

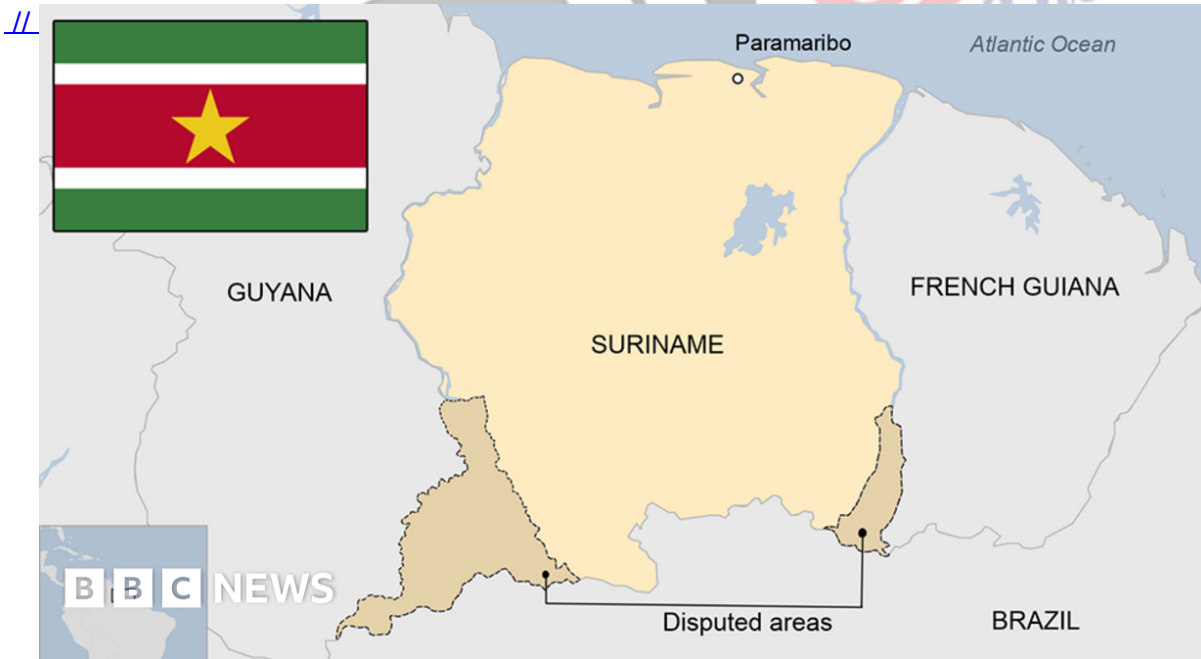


First Defence Export of Ordnance Clothing

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The [Ordnance Clothing Factory \(OCF\)](#), Avadi, under the **Ministry of Defence**, executed India's **first defence export** order to the Republic of [Suriname](#).

- OCF is developing a "**Future Soldier System**" that includes **lightweight, digitally printed, antibacterial camouflage uniforms** and **ballistic helmets (0.9 kg)** to enhance soldier mobility.
- OCF Avadi manufactures [bullet-resistant jackets](#), **ballistic helmets, vests, and bomb suppression blankets**.
- **India's defence exports** rose to over **Rs 21,000 crore in 2023-24**, up from **Rs 2,000 crore in 2014** with a **target of Rs 50,000 crore by 2029**.
- **Suriname**: It lies on the **northeastern coast of South America** and borders **Guyana, French Guiana, and Brazil**.
 - During the colonial period, **Indians** arrived in Suriname as **indentured labor** to work on **sugar plantations**.



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