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University of Guyana Hosts Series of Actions in support of Guyana’s security personnel and in solidarity with Guyana’s right to peace within its own borders; Graduates to wear flag ribbons at graduation; Turkeyen and Tain Talk on Border Issue Slated for Monday, November, 6th at 4:45 PM at the Pegasus Savannah Suite

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The University of Guyana today announced that it is encouraging its graduates and persons’ attending its seven (7) graduation ceremonies from November 9th to 18th, to wear ribbons in the colours of the flag of Guyana in solidarity with the national and international calls for peace and respect for international law.

The University is also calling for respect and support for Guyana’s men and women in uniform who are the first responders and protectors in all matters of national safety and security- from civilian skirmishes, and national emergencies such as floods to military matters such as protecting our borders and repelling other illegal activity in the country.

In a statement made on November 1, 2023, at the Live to Influence Conference held in Georgetown Guyana, Vice-Chancellor Prof Paloma Mohamed Martin, projected the University’s call for an end to disparaging remarks and abusive comments about Guyana’s combat readiness and personnel, many of whom are UG alumnus and present students. She said: *“We may not have the best in the world, but we have the bravest and really, we cannot*

expect to heap abuses upon the same people we expect to protect us. We must in this time assist them in their work and help bridge the gaps that may exist in their operations. Every citizen has to take on the mindset of a defender. We must replace vengeance with vigilance and prepare rather than fear.”

Further, the University is quickly producing “***Prepare Rather Than Fear- Venezuela’s Illegal Claim and Its Possible Effects***” its’ very successful first “***Turkeyen and Tain Talks***” series since COVID.

The event will be held next **Monday, November 6 at 4:45 PM at the Savannah Suite of the Pegasus Hotel in Kingston, Georgetown Guyana.** The University says the 5-person panel will speak on historical treaties, international cases, migration, xenophobia, and Latin populations in Guyana and internal safety. The ***Prepare Rather Than Fear*** event is **free and open to the public on a first-come first-served basis.** It will also be streamed live to the University’s Facebook page for those who cannot attend in person.

Additionally, the University of Guyana is about to retool some of the modules in teaching history for teachers and in its Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees in history to include a sharper focus on territorial matters going forward.

These immediate responses to the emerging situation are in addition to research and policy briefs already produced over the years by various departments in the institution.

The University of Guyana celebrates 60 years this year and will host its diamond anniversary graduation ceremonies next week at which 3500 graduates emerge into the local and international workforce. Several other special events will mark the occasion during the celebrations. The public can view the graduation ceremonies live on local and international media and on UG’s Facebook pages.

UG IN BRIEF

The University of Guyana, now in its 60th year, was founded in October 1963. “UG” as it is fondly referred to offers 160 plus programmes in over 60 disciplines in online, face-to-face, or blended formats. UG delivers in a Guyana-based system across eight campuses. It is the largest, oldest, most advanced and only state University in Guyana with a student population of over 10,000.

“UG” has provided education, training and research for over 55,000 alumni over its 60-year history. UG’s national and global impact and footprint are significant. Its graduates have risen to populate the commanding heights of national, regional and international organisations of repute in over 155 different disciplines. The mission of the University is to discover, generate, disseminate and apply knowledge of the highest standard for the service of the community, the nation, and all mankind within an atmosphere of academic freedom, innovation and universal respect.

UG’s forward-thinking Blueprint 2040 is currently setting the course for the University’s future design and institutional response to the changing needs of Guyana, the region and the world. UG is currently celebrating its 60th anniversary and is stepping up its focus on becoming one of the leading and most sought-after educational institutions in the world for both staff and students.

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