

The EVER project team and the EAB commend the Guyanese people, political parties, and supporters for a peaceful Election Day and post-election period. Election officials and security officials carried out their duties admirably overall. We call on the public to respect the calls from party and community leaders that all accept the results as announced, and respect party leaders who have condemned rumours of violence, and refrain from instigating or passing on such rumours. As reported by Monitors, the Guyanese people, having spoken about their concerns about violence before the elections, have now voted peacefully and wish to proceed through the post-election period peacefully as well. Though this Report discusses Election Day and pre-election day incidents and problems, it should be noted that overall the election process was technically sound and peaceful. The reported incidents and problems were generally isolated and not widespread. The EAB will continue to follow up on reports of Election Day incidents, and will add any new information we receive in upcoming reports. It is important to note that the EVER Reports capture patterns, but we cannot capture every incident.

Information in the sections of the Report on Election Day comes mainly from EVER Monitors, however, some data is from EAB observer reports. A sample list of polling stations at which EVER Monitors were present is annexed at the end of the report.

Snapshot of Election Day Incidents¹

- A group of people, some of whom were armed, gathered outside of a polling station in Middle Road La Penitence, Georgetown to protest the taking away of ballot boxes before they saw the statements of poll posted, intimidating polling station officials;
- A group of persons gathered and stoned the roof of a polling place at Liana Nursery School in North East / East La Penitence during ballot counting and were shouting at the persons inside, but the crowd was dispersed by additional police who were called to the scene;
- At the polling place at Chateau Margot Primary School on the East Coast of Demerara, two minibuses dropped off a group of people just after 6 p.m. The group gathered outside the polling place, intimidating observers and polling station officials, while awaiting the official count;
- At a significant amount of polling stations throughout the country, Guyana Election Commission (GECOM) officials refused to give EAB observers copies of the statements of poll;
- GECOM removed a presiding officer from an Eccles polling station in Region 4 who allowed about 21 persons to vote with ordinary ballots who were not registered at the polling station; the situation was corrected and is under investigation;
- GECOM also removed a presiding officer from a polling station in Wauna in Region 1 because the officer had given out tendered ballots to voters who were eligible to vote.

Snapshot of Election Day Problems

- In a few cases in various regions, EAB observers were initially not allowed into some polling stations, as it seemed some GECOM polling officials were not fully aware of EAB observers' role in polling stations.
- GECOM corrected a problem, reported to be accidental, in which 200 tendered ballots were incorrectly given out at a polling station on the East Bank of Demerara instead of regular ballots to voters who satisfied the requirements to vote.

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- People's Progressive Party/Civic (PPP/C) polling agents at 2 polling stations in Sophia, Georgetown and at West Bank Demerara used PPP/C tape to seal the ballot box during the polls. An argument ensued and the seals were removed as soon as they were discovered. A similar incident also occurred in Region 10.
- A PPP/C party agent was expelled by GECOM counting official at Diamond East Bank Demerara because of difficult behaviour surrounding her refusal to sign a tendered ballot which was to be counted because it was given inadvertently to an elector.
- There was confusion at some polling places with multiple polling stations since people did not read or see the indications about which line they had to join.
- Voters gathered at Smyth Street Nursery School in Georgetown to vote only to be told that it was not a polling place and to proceed to Central High School to vote; similar problems were reported in several polling stations. Voters appeared frustrated, but knew where to go next in order to vote.
- 10-12 persons were sent away from a polling station in No. 53 Village Corentyne because their names were listed on the voters list, but their ID numbers were not listed next to their names.

Election Day Analysis

Election Day proceeded peacefully (without major physical incidents of violence) and was technically sound for the most part, aside from some isolated incidents and problems. Polling officials behaved professionally in most polling stations, voters moved through the process efficiently, though slowly in some areas, and security officials were present and acted appropriately. The public, security forces, GECOM and its staff, and political groups should be commended for the quality of the election process. Additionally, the expected crowds were not reported to gather or rush polling stations at 6p.m., nor were long lines at 6p.m. reported.

However, such a high quality process does not mean a perfect one, and there were several areas of concern that were or can be addressed by authorities, or which should be noted. Overall, Election Day was marked by a lower voter turnout than in previous years. The main kinds of common problems reported across Regions were: party agents (Alliance for Change (AFC) and Justice for All Party (JFAP)) or EAB observers not allowed in polling stations at first, voters not found on the voters list, and complaints about long waits. Specifically, there were some problems rising to the level of EVER incidents in Region 4 and Region 1, and some hiccups in specific locations that should be mentioned, but which did not mar the process overall.

Election Day Incidents Consist of Intimidation and Interference with Process

Five incidents have been identified as election-related violence. Four occurred in Region 4, one occurred in Region 1, and one type of incident occurred throughout several Regions. Other Election Day problems and issues are reported as such, but would not be classified as election-related violence.

Groups of Citizens Intimidate Polling Officials

It was reported that in the Sophia and West La Penitence area, groups of persons, and at least one armed group gathered outside various polling stations awaiting the completion of the count and some threatened to protest if the ballot boxes were taken away before the statement of polls were placed outside the polling station. Two groups in this area acted in an intimidating manner and approached the polling stations past the appropriate distance. It was reported in *Stabroek News* that an armed group gathered outside a residence used as a polling place in Middle Road La Penitence. Though gathering in a public place would not necessarily be intimidating or threatening on its own, and other groups were reported to gather calmly at other polling places, the presence of some visible weapons (reportedly sticks and at least two cutlasses), and the violation of the 200 yard boundary line makes this an incident. Gathering with weapons and threatening unspecified actions should be condemned since it is not in line with peaceful activism, and provides much potential for escalation of what would otherwise be a normal demonstration or protest. In the case of the armed group, it raised the fears of many in the area especially the persons who were inside the polling station. It should be noted that situations such as these could have resulted in police action to remove the crowd from the scene. However, the crowd did not take any actions, and eventually left on their own. The lack of any major incidents with the

crowds in these areas reflects good judgment of the police on the scene, and that the people in the crowds were not willing to commit any physical violence.

In another crowd incident, a group of persons gathered and stormed the polling place at Liana Nursery School in North East / East La Penitence during ballot counting and were shouting at the persons inside. They eventually began throwing stones on the roof and the officials, observers, and party agents inside were intimidated. The crowd was dispersed by additional police who were called to the scene. Again, such acts of intimidation make for a volatile environment and the police are commended for their effective response.

In a third similar incident, at the polling place at Chateau Margot Primary School on the East Coast of Demerara, two minibuses dropped off a group of people soon after at 6 p.m. Monitors report that the group gathered outside the polling station awaiting the official count in an intimidating manner, according to observers and polling officials at the scene. The count and the closing process were not disrupted. The Assistant Returning Officer called the presiding officers and suggested that they leave the scene following the count.

Polling Station Officials Refused to Give EAB Observers Statements of Poll

In a significant amount of polling stations throughout the country, GECOM officials refused to give EAB observers copies of the statements of poll. This is a clear violation of the appropriate procedure regarding the obligations of election officials to observers. The EAB is still working to obtain copies from these stations.² This could indicate that election officials did not have adequate information about this requirement.

GECOM Removed Two Presiding Officers

In one incident, a presiding officer at an Eccles polling station was removed after the officer allowed about 21 persons to vote with ordinary ballots who were not registered at the polling station; the situation was corrected and is under investigation. Another presiding officer was removed in Wauna because the officer had given out tendered ballots to voters who were eligible to vote. The quick actions by GECOM to correct errors made by their officials should be commended. These are categorized as incidents because they appear to be attempts to harm to the process.

Other Election Day Problems Reported

Apart from these serious incidents which could have led to violence or gave one party a clear advantage over others, there were many occurrences that indicate there were some hiccups in the electoral process and some broadly reported problems which cannot be verified as incidents. Key examples were listed above and are discussed below.

Some party agents for the AFC and JFAP reported not being allowed in polling stations. In a press conference on the afternoon of Election Day, GECOM Chairman Surujbally stated that it might be the police who were at fault for this. Direct communication between GECOM and the police should have been established in any case to determine the truth of the matter and to correct the issue.

At some polling stations some persons were not informed as to which line they have to join to vote. Some persons turned up at one polling station but were told that it had been changed, and they must go to another location to vote. For instance, this occurred at the Smyth Street Nursery School, where voters were told that they have to vote at the Central Secondary School. Though the new information was helpful to voters, because this was at the last minute, it was felt that some persons who turned up at the wrong polling station might have been frustrated and returned home without casting their ballots.

Several problems were reported involving polling officials and EAB observers. At the start of the voting activities, many EAB observers were not allowed in the polling stations because GECOM officials there were unaware of the role of the observers. These problems indicate that GECOM officials should receive more information about the role that EAB observers have in polling stations.

Another problem regarding tendered ballots occurred when a presiding officer on the East Bank of Demerara gave persons who would have qualified for regular ballots tendered ballots. It should be noted here that tendered ballots are not counted, thus in actuality the polling officers could have

² The EAB is compiling a list of the stations where this occurred which can be made available upon request.

disenfranchised those voters. The problem seems to have been inadvertent and was corrected on site and proceedings resumed.

Weekly Overview August 21-27

Snapshot of August 21-27 Incidents

- People's National Congress/ Reform One Guyana (PNC/R-1G) supporters repeatedly rode their bicycles and waived party posters and symbol in front of the stage in an intimidating manner during a PPP/C political meeting in Broad and Ketley Streets, Georgetown on August 21st;
- The Chairman of the Ethnic Relations Commission (ERC) was verbally harassed and physically threatened on August 22nd by a PNC/R-1G supporter at PNC/R-1G rally in BV/Triumph, East Coast Demerara;
- Party billboards in various locations in Region 4 were vandalised by persons unknown.

Events August 21-27

- An AFC supporter allegedly destroyed campaign material of other parties in Monrepos, East Coast Demerara on August 21st - if verified this would be an incident of violence;
- A PNC/R-1G candidate was assaulted by PPP/C supporter at Laluni on the Linden Soesdyke Highway on August 23rd, but may not have been election-related;
- The Independent Refereeing Panel overseeing the Media Code of Conduct panel supported TV stations that declined to show a PPP/C advertisement "the Great Pretender" because it violated the Code of Conduct;
- All political parties and civic society made public calls for acceptance of results and peace after elections during their rallies and statements before the elections;
- On August 25th, a Peace Forum was held in which political parties discussed their ideas on uniting Guyana before and after the elections, and the public was invited to ask questions.
- A Peace Vigil was held on August 26th at the Cultural Centre Tarmac, Georgetown;
- On August 26th, the Guyana Human Rights Association (GHRA) issued a statement signed by several civil society organizations pledging the organizations to take greater responsibility for ensuring good governance and asserting their disappointment that elections proceeded without electoral and constitutional reforms.
- Two large open-air church services were held in the Linden area during the week before the election in which leaders offered prayers for peace and love, following two weeks of increased and well-attended services.
- Political parties breached the Media Code of Conduct by showing television ads on August 27th although it was agreed in the Code that all coverage of political party activities would end 24 hours prior to the opening of the poll; parties reached a compromise to end advertisements after 6 p.m. on the Sunday before the election;
- A PPP/C rally was held in St. Ignatius late into the night on August 27th, after the agreed-upon official end of campaigning;
- In Linden, PNC/R-1G supporters drove around with a speaker system to campaign late into the night August 27th, after the agreed-upon official end of campaigning;
- Allegations of intimidation by the PPP/C in Region 9 are being followed up and findings will be discussed in the next report.

Rallies Attended by Monitors

August 21st

- PPP/C political rally at Broad and Ketley Streets, Georgetown

August 22nd

- PPP/C political rally at Half Mile, Wismar, Linden

August 23rd

- PPP/C political rally at Herstelling, East Bank Demerara
- PNC/R-1G political rally at New Amsterdam, Berbice
- PNC/R-1G political rally at Bartica, Essequibo River
- PNC/R-1G political rally at Johnny P Supermarket, South Ruimveldt Park,
- AFC political rally at Mackenzie Car Park, Linden
- PPP/C political rally at Grove, East Bank Demerara

August 24th

- PNC/R-1G political rally at Kaneville, Grove East Bank, Demerara
- AFC political rally at New Amsterdam, Berbice

August 25th

- PPP/C political rally at Rose Hall Town, Berbice
- PPP/C political rally at West Ruimveldt Well Site, Georgetown
- PNC/R-1G gospel concert at Cultural Centre Tarmac, Georgetown
- JFAP political rally at Mocha/Arcadia, East Bank Demerara
- PPP/C political rally at Roxanne Brunham Gardens, Georgetown
- AFC political rally at Melanie Damishana, East Coast Demerara
- PNC/R-1G political rally at 51/53 Leeds School Square, Corentyne

August 26th

- AFC political rally at Parade Ground, Georgetown
- AFC political rally at Mocha/Arcadia, East Bank Demerara
- PNC/R-1G political rally at Square of the Revolution, Georgetown
- Georgetown
- PPP/C political rally at Stewartville, West Bank Demerara
- PPP/C political rally at Bartica, Essequibo River
- PPP/C political rally at Dartmouth Bus Shed, Essequibo Coast

August 27th

- PPP/C minister held meeting in Region 9 on August 27th that ended in the early morning of the 28th

Analysis for the week of August 21-27

The days leading up to elections were filled with apprehension as citizens were bracing themselves for possible election-related violence. Store owners in and around Georgetown took precautions by boarding up their store fronts in anticipation of violence. Citizens also took precautions and bought extra essential food items and other goods in the event that there was widespread election violence. Prior to Election Day the trend of election-related incidents continued, but did not escalate as feared. As noted above, reports from the all the regions indicate that save for a few hiccups in the voting process and minor (non-physical) incidents, the Election Day was marked by peace and was technically sound, with citizens exercising their franchise in an orderly fashion.

Regarding incidents of violence, two involved the PNC/R-1G and a series of billboard destruction involved persons unknown. However, several reports will be followed up, including allegations of poster destruction by AFC supporters and allegations of intimidation by the PPP/C in Region 9 – our findings will be discussed in the next report.

PNC/R-1G Supporters Intimidate PPP/C Rally Attendees

In one incident a group of PNC/R-1G supporters rode bicycles and waived party posters and symbols during a PPP/C political rally on August 21st at Broad and Ketley Streets in Georgetown. Monitors assessed these actions as intimidating rally attendees. During these actions, the police at the rally told the PNC/R-1G supporters to desist from their activities, but they refused saying that they

would not accept another PPP/C government in the country. After the meeting concluded, the PNC/R-1G supporters danced in front of the stage. This incident, which could be perceived as an attempt to disrupt the PPP/C meeting, is troubling and we hope was carefully judged by police as they decided not to intervene. The PPP/C supporters should be lauded for not giving in to what could be seen as provocation by the PNC/R supporters.

Party leaders should instill in their supporters that every political party is entitled to hold political rallies where ever it chooses and the attendees at the rally should not be harassed or intimidated for showing their support for any party.

Chairman of the ERC Verbally Harassed and Threatened

At a PNC/R-1G rally on August 22nd, the Chairman of the ERC was accused of being a spy by a PNC/R-1G supporter who then cursed the Chairman, and attempted to assault him. Police quickly curbed the incident by getting in between the two individuals and the Chairman left. EAB condemns all violence and in particular attacks on public officials can inflame tensions due to their symbolic positions.

Vandalism of Party Materials Continued

In another series of incidents, billboards belonging to several parties were all vandalised by persons unknown. While these acts were done by persons unknown, speculation is likely rife as to whom the perpetrators are. This speculation could have resulted in supporters of the aggrieved party retaliating against the perceived perpetrators.

In a similar incident, an AFC supporter was accused of destroying the campaign material of another party in Monrepos, East Cost Demerara. A report was relayed to the EAB hotline that an AFC supporter was seen taking down PPP/C and PNC/R-1G posters. Monitors are still following up, and if verified, this incident would be the first incident in which an AFC supporter was the perpetrator.

The continued vandalism of party campaign materials could indicate that in spite of the efforts of the leadership of political parties to tell their supporters to refrain from destroying political opponents' campaign material among other illegal acts, some over-zealous supporters ignore the calls of their political leaders.

Apart from those incidents, there were several noteworthy events that occurred prior to Election Day.

Pre-Election Violations of the Media Code of Conduct

In the first case two television channels, VCT 28 and WHRM 7 stopped showing one of the PPP/C advertisements titled 'the Great Pretender', as they said it was in violation of the Media Code of Conduct because it was ethnically divisive and of bad taste, among other infractions. The ad is perceived this way because it alleged that leaders of the PNC/R-1G and the AFC were involved in violent street protests in previous elections and showed rampaging people of particularly one racial group. The ad falls in the category of "attack advertisements" according to the members of the Independent Refereeing Panel overseeing the Media Code of Conduct in Guyana. The Refereeing panel agreed with the two television stations that the advertisement violated the Media Code of Conduct. In response, the PPP/C severely criticised the Refereeing Panel saying that it only listened to concerns from opposition parties. The PPP/C also vowed to continue showing the ad on other channels in spite of criticisms from the general public, Guyanese TV stations, and the Refereeing Panel. The PPP/C cited the ERC statement on the ad in its defence of keeping it on the air.

While images in the ad are factual, the allegations as to the identity of the people in the images with certain parties cannot be known, and advertisements such as these play on stereotypes and fears and should not be shown at all since they further divide the Guyanese society. During the election campaign, political parties should focus their advertisements on policies and current issues and not on past events that have the potential to further divide the society. However, the PPP/C did decide to pull the advertisement from the airwaves before the election.

The second media incident had to do with some television stations showing political advertisements after the agreed-upon deadline in the Media Code of Conduct. In the Code, media organizations agreed to stop coverage of all political party activities 24 hours prior to the start of the polls (6am Sunday morning). After the advertising issue was brought to the attention of the stations as something which violated this part of the code of conduct they agreed to compromise and agreed to stop

showing all election-related television ads at 6 p.m. Sunday evening. In light of these two events the EAB hopes that the media houses abide by the Media Code of Conduct that they signed prior to the start of the official political season.

Physical Assault to be Followed Up

In an incident released in a statement by the PNC/R-1G, and reported in the *Chronicle* and the *Stabroek News*, a PPP/C supporter allegedly physically assaulted a PNC/R-1G candidate at Laluni on the Linden Soesdyke Highway. Monitors attempted to follow up with interviews on both sides, but thus far have not determined if the incident was election-related. It is possible that the cause of the incident was stolen zinc sheets from the building that the PNC/R-1G candidate was in charge of. However, the victim reported that the assailant made political remarks. This matter was reported to the police station and the police are investigating. This situation will be further followed up by our Monitor in the area.

GHRA Calls for Constitutional Reform to Address Causes of Tension

In a GHRA statement, 40 civil society organisations said that calls for peace should be backed up by calls for better governance. The signatories pledged to “assume greater responsibility for the quality of democracy, development and well-being of our own society.” The statement also noted that the signatories were disappointed that the elections went ahead without the long-promised constitutional reforms. According to the organisations, it is useless to pin hopes of change in the political system on the emergence of a third party without addressing Guyana’s fundamental problems such as gender equality, appropriate constituency design, and other governance issues which require constitutional and electoral reform. The statement added that Guyana’s frustrated population would not be appeased by programs aimed at pacifying people without addressing such concerns.

Pre-Election Peace Activism Increased

On August 25th, a Peace Forum was held in which political parties discussed their ideas on uniting Guyana before and after the elections, and the public was invited to ask questions. This Forum had a lively exchange of ideas and allowed the public to speak directly to various political leaders – more such gatherings are encouraged after the elections, to keep the public feeling close to the political parties they elected. A peace vigil was held at the National Cultural Centre Tarmac, Georgetown on August 26th, two days before Election Day. In this event participants were reminded of the importance to keep the peace during and after Election Day. Apart from this event, many religious groups held prayer meetings to ask that the relative peace remain after the election period was over. For example, two large open-air church services were held in the Linden area during the week before the election in which leaders offered prayers for peace and love, following two weeks of increased and well-attended services. In addition to the peace vigil and prayer meetings held throughout the country, the Spirit of Guyana Movement sponsored television advertisements featuring local celebrities who urged their fellow citizens to remain peaceful during this period.

Political Parties Final Rallies include Calls for Acceptance of Results and Peace

During the week leading up to the elections most political parties were winding down their official campaigns which culminated with major rallies in various parts of the country. The PPP/C held its final rally on August 26th at Stewartville on the West Bank of Demerara while PNC/R-1G and the AFC held theirs on the same day in Georgetown at the Square of the Revolution and Parade Ground, respectively.

In two places, meetings or campaign activities were reported happening on Sunday night, August 27th, after all campaigning was supposed to cease. It was alleged that a government minister in Region 9 campaigned unfairly when a meeting was held with villages in St. Ignatius on Sunday night (August 27th) into Monday morning. In Linden, PNC/R-1G supporters reportedly drove around with a speaker system to campaign late into the night August 27th, after the agreed-upon official end of campaigning. It is felt that these actions violate the campaign spirit since it was agreed by all parties that electioneering would end 24 hours prior to the opening of the polls.

All parties called for peace and for acceptance of the election results in their final rallies and statements. This was a great effort by all involved to impress upon the public that violence under any

circumstances would be unacceptable. All parties are to be commended for their contributions to a peaceful election period.

Outlook

Given all parties' statements that they accept the results, and the public calm that has prevailed, the outlook is very good for the post-election period. The next step however, is for the public, civil society, parliamentary parties, and others to build momentum following peaceful elections to immediately engage with the serious issues of constitutional reform and improved social and economic development of Guyana. In the past, violence has been a distraction from moving forward collaboratively on such issues, and therefore, this is an opportunity to be seized.

Outreach

The EAB attended a security briefing by GECOM on August 22nd.

Recommendations

- GECOM should make public the results of the investigation, when it is closed, of the incidents which led to the removal of two presiding officers.
- Party leaders, supporters, community, religious, and other leaders should engage their communities in discussions about the direction for the country after the elections, as there have been calls for acceptance of results by all.
- Political parties should consider this election an opportunity to move past entrenched positions and take steps to work together to enact reforms that would address many of the issues raised before the elections, as well as other underlying concerns and problems relating to governance and social issues in Guyana that, unresolved, in part fuel ethnic division in Guyana. This should ensure that key issues, election-related or not, are resolved long before the next election.
- Concerned citizens should build upon their campaign work or interest through engagement in the political process and governance of the country after elections.
- Allegations of intimidation, misconduct, or property damage that have been made before and during Elections should be followed up by the proper authorities, whether police, party leaders, or GECOM. Public statements of findings of such investigations should be made.
- Peaceful messages should continue to be relayed by the IRO, ERC, and other groups who have contributed so much thus far to encouraging peace.
- For next elections, to alleviate confusion in stations with multiple polling divisions, adequate numbers of information officers should be ensured.
- Police should be careful to enforce the 200 yard rule so that crowds cannot get so close to polling stations and intimidate officials and observers.
- In the next election, police or community police escorts for GECOM staff, observers, or party agents could be considered if desired to help those individuals feel secure reaching their source of transportation in the late hours after the vote count.

About the Project:

The Electoral Assistance Bureau (EAB) and IFES (formerly the International Foundation for Election Systems) have partnered in the EVER project to create a mechanism of monitoring, reporting and analysis of election-related violence, potential violence, and efforts for peace that can assist stakeholders and the public in effectively preventing and mitigating violence and diffusing conflicts. The overall goals of the project are violence prevention and the promotion of free, fair, and peaceful elections.

In order to closely monitor the situation in the country, the EVER Project determined which regions were most at risk for conflict (2 through 7 and 10) and created a network of Monitors selected among active members of civil society and other sectors who would monitor the situation in these

regions. Overall, 19 Monitors were trained and are engaged in the project and maintain continuous communication with project headquarters at the EAB office. Monitors are gathering information on major political meetings, rallies, and events ('events' meaning such things as the filing of election-related court cases or the resignation of a GECOM commissioner), peace initiatives, the general mood of their communities, and incidents of election-related violence. Within the EVER framework, election-related violence refers to any violence or threat of violence that is aimed at disrupting any part of the electoral or political process during the election period. Election violence generally involves political parties, their supporters, journalists, agents of the government, election administrators and the general population, and includes threats, assault, murder, destruction of property, and physical or psychological harm.

Monitors report to headquarters each week, and the EVER headquarters team analyzes the information collected, prepares recommendations for peaceful measures and violence prevention, and publishes a fortnightly EVER Report. The Analysis section of the Reports may discuss violence that is alleged to have happened or that is not necessarily election-related if either of these impacts the mood of a community or is clearly being discussed in a political context (such as the murders of Kaieteur staff). In the 'Snapshot of Incidents', only incidents of election-related violence which have been verified by two sources will be included.

Together we can help stop election violence. The EAB asks citizens (after contacting proper authorities as appropriate) to call the EAB hotline at 225-6799 or 6739 if they have experienced or know of any incidents that could be considered election-related violence, or they have information or concerns about conflict that seems likely to result in election-related violence.

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Comments and Questions: We welcome, and we need, your input on the EVER Reports. Please let us know any feedback, comments, or questions you may have by contacting: **Karen Pratt, Project Coordinator at krenpratt@yahoo.com or 225-4145.**

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**Annex: Samples of Polling Stations Visited
by EVER Monitors³**

Region 2

Charity Secondary School
Anna Regina Secondary School
Danial Town Community Center
Anna Regina Primary School
Anna Regina Pre-School (C.V.N Annex)

Supply Primary School
Oleande Nursery School
GDF Lecture Hall
Friendship Secondary School
Craig Primary School
Diamond Primary School
Institute of Professional Education
Somatta Point Nursery School
Grove Primary School
Campbell's Trust Nursery School
Herstelling Health Centre

Region 3

Vive-la Force Primary School
Canal # 1 NRS School
MC Gillivary Primary School
Two Brother Primary School
Canal # 1 Health Centre
Kanval Primary School
Crane Farming Office
Canal # 2 Nandir
La Grange Primary School
La Grange Health Centre
Bagotsville Primary School
Bagotsville NDC
NDC Office Good Intent
Sisters N.R.S School
Wales Community High School
Patentia Primary School
Crane Primary School
Vreed-en-Hoop Primary school
Vreed-en-Hoop Nursery school
Vreed-en-Hoop Community High school
Vreed-en-Hoop N.R.S school
West Demerara Secondary School
NDC Office Poudryen

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413421C	413441C
413422A	413441D
413422B	413442B
413422C	413452
421131 A	421151 A
421132 E	421131 C
421133 B	421131 D
421141 A	421152
421143 B	421153 B
421149 C	421153 C
421159	421154 A

Region 4

Mocha Primary School
Mocha Center
Providence Primary School
Central High School
Huston Community High School
Camp Ayangana
Ruimveld Police Station
Camp Stephenson
Timeheri Primary School/Upper Flat
Soesdyke Primary School
Soesdyke Sub Office NOC Building
St. Mary's Primary School
Pearl Nursery School

Region 5

523133 D	523143 A
523133 G	523143 C
523133 F	523143 M
523132 A	523143 N
523132 B	523143 Z
523132 C	523143 B
512316	512311 B
523133 I	512311 A
512318 A	521217
523133 E	523133 C
523133 I	

³ Due to space constraints, we are listing at least 5 stations in each region visited by Monitors. The list from Region 10 is forthcoming. If you wish to inquire for further details, please contact Karen Pratt at the EAB, 225-4145 or krenpratt@yahoo.com.

Region 6

Corriverton Primary School
Corriverton Civic Centre
Springlands Nursery School
Kingston Nursery School
No. 48 Primary School
Leeds Primary No. 51 Village
Carlos President Duketown
Granth President Princetown
Crabwood Creek Nursery
Edinburg Primary School
Alpha Home
New Amsterdam Multilateral Secondary
Berbice High School
Rosehall Estate Community Centre
Street Anchor Primary School
Bohemia Primary School
Rose Hall Primary School
Arnold King Residence
Wellington Park Primary
Yakusari Primary
Kildonan Primary School
Whim NDC Office
Port Mourant Community Centre
Port Mourant Primary School
Albion Community Development Centre
Cropper Primary School

Region 7

Hill View Nursery School
Tuscan Lodge Hall
Agatash Primary School
Mary Jones Shop
Isaac's Shop
Two Miles primary School
Bartica Police Station

Region 10

Regma Primary School
Mc Kenzie High School
Amealias Ward Primary and Nursery
Linden Foundation Secondary School
Watooka Nursery
New Silvercity Secondary School
United Mission Church
Linden Technical Institute
Kara Kara Primary School
Mc Kenzie Sports Club Ground