

# Greenidge determined to take over PNCR

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Leader of the Parliamentary Opposition Brigadier (rtd) David Granger simply has too much on his plate when it comes to A Partnership for National Unity and would not be able to effectively focus on the People's National Congress Reform (PNCR). This is the reason former Finance Minister Carl Greenidge has not declined the nomination for Leader of the Party and will go ahead with his challenge of Granger.

David Granger

Greenidge says that his decision has nothing to do with questioning Granger's ability as a leader, but with five parties to manage under the APNU banner he (Granger) simply cannot do what is needed for the PNCR.

The former Finance Minister said that it is not a case where it is simply managing one party in the House and reminded that each of the parties under the APNU banner would have their ideologies unique to it. This does not mean it will always be in unison with the PNCR's position on a matter.



Greenidge says the PNCR badly needs resuscitation, the magnitude of which Granger simply cannot deliver because of his commitments to APNU.

He reminded that despite what many believe, prior to the recently concluded Regional and General Elections he has never been involved in the party's structure and as an outsider, would be good for the party.

He says that the party needs a new leader that is capable of addressing the issues confronting the PNCR and one who is also not inexperienced in state matters and as such he believes that he is the correct person for the job.

The PNCR will be hosting its Biennial Congress from July 26 to July 29 at which point in time the election will be held for party leadership.

The two key men and the lone female, Volda Lawrence, were the ones given the nod of approval from the various party groups when nominations closed recently. Robert Corbin currently holds the post of Leader of the PNCR but he has already indicated an unwillingness to continue at the helm of the party.

While Lawrence has been nominated to contest for the post, the battle lines have already been drawn between Greenidge and Granger, both of whom had already competed for the post of Presidential Candidate of the PNCR.

Granger won that race and this time around things have already begun to heat up, with

Greenidge receiving strong support from PNCR big wigs such as Aubrey Norton. Norton had served as a Member in the House in the Ninth Parliament but did not make the cut among the APNU Parliamentarians despite playing a pivotal role in securing votes in Linden.

“Guyana is in a new political situation for which there is no blue print,” according to Corbin when he indicated that he would not be contesting this party’s election.