

# Who Wants a Gutter Media?

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Some aspects of the post January 26th killings at Lusignan are very disturbing, particularly to most Guyanese who love their country and are deeply concerned about the protection of their families and their conditions of living.

Some of the reactions of a very few have been given maximum publicity by the sections of the media which can only be termed as "depraved". It seems impossible, but there are some people out there who may form .001% of the population who are actually commiserating with the killers, giving them ridiculous and unbelievable excuses for the terrible acts of January 26th.

One ex-soldier spoke out at the Mayor's press conference, obviously pre-arranged, putting forth an unbelievable, disgusting and ignorant suggestion that what happened at the Lusignan slaughter was a result of guerilla warfare. The disgusting harangue was given maximum publicity on certain TV stations which apparently are free of any standards of morality, patriotism or concern about the damage they are perpetrating.

Guerilla warfare, which Cubans used to free their country of the despotism of President Batista and his alliance with wealthy American criminals and exploiters, is well known. The leaders were men and women of honour and integrity who had a mission. They did not kill innocent men, women and children, but protected them from the excesses of the dictatorship. To give these local killers a name like guerilla fighters shows the viciousness of those who try to make out that the Buxton killers are fighting for a cause.

Some who are weepers and peepers over the ghastly killings are now finding excuses and reasons for side-stepping the truth, i.e., that the killers are Buxton-based. They are now accusing the joint forces of strong actions in dealing with the outrages. According to this new wave of disgusting opposition to the activities of the police and army in tracking down the criminals hiding in Buxton, the armed forces are abusing their rights! Parts of the media, both print and TV are actually challenging the rights of the armed forces to search, house by house, the area of Buxton.

It is general as well as specific knowledge that Buxton is the sink hole of most of the awful crimes that have caused endless problems for all of Guyana.

Many people in the village know exactly what is going on. Could the shoot-out, killing of a soldier and ambush against the GDF on the railway embankment road which took place recently have happened in secret? No way! The area is just too small for no one to know what was going on.

The killers of the eleven Lusignan residents didn't emerge from just anywhere. They walked over with their weapons of murder to Lusignan. No one saw them or knew who they were or where they stayed in Buxton? Not even a child would believe that!

So what do we have now in the surge of attacks on the GDF and the Police? We have a situation wherein, elements hostile to the elected government, who failed to get the votes they wanted in the 2007 general elections, are working to control the minds of Guyanese and find an excuse to prevent the armed forces from doing their duty.

Watch the letter columns, particularly the Stabroek News, and you'll be amazed at the sympathy being expressed for Buxton, while at the same time, trying to balance this off with crocodile tears for the murdered. According to one writer, the Buxtonians have been tortured, killed and wounded, so they go.

The media became explosive when a poor woman was killed in the cross fire, between Buxtonian killers and the joint forces. They blamed the joint forces for the unfortunate death. But then, when the bullet shells were examined and the post mortem held, it turned out that she was killed by the Buxton criminals not the Police or Army.

Buxton can only come out of this morass if its people chase out the criminals, give vital information to the police and restore the village to its earlier dignity and respect. It is understandable that many good citizens there live in fear and fear divulging vital information. But it has to be done, the sooner, the better.

It is time now for the public to be protected from the vicious lords of the media who spew out lies, poison and treason, almost on a daily basis. They are creating almost as much damage to Guyana as the criminals themselves. It's time for them to stop their posturing and behave. The reality is that they are lowering values relating to morality and truth. What Guyana does not need, particularly now, is a "gutter" media.

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