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Handing Over Ceremony of Military Uniforms to Suriname

This morning (20 May 2025), Ambassador Shri Subhash Prasad Gupta handed over 4,500 military uniforms to the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Suriname in a ceremony hosted by the Ministry of Defence. The event took place in the presence of the Hon'ble Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Business and International Cooperation, H.E. Amb. Albert Ramdin, the Hon'ble Minister for Defence, H.E. Mrs. Krishnakoemarie Mathoera from the Government of Suriname. Also in attending were permanent secretaries from Ministry of Defence and the Ministry of Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Business and International Cooperation, Military officers and other senior government officials and members of the media.

The handover of the uniforms marks another milestone in the growing relationship between India and Suriname. This donation of military uniforms, is part of broader development partnership and ongoing cooperation between the two countries.

Ambassador Shri Subhash P. Gupta, speaking at the ceremony, emphasized that this gesture goes beyond the donation of materials – it symbolizes the deep trust and shared commitment between both nations in promoting peace, security, and mutual cooperation. He highlighted that the relationship between India and Suriname is built on mutual understanding, respect, and shared history, notably experiences of decolonization and democratic Government. He noted the importance of the enduring people-to-people ties and the strengthening of bilateral cooperation, which has seen several high-level exchanges and collaborations since establishment of diplomatic ties.

Hon'ble Ministers in their address thanked the Government of India for ongoing collaboration and support over the years. Hon'ble Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Business and International Cooperation, H.E. Amb. Albert Ramdin highlighted that the cooperation between the two countries is immense and India's solidarity in challenging times has always been tangible and also lauded the Vaccine Maitri initiative of India. He also took to the floor to condemn the Pahalgam terror attack. Hon'ble Minister for Defence, H.E. Mrs. Krishnakoemarie Mathoera said that the Military Service Personnel will benefit from the Uniforms and would be empowered to better respond and ensure progress of the country. The ceremony was concluded with a reaffirmation of the commitment to deepening the India-Suriname partnership through continued dialogue, cooperation, and mutual growth.

A few photographs of the event are attached.



