

Statement made at the Intermediate Court
in relation to the release on bail of Sada Curpen & Ors.

Before the prosecution gives its stand in the present matter, I have been instructed by the Director of Public Prosecutions to make the following statement.

During committal proceedings, three of the key prosecution witnesses, namely –

- (a) Christophe Legrand;
- (b) Khaleel Oudeen Sumodhee; and
- (c) Anishta Bokhoree

materially departed from their initial statements given to the Police.

A discrete enquiry was undertaken with a view to ascertaining the reliability of those witnesses to give evidence at the Assizes. The prosecution has now come to the conclusion that it can no longer rely on those prosecution witnesses for the trial of the accused before the Assizes notwithstanding the fact that the District Magistrate committed the accused to stand trial at the Assizes.

Having come to this conclusion, the case has been reviewed and on the basis of the evidence now available to the prosecution, the most appropriate charge upon which the prosecution has a reasonable prospect of securing a conviction is the present charge of conspiracy lodged before this Court.

It is also of public interest that the accused parties stand trial for the offence of conspiracy to do a harmful act as more fully particularised in the information. Conscious of the right of an accused to stand trial within a reasonable time, prosecution moves that the trial of the accused be heard as early as possible and the prosecution will make itself available to the Court in that respect.