

OAS Convinced GECOM Doing Good Job

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The Organisation of American States (OAS) is convinced that the Guyana Elections Commission (GECOM) is doing a good job in preparation for the upcoming elections. This was made known to Dr. Steve Surujbally, Chairman of GECOM when Ambassador Albert Ramdin, Assistant Secretary General of the OAS) paid him a courtesy call on Tuesday, June 13, 2006 at his (Dr. Surujbally's) Office. Ambassador Ramdin told Dr. Surujbally that the OAS's conviction is based on reports it received from Ms. Ann Fudge and Mr. Eugene Petty, members of its Long Term Observer Mission in Guyana.

The members of the OAS Long Term Observer Mission currently based in Guyana have been focusing attention on the technical aspects of preparations for and administering of the upcoming elections. Ms. Fudge and Mr. Petty have been meeting regularly with Mr. Gocool Boodoo, Chief Election Officer regarding the gathering of information about preparations for the elections. Among other activities that have been monitored by Ms. Fudge and Mr. Petty are the Claims and Objections exercise, the conduct of training sessions for Polling Day staff and hearings associated with Objections.

During the courtesy call, Ambassador Ramdin was brought up to date about GECOM's state of preparedness for the upcoming elections by Dr. Surujbally.

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