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BOMB SCARE AT GECOM

The routine operations of the Guyana Elections Commission (GECOM) and its Secretariat were today interrupted as the direct result of an anonymous call to its switchboard reporting that a bomb had been planted on the premises. Upon receipt of the call, which was received at about 14:05 hours, the buildings were immediately evacuated and the matter reported to the Guyana Police Force (GPF). The GPF immediately dispatched a Bomb Expert who conducted a comprehensive search of the premises and found no bomb. The all clear was given at about 15:20s hour immediately after which routine operations were resumed. At the time of the report, senior staff of the Secretariat, three Commissioners, the Chairman and the Joint International Technical Assessors were engaged in strategic discussions pertaining to the development of a revised electoral plan that could be commonly agreed upon. This meeting was interrupted briefly in order that the participants could remove to an alternative location where it continued.

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