

No arrangement concluded to rent Regent Street building – Natural Resources Ministry



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The Natural Resources and Environment Ministry said the Guyana Geology and Mines Commission (GGMC) has not concluded any arrangement to rent any property on Regent Street or surrounding area.

The ministry made the disclosure in response to a Kaieteur News article titled "GGMC to rent Regent Street building" published on May 20.

The newspaper article stated "More worries seem to be brewing for the Guyana Geology and Mines Commission (GGMC) as the agency is now forced to rent another location to ease staff congestion at its Brickdam

head office."

The newspaper said it was told that the agency officials are seeking to pay a \$1 million rental fee for a new building located at the corner of Light and Regent streets.

"This, however, is despite recently constructing a new building in the Brickdam compound which has since been taken over by a handful of staffers from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment. Management is again furious over another inconvenience and the unnecessary expense that must be incurred.

"Sources say that the agency has located the former co-op complex on Regent

Street, which is now owned by a private concern, to house some of its staff. Some GGMC staffers will soon be making the move to the new location."

The commission said it is disappointed that a section of the media published such inaccuracies without first seeking clarification.

"The commission would like to restate that the High Street building is expected to meet the space requirement of the GGMC when completed. The Ministry of Natural Resources and the Environment is reviewing the matter of accommodation given the expanding mandate of the GGMC," the release concluded.

U.S. embassy donates school supplies, books around Guyana



A U.S. embassy representative presents one of the books to a student

The U.S. embassy's Humanitarian Assistance Programme (HAP) team donated school supplies and reading materials provided by the Spirit of America and Food for the Poor to various institutions around Guyana.

This initiative supports the embassy's efforts to promote educational opportunities to less fortunate youths in Guyana. According to a release, the HAP team distributed scholastic items on April 8 and 10, to children attending the Al Ghazali Islamic Academy, in Georgetown and the Met en Meerzorg Academy, West Coast Demerara. These institutions provide edu-

cational programmes to orphaned children from different religions, race, and ethnic backgrounds. Sheik Moeenul Hack and Namdar Goolzar said the donation will greatly benefit the children by providing them with adequate school supplies and materials to utilise for several months to come.

Additionally, on April 29-30 and May 1, the HAP team and Matthew Valkovic from the Spirit of America, donated books and school supplies to the Zeelugt Primary School in West Coast and the Marcie Craig and Wisburg Secondary schools in Linden. At Zeelugt Primary School, more than 100 students received school supplies. In

Linden, school supplies were distributed to the volunteer students who participated in the Community Youth Volunteer Programme. Valkovic expressed his satisfaction in seeing how his organisation's efforts reinforce the U.S. embassy's goals in these communities.

The U.S. embassy's Humanitarian Assistance Programme, in coordination with the government of Guyana, other U.S. agencies, and local civic organisations, provides basic humanitarian aid to vulnerable populations in order to avert humanitarian crises, promote democratic development and regional stability, and build local capacity.