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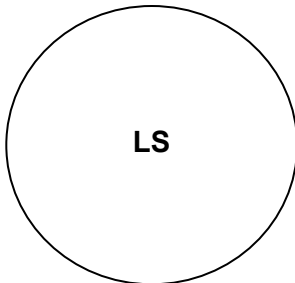
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No. 2 of 2026

PROCLAMATION

DECLARING THREE DAYS OF NATIONAL MOURNING IN HONOUR OF THE VICTIMS OF THE M.V. BARIMA TRAGEDY



By the President of the Co-operative
Republic of Guyana

President

The tragic loss of lives, arising from the disaster involving the M.V. Barima, has brought profound and widespread sorrow and immeasurable grief throughout our nation.

At this time of deep national sadness, as we pause to honour the memory of those who have lost their lives, to stand with their families, to offer comfort to survivors, and to demonstrate our collective compassion and solidarity, I, Mohamed Irfaan Ali, President of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana, hereby proclaim that Wednesday 22nd July, Thursday 23rd July, and Friday 24th July 2026 shall be observed as Three Days of National Mourning throughout Guyana in honour of the victims of the M.V. Barima tragedy.

During this period of national mourning: -**1. National Flags at Half-Mast**

All national flags of Guyana shall be flown at half-mast on Government buildings, public institutions and other appropriate locations throughout the country as a mark of respect and remembrance for those whose lives were lost.

2. Wednesday 22nd July 2026 — National Day of Prayer

Wednesday 22nd July, 2026 is hereby declared a National Day of Prayer.

On this day, Guyanese of all faiths and communities are called upon to unite in prayer, reflection and remembrance for the victims of this tragedy, for the families who mourn, for the survivors, and for the strength and healing of our nation.

A National Day of Prayer and Remembrance will be held at the Kingston Seawall, Georgetown, where religious leaders, families of victims, survivors, community representatives and citizens from across Guyana will gather in a spirit of prayer, reflection and solidarity.

3. Thursday 23rd July 2026 — Night of Reflection and Prayer in Port Kaituma

Thursday 23rd July 2026 shall be observed as a Night of Reflection and Prayer in Port Kaituma.

The people of Port Kaituma and neighbouring communities are invited to come together to remember those who have been lost, to comfort one another and to offer prayers for all affected by this national tragedy.

4. Friday 24th July 2026 — Night of Reflection and Prayer in Mabaruma

Friday 24th July 2026 shall be observed as a Night of Reflection and Prayer in Mabaruma. The people of Mabaruma and the wider North-West District are invited to join in remembrance, prayer and reflection as the nation continues to mourn and support those impacted by this tragedy.

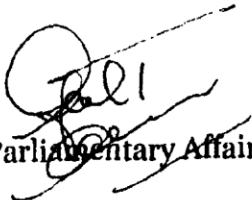
5. Candlelight Events Across Guyana

I encourage the religious community — including churches, mosques, temples and all places of worship — together with civic organisations and citizens throughout Guyana, to host candlelight gatherings during this period of national mourning as symbols of remembrance and unity.

I further encourage religious communities across the country to begin tonight, Tuesday 21st July 2026, with candlelight vigils and moments of prayer in memory of the victims of this disaster.

GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of Guyana,
at the Office of the President, Georgetown,
Guyana, this *Twenty-First* day of July, Two
Thousand and Twenty-Six in the Fifty-
Seventh Year of the Republic.

By the President's Command



Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Governance