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### **CCJ GRANTS A STAY IN GUYANESE EXTRADITION MATTER**

**Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago.** On Wednesday, 25 March 2026, the Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ) convened a case management conference (CMC) in the matter of *Nazar Mohamed and Azruddin Mohamed v Minister of Home Affairs, Attorney General and Magistrate of Guyana*.

The Second Applicant, Azruddin Mohamed, Leader of the Opposition of Guyana, and the First Applicant, Nazar Mohamed, are the subjects of an extradition request made by the United States Government on 30 October 2025. The request seeks their extradition to face an 11-count criminal indictment, including allegations of conspiracy, mail and wire fraud, and money laundering.

Following receipt of the request, the Minister of Home Affairs of Guyana issued an Authority to Proceed under the Fugitive Offenders Act. On 31 October 2025, Magistrate Judy Latchman issued arrest warrants, thereby commencing extradition proceedings in the Court of Committal, which remain ongoing.

In December 2025, the Applicants initiated judicial review proceedings against the Minister of Home Affairs, the Attorney General, and the Magistrate, challenging the validity of the Authority to Proceed and seeking a stay of the extradition process. The claim was dismissed by the High Court on 4 February 2026 and subsequently by the Court of Appeal on 17 March 2026, with both courts refusing to grant a stay of proceedings.

Against this background, the CCJ convened its first CMC in the matter. The conference was procedural in nature and addressed, in particular, the issue of urgency and the need for the expeditious progression of the proceedings. The Court considered that it was in the interest of justice that a stay of proceedings be granted in the matter until its decision on the application for [special leave](#) and set an expedited schedule for the hearing of the matter.

The CCJ directed that the Respondents file affidavits in opposition on or before 2 April 2026. The parties are to file written submissions, in relation to the application for special leave on or before 10 April 2026, and any written submissions in reply, on or before 15 April 2026. The application

for special leave is scheduled to be heard via video conference on 21 April 2026 at 9:00 a.m. (AST).

The CCJ panel comprised the the Honourable Mr Justice Winston Anderson, CCJ President, and Mme Justice Rajnauth-Lee and Mme Justice Ononaiwu. The Appellants were represented by Mr Fyard Hosein, SC; Mr Roysdale A Forde, SC; Mr Siand A Dhurjon; Mr Damien Da Silva, and Mr Aadam Hosein. The First Respondent was represented by Mr Douglas L Mendes, SC and Mr Clay J Hackett. The Second Respondent was represented by Mr Mohabir Anil Nandlall, SC, Hon Attorney General; Mr Nigel Hawke, Solicitor General; Ms Shoshanna V Lall, Deputy Solicitor General; and Ms Dishon Persaud. The Third Respondent was represented by Mr Arudranauth Gossai.

The application for special leave will be livestreamed on the Court's YouTube channel here: <https://www.youtube.com/@TheCaribbeanCourt>.

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About the Caribbean Court of Justice

The Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ) was inaugurated in Port of Spain, Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on 16 April 2005 and presently has a Bench of seven judges presided over by CCJ President, the Honourable Mr Justice Winston Anderson. The CCJ has an Original and an Appellate Jurisdiction and is effectively, therefore, two courts in one. In its Original Jurisdiction, it is an international court with exclusive jurisdiction to interpret and apply the rules set out in the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas (RTC) and to decide disputes arising under it. The RTC established the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and the CARICOM Single Market and Economy (CSME). In its Original Jurisdiction, the CCJ is critical to the CSME and all 12 Member States which belong to the CSME (including their citizens, businesses, and governments) can access the Court's Original Jurisdiction to protect their rights under the RTC. In its Appellate Jurisdiction, the CCJ is the final court of appeal for criminal and civil matters for those countries in the Caribbean that alter their national Constitutions to enable the CCJ to perform that role. At present, five states access the Court in its Appellate Jurisdiction, these being Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Guyana, and Saint Lucia. However, by signing and ratifying the Agreement Establishing the Caribbean Court of Justice, Member States of the Community have demonstrated a commitment to making the CCJ their final court of appeal. The Court is the realisation of a vision of our ancestors, an expression of independence and a signal of the region's coming of age.

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