

State of the nation address

Date: July 23, 2026

Timeline

14:00 – 15:00 Media Accreditation and Security Clearance

Journalists, camera crews, and broadcast technicians complete security screenings and collect official media passes. Technical equipment is swept and inspected by security personnel prior to venue entry.

Location: West Gate Security Checkpoint

15:15 – 16:00 Dignitary and Guest Arrival

Members of parliament, military commanders, and international diplomats arrive via the red carpet. Protocol officers greet delegates and direct them to assigned seating within the main rotunda.

Location: Grand Rotunda Entrance

16:15 – 16:45 Guard of Honor and Ceremonial Arrival

The Head of State arrives with an escort and receives a formal military salute on the steps of the building. The procession moves through the central concourse toward the legislative chamber.

Location: Parliamentary Forecourt

17:00 – 17:15 Parliamentary Call to Order

The Speaker of the House calls the joint session of parliament to order and states the agenda. The Speaker formally introduces the Head of State to address the assembled chamber.

Location: Main Legislative Chamber

17:15 – 18:15 State of the Nation Address

The Head of State delivers the key annual address outlining national priorities, economic goals, and upcoming legislative plans. The speech is broadcast live to national television and radio networks.

Location: Main Chamber Podium

18:30 – 19:15 VIP Post-Address Reception

Dignitaries, lawmakers, and cabinet officials gather for light refreshments following the adjournment of the main session. This provides an informal opportunity for diplomatic networking.

Location: Banquet Hall

19:30 – 20:00 Official Opposition Response

The Leader of the Opposition delivers a live televised address in response to the State of the Nation speech. The response provides alternate policy perspectives and critical analysis of government plans.

Location: Press Briefing Room A

20:10 – 20:45 Cabinet Minister Press Briefing

Senior cabinet ministers present detailed policy breakdowns corresponding to commitments made in the address. Departmental leads discuss implementation timelines and budgetary impacts.

Location: Press Briefing Room B

20:45 – 21:15 Media Q&A Session

Government spokespersons and ministers take direct questions from national and international reporters. Journalists press for clarification on legislative deadlines and policy details.

Location: Press Briefing Room B

21:20 – 21:45 Official Photo Call and Press Wrap-Up

Official photographs of key officials and commentators are taken outside the media center. Broadcast crews finalize their late-night news feeds before clearing the press facilities.

Location: Press Center Exterior