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ERC asks for clean campaign

The Ethnic Relations Commission (ERC) is appealing to all stakeholders of the Elections including political activists, media and members of the public to keep the Elections clean.

The Commission through its monitoring exercise has taken note of certain statements which appear to be derogatory.

In the interest of maintaining harmony and peace in Guyana and an elections environment that is free from fear and intimidation, the Commission is urging all persons to be careful of their statements especially around this time when tensions may run high.

One Presidential Candidate has reported to the ERC that he is the target of a 'smear campaign' being carried out by a television station.

An Investigative Officer from the Commission was dispatched to look into the report to determine if there is a plot to inflame tensions around this time.

The Commission acknowledges that every Guyanese has the right to defend their character and is calling on persons to desist from using derogatory statements when referring to another.

Meanwhile, at least two speakers are being invited into the ERC to explain statements they made on the campaign platform.

The Commission reminds the general public that its hotline numbers for reporting incidents that can excite ethnic or racial animosity are: 225-7151, 225-7154 and 225-7087

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