

NINTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA – FIRST SESSION (2006)

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

NOTICE PAPER NO. 16

Question No. (Q 14 Opp 14)

Member Asking:

Mr. Raphael Trotman, M.P.

QUESTION

**SHOOTING INCIDENT IN THE CUYUNI RIVER ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6,
2006**

Could the Hon. Prime Minister state:

Following the shooting incident in the Cuyuni River on Friday, October 6, 2006, have measures been put in place to strengthen border security in general and that with our neighbour Venezuela, in particular?

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Minister Answering: The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Works & Communications

Answer

Yes! Measures have been put in place within resources available to strengthen border security. In the diplomatic arena we have transmitted our deep concern and dismay to the Venezuelan authorities. We are expecting to receive a report from them and we would be looking for arrangements which should mitigate against such an incident recurring.

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NOTICE PAPER NO. 12

Question No. (Q 10 Opp 10)

Member Asking:

Mr. Raphael Trotman, M.P.

QUESTIONS

SHOOTING INCIDENT WHICH CLAIMED THE LIFE OF PARASRAM

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- (i) Can the Hon. Minister of Foreign Affairs say whether the Government of Guyana is satisfied with the response of the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela surrounding the shooting incident on Friday, October 6, 2006, in the Cuyuni River, which claimed the life of Parasram Persaud?
- (ii) Can the Hon. Minister say what initiatives the Government of Guyana is pursuing to ensure that the family of Parasram Persaud receives compensation for this death?
- (iii) What action is the Government of Guyana pursuing with respect to this incident?

(Notice Paper No. 12 (Q10 Opp10) published on 2006-11-13)

Minister Answering : The Minister of Foreign Affairs

Answers:

Immediately after the incident the Government of Guyana requested an official report from the Government of Venezuela on the circumstances surrounding the tragic death of

Mr. Parasram Persaud. The Government of Guyana is still awaiting the report. Reminders have been sent urging an early response. It is hoped that the investigation which is reportedly being conducted by the Ministry of Defence will be concluded shortly and made available to the Government of Guyana.

Meanwhile, the Guyana Police and the Guyana Defence Force have completed their own investigations into the incident. Once the official report of the Government of Venezuela is received, a determination will be made as to the course of action to be followed. A case for compensation may be open to the family of the victim.