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GRENADA: REGIONAL REACTIONS

1. FOLLOWING HIS ROUND-UP OF REACTIONS OF DEATH OF BISHOP AND OTHERS IN GRENADA.
 2. ADAMS (BARBADOS) SAID HE WAS "HORRIFIED AT THESE BRUTAL AND VICIOUS MURDERS - THE MOST VICIOUS ACT TO DISFIGURE THE WEST INDIES SINCE THE DAYS OF SLAVERY". HE DOUBTED THAT NEW REGIME COULD HAVE NORMAL RELATIONS WITH "AN ASSOCIATION OF PEACEFUL AND PEACE LOVING CARICOM STATES " AND SAID THE WHOLE STATUS OF CARICOM AS AN ASSOCIATION OF DEMOCRATIC COUNTRIES WOULD HAVE TO BE REVIEWED. IMPLICATIONS OF GRENADA'S NEW REGIME , HE SAID , MAKES THE RANGE OF GOVERNMENTS IN CARICOM "TOO WIDE": "THIS GOES FAR BEYOND IDEOLOGICAL PLURALISM" (A REFERENCE TO OCHO RIOS COMMUNIQUE IN 1982): "IT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BARBARIANS AND HUMAN BEINGS ". THE BEHAVIOUR OF THESE "DISGUSTING MURDERS " HAD "MAJOR IMPLICATIONS FOR CONTINUED ASSOCIATION WITH GRENADA UNDER THIS REGIME".
 3. BARROW (OPPOSITION LEADER, BARBADOS) EXPRESSED HIS PARTY'S DEEP SHOCK OVER THE CALLOUS AND BRUTAL MURDER OF BISHOP, HIS COLLEAGUES AND OTHER GRENADIAN LEADERS AND CITIZENS, AND DEMANDED THAT THE PERPETRATORS OF "THIS VICIOUS CRIME" SHOULD NOT GO UNPUNISHED. HE CALLED FOR IMMEDIATE INTERNATIONAL ACTION TO RELIEVE THE GRENADIAN PEOPLE FROM THE SCOURGE OF A STALINIST DICTATORSHIP",
- AND DESCRIBED THE EVENTS OF 19 OCTOBER AS ONE OF THE MOST INHUMAN AND DISGRACEFUL EVENTS IN THE HISTORY OF THE CARIBBEAN. HE SAID IT WAS VITAL THAT THE "INSTIGATORS" BE OSTRACISED FROM THE REST OF THE CARIBBEAN AND BE GIVEN NO SUCCOUR OR SHELTER WITHIN ITS SHORES. THE DLP CONDEMNED UNEQUIVOCALLY THE "SAVAGERY" IN ST GEORGES. NO BARBADOS GOVERNMENT OF ANY POLITICAL PERSUASION SHOULD HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE GRENADA REGIME. RESPONDING TO REPORTERS' QUESTIONS, BARROW SAID HIS IDEA OF "INTERNATIONAL ACTION" WAS ACTION AT HIGHEST LEVEL AT UN, WHETHER SANCTIONS OR OTHER MEASURES, AND OFFERS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES OF POLITICAL ASYLUM AND ASSISTANCE FOR GRENADIANS WISHING TO LEAVE.

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4. MISS CHARLES (DOMINICA), SEAGA AND MANLEY (JAMAICA) ALL ROUNDLY CONDEMNED THE NEW REGIME FOR THE MURDERS. SEAGA CALLED FOR GRENADA'S EXPULSION FROM CARICOM. COMPTON (ST LUCIA) AND LEWIS (DIRECTOR GENERAL OECS) BOTH TOLD ME PRIVATELY IN CASTRIES ON 19 OCTOBER OF THEIR SHOCK AND DISGUST AT THE DISGRACEFUL EVENTS IN GRENADA THAT DAY. COMPTON MADE A PUBLIC STATEMENT TODAY (20 OCT) SAYING ST LUCIA COULD NOT CONDONE THE 'SLAUGHTER' WHICH WAS UNWARRANTED IN THE CARIBBEAN. HE APPEALED TO WHAT NOT TO FLY INTO GRENADA: TO EAST CARIBBEAN CENTRAL BANK NOT TO SUPPLY CURRENCY TO GRENADA: TO TRADE UNIONISTS NOT TO LOAD OR UNLOAD SHIPS TO OR FROM GRENADA: AND GOVERNMENT LEADERS IN OECS NOT TO HAVE ANY CONTACT WITH GRENADA.
5. REV ALLAN KIRTON, GENERAL SECRETARY OF CARIBBEAN CONFERENCE OF CHURCHES (CCC, PUBLISHER OF 'CARIBBEAN CONTACT' MONTHLY NEWSPAPER) SAID CCC WOULD BE SUSPENDING ALL RELATIONS WITH NEW REGIME IN GRENADA INCLUDING ITS AID PROJECTS UNTIL A PROPER RETURN TO STANDARDS OF DECENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY HAD BEEN ACHIEVED. (CCC HAD OFFERED TO IMMEDIATE EARLIER IN THE CRISIS).
6. ARCHBISHOP OF WEST INDIES (WOODROFFE) CALLED FOR CARIBBEAN PEOPLE TO PRAY FOR GRENADIANS: DECLARED SUNDAY 23 OCTOBER A DAY OF PRAYER FOR GRENADA: AND CALLED ON RMC TO LIFT CURFEW DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS.
7. US EMBASSY AND CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSION IN BRIDGETOWN BOTH ISSUED STATEMENTS. US VOICED CONCERN AT TERMS OF 'SHOOT ON SIGHT' CURFEW. CANADIAN HC SPOKESMAN SAID THEY HAD HOPED THE PROBLEMS WOULD HAVE BEEN RESOLVED WITHOUT RESORT TO ARMS. WHE HAVE NOT ISSUED A STATEMENT, ALTHOUGH REQUESTS FOR SUCH A STATEMENT HAVE BEEN RECEIVED.

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