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ERC working in collaboration with other agencies to promote peace

The Ethnic Relations Commission (ERC) has engaged a variety of talented Guyanese who are lending their voices to the call for an elections that is free from fear and intimidation.

The group includes singers, disc jockeys and beauty queens who have come together in this non-political endeavour to urge all Guyanese to respect the Polls and desist from any action that could fuel tension in society.

The group is concerned that elections time is marred by violence and wishes that will change for this elections.

This activity is an initiative of the ERC in collaboration with the EAB and the Inter-Religious Organisation and is being implemented with support from the British High Commission.

Monitoring

The ERC continues its monitoring of elections campaigns and to date has monitored some 300 meetings across the country.

The Commission has noted a general approach by politicians to stay away from race-based campaigning.

However, there have been a few incidents which the Commission has taken note of and will be following up.

Police presence

The Commission is heartened by the level of professionalism demonstrated by police ranks at campaign meetings. It has noted that the Police is out in their numbers at these meetings and ranks carrying out their duties in a manner that maintains peace and order.

The Commission is again urging all Guyanese to exercise respect for the rule of law and the right of all eligible Guyanese to vote for the party of their choice.

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