



Tribute to the late Dr. Anwar Azad Hussain

The President and Executive Council of the Guyana Public Service Union Extends Heartfelt Condolences to Dr. Hussain's Son (Anwar Hussain Jr.), Siblings, Relatives, and other love-ones.

The drive behind Dr. Hussain's involvement in Trade Unionism can be best described as an aggrieved public servant who was committed to improving the quality of the work environment.

It is widely believed that growing up in the Albouystown area significantly influenced his persona and drive to advance the cause of the less fortunate.

Following his return from Cuba around the 1990 period, the poor conditions at the GPHC focused that Persona and drive on advancing the cause of the working class.

Dr. Hussain's involvement with the Junior Doctors' Association in the 90s in conjunction with other doctors such as Stevens, Baily, and Westford, significantly influenced frame-breaking events such as the Doctors' Industrial Action in 1992, which resulted in significant improvement in the conditions of service of the doctors.

Such pivotal events led to him being elected to the GPSU Executive Council as a committee member along with Dr. Jenifer Westford in 1993, and again in 1997, this time as 1st VP, a position in which he served with distinction until his resignation in 2000.

As an Executive Council member he served on several standing committees, such as:

The Race Relations Committee - where he played a leading role in organizing the Masala Night on a regular basis; and

The Industrial relations Committee, where he had a Particular focus on representation for improved working conditions of doctors and being in the vanguard that took Clarence Chue – Controller of Customs back to work following the GOG's refusal to comply with the High Court order of his reinstatement.

However, he is most remembered for his role in the 1999-57 Days strike during which he endured significant challenges such as being shot in the Betancourt area in the presence of Nurses, being run off the road on Carifesta Avenue with his son in the Car. He not only overcome these challenges but helped to craft the terms of resumption which officially ended the strike.

Dr. Hussain will be remembered by the Trade Union Movement for his relentless commitment to passionately advancing the cause of the working class.

May his soul Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory!