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## *Statement by the Minister of Home Affairs Hon. Robeson Benn*

### **Deteriorating Situation on West Cost Berbice**

**Georgetown Guyana-** The murder and mutilation of Isiah and Joel Henry remain a heinous crime which has been condemned all across Guyana. The father of the murdered youths has repeatedly said that he will not support attacks on people of other races, amongst whom he has blood relations and friends, but is requiring justice at the hand of the authorities!

Unfortunately, Mr. Granger and Harmon descended on the communities and in their statements and rhetoric created an atmosphere engendering unfounded suspicions leading to racial polarization and attacks. Further loss of life, injuries and property are being experienced!!

This escalation in violence rest squarely at the doors of these two gentlemen and specific known political agitators of their ilk!!

The emergence of these political vultures and associated criminal opportunists have led to a deteriorating spiral in safety and security in the areas! Granger and Harmon bear the prime responsibility for the escalation in violence, injuries and death.

The Guyana Police Force is working hard to resolve what is clearly a criminal matter. The Joint Services are increasing their efforts to restore calm to the affected areas!! Only emergency and essential travel is recommended and that with the support of the police!

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