regional political dialogue.



Minister Ramjattan and Delegation of EU Ambassadors

The Security Minister and the Delegation of EU Ambassadors, in this formal meeting, discussed matters of governance and security issues in Guyana.

The cordial meeting touched on political stability and the positive economic expectation for Guyana. Minister Ramjattan reaffirmed that the Coalition Government is in full adherence to the rule of law, Guyana's Constitution and good leadership. Minister Ramjattan and the Delegation of EU Ambassadors also touched on security issues at the border with Venezuela.

The two sides also discussed the EU Seaport Corporation Project (SEACOP) in the profiling of vessels and the conducting of safe and effective rummage operations in Guyana. *SEACOP* supports Guyana by reinforcing capacities to combat illicit maritime trafficking and associated criminal networks and enhances international cooperation in tackling illicit maritime trafficking on the transatlantic cocaine route.

The Two Sides discussed the declining crime rate in Guyana which is supported by statistics from the IDB's Homicide Monitor for Latin America and the Caribbean. The statistics indicate that the homicide rate for Guyana is 15 per 100,000 which is comparatively amongst the lowest in the Region.

Minister Ramjattan thanked the EU Delegation and looked forward to continued collaboration with them.

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