

# REMINDING YOU OF THE FACTS!

In recent weeks, Bharrat Jagdeo has been on a crusade against the Government, accusing its top officials of everything from corruption to publishing fake news to being disingenuous with the Guyanese people. Now he says the recent appointment of retired Judge James Patterson as the Chair of the Elections Commission is illegal and is setting the stage for Government to rig the 2020 elections. How preposterous can this man be? So here are a few things we should know about Bharrat and the PPP, his time as President and now Opposition Leader.

- (A) Talking about rigging? Then Chief Justice Ian Chang, a close friend of Jagdeo, dismissed an AFC petition challenging the fact that GECOM had illegally and knowingly given a seat won by the AFC in Linden in the 2006 elections allegedly because the writ was ALLEGEDLY filed in an untimely manner. This was not true and the PPP was allowed to keep the seat for the duration of its five-year term. Who rigged here?
- (B) Do you remember the swearing in of Janet Jagan as President and her throwing the WRIT over her shoulders?
- (C) Remember when the High Court had ruled that the 1997 elections were VITIATED-rendered null and void- because of widespread rigging, voter padding, counting and other procedural irregularities? Noting changed inspite of the ruling. They were allowed to complete their full five years in office. And they now claim that the appointment of a GECOM chair will result in rigging?
- (D) Remember Gocool Bodhoo, the disgraced chief elections officer who was rushing to give the PPP a parliamentary majority after the 2011 elections? He was stopped by Commissioner Vincent Alexander who had pointed out to him that his calculation of seats won was deliberately flawed on behalf of the PPP. Who was rigging then?
- (E) And most recently didn't one of the PPP GECOM commissioners not slip in some fake statements of polls in the 2015 elections and demanded that they be counted? Only vigilance from other commissioners and senior staff prevented a calamity at GECOM.

## AND HERE'S SOME MORE ABOUT THE 'CHAMPION OF DIRT'

- (F) Under his watch, the visas of two police chiefs, the men who are sworn to serve and protect us, were revoked by the US and other western nations for having more than passing links to a violent underworld that Jagdeo helped to create and support. Some of the still active senior officers from his time were recently exposed by the commission of inquiry into police conduct.
- (G) Under Jagdeo, the home affairs or security minister also had his visa pulled. All these acts are unprecedented in Guyanese history.
- (H) Burnham, Hoyte and Granger are bad people right? Did anything like this ever happen under their watches? Under Cheddi and Janet Jagan? Under Sam Hinds? A big fat no.
- (I) Even in opposition, visas of PPP members of Parliament are being revoked and more to come. Mr. Jagdeo could well be a victim too in the not too distant future. Still he feels he can walk tall in the halls of power in this country and lecture Government on various issues as he tried to do in Parliament recently. Minister Trotman quite rightly taught him a lesson.
- (J) Before August 1999 when Jagdeo became president, police dealt with no more than 60-70 murders a year, a fair portion of them from lawlessness, domestic abuse and killings related to alcohol.
- (K) By 2002, just years after he took the oath to serve all Guyanese there were 160 murders that year related to gangland violence, gun smuggling and narcotic trafficking. The following year, 2003, there were an astonishing 210 killings.
- (L) During that same period, 27 law enforcement and military personnel were killed. Twenty four were policemen, two were from CANU and one was a soldier. These are unprecedented occurrences in Guyana. For the previous century, only seven policemen were killed in the line of duty.
- (M) Do you see a link here from the day he became president?
- (N) Consistent with his blight as a politician, bad things continue to happen even as he is in opposition. His over confidence, normally over jealous former attorney general Nandlall is before the court for stealing law books from the State. If convicted, he could face up to five years in jail. And SOCU is building cases against a number of his former ministers for various crimes while Donald Ramotar ran the Country. Jagdeo himself is under the gun and was recently questioned by Police. Don't forget investigations underway by SARU.
- (O) Doesn't he see that the noose is slowly being tightened and that he might one day very soon be forced to answer criminal charges himself? When that happens, the King of Doom would be the first Guyanese President in history to face possible conviction and jail time for acts related to graft, corruption.
- (P) Now suppose, the Americans released information they gained from a number of people associated with the "period of troubles" from 2002-08 - Roger Khan, Major Clarke and a long string of others? Woe be that day.
- (Q) And just suppose Winston Brassington is indicted in Guyana for alleged crimes and extradited back to his native land? Woe be that day too Mr. Jagdeo.