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## Army chief: Gay soldiers face no discrimination

GEORGETOWN (Guyana): Guyana's army chief says gays and lesbians are welcome to serve in the military as long as they conduct themselves professionally.

Commodore Gary Best says the army has a "don't ask, don't tell" policy that he says allows gay or lesbian soldiers to serve without discrimination. During a speech late Tuesday at a US-funded HIV prevention centre, Best said "same sex relationships (are) not a problem."

Gay rights activists said Thursday it was the first time they had heard of the policy.

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