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# LOO on the lam

*The Police Department has issued an arrest warrant for Patrick Faber, Leader of the Opposition, following an alleged assault of his fiancée during a domestic dispute.*



**Patrick Faber and Shanikka Arnold**

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Jan 20, 2022

The Leader of the Opposition, Hon. Patrick Faber, is once again being accused of domestic assault after his fiancé, Dr. Shanikka Arnold, filed a

report with the Domestic Violence Unit yesterday, following a dispute with Faber. Today, the Commissioner of Police, Chester Williams, has confirmed that indeed such a report was filed, and he further informed the public that a warrant has since been issued for the arrest of Patrick Faber. All indications at press time, however, are that he has still not been detained or surrendered himself to police.

Today, COMPOL Williams further revealed that he received a call from attorney Richard "Dickie" Bradley,

who informed him that Faber had made contact with him in an effort to arrange a meeting, likely to retain his legal services, and he, Bradley, had also indicated that Faber, would be surrendering himself sometime this afternoon. As mentioned, there is no indication if this has taken place as yet, but late this evening, the complainant, Arnold, issued a release of her own after reportedly withdrawing all charges against Faber.

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## Hon. Hugo Patt sues

*Patt seeks leave for a judicial review of the Commission of Inquiry's findings*

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**Hon. Hugo Patt**

## From COPA to Queen Street

*37 COPA passengers, most of whom are reportedly Venezuelan nationals, were transported to the Best Western Belize Biltmore Hotel following a night in police custody after they were initially denied leave to enter Belize*



**Passengers from the COPA flight denied permission to land in Belize**

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On Tuesday evening, a COPA airlines flight from Panama arrived at the Philip Goldson International

Airport (PGIA), and 37 passengers onboard that flight—35 Venezuelans,

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## Tensions hit boiling point at PBL



**Evan "Mose" Hyde – President, CWU**

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The Port of Belize (PBL) and unionized waterfront workers of the Christian Workers Union (CWU) are once again facing off, following PBL's refusal to provide compensation to stevedores for loss of earnings due to the transfer to the Big Creek Port

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## Four new Supreme Court justices sworn-in

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On Monday the Hon. Madam Chief Justice (Ag.) Michelle Arana, and Attorney General Hon. Magali Marin-Young both confirmed that new justices would be added to serve in the Criminal and Civil divisions of the Belize Supreme Court. The following day, four legal professionals from the

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## Customer care agent killed while working from home

*by Charles Gladden*

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A man was gunned down in Belize City, and police currently believe that the victim may have known his assailant. Septimus Ritchie, 35, a customer care agent, was working from home last night at around 7:25 on Electric Avenue in the St. Martin's area of Belize City when a gunman drew close to the window of his home and fired a single gunshot that wounded Ritchie in his head—killing him instantly.



**Septimus Ritchie, deceased**

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## Sexual offenses to be heard without jury

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## Costa Rica's Foreign Minister visits Belize



Costa Rica's Foreign Minister with Hon. John Briceño

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On Tuesday, January 18, 2022, H.E. Rodolfo Solano Quirós, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Worship of the Republic of Costa Rica, arrived in Belize for a two-day visit along with his delegation. Minister Quirós began his visit with a courtesy call on Prime Minister Hon. John Briceño.

On Wednesday, January 19, Quirós met with Belize's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Immigration, Hon. Eamon Courtenay, and during that meeting both Foreign Ministers agreed to explore new opportunities for foreign trade between their two countries, as well as for cooperation in agriculture, foreign direct investments, and improving the human development index. During the meeting, Quirós and Courtenay signed Joint Declarations for the Establishment of a Strategic

Alliance for Comprehensive Cooperation and the Preservation of the Oceans and Seas. They also signed Memoranda of Understanding on Climate Change Cooperation and Tourism.

Further discussions between the two centered on Belize's CARICOM chairmanship, SICA, and Central America affairs, as well as tourism, environmental issues, climate change, food and animal health safety, and vocational-technical training, among others.

Minister Quirós will also meet the Minister of Health and Wellness, Hon. Kevin Bernard; and the Minister of Blue Economy and Civil Aviation, Hon. Andre Perez. Minister Quirós is also expected to meet Dr. Vincent Palacio, interim president of the University of Belize, and Dr. Colin Young, executive director of the Caribbean Community Climate Change Center.

## 7.2 million new COVID-19 infections found in the Americas

*Within a week, the Americas have recorded 7.2 million additional COVID-19 infections*



Dr. Carissa Etienne, Director of PAHO

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Jan. 19, 2022

There continues to be a rapid increase in the number of COVID-19 cases in the Americas. In the week leading up to Wednesday, January 19, 7.2 million new cases and 15,000 COVID-related deaths were recorded in the region.

"Although Omicron infections appeared to be milder, we continue to urge caution, because the virus is spreading more actively than ever before. That means it is critical to protect our health system so individuals who need care can count on it, and the best way to protect our healthcare system is to get vaccinated," commented Director of the Pan American Health

Organization (PAHO), Dr. Carissa Etienne, on the surge of Covid-19 cases, driven by the highly contagious Omicron variant, within the Americas.

More than 60% of persons residing in Latin America and the Caribbean have been fully vaccinated, and PAHO's goal is to vaccinate at least 70% of the population of those regions by mid-2022.

PAHO's Revolving Fund is nearing a milestone of delivering 100 million doses of vaccines to 33 countries.

Dr. Etienne is encouraging those who have not received the vaccine to do so.

Due to the acceleration in the transmission of the virus, many countries are also facing challenges in ensuring they are able to carry out adequate Covid-19 testing.

In regard to those challenges, Dr. Etienne said, "Even before COVID arrived in our region two years ago, PAHO has been working to boost our region's laboratory capacity to respond to the emerging pathogen. Today, we have a network of 32 laboratories across the Americas, including national influenza centers and public health laboratories in at least 29 countries."

These laboratories will assist countries in monitoring how the COVID-19 virus is evolving and will enable them to be on the lookout for new or evolving viruses. By means of the assistance provided through those laboratories, the Omicron virus was detected in Guatemala, Honduras, and the Dominican Republic.

## San Lucas village gets state-of-the-art internet center

by Khaila Gentle

SAN LUCAS, Toledo District, Fri. Jan. 14, 2022

The James Arthur Albert Foundation from Iowa, in the United States, held a ribbon-cutting ceremony in Toledo last week to celebrate the inauguration of an internet center built in San Lucas village. The state-of-the-art center, which is fully equipped with satellite internet, was built using funds raised by the foundation over the past six months and will provide residents who have no electricity in their homes access to the internet. It will especially be of service to the many primary and

high school students in the village and the surrounding areas who have to do homework by candlelight. Twenty HP computers and a quality inkjet printer will be available inside the center.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony to mark the opening of the center was attended by the chairman of the village, Santiago Salam, who gave a welcome address in both English and Kekchi; Professor James Albert, president of the James Arthur Albert Foundation, who gave the keynote address; Jeff Lamberti & Linda Friestad, directors on the board of the foundation who spoke on behalf of the donors; Kale Van Bruggen, vice president of the

foundation; and Thurman Parham, a resident of the village and a recent graduate from the University of Belize, who was introduced as the manager of the internet center.

"I do not know who you are, and I do not know your names. This is the first time I have seen you in my village. But I thank the Almighty God for these people who think to bring this building to the San Lucas village, and I have thanks to the donors who gave what they have for this building," said the village chairman, Santiago Salam.

In his keynote address, Professor James Albert told the villagers that the foundation's donors were touched by the love of learning that the parents in the village had instilled in their children.

"Our hearts have been touched by your children's determination to get an education and to overcome every obstacle. To get up before dawn and walk an hour in the mud to catch a bus to go to school, and to do their homework by candlelight at night for hours and hours, and to go to a high school without internet. Well, we're here to remove one of those obstacles, because they are not going to be in high school without the internet

anymore," he stated.

The James Arthur Albert Foundation aims to bring education to disadvantaged children in Belize, especially those in the Maya villages of the Toledo District. Throughout the past 11 years, they have been awarding scholarships to students in Toledo, building and expanding schools and classrooms, and providing textbooks, uniforms, lunches, and other school supplies. As of September 2021, the foundation had awarded 2,400 scholarships to high school and university students. They have also helped to build classrooms at both St. Benedict's Catholic Grade School and Julian Cho High School, along with a new cafeteria at Corazon High School.

Members of the foundation told AMANDALA that they believe that the possibilities are unlimited when it comes to the new internet center, and that those possibilities include "education, access to telemedicine, and transforming the lives of thousands of children and their families, forever."



James Albert alongside board members, vice president Kale Van Bruggen, foundation scholars, and internet center manager, Thurman Parham



# PM speaks on Health Ministry shake-up and new Health CEO



Prime Minister Hon. John Briceño

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Jan. 20, 2022

While being interviewed by reporters yesterday, Prime Minister Hon. John Briceño made public comments on the recent reshuffling of portfolios in the Cabinet, which included the transfer of Minister Michel Chebat from the Ministry of Health and Wellness to the Public Utilities Ministry and the appointment of junior Minister Kevin Bernard to the Health Minister post. The Prime Minister rejected the suggestion that the transfer of Chebat—which is being seen by many members of the public as a demotion—was an expression of disapproval of that minister. Instead, he insisted that he made the decision to move him from the Health Ministry in order to better align the skills of his ministers with the needs in the various ministries—with Chebat’s legal background being seen as potentially useful in the Ministry of Public Utilities, while Hon. Bernard’s abilities as a “team builder” were seen by the PM as exactly what is needed in the Health Ministry. The aim, said Hon. Briceño, is to rebuild the team at the Health Ministry.

He explained, “... at the Ministry of Health we now have to do more team-building and one of the best in team building is Minister Bernard. He has shown in the Orange Walk Town Council, again as the mayor back in 2012, picking up a town council that was badly managed by the UDP. So, I felt that he would be the right person to go in and to work and to fix, and to try to build a team that needs to be done and to take the Ministry of Health to the next level.”

In reference to Chebat and his reportedly poor relationship with the technical staff inside the Ministry, Hon. Briceño said, “I imagine when you don’t have time to develop a relationship you step on people’s toes and so he really had to grab that Ministry and get it going and put it in the right direction.” He then went on to state, in regard to Chebat’s new role as Public Utilities and Logistics Minister, “... at the present moment, I believe I need somebody with a legal mind to manage the Public Utilities and Logistics Ministry, because of the challenges we are having right now with the issue of raising rates in electricity, proposed rates that the PUC is presenting, the issues that we might have in BEL, BTL, BWS, the

issues of energy, what we are going to do about energy needs in the years to come. As it is right now, our energy consumption is almost at 2019 level. So there is a huge growth, so we need to start thinking about what it is that we are going to do. We also have challenges in the area of logistics with the ports, so I felt that maybe it is time now to move him from there and put him where we can use his legal mind.”

Minister Bernard will now be addressing shortfalls within the Health Ministry—foremost of which is the filling of key vacant posts. It was announced this week that a new CEO, Dr. Julio Sabido, had been appointed to assist Hon. Bernard in managing the ministry. Hon. Briceño noted that Sabido has been working inside the Ministry for a least 10 years and that he knows the ins and outs of its operations, technically and managerially. However, when questioned by one local journalist about reports that are circulating that Sabido is an ally of Chebat and that his relationship with two past Deputy Directors of Health Services was contentious, the PM said that he could not confirm any such reports.

“I don’t know what you are talking about. If he has any contention with other members of the Ministry, maybe

he does, maybe he doesn’t, and this has absolutely nothing to do with Mr. Chebat. It was simply that here we have a new Minister that will go into one of the largest Ministries, a ministry when we are still in a pandemic, that indeed he would not have time, he has to start from day one, almost like start running as soon as he gets in, so we felt that it’s best if we can get somebody from within the Ministry, and since Sabido was there. And yes, he was close to Minister Chebat. That has given him a first-hand view, and overlook of what needs to be done in the Ministry, so we felt that CEO Sabido would be a good fit,” Prime Minister Briceño said.

While the CEO position has been filled, three new director posts that were created to replace the Director of Health Services post which was held by Dr. Marvin Manzanero are still vacant inside the Ministry of Health and Wellness: a Director of Hospital Services and Allied Health post, as well as the Director of Public Health and Wellness, and the Director of International Health Relations posts. It has been reported that Dr. Marvin Manzanero, who had been sidelined during Minister Chebat’s tenure, had a “cordial” meeting this week with the new Health Minister, Hon. Bernard, and there are reports that he has been offered a senior-level post within the

Ministry—specifically the Director of International Relations position.

This is something that PM Briceño appeared to confirm when he was asked about it by a local reporter. Hon. Briceño claimed that Dr. Manzanero had been offered the Director of International Relations post previously and had refused it. He then went on to suggest that the skills of the doctor, whom he had described as a “disaster” in managing the country’s response to the pandemic, would be well-suited for the international relations post.

“I think you have heard what Minister Bernard said, that he has met with Dr. Manzanero and he has offered him to stay if he wishes to work with him under his leadership. I believed that I said that this morning, and I repeat that there are certain skills that Dr. Manzanero has. I just don’t think he was the right person for the DHS position. But where they want to put him, I think it is something in cooperation, it is a position that has already been offered to him from earlier in our administration, and for one reason or the other they could not see eye to eye with the former Minister. Kevin believes that he can work with him and have him become a part of his team, and if that is the wishes of the Minister, then we need to support it,” Prime Minister Briceño said.

## Sexual offenses to be heard without jury

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The Government of Belize intends to introduce an amendment to the Indictable Procedure Act at its next sitting of the House of Representatives in order to add various offenses to the list of crimes that can be tried by a judge alone, without the presence of a jury. Since 2011, we have had in place laws to allow for some criminal trials to be tried without a jury. When the COVID-19 pandemic struck, the court transitioned to judge-alone trials before the resumption of jury hearings in February 2021. According to a recent Cabinet brief, this new legislation seeks to address issues arising from jury trials and assist in the clearing of the backlog of pending criminal cases.

“The offenses to be added are abduction of a child, sexual offenses, offenses under the trafficking in persons and offenses under the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (Prohibition) Act,” the release from Cabinet says.

This means that the four new Supreme Court judges who have been added to the bench will have a substantial number of cases assigned to them, since the high court has been struggling to clear its backlog due to a lack of human resources following the resignation and retirement of a number of justices.

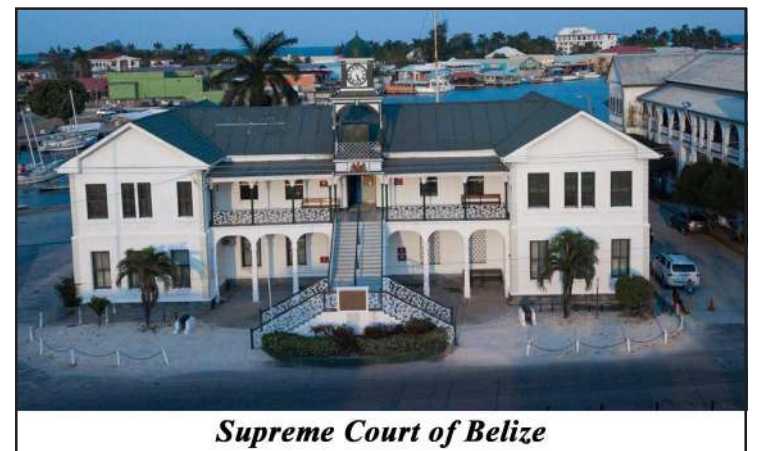
Bench trials are nothing unfamiliar to Belize. In 2020 the Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ) upheld a murder conviction handed down in the case of *Hernan Manzanero v the Queen*

[2020] CCJ 17 (AJ) BZ. The appellant court found that “judge alone trials were essentially no less fair than jury trials.”

The judgment from the CCJ also stated, “that in a judge-alone trial where the trial judge conducted a voir dire, an appellate court must be satisfied of the following: that the trial judge, in determining the guilt of the accused, did not carry over any unfavorable findings on the accused’s credibility to their deliberation on the main trial, or that the trial judge was not improperly influenced in arriving at a guilty verdict by evidence which was biased against or indicative of the guilt of the accused, but was not ultimately admitted into evidence.”

Cabinet has also decided to repeal and replace the Libel and Defamation Act. The release says that they are seeking to “strike a balance between the prosecution of the reputation of an individual and the freedom of speech and expression.” The new law to be introduced also seeks to modernize the Libel and Slander tort law.

Also, persons seeking to become money lenders will have to go through a more extensive vetting process, following the approval of legislation



Supreme Court of Belize

to change the Money Lenders Act and Money Lenders Regulations to strengthen entry barriers for new money lenders. The law will also affect existing money lenders, as it seeks to improve the transparency and accountability of those companies.

The Prime Minister, Hon. John Briceño, in an interview yesterday also announced that the former Auditor General, Dorothy Bradley, had tabled an updated piece of legislation for the office of the Auditor General and has since passed it on to the Attorney General, who will review the legislation. In the former Auditor General’s outgoing release, she noted that the new legislation will ensure that the office is independent of government influence and properly financed. The Prime Minister also told local media that the government would be advertising the office of the Ombudsman, which has been vacant since the departure of Lionel Arzu.



# Climate financing being channeled to Belize's "Direct Access Entities"



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the project “Strengthening the capacity of Direct Access Entities through the Community of Practice for Direct Access Entities (CPDAE) to access climate finance and implementation adaptation and mitigation programs and projects.” The

project is intended to support the ongoing effort to bolster the channeling of financing from the Adaptation Fund (AF) and the Green Climate Fund

(GCF) through CPDAE.

The CPDAE is a network composed of national implementing entities and direct access entities, led and driven by its own members, including Belize, alongside an elected committee that coordinates its work. Since its formation in 2019, CPDAE has made significant efforts in structuring its governance framework. The AF and the GCF have been promoting Direct Access Modality as a best practice approach to enhance country ownership of climate projects and ensure that developing countries remain in the driving seat of climate finance. The Protected Areas Conservation Trust (PACT) has been officially recognized as Belize’s AF National Implementing

Entity and Belize’s first GCF Direct Access Entity. It is a member of the CPDAE and, along with other potential GCF accredited entities such as the Development Finance Corporation, Belize Social Investment Fund and the Ministry of Economic Development, will benefit from capacity-building for project designs, project development, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation.

These entities are important, as they promote country ownership, the understanding of national priorities, and contribution towards low emissions and climate-resilient development pathways. The project is valued at EUR 991,810, which is roughly BZD 2,268,589.86.

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Jan. 19, 2022

The Ministry of Economic Development and the Climate Finance Unit have announced the approval of

## Four new Supreme Court justices sworn-in

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Commonwealth were sworn in. Ricardo Sandcroft, a Jamaican national, and three women—Susan Lamb, Genevieve Chabot, and Patricia Farnese—were sworn in by CJ Arana to serve on our high court for an initial term of one year.

These four new judges, which include a former acting Master of Chambers for the Eastern Caribbean Court, a Harvard-educated human rights expert, a former member of the Australian Parliament, and a renowned legal professor and expert in environmental law, bring a wealth of legal knowledge to our bench in Belize. In 2019, the number of judges available to review Supreme Court cases was reduced considerably due to the departure of five judges from the Supreme Court—three resigning from the Criminal Division, and two



(L-R) Ricardo Sandcroft, Susan Lamb, Patricia Farnese, Genevieve Chabot

reaching retirement age in the Civil Division. This led to a build-up of additional cases on top of the backlog that had already existed.

President of the Bar Association, Illiana Swift, explained, “At the end

of 2020, the legal system was in a dire state, with a lack of judges at all three levels, antiquated laws, and severely deficient registries. The Bar has been encouraged by steps taken by the Office of the Attorney General

to breathe life back into the legal system.”

During her presentation at the opening of the legal year, Attorney General Marin-Young stated, “We have, in the interim, secured the assistance of the Commonwealth Secretariat for four temporary judges who are scheduled to arrive this month to assist with the backlog of cases in both the Civil and Criminal divisions. With their help, we are hoping to clear the backlog of cases and to enable this court to have judges appointed on a permanent basis, once we have restructured the Judiciary.”

Ricardo Sandcroft is a children’s rights specialist with years of experience working in both the civil and criminal division in our sister island, Jamaica. He has worked for years in the area of child law and served as the acting Master of Chambers of the Eastern Caribbean Court.

Patricia Farnese holds an LLM from the University of Arkansas and is a well-known legal professor from the University of Saskatchewan in Canada. She also holds an LLB from that university and a Bachelor’s degree from the University of Guelph. Her areas of expertise include environmental law, property law, animal health, and wildlife law.

## Roaring Creek family’s home destroyed by fire

A Roaring Creek family is now homeless after an early morning fire destroyed their home

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Jan. 20, 2022

An early morning fire destroyed the home of a Roaring Creek family of five on Wednesday, January 19. According to local media reports, the fire started sometime around 7:00 a.m.

Tanisha Cassasola, who lived in the home with her husband and three children, recounted the moment she discovered there was a fire in the house to local reporters: “I heard like a crackling noise, so I told my husband ‘go back in to check on my son; maybe he’s jumping around’. When he went out, he didn’t come back for a while, and then after that, I saw my 13-year-old daughter and my 5-year-old son came into the room. When they open the door, I saw like an influx of dark black smoke coming in, and it was consuming,” she said.

At that point, Cassasola, who does

remote office work in one room of the house and was in that room when she was alerted of the fire, said, “When it comes to my kids, we lose everything. I work from home; laptop, system, desktop destroyed. My phones, new fridge, new stove, everything I just got for Christmas, everything [has gone]. Only the clothes on our backs that we walked out of the house with was what we were left with.” The value of the items in the house that were destroyed by the fire is estimated to be about \$30,000.

Cassasola mentioned that a couple of her neighbors had told her that they saw the electricity lines near her house burst into flames, which were entering her home through the roof. However, the National Fire Service is still investigating the blaze and has not arrived at a definitive conclusion about what caused it.

Cassasola has commended local



Tanisha Cassasola, fire victim

firefighters for their quick arrival and believes that if they hadn’t arrived promptly, the situation could have been more dire.

Anyone wishing to assist Tanisha Cassasola can make a deposit in her Belize Bank account, account number 235 3300 101 60000. Also, Cassasola can be reached at 600-3089.

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# Our primary goal: end poverty

In 2018, a time when the world was still “normal”, the Statistical Institute of Belize (SIB) stated on its website that 52% of our people were living in poverty. The SIB arrived at this dismal conclusion, with the assistance of Statistics Canada, after undertaking a “Poverty Study using information collected from the 2018/19 Household Budget Survey,” which looked at the spending patterns of households, “on food and non-food expenditure and other household information such as demographic and housing characteristics, household production and consumption, and income.”

The Poverty Study showed that 35,663 of us (9%) were indigent, dirt poor, which was actually an improvement over 2009, when 52,185 of us (16%) were in this category. The report, however, said 201,616 of us (52%) were living in poverty — an 11% increase over the 136,640 of us (41%) who were in that state in 2009.

Things were already bleak in Belize when in April 2020 the world went from normal into the grip of a pandemic that hasn't let up. Tourism, the mainstay of our economy, collapsed, many other economic activities slowed, and thousands more Belizeans descended into a state of deprivation.

Gradually, Belize and the world are moving closer to what things were like prior to the pandemic, but as noted, for Belize (and many other countries) normal was not a state of prosperity for all. Just a few years ago, our poverty rate was over 50%, and in 2009 it was over 40%. But we don't need statistical models to tell us what our economic situation is. We know that we're poor, that poverty is endemic in our country.

The present government came to power promising that all of us will win, and one of its “big” promises was that it would introduce a \$5/hr. minimum wage. That's a noble objective, considering that the present minimum wage is \$3.30/hr., but everyone knows that \$5/hr. doesn't go that far in 2022. While a minimum wage of \$5/hr. might suffice for a bachelor or spinster, it won't for a family in an urban area that has a single breadwinner.

There's a lot wrong with Belize, the worst of which is our poverty. Our young men's hopelessness is behind their violent behavior and our young women's desperation is leading more and more of them into prostitution. It is a terrible situation we have, one we must all move urgently to remedy.

We must all work to end poverty, but it does look like an impossible task when 40 years after independence we have not come close to delivering on two primary needs: wholesome food and adequate shelter.

Too many of our people can't afford nutritious food. Every study condemns the regular consumption of foods such as hot dogs, ramen, processed meats, and grains

from which the germ and the bran have been removed, because they are loaded with carcinogenic preservatives or have poor food value, yet these unhealthy, mostly imported, foods are staples for many of our people.

Our housing situation is also critically deficient. Belizeans living below the poverty line live in poor-quality houses that have insufficient space, cramped quarters that lead to friction among occupants and cut down on their productive capacity.

In the modern world, wholesome food and adequate shelter are not the only basic needs. Belizeans, particularly those living in urban settings, need home appliances and computers, and they need access to, and money to pay for, reliable transportation and internet. In rural areas our farmers need modern equipment and good storage facilities, our fisher folk need efficient boats and gear. All our children need computers and internet access.

If we will conquer poverty, there are things we must demand of our government, and things we must do for ourselves. The job of the government is to steer the way so the energies of our people are harnessed toward the end of making us prosper. We need leadership that will prioritize the sciences and establish CETs all over the country.

For years we have been told that prosperity will elude us until we increase our manufacturing capacity. For Belizean economist, Bill Lindo, and others, like the late Richard Harrison, that was a mantra. Our political leaders are aware that more of the goods on the shelves in our grocery stores must be labeled, “Made in Belize”. At the Belize Investment Summit in San Pedro in November last year, the Minister of Agriculture & Food Security, Hon. Jose Mai, told local and foreign business folk that our country is in the habit of producing primary goods, that we “export corn and import Maseca”, and what we need are business folk who are ready to make “investments in the agro-processing sector.” The government must also invest our money where its mouth is.

We of course can't abandon primary production; we do produce high-quality agricultural and marine products. With our magnificent inheritance of temples, the longest reef system in our hemisphere, pristine forest and water bodies which we have maintained, exotic flora and fauna which we have protected, and our unique and multi-flavored people, we have a competitive edge in the tourism industry. Our government must help our agro and marine producers access the best markets, and we must extract a lot more from our touristic blessings.

We are a small nation, and there are limits to what we can do in the line of manufacturing mechanical and electrical tools, electronic devices, pharmaceuticals, fertilizers, and toiletries, but some things we will have to produce for ourselves, or prosperity for all will continue to elude us. We have a thriving livestock industry, but we don't produce footwear, belts, or bags.

Corruption in government has stymied our progress. The present government made many promises to stomp out corruption, as did the previous one, as did all our governments before. They all talk and talk and talk, and they all have done everything in their power to defang our oversight bodies. If we will end poverty, we, the people, must keep the feet of our leaders in the fire, so they do the right thing.

If we will end poverty, we, the people, must turn away from foreign luxuries and focus more on our NEEDS. And we must concentrate on our own – we must support our artists, our athletes, our small entrepreneurs; we must put emphasis on producing and buying products labeled, “Made in Belize”.

Years ago we believed in ourselves, we were enthusiastic about our future, confident that our country would prosper. We have to find that energy, that belief, again. It must be our primary goal to end this poverty that is sucking the life out of us.



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## Sunday Review News Review Talk Show

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Host: YaYa Marin Coleman

Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 Time: 10:30 a.m. to noon

Guest: Shakir Tillett and Jahzani Lightburn

Sunday Review will be repeated at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 23, 2022

## BELIZE DISTRICT INTOXICATING LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the general public that the Board will convene on,

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2022

for its first Quarterly Meeting at Belize City Hall Conference Room (#810 Regent St.) for Belize City and Out District Applications from,

**10:30am to 12:00pm and 1:30pm -2:30pm**

- \*Vessel License Application
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- \*Night Club License Application
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- \*Malt & Cider License Application
- \*Convenience Store License Application
- \*Restaurant License Application
- \*Publican Special License Application
- \*Shop License Application

All proprietors of establishments, seeking to obtain a Liquor License, are required to bring one of the following forms of identifications: Passport, Driver's License, Social Security or Voters ID. In addition, those who fail to attend these meetings will be required to submit payments of \$100.00 to facilitate a special convening of the Board.

# Farewell, Melody Man

by Marco Lopez

I met Melody Man, really, in my childhood days. Every day before the evening news, this hit single, "Belizean Girls" would air on the big screen. It always impressed and surprised me that a local Belizean artist just sounded so good, and the video was top-notch, for the late 90's, early 2000's at least. I would meet him in person in December 2013, while I was working as a producer for Heights of Vibes Records in Belize City. Despite the age difference, we both had one thing in common: our fraternity, our musical university, that studio on Fabers Road.

He took the boat from San Pedro to record a single on our debut Christmas album, *Heights of Vibes Christmas Vol. 1*. As is usually the case, we didn't have an idea of exactly what we would be working on, but as soon as we blazed a reggae-style instrument, his satin voice began to wrap the beat. The song was complete before I could say, "Wow."

Melody performed a reggae-style dub of Roy Orbison's song, "Pretty Paper, Pretty Ribbons of Blue" that night, and added his flare and vibes to create a Christmas medley, number 7 on that album, and the first track I ever had the pleasure of recording for him. That night, he crashed at the studio, and I meddled with the guitar he brought from San Pedro for the entire remainder of the night. I'm sure that is when I fell in love with the instrument.

The next morning, Melody Man, seeing me eager, hungry to learn, gave me a few lessons — some chords, and tricks for singing along. What he would do next would change the course of my life. I boldly offered him a trade: my studio laptop for his guitar. Truth is, he had no use for my computer, since he had a studio of his own on the island, but he accepted anyway and supported his young brother. The rest is ongoing history.

When I heard of his passing last Thursday night, my heart sank, but my



Julian "Melody Man" Escobar

mind went back to that night, and to the tender lion with the mighty roar. His musical essence embodied thanks and praise, for our Creator and his creations. In his conversations, you could feel his desire to connect and share experiences, laughs, and good vibes.

Julian "Melody Man" Escobar was a big brother to many of us from "Heights". His passing is a great loss for the musical community. A mentor, a leader, REGGAEMATIK. You will be forever remembered; your voice is already immortalized. You will be dearly missed, Rasta.

In this time of grief, we express our deepest condolences and well wishes to his family, and pray for his young children, and widow.

"Everything flows out and in; everything has its tides;

All things rise and fall;

The pendulum swing manifests in everything;

The measure of the swing to the right, is the measure of the swing to the left;

Rhythm compensates" — The Hermetica

Rest in peace.

## Four new Supreme Court justices sworn-in

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Suzan Lamb served as judicial coordinator and legal officer in the court of Cambodia. She was also a member of the Australian Parliament, representing the Australian Labor Party from 2016 up until 2019, when she lost her seat.

Genevieve Chabot worked as a part-time professor at the University of Ottawa recently but served as the Deputy Chief Commissioner on the Canadian Human Rights Commission. She has practiced civil litigation and is a graduate of Harvard Law School.

These new justices join CJ Michelle Arana (ag.), Justice Lisa Shoman and Sonya Young in the Civil Division, and Justice Antoinette Moore, Herbert Lord, and Francis Cumberbatch in the Criminal Division. They will be added to the bench to bring the high court back to its full complement of judges, for one year at least.

## NOTICE

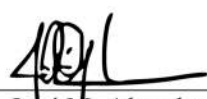
BELIZE CITY

Estate and Will of John Lewis Charles Crump, deceased.

### STATUTORY NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Pursuant to Section 36 of the Administration of Estates Act, Chapter 197 of the Laws of Belize, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all creditors and other persons having any claims or demands upon or against the Estate of **John Lewis Charles Crump of 19 Albert Street, Belize City, Belize** are required to send particulars in writing of their claims or demands to the Executrix of the said estate, Ann Elizabeth Crump, c/o of Law Office of José M Alpuche, Suite 19 Northern Shops, 1.5 Mls. Philip Goldson Highway, Belize City, Belize and to send such particulars not later than 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that at the expiration of the last mentioned date, the Executrix will proceed to distribute the assets of the said **John Lewis Charles Crump, DECEASED**, amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims or demands of which particulars have been delivered and the Executrix will not be liable for the assets or any part thereof so distributed to any person or persons of whose claims or demands it shall not then have had notice.

DATED the 14<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022.

  
José M. Alpuche  
Attorney-at-law



# CLASSIFIED ADS

## VACANCY

**VACANCY:** Shop assistant needed at Variedades Esperanza in Caye Caulker; interested persons contact at 636-3097.

## NOTICE

**NOTICE:** I Marvin Manolo Gomez now resident of Seine Bight village in the district of Stann Creek do hereby give notice that it is my intention to apply at the next licensing for a shop in the building and appurtenance thereunto belonging to the said Marva Garcia which is a wooden building situated at Seine Bight Village address and is known as Blessing's Bakery. I've have not held

such a license before.

**Notice:** I, Kevin Callan hereby give notice of lost registration certificate for a private class A 26' boat, "Off Line". Registration # SC-1120.

**Notice:** I, Vincent Caliz hereby give notice of lost registration certificate title between September to December 2021 for a White L-12' x W-4' fiberglass boat "Second Choice" Registered in Caye Caulker, Registration # CC - 0108 .

## LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE

### LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE:

**NOTICE** is hereby given that **Belcove Hotel** is applying for a Malt & Cider Liquor License to be operated at

Belcove Hotel, #9 Regent Street West, Belize City, Belize, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

**NOTICE** is hereby given that **Saul Bernardo Barrera** is applying for a Malt & Cider Liquor License to be operated at Roaring River Golf & Accommodation Ltd., Christian Radio Road, Roaring Creek Village Cayo District, Belize, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

**Notice** is hereby given that **Michael Schexnayder** is applying for a Restaurant Liquor License to be operated at Capricorn Restaurant & Bar, San Pedro, Ambergris Caye, Belize, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

**Notice** is hereby given that **Anita Tupper** is applying for a Publican Special Liquor License to be operated at Cheers Restaurant & Cabanas, 31.25 Miles, George Price Highway, Belize, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

**Notice** is hereby given that **Chantel Garcia** is applying for a Hotel Liquor License to be operated at The Ellysian Boutique Hotel, #1 Williams Drive, Placencia Village, Stann Creek District, Belize, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

**Notice** is hereby given that **Colleen Spring** is applying for a Rural Intoxicating Restaurant Liquor License to be operated at Table Rock Jungle Lodge, Mile 5, Cristo Rey Road, Cayo District, Belize, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

**Notice** is hereby given that **Isaias Orellano** is applying for a Restaurant Liquor License to be operated at Aria's Lounge, Cor. Kia Mat Street, Maya Mopan, City of Belmopan, Cayo District, Belize, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

**Notice** is hereby given that **Luis Urgate** is applying for a Publican General Liquor License to be operated at Grace Kennedy (Belize) Ltd, 2.5 Miles, Philip Goldson Highway, Belize City, Belize under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

**Notice** is hereby given that **Damian Grieco** is applying for a Restaurant Liquor License to be operated at The Coconut Husk Restaurant & Bar, Hopkins Village, Stann Creek District, Belize, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

**Notice** is hereby given that **RICHARD DESPORTE** is applying for a Publican Special Liquor License, to be operated at Mahogany Hall Resort, Paslow Falls Road, Bullet Tree Falls Village, Cayo District, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

**Notice** is hereby given that **Osmin Figueroa** is applying for a Restaurant Liquor License, to be operated at Savannah View, Hopkins Village, Stann Creek District, Belize, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

**Notice** is hereby given that **Osmin Figueroa** is applying for a Convenience Store Liquor License, to be operated at Hopkins Service Center Ltd., Hopkins Village, Stann Creek District, Belize, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

**Notice** is hereby given that **Remigio Pop** is applying for a Shop Liquor License, to be operated at Pop's Place, More Tomorrow Village, Cayo District, Belize, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

**Notice** is hereby given that **Lidia Pop** is applying for a Publican Special Liquor License, to be operated at Rumfish & Vino, Placencia Village, Stann Creek District, Belize, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

**Notice** is hereby given that **Nigel Mejia** is applying for a Shop Liquor License, to be operated at NJ's Store, Santana Village, Old Northern Road, Belize District, Belize, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

**Notice** is hereby given that **Noberto E. Rancharan** is applying for a Beer Liquor License, to be operated at Puma CP Gas Service Center, # 1 Carrillo Puerto Ave., Santa Elena Town, Cayo District, Belize, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

### PUBLIC AUCTION SALE – APARTMENT COMPLEX

*No. 13 Mex Avenue, Belize City, Belize District*

BY ORDER of the Receiver, Licensed Auctioneers Kevin A. Castillo and Christiana R. Castillo are selling ONLINE via [belizepropertyauctions.com](http://belizepropertyauctions.com) the following property. Sale currently running and will expire Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 10:30 am.



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Albert/Mesop	4	919

(Being two residential apartment buildings: a.) Two Storey mixed construction Apartment Building containing Ground Floor: 1 two-bedroom apartment + 1 fully furnished room; First Floor – 3-bedroom apartment b.) Five Storey mixed construction Apartment Building containing 2 apartments on Ground Floor, First Floor & Second Floor + 1 4-bedroom Apartment on Third Floor + Terrace on Fourth Floor TOGETHER with lot [470.700 S. M.] situate at No. 13 Mex Avenue, Belize City, Belize District, the freehold property of Mr. Marvin Leonel Cardona)

**TERMS: STRICTLY CASH**  
**KEVIN A. CASTILLO**  
**TELEPHONE 223-4488**  
 Website: [belizepropertyauctions.com](http://belizepropertyauctions.com)  
 E-mail: [kevinacas@yahoo.com](mailto:kevinacas@yahoo.com)  
 FaceBook: Belize Auctions

# VACANCY

## Belize City

### Accountant / Reservations Agent (Tourism Industry)

Resume: [vacancyapplybze@gmail.com](mailto:vacancyapplybze@gmail.com)





## Nuestro objetivo principal: acabar con la pobreza

En 2018, cuando el mundo aún era "normal", el Instituto de Estadística de Belize (SIB por sus siglas en inglés) declaró en su sitio web que el 52% de nuestra gente vivía en la pobreza. El SIB llegó a esta triste conclusión, con la ayuda de Statistics Canada, después de realizar un "Estudio de pobreza utilizando información recopilada de la Encuesta de presupuesto familiar de 2018/19", que analizó los patrones de gasto de los hogares, "en alimentos y gastos en cosas no alimentarias y otra información del hogar, como características demográficas y de vivienda, producción y consumo del hogar e ingresos".

El Estudio de Pobreza mostró que 35.663 de nosotros (9%) éramos indigentes, muy pobres, lo que en realidad fue una mejora con respecto a 2009, cuando 52.185 de nosotros (16%) estábamos en esta categoría. El informe, sin embargo, dijo que 201.616 de nosotros (52%) vivíamos en la pobreza, un aumento del 11% sobre los 136.640 de nosotros (41%) que vivíamos en ese estado en 2009.

Las cosas ya estaban sombrías en Belize cuando, en abril de 2020, el mundo pasó de la normalidad al control de una pandemia que no ha cesado. El turismo, el pilar de nuestra economía, colapsó, muchas otras actividades económicas se desaceleraron y miles de beliceños más cayeron en un estado de privación.

Gradualmente, Belize y el mundo se están acercando a cómo eran las cosas antes de la pandemia, pero como se señaló, para Belize (y muchos otros países) lo normal no era un estado de prosperidad para todos. Hace apenas unos años, nuestra tasa de pobreza superaba el 50% y en 2009 superaba el 40%. Pero no necesitamos modelos estadísticos que nos digan cuál es nuestra situación económica. Sabemos que somos pobres, que la pobreza es endémica en nuestro país.

El gobierno actual llegó al poder prometiendo que todos ganaremos, y una de sus "grandes" promesas fue que introduciría un salario mínimo de \$5/hora. Ese es un objetivo noble, considerando que el salario mínimo actual es de \$3.30/hora, pero todos saben que \$5/hora no llega tan lejos en 2022. Mientras que un salario mínimo de \$ 5/ hora puede ser suficiente para un soltero o una solterona, no lo será para una familia en un área urbana que tiene un solo proveedor económico.

Mucho anda mal con Belize, el peor de los cuales es nuestra pobreza. La desesperanza de nuestros jóvenes está detrás de su comportamiento violento y la desesperación de nuestras jóvenes las está llevando cada vez más a la prostitución. Es una situación terrible la que tenemos, una que todos debemos actuar con urgencia para remediar.

Todos debemos trabajar para acabar con la pobreza, pero parece una tarea imposible cuando 40 años después de la independencia no nos hemos acercado a satisfacer dos necesidades primarias: alimentos sanos y vivienda adecuada.

Mucha de nuestra gente no puede pagar alimentos nutritivos. Todos los estudios condenan el consumo habitual de alimentos como perros calientes, ramen, carnes procesadas y cereales a los que se les ha quitado el germen y el salvado, porque están cargados de conservantes cancerígenos o tienen poco valor alimentario, pero estos alimentos poco saludables, en su mayoría importados, son los alimentos básicos para mucha de nuestra gente.

Nuestra situación de vivienda también es críticamente deficiente. Los beliceños que viven por debajo del umbral de la pobreza viven en casas de mala calidad que no tienen espacio suficiente, con habitaciones estrechas que provocan fricciones entre los ocupantes y reducen su capacidad productiva.

En el mundo moderno, la alimentación sana y la vivienda adecuada no son las únicas necesidades básicas. Los beliceños, en particular los que viven en entornos urbanos, necesitan electrodomésticos y computadoras, y necesitan

acceso y dinero para pagar transporte e internet confiables. En las zonas rurales, nuestros agricultores necesitan equipos modernos y buenas instalaciones de almacenamiento, nuestros pescadores necesitan embarcaciones y equipos eficientes. Todos nuestros niños necesitan computadoras y acceso a Internet.

Si vamos a conquistar la pobreza, hay cosas que debemos exigirle a nuestro gobierno y cosas que debemos hacer por nosotros mismos. El trabajo del gobierno es dirigir el camino para que las energías de nuestro pueblo se aprovechen hacia el fin de hacernos prosperar. Necesitamos un liderazgo que priorice las ciencias y establezca Centros de Entrenamiento para el Empleo en todo el país.

Durante años se nos ha dicho que la prosperidad nos eludirá hasta que aumentemos nuestra capacidad de fabricación. Para el economista beliceño Bill Lindo y otros, como el finado Richard Harrison, eso era un mantra. Nuestros líderes políticos son conscientes de que una mayor parte de los productos en los estantes de nuestras tiendas de comestibles deben estar etiquetados como "Hecho en Belize". En la Cumbre de Inversión de Belize en San Pedro en noviembre del año pasado, el Ministro de Agricultura y Seguridad Alimentaria, el Honorable José Mai, dijo a empresarios locales y extranjeros que nuestro país tiene la costumbre de producir bienes primarios, que "exportamos maíz e importamos Maseca", y lo que necesitamos son empresarios que estén dispuestos a hacer "inversiones en el sector de la agroindustria." El gobierno también debe invertir nuestro dinero donde está su boca.

Por supuesto, no podemos abandonar la producción primaria; producimos productos agrícolas y marinos de alta calidad. Con nuestra magnífica herencia de templos, el sistema de arrecifes más largo de nuestro hemisferio, bosques vírgenes y cuerpos de agua que hemos mantenido, flora y fauna exóticas que hemos protegido, y nuestra gente única y de múltiples sabores, tenemos una ventaja competitiva en la industria del turismo. Nuestro gobierno debe ayudar a nuestros productores agrícolas y marinos a acceder a los mejores mercados, y debemos extraer mucho más de nuestras bendiciones turísticas.

Somos una nación pequeña, y hay límites a lo que podemos hacer en la línea de fabricación de herramientas mecánicas y eléctricas, dispositivos electrónicos, productos farmacéuticos, fertilizantes y artículos de tocador, pero algunas cosas tendremos que producirlas nosotros mismos, o la prosperidad para todos nos seguirá eludiendo. Tenemos una industria ganadera próspera, pero no producimos calzado, cinturones o bolsos.

La corrupción en el gobierno ha obstaculizado nuestro progreso. El gobierno actual hizo muchas promesas de acabar con la corrupción, como lo hizo el anterior, como lo hicieron todos nuestros gobiernos anteriores. Todos hablan y hablan, y todos han hecho todo lo que estaba a su alcance para despojar a nuestros órganos de supervisión. Si vamos a acabar con la pobreza, nosotros, el pueblo, debemos mantener los pies de nuestros líderes en el fuego, para que hagan lo correcto.

Si vamos a terminar con la pobreza, nosotros, la gente, debemos alejarnos de los lujos extranjeros y enfocarnos más en nuestras NECESIDADES. Y debemos concentrarnos en lo nuestro: debemos apoyar a nuestros artistas, nuestros atletas, nuestros pequeños empresarios; debemos poner énfasis en producir y comprar productos etiquetados como "Hecho en Belize".

Hace años creíamos en nosotros mismos, estábamos entusiasmados con nuestro futuro, seguros de que nuestro país prosperaría. Tenemos que encontrar esa energía, esa creencia, de nuevo. Nuestro principal objetivo debe ser acabar con esta pobreza que nos está chupando la vida.



by **Dominique Noralez**

# Musings by the Curious Nonconformist

## *Listening to the Canary*

prosperous 2022, that I wrote these words almost a year ago: “What we have done in Belize and indeed across the Caribbean region is reduce democracy to a matter of performative public relations and marketing ploys, boxed and sold as diplomacy and nationalism. This is the puss in the bag that we have purchased at the Pound Yard Bridge.” I still believe the latter to be true. We have consistently been wooed by politicians that say one thing and do the opposite. Preachers, union leaders, youth leaders as categories are not excluded from this critique.

I talk about oration because as I write this, voting for the snap election in Barbados has just formally wrapped up. I assume counting will commence shortly and will end in a victory of the Barbados Labor Party led by Mia Amor Mottley. If you know anything about the aforementioned woman, you know she is the most captivating speaker of our region at this time, followed maybe by Dr. Ralph Gonsalves, Prime Minister of St. Vincent and the Grenadines. Mottley has star power, no doubt supported by a resourceful public relations team and enhanced by her keen understanding of storytelling, due to

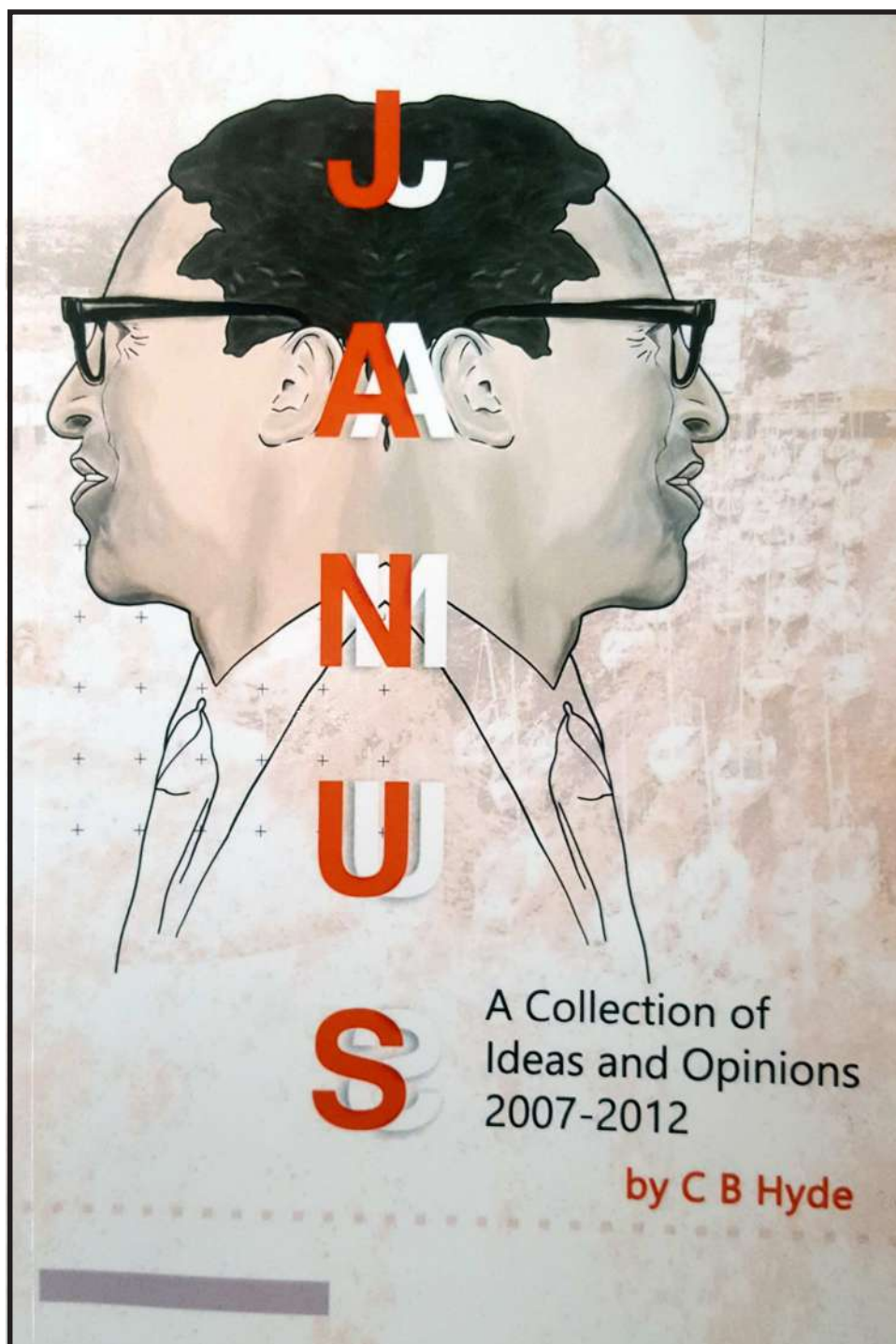
her past roles in film production and direction, and even more sharpened by her tools as a lawyer. Though no less worthy of being listened to, the leader of the next major political party, Verla De Pieza, who is also a lawyer by profession, is eclipsed by Mottley’s star power for several reasons, which I will not expound on here.

Of course, we have seen a 180-degree shift in oratory talent exhibited by our country’s leadership. Freudian slips have been a feature of Prime Minister, Hon. Briceño’s public commentary, a point that he has addressed ad nauseam. From my recollection, it was not even a topic of discussion when Rt. Hon. Dean Barrow led the country, or rather, occupied the office of Prime Minister. In fact, I remember being quite enthralled by his ability to articulate his thoughts while I peered down from the galleries of the National Assembly. I make these observations and comparisons not as indictments, because we all have strengths and weaknesses, but as a background to query whether we as an electorate or as just people in our day-to-day lives pay more attention to *how* a leader speaks as opposed to *what* is said.

Are we more preoccupied with the performance than the essence of the script? More than that, are we even in the slightest concerned with whether the script matches up to subsequent actions, as promised in manifestos or media-bombarded post-interview interviews?

I am a woman, a writer enthralled by speeches of James Baldwin, Kwame Ture and Malcolm X, aroused by the tone of Marcus Garvey, the Manley’s, Maurice Bishop and Mose Hyde. I am a woman of political history who is enchanted by the 1930s and who attempts to compensate by attending party conventions, which is the closest I’ll ever get to the pulse of public meetings of that era. I go for the speeches, but admittedly also for the shenanigans. Former minister Martinez’s jovial dance atop a stage speaker at the Belize City Center remains a favourite memory of mine, and the performance of Punta icon, Mime, at the foot of the Pound Yard Bridge was also a spectacle to behold, as is almost guaranteed when he takes a stage.

The canaries sing in the coal mine for a reason. Be sure to listen intently and read between the lines and spaces of their refrain. Stay curious.



### ATLANTIC INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons to fill the position of **Junior Compliance Officer**

#### Duties and Responsibilities

Assist in developing and maintaining an effective compliance program designed to establish compliance standards and to monitor, detect and prevent compliance deficiencies.

- Assist in developing and implementing an effective compliance program.
- Assist in creating sound internal controls and monitor adherence to them.
- Collaborate with other departments for compliance-related matters, including workflows, policies and procedures, quality review and action plans.
- Participate and support the compliance risk assessment, to identify and manage, compliance risks.
- Identify, manage and communicate regularly with the CCO on compliance issues.
- Assist in preparing reports.
- Perform administrative tasks.
- Address employee concerns or questions relating to compliance.

#### QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE:

This post requires an individual who hold himself/herself to the highest standards and have a strong desire for personal growth and professional success. The individual should display initiative, diligence, self-confidence, and outgoing personalities.

- Minimum - Associate Degree in Business Administration or related field
- Highly-analytical with strong attention to detail, Strong work ethic
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Brilliant oral and written communication skills
- Professional demeanor both on the phone and in person
- Proficiency is required in Microsoft Excel and Microsoft Word
- Bilingual in English and Spanish
- Valid driver’s license and willingness to drive oneself

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ONLINE APPLICATIONS IS MONDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2022**

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST INCLUDE:

TWO RECENT LETTERS OF REFERENCE ONE FROM PAST EMPLOYER AND A VALID POLICE RECORD AND PASSPORT SIZE PICTURE

SEND APPLICATIONS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO:

our website at: <https://aicbelize.com/employment-application>

**Note: Incomplete applications will not be considered. Only short-listed applicants will be contacted for interviews.**

**We thank you for your application.**





**Vacancies at Julian Cho  
Technical High School**



Julian Cho Technical High School invites suitably qualified persons to apply for the following posts:

**1 Building and Furniture Technology/Electrical Teacher - Permanent  
1 Belizean Studies / Social Studies Teacher - Temporary**

**Qualifications for Teacher:**

- Bachelor's Degree in the subject area with pedagogical training preferred however, an associate degree in the subject area may be considered.
- Teaching experience at the secondary level would be an asset.
- Good communication skills and a willingness to uphold the mission of Julian Cho Technical High School.

**Application package must include:**

- A letter of application and resume
- Certified copies of diplomas and certificates
- Original transcript sealed from all post-secondary institutions attended
- Certified copy Birth certificate or Passport
- Certified copy of Social Security Card
- Recent Medical certificate
- Recent Police Record
- Valid Teacher's License (Secondary level)
- Two recent letters of recommendation

**NOTE:** ALL copied documents must be certified by a Justice of the Peace or Notary Public. ALL documents in foreign languages must be accompanied by an official English translation.

**Salary:**

Salary will be in accordance with the government pay scale 8 for Associates Degree and pay scale 16 for Bachelor's Degree

Application packages must be addressed to:

Dr. Kent Leo Arzu  
Secretary  
Board of Managers  
Julian Cho Technical High School  
P.O Box 171  
Toledo District  
Belize, Central America

Deadline for applications is Monday January 24, 2022.

## NOTICE

**GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE TREASURY BILLS  
ISSUE NUMBER 2/2022**

Tenders are invited for an issue of Government of Belize Treasury Bills. The amount of the issue will be \$64,391,800.00.

The Bills will be issued in electronic form only evidenced by an electronic book entry in the Central Securities Depository of the Central Bank of Belize in multiples of \$200 and will be repayable at par 91 days after issue. They will be issued on Tuesday, 25 January 2022 and will be redeemed on Tuesday, 26 April 2022.

Each tender must be for \$200 or a multiple of \$200 and must specify to five decimal places the amount, which is offered for each one hundred dollars face value of the Bills sought.

Members of the public who wish to participate in the auction must submit their bid to the Central Bank of Belize electronically or at the designated drop off box no later than 12:00 noon on Friday, 21 January 2022.

The Auction in the Central Securities Depository System (CSD) will be opened from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm on Tuesday, 25 January 2022.

Successful bidders should arrange to settle via the Automated Payment & Securities Settlement System of Belize (APSSS).

**Bank: Central Bank of Belize**  
**Account: GL1CORP0402627**

**The Government of Belize reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all tenders in whole or in part.**

**CENTRAL BANK OF BELIZE**

Notices are placed on Central Bank of Belize Website ([www.centralbank.org.bz](http://www.centralbank.org.bz))

6 January 2022

## **CAREER OPPORTUNITY FOR THE POST OF CORPORATE OFFICER**

**CAPITAL CORPORATE SERVICES LIMITED** invites qualified candidates for a career opportunity of Corporate Officer.

**EDUCATION:**

Candidate must have an Associate's Degree and at least 2-3 years' experience in corporate field.

**REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS:**

- Broad knowledge and experience in corporate transactions, such as transfer of shares, resolutions, notices, annual renewal processes both in Belize and Anguilla, land transactions such as transfer of land, first registration, cautions, withdrawal of caution, discharge of charge, declarations and any other relatable documents.
- Excellent writing, communication, organizational and problem-solving skills
- Demonstrated ability to be flexible, team player, make suggestion and adopt to change
- Creatively helping in seeking and finding solutions to make the system and procedures flow smoothly
- General knowledge of accounting
- Experience in all the fields listed herein.
- Excellent Interpersonal Skills
- Must have professional demeanor, flexible, dependable, have a sound work ethic and mature attitude to work and be a good communicator and collaborator.

Send application along with resume and photograph no later than 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022 to:

Human Resources  
Coney Drive, Matalon Business Center  
Suite 403 | 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Belize City, Belize  
Email: [eloyso@grandbelizeanestates.com](mailto:eloyso@grandbelizeanestates.com)

## **CAREER OPPORTUNITY FOR THE POST OF COMPLIANCE OFFICER**

**CAPITAL CORPORATE SERVICES LIMITED** invites qualified candidates for a career opportunity of Compliance Officer.

**QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENT:**

Minimum Bachelor's Degree in Management or related field with a minimum of two (2) years compliance related experience

**COMPLIANCE RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Develops, initiates and maintains and revises policies and procedures for the general operation of the Company's Corporate Governance Framework and its related activities to prevent illegal, unethical or improper conduct.
- Monitors and provides monthly reports to management levels of customer compliance and ensure internal compliance targets are met.
- Collaborate with other departments to direct compliance issues to appropriate existing channels for investigation and resolution and/or to obtain accurate and complete information for onward submission to Management
- Be knowledgeable of FATCA and other regulatory requirements and laws relating to compliance governing industry.

**KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS**

- Excellent Interpersonal Skills
- Excellent Communication skills both written and verbal format
- Must have professional demeanor, like reading and research, flexible, dependable, have a sound work ethic and mature attitude to work and be a good communicator and collaborator.

Send application along with resume and photograph no later than 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022 to:

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# Our culture is our prize

by Colin Hyde

One time, sometime back, the police had a checkpoint at Roaring Creek, and their business that day was an immigration check. My comadre was on the bus, going to Belmopan, and the young officer looked at her fair skin and straight hair and went up to her and asked to see her papers. The first few words out of her mouth made that young officer turn tail. My comadre was a grandmother, an older woman, and they are allowed their speech. The young officer said, 'Show me your papers, Miss', and my comadre said, 'You out a yu BLANK mind?'

I told you that story before (maybe my comadre didn't use those exact words), as a preamble to a discussion of the importance of Kriol in the definition of Belize. My comadre, a Mestizo, could have answered in our English or Spanish, and the officer would have understood immediately that she was a roots Belizean, largely because of her accent. We know when we are talking to an American or a person from England because of the way they pronounce their words. Spanish speakers who are familiar with Mexico and the countries of Central America can tell which one an individual is from the moment they engage them in conversation.

Dr. Silvaana could tell us why the way Belizeans taak Spanish and English is distinct. I think our accent and the words we choose are products of our culture, and huge in that is our national language, Kriol. English is our official language, but if yu kyaahn taak Kriol you aren't melting fully in the national pot.

There are people in Belize who will get a little tochiz if they read that last sentence. Belizeans who live on the periphery, in villages that are far from urban centers, are excused, but all the rest need to get the sense. They and all born-ya Belizeans who dream of Mexico and the USA, I pray for them that they get to live where their hearts are. Some go for economic reasons, but those who can't wait to leave us, I'm glad that if nostalgia hits them while they're away they'll get to have their little Belizean get-togethers, where they can play the music and eat the food of home, and drink the drink of home, rum made in Belize. If your heart isn't here, you can go.

Some years ago, I went to the tourist village at Fort Street to see if I could find a vendor who wouldn't mind trying to help me sell a few of my novellas, and I was shocked when I heard the music of the village. It was all foreign. People who come to live here will bring their home with them, but it is improper for them to promote their home in a place that is supposed to showcase Belize, like our tourism villages, like our airports, any place where there are visitors to our land. Belizeans who aren't proud of our culture, I said already, try to get a ticket to foreign.

In another old story, a sincere naturalized Belizean who is very sophisticated told me in a conversation we had sometime back that brokdong was a simple music form and it would never get respect in the international arena. That isn't a direct quote. The brother put it in a way not to offend, well, he tried to, but I got the drift. That didn't bother

me none. We can't demand that everyone likes brokdong, but everyone must hear the sound when they come here.

There are other Belizean music forms, notably from the Garinagu. The paranda is super special music for those who like it slow, the punta for those who like it fast. Lucio and the New Generation and Super Furia do some Spanish music, and it's a unique sound, full of Belizean flavor, but the music born of Belize is the brokdong. It's a pity it will never get a foreign audience, and not all Belizeans like it, but it's our roots culture.

Brokdong is BELIZEAN music. Brokdong comes from mahogany bush, and it was a mixture in those camps, just like our national food, which are pigtail and split peas, relleño and tamales and panades, hudut and darasa, tortilla/roti and stew beans, curry chicken, fry fish and Johnny cake, and rice and beans with stew chikin and salad. There were Waika and Maya and Garinagu and Mestizos and East Indians and Middle Easterns along with Kriols in those mahogany camps, in all kinda mix.

I think we've had too many leaders who aren't proud of our country. How is it possible for us to be making foreigners into new Belizeans without demanding that they learn about our Belize? Just throwing people into the pot without them appreciating what we have here is unfair, especially to Belizeans who are far away from the European phenotype.

I have another old story. I learned a number of things back in 1989, when the PUP had a surprise victory in the general election that year. One of them

was how fragile the national fabric could become if we embrace people before they accept our culture. When I came home from work, my wife told me that a band of new Belizeans had marched on the highway through the village, brandishing machetes and muskets, celebrating what they saw as "Spanish" rule. They were looking wholesale at the skin color and hair texture of most of the victorious PUP—and that's so, so un-Belizean.

The parade was alarming. Let's just say I am a firm believer in being preemptive. I made a rare phone call, and a call came back to tell me that a top PUP had said they would send someone to have a talk with the belligerents. I was told the top PUP also said that our great and beautiful culture would prevail because the children of these new Belizeans would attend schools in Belize, and those ones in school would become true Belizeans, and they'd take our culture back to their parents.

I think we'll agree that that is not a bad vision, but when you are blending different tribes and religions, you have to do far better than that. Every day, the authorities must be about teaching newcomers the Belizean story.

Why do our political leaders insist on putting their narrow little agendas ahead of our country's glory? Our culture is under assault, and none is more insidious than the army of *ten thousand*. What are the efforts of our leaders to defend the Belizean way from the glitzy package on television?

We are vulnerable, because we are confused. You know what happened. They made a MYTH of the 10<sup>th</sup>; they said it was causing division in our people. Making our people more united, that was a noble goal, but you never throw out the baby with the bathwater. The FACT is that the reason why we are different, distinct in this region, distinct in the world, the greatest melting pot in God's great garden, is that we are not Mexicans or Guatemalans or Americans. Bully for them, they are all great people, but because of the 10<sup>th</sup> we are different, unique.

Of course there's some difficulty in the 10<sup>th</sup> story. Is there ever a perfect solution? All we have is truth. But I'll need a whole column for that, so we'll let that lie, for now.

These brothers and sisters we are welcoming into the fold, they have to know about Belize. They have to know that we were really a peaceful haven of democracy, and most of our political leaders were foundationally honest. It's a nice joke on us to say modern Belize was founded by pirates. The fact is they were less terrible than those who were murdering natives in their lust for gold, or running slaves.

## PUBLIC AUCTION SALE: AIRCRAFTS

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BY ORDER of the Asset & Utilities Unit, Ministry of Finance, Government of Belize, Licensed Auctioneer Kevin A. Castillo is selling ONLINE via [belizepropertyauctions.com](http://belizepropertyauctions.com) the below described aircrafts. Sales currently running and will expire Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022 at the times shown on the website.

### 1. British Aerospace BAE 125 800 A SN 258061:



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# IICA Director General reveals climate change mitigation plans for 2<sup>nd</sup> term

Manuel Otero received overwhelming support from international officials. IICA plans to work with GCF to reduce the impact of climate change on the region.



**Manuel Otero, IICA Director General for 2022-2026**

by *Khaila Gentle*

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, Tues. Jan. 18, 2022

Argentinian Manuel Otero was re-

elected as the Director General of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) and will be serving his second consecutive term from 2022 to 2026. According to reports from IICA, Otero received strong support from the Ministers of Agriculture of the Americas, as well as from other international officials. The swearing-in ceremony was held at the IICA headquarters in San Jose, Costa Rica, but was attended virtually by

many of the officials due to the ongoing pandemic.

Some speakers at the event included the Secretary-General of the Organization of American States

(OAS), Luis Almagro; Brazil's Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, and Food Supply and Chair of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA), Tereza Cristina; Minister of Agriculture of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saboto Caesar; the Deputy Executive Director of the Green Climate Fund, Javier Manzanares; and Minister of Agriculture, Marine Resources and Family Island Affairs of the Bahamas, Hon. Clay Sweeting.

Many of the speakers took the time to emphasize the important role that IICA plays in tackling the challenges that the region (and the world) faces in food production and commended the Director General for his efforts in advancing agrifood system sustainability in the hemisphere.

"Otero's tremendous coordination

capacity served to advance critical issues for the Hemisphere's agriculture sector. We hope that IICA will continue to support the countries in protecting agriculture and free and fair trade. Agriculture plays a pivotal role in generating income and employment and guaranteeing food and nutritional security. IICA is the home of agriculture in the Americas and we, the countries, are counting on you," said Minister Tereza Cristina after administering the oath of office to Otero.

OAS Secretary-General, Luis Almagro, spoke on the importance of agriculture, stating that it is much more than just an essential economic activity.

"It is also a means of earning a living and caring for the environment; it is education and food security. We must produce more and better, because this will serve as a springboard for our development. Otero has assumed this commitment with great efficacy," said Almagro.

During his address, the Director General highlighted many of the milestones achieved in his previous term, including the transformation of the region's agri-food systems and the establishment of several strategic partnerships. He also thanked the ministers of agriculture for their support.

Also during Otero's swearing-in ceremony, Deputy Executive Director of the Green Climate Fund (GCF), Javier Manzanares, announced that the GCF—the world's largest climate fund—will be partnering with IICA to implement a joint program for mitigating the impact of climate change on the Americas' livestock industry. The project, which has secured funding of about 100 million dollars, aims to reduce the methane emissions produced by the industry. Methane gas, which is harmful to the environment when released into the atmosphere, is one of the main contributors to climate change and global warming.

"The first step of the initiative—the undertaking of feasibility studies through a 1.5 million dollar capital contribution by the GCF—will assist in developing more efficient production processes and will give both the private and public sectors an opportunity to pitch their projects," reported IICA.

Manzanares pointed out that the agriculture sector contributes 25% of the world's greenhouse gases, but it also has been adversely impacted by climate change, especially in the form of extreme weather events.

The Green Climate Fund was established to help developing nations adapt to climate change and establish practices that will help mitigate its effects. Director General Otero stated that IICA is honoured to be partnering with the GCF. And, in closing, he emphasized the important role of the project in achieving sustainable agricultural production in the region.



## VACANCY: JOB OPPORTUNITY

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons to fill the following post in the Marine Department. In the Port's continued effort to promote diversity both males/females, able/ differently abled are encouraged to apply for the available post.

### BOAT CAPTAIN

**Reports to:** Marine Manager

**Summary of Responsibilities:** The primary duty of the Boat Captain is to safely navigate the vessel of which he has in command. The captain has absolute authority relating to the safe conduct of his voyage and he alone shall make determinations regarding the safety of his vessel, crew and passengers, including when put to the sea. This post is fun and challenging, come prepared for a new venture.

#### **Job Responsibilities:**

- Operate and navigate all Port of Belize Limited vessels under command in a safe and efficient manner.
- Ensure that the Pilots Launches are always in a state of readiness to perform its function. Be thoroughly familiar with the duties of a Captain/Engineer as contained in Belize Port Authority Mariner's Handbook.
- Provide proper accounting for all fuel and lubricants and for spare parts used in repairs and maintenance including a log Book for each vessel.
- Ensure the safe handling of hazardous material in compliance with current safety precautions and environmental protection laws and regulations in the procurement, stowage and disposal of such materials.
- Ensure that the Pilots & Stevedores embarking and disembarking from ship are done in a safe and efficient manner.
- Follow proper and comprehensive preventative maintenance program for the Pilot Launches as provided and assist to effect repairs to engines of the Pilot Launch.
- In time of emergency or danger, when in command, give proper and clear instructions.
- Inspect Vessels, check fuel levels, major shipboard systems, navigational lights and sound devices.
- Ensure all safety devices are onboard and in good working order.
- Complete Pre & Post voyage check list.
- Any other duties of a related nature assigned from time to time.

#### **Job Qualifications/Requirement:**

- Minimum High School Diploma.
- 5 years' boat handling experience preferred (minimum Class B).
- Possess a valid Boat Captain License Class C.
- Knowledge of maritime laws and regulations

**Required Skills, Knowledge and Characteristics:** To be selected applicants must possess the following important characteristics:

- Firm Knowledge of marine craft communication and problem-solving skills.
- Must have the ability to adapt to changing conditions and respond to emergency situations.
- Able to easily multi-task and work independently.
- Team Oriented, Punctual, and Ethical

**Compensation Package:** Will be commensurate (in accordance with the Company's Salary Structure).

**To apply:** Provide updated resume, cover letter ([addressed to Human Resource Manager](#)), copy of valid social security card, valid police report, name and phone number of two(2) previous employers.

**Email to:**

[jobapplications@portofbelize.com](mailto:jobapplications@portofbelize.com)

**Closing date for receipt of applications is Monday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022.**



## Vladimir Putin's annual news conference — Part 4

It took a long time for Belize to have a better relationship with Russia, a country that has proven to be a good friend to the needy countries of the Americas. An example is the good relationship that Russia has had with Cuba and the assistance it provided in the development of the Caribbean island, always respecting the rights that the Cuban people have in the internal affairs of the country without the intention of a recolonization, as other Western countries have done following the passage of the Monroe Doctrine.

My congratulations, and may our good relationship continue, not only with Russia but also with any other country in the world, since we are an independent nation that has the right to have a good relationship with any other country, taking advantage of opportunities for trade. It would be good that those who are in charge of the Belize tourism industry open the doors to all the travel agencies of the world so we can have visitors to this country to stay in hotels and not only on cruise ships. Tourists who come through travel agencies to stay spend more money in the country than those that come on cruise ships.

I would like to ask a personal question to the Ministry of Tourism: Is there a hotel in Belize that receives guests from at least 350 travel agencies throughout the world? After

saying the above, permit me, our dear readers of this column, to continue with the 4th part of Vladimir Putin's annual press conference:

**Veronika Ichetkina:** May I clarify something?

**Vladimir Putin:** Yes, of course, go ahead.

**Veronika Ichetkina:** I have also asked how higher social spending will affect inflation.

**Vladimir Putin:** Yes, right. Sorry. You are absolutely right, and this is one of the key issues with maintaining macroeconomic stability, because many of the world's leading economies have relaxed their macroeconomic policies and have significantly accelerated their money-printing presses. This is an obvious thing, and it has led to a fairly high inflation in the leading economies — this much is also obvious. Everyone sees this — these are the numbers everyone can see. Budget deficits are growing in all leading countries, all of them, higher in the United States, slightly less in the Eurozone, but still, this is a significant and unusual change. For example, the inflation rate in the world's leading economy, the United States, is 6.1–6.2 percent, if memory serves, whereas the target figure was 2 percent. In other words, the inflation rate is three times above the target figure. Inflation is high in Russia as well, 8 percent, while the target was

4 percent. Our inflation rate has grown twofold, whereas it has tripled in the United States.

This is serious. I believe that the FRS [US Federal Reserve System] will have to do something about this. This soft monetary policy is having an impact on macroeconomics and ultimately cancels out the positive goals of this policy, including support for the economy and the citizens. We have this problem as well, because 8 percent is too high, and we certainly need to attain the target rate of 4 percent. Of course, we can criticise the Central Bank. I am aware of this, because I maintain daily contact with our colleagues from the real economy sector, and I know that they are criticising the Central Bank, and I know their arguments. Trust me, we meet nearly every day, although this is not reported on television. They sit three metres from me, and we discuss problems. Television only shows a small part of my contacts and meetings, when we work in front of cameras. I hold such meetings and conferences nearly every day. They just sit down further away from me, just about three metres away. But we discuss things every day.

I know that the real economy is not happy with increased interest rates. But if we do not do this, the situation will be like in Turkey. This is the problem. It is a serious matter and a



by Clinton Canul Luna

major challenge. Of course, this instrument should be used carefully, but the Central Bank has an independent policy. This may seem strange to you, but I do not interfere with the Central Bank's operations. However, I have a positive view of them, and I believe that we usually manage to find a middle ground. Why? What are the risks of raising interest rates? This can hinder growth. We must grow faster than the world's average, by 3.4–3.5 percent a year in the near future, not even as high as now — by 4.6 percent. The target of 4.4–4.5 percent would be great. But increased interest rates are decreasing the possibility of attaining this goal. We cannot see this now, because the lending volume is not decreasing, and banking possibilities are growing. Sberbank will report 1 trillion rubles' worth of profits this year. In other words, we have found a middle ground, by and large.

(To Be Continued)

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## Ancient interbreeding with mysterious archaic population

Science is a very important field, not only to know nature but also to know ourselves and to be able to get to know how and when was the beginning of miscegenation. So much so, that it makes us understand that there were mixtures of the human species and the other species prior to its perfection. This brings us to our days or to the current time where the mixture between us continues. This is something that cannot be stopped by any force, be it physical or mental. In a couple of millennia we will be a new species, race, ethnic group or whatever new name they will give it in their time. For the moment, allow me, our dear readers of this column, to present the following information that I find quite interesting.

### **Ancient humans interbred with a mysterious archaic population**

1% Ancient humans interbred with a mysterious archaic population

1% 700,000 years ago, a study found — it's the earliest known mating between different human species

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Aylin Woodward Feb 20, 2020

Neanderthal 2020 human evolution

A model of a Neanderthal male in his 20s. Our human evolutionary lineage includes many species and

relatives, including Neanderthals and Denisovans. Scientists already knew that modern humans interbred with Neanderthals and Denisovans 40,000 to 60,000 years ago. But a new study showed that the ancestors of Neanderthals and Denisovans also interbred with a mysterious population of ancient humans in Eurasia much earlier: 700,000 years ago. It's the earliest known example of mating between different human populations. Our evolutionary history is full of interspecies sex. Different human ancestor species seem to have mingled and mated far more than anthropologists previously realized. Neanderthals interbred with modern humans. Homo sapiens had sex with Denisovans. And 700,000 years ago, according to a new study, a population of ancient humans mated with a distinct unknown population that had separated from other human species at least 1 million years prior.

"This continues the story that we've been seeing in studies throughout the past decade: There's lots more interbreeding between lots of human populations than we were aware of ever before," Alan Rogers, an anthropologist and the lead author of the new study, told *Business Insider*.

"This discovery has pushed the time depth of those interbreedings much further back." According to his team's research, published today in the journal *Science Advances*, the newly discovered interbreeding event took place in Eurasia, and it represents the earliest known example of mating between different populations of ancient humans. The analysis, which compared DNA from Neanderthals, Denisovans, and modern humans from Europe and Africa, lends further credence to the idea that our ancestors' genes (and our own) came from myriad sources.

### **The oldest episode of interbreeding in the anthropological record**

When geneticists finished sequencing the Neanderthal genome in 2010, they realized that Neanderthals had interbred with modern humans between 40,000 and 60,000 years ago. Then a 2018 study showed that Denisovans — which disappeared about 50,000 years ago — passed on some of their genes to Homo sapiens. But the interbreeding event that Rogers and his colleagues found was far, far older. In that case, a group of humans who were ancestors of both Neanderthals and Denisovans (the study authors nicknamed them

"neandersovans") interbred with their predecessor species about 744,000 years ago. Those predecessors, in turn, were part of a "superarchaic" group in Eurasia that was between 20,000 and 50,000 people in size. A major implication of the study, then, is that human populations migrated from Africa to Eurasia three times during our long evolutionary history: once 1.9 million years ago, again 700,000 years ago, and then a final time 50,000 years ago. The first of these waves involved the "superarchaics." Then the neandersovans followed 700,000 years ago; they likely separated from the modern human lineage before they migrated north, the study said. As that second wave of ancestors moved into Eurasia, the researchers wrote, they likely "interbred with indigenous Eurasians, largely replaced them, and separated into eastern and western subpopulations — Denisovans and Neanderthals." Then many hundreds of thousands of years later, modern humans left Africa, interbreeding with Neanderthals — and eventually Denisovans — as they spread through Eurasia. "These same events unfolded once again around 50,000 years ago



# From the Publisher

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On Sunday morning when I checked my e-mail, I saw that Elma Whittaker Augustine had mailed me the day before to say that her husband, Cliff, had passed the day before in Chicago.

We knew that with Cliff it was only a matter of time, because he had been ailing for years with serious kidney disease. In fact, just a few months ago he insisted that Elma bring him home one last time to visit his home village, Hopkins (Stann Creek District), which she did, although the trip was complicated by all the medical apparatus and medications involved with Cliff's condition.

I met him at a home they had built in the Lake Garden area on that visit, and the love between him and Elma was, as always, awesome and inspiring. I thought, as always, what are these two doing being such friends of mine when my personality is so different from theirs, so cantankerous?

You could never meet a

couple as sweet as Cliff and Elma. Their love had blossomed under very difficult circumstances way back around 1972, 1973. Cliff was an ordained Roman Catholic priest: he had to be released from his priestly vows to marry Elma. Elma was a student at Pallotti High School, her parents' eldest child, and she was Creole. Cliff was Garifuna.

I'd met Elma in 1970 when I lived on Waight Street in the Yarborough area. When I rode my bike from home in the mornings to the downtown city, I had to pass two families who treated me with a lot of love: these were the Earl Smith and the Whittaker families.

Elma was an executive officer of the rump UBAD organization

between 1973 and 1974. I use the term "rump" to describe the fact of our organization having been split into two, and she remained with the section under my leadership. She also sold advertisements for our little AMANDALA newspaper, which was a letter press product at the time. Elma was a soldier. Smiling and pleasant and gentle, but a soldier.

She got her Ph.D. in Chicago, and now Elma is a big-time scholar. I am so proud of her, and feel such grief for her at Cliff's passing. They were a perfect couple. Serious thing.

Elma sent me a wedding photo. I was Cliff's best man, and Hanifa Reneau was Elma's maid-of-honor.

Ras Pin, my deepest condolences to you and your siblings on the death of your beloved father.

Relatives and friends of Cliff and Elma, this is how it is. As we live, so shall we die.

Rest in perfect peace, Cliff. My brother from another mother.



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Suppliers are invited to submit a price quotation that includes all fees for 1,500 bags of Sheep Lactation and 1,500 bags of Sheep Weaner. Each Bag must weigh 50 pounds and meet the Crude Protein Percentage indicated below. Both Items are to be delivered to the National Sheep and Goat Breeding Center at the Livestock Section in Central Farm **monthly or bimonthly** depending on the delivery schedule that is agreed upon.

Item	Sheep Ration	CP Content (%)	Total amount required
1.	Lactation	23%	1,500 bags
2.	Weaner	21%	1,500 bags

Other requirements and information on the CP Content for each item are as follows:

**A tendering letter by interested suppliers including quotation in Belize Dollars is to be emailed to [h.y.huang@icdf.org.tw](mailto:h.y.huang@icdf.org.tw) before 4:00 p.m. Friday January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022.** Late bids will not be accepted. Bids received on time will be opened on Friday January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. for evaluation and selection. The bidder whose offer has been determined to be the lowest evaluated quotation and is qualify to satisfy the contract shall be awarded the purchase order. For further details on the tendering process please contact Sheep & Goat Project via telephone number 832-8187 or email at [h.y.huang@icdf.org.tw](mailto:h.y.huang@icdf.org.tw).



# PRESS PREDICTIONS

## The sports psychic speaks

### BOLEDO

**Press Predictions 38-49-52  
Boledo Stats thru 21<sup>st</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>  
Jan. 2022**

In boledo news, the 8 ball is very hot right now. These are my lucky numbers for this week: 38-15-13-52-03-49. These are my lucky jackpot numbers: 2706-9310-6842. These are my lucky PICK-3 numbers: 521-010-643-986-707-573. Get ready Belize, some dinero will be coming our way. 02 refuses to play since the 5<sup>th</sup> of March 2020, that's over 1 year 10 months 2 weeks and 1 day now. Then 50 is still our since the 15<sup>th</sup> of July 2020. That's over 1 year 6 months and 5 days now. 22 has been out since the 9<sup>th</sup> of September, my mother's birthday, that's over 1 year 4 months 1 week and 4 days now. 55 is still our since the 14<sup>th</sup> of October 2020, that's over 1 year 3 months and 1 week exact. The eighties series will dominate this year. The thirties series won 3 years in a row. Condolences go out to my family on the passing of my beloved mother. Ms. Lenna Raina Rowland, 81 years old. Remember to read your Psalms: 72-91-63.

### 15K MARATHON

**Amir Ramos won the 15K Race in 54:35**

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> George Price 15K Marathon**

In athletics news, Freetown Reserve Promotion presents the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual George Price Day 15K Classic. There were 16 runners that took part in the marathon race from the Mile 8 roundabout to the Barber



**Amir Ramos**

Shop on Freetown Road. In the Elite, Amir Ramos, 25 years old, won in 54:35, young Andrew Armstrong just 16 years young was third, second place was Fred Usher. Mr. Marvin Hope was 4<sup>th</sup>, but he won his age group. Mr. Amit Pun was fifth, he represented BATSUB. The Next race will be on the 12<sup>th</sup> of February. All first prize places received \$ 200.00, all runners got a medal. "Tabu" African George Oppong, Chester Arzu who won the first classic last year was second in his age group, he was sixth overall. The Hon. Patrick Faber, the Leader of the Opposition UDP, participated in the race and did pretty well, he donated his cash prize back to the organizer of the race Mr. Kenrick Sanchez, the president. Anthony Flores aka "Ladies" came in last place with a time of over 2 hours. In the Ladies category, miss Martha Novelo won the race in 1 hour 11 minutes. Enuff respect to Brad's Boledo, the Hon. Francis Fonseca and the Freetown constituency, Thanks.

### NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

**Ja Morant is the best all around player in the league**

**NBA Results and Predictions**

In NBA action, the East is getting very competitive, especially with the playing of the Chicago Bulls and the Cleveland Cavaliers, DeMar DeRozan and Alex Caruso are putting up some numbers. The Brooklyn Nets and Kevin Durant alongside James Harden and Kyrie Erving are at the second spot at the moment. The Miami Heat have a deep bench, the Milwaukee Bucks are rolling again, their MVP Giannis Antetokounmpo is playing at a high level, he wants to repeat. Joel Embiid and the Philadelphia 76ers need back Ben Simmons. In the West, the Memphis Grizzlies have won 12 straight games, Ja Morant is the best all around player in the league right now. They are at the



**Ja Morant**

third spot behind the Phoenix Suns and the Golden State Warriors. The Utah Jazz, the Denver

Nuggets and the Dallas Mavericks are between the 4, 5 & 6 spots, the Los Angeles Lakers at the 7 spot. LeBron James is taking a lot of pressure right now. He will leave the Lakers next season to go back to Cleveland to end his career there. Next week more stats.

### NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

**There will be a lots of upsets in the playoffs**

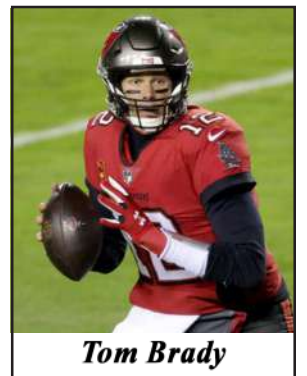
**NFL playoff results & predictions**

In NFL action, the playoffs got started Saturday with 2 games, the Cincinnati Bengals beat the Las Vegas Raiders 26 to 19. Then in the other game, the Buffalo Bills crushed the New England Patriots 47 to 17. Then on Sunday there were 3 more games. The defending



**by Gilroy "Press" Cadogan**

champions the Tampa Bay Buccaneers beat the upstart Philadelphia Eagles 31 to 15. Tom Brady had 2 TD passes and over 300 throwing yards. In the other game, the San Francisco 49ers upset the Dallas Cowboys 23 to 17, Dak Prescott only had 1 TD pass. Then the Chiefs beat the Steelers 42 to 21. The 49ers will face off against Aaron Rodgers and the Green Bay Packers who had the best record at 14-3, that game will be very exciting. There are only 8 teams left. Next week some more playoff results and predictions.



**Tom Brady**

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## VACANCY

### REAL ESTATE OFFICER

Interested applicants must:

- Have at least 3 years working experience and knowledge in the field
- Possess skills in preparation of legal documents, correspondence and corporate requirements
- Excellent command of both written and spoken English
- Be detail, organizational and time-oriented
- Be proficient in the use of QuickBooks, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Word etc.
- Be able to work efficiently as a part of a team as well as independently
- Have a confident, consistent, decisive personality

**Attractive salary being offered.  
All applications will be kept confidential.**

Applications must be sent to email: [info@belizelawyer.com](mailto:info@belizelawyer.com) no later than **February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.**

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The U.S. Embassy Belmopan is seeking eligible and qualified applicants for the following position:

**Position Name:** Maintenance Mechanic (Generator Mechanic)  
**Vacancy number:** Belmopan-2022-02  
**Closing date:** January 28, 2022

Interested applicants must submit their application via the Electronic Recruitment Application (ERA) system, a web-based system. To view and apply for this vacancy, visit the ERA site at: <https://erajobs.state.gov/dos-era/blz/vacancysearch/searchVacancies.hms>

Please visit the Embassy's website for instructions on how to apply via the ERA system: <https://bz.usembassy.gov/embassy/jobs/>

**Note 1:** Resumes **will not** be considered. Candidates must note all work experience when completing the ERA application. Insufficient or incomplete information will result in an ineligible application.

**Note 2:** Candidates **must** submit applicable required documentation by the closing date of this announcement. Failure to provide the required documentation will result in an ineligible application.



# Ancient interbreeding with mysterious archaic population

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as modern humans expanded out of Africa and into Eurasia, largely replacing the Neanderthals and Denisovans," the study authors wrote.

A population of 'superarchaic humans'

Rogers' team's discovery came after they compared publicly available modern human DNA with ancient DNA. The analysis showed at least four watershed moments in which genetic material passed from one human species to another over the past 1 million years. Three of those moments matched the results of other studies. But the oldest instance was a new find. In addition to representing the oldest evidence of human interbreeding on record, the finding is also surprising because the two populations that mated were far less closely related than other human groups previously known to have interbred. Whereas modern humans and Neanderthals had been on separate branches of the evolutionary tree for about 750,000 years when they interbred, the newly discovered population and the neanderthals had been separated for more than 1 million years.

Several mysteries remain, however. Rogers' team isn't sure what ancient species the superarchaic population belonged to. All they know is genetic evidence suggests the superarchaics separated from our human lineage about 2 million years ago and that ancient humans were living in Eurasia at the time the species separation occurred. "We've got fossil evidence of humans in Eurasia that dates back to 1.85 million years old," Rogers said. At least two groups of human species, or taxa, lived in Eurasia during the time the superarchaics broke off from our lineage. One, *Homo erectus*, was the first of our ancestors to walk upright. The other possible taxon was *Homo erectus*' younger cousin, *Homo antecessor*, which inhabited modern-day Spain. "Any of those taxa might be the superarchaics," Rogers said. "Or they might be some taxon we don't know about yet." But regardless of which group the superarchaics belonged to, Rogers said, the new evidence of interbreeding offers a glimpse into an ancient time period that researchers know very little about. "We're just shedding light on an interval on human evolutionary history that was previously completely dark," he said.

[fincasolan@gmail.com](mailto:fincasolan@gmail.com)  
January 16, 2022  
Finca Solana  
Corozal Town

## SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE RRB.CS.48 – ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Project country:	Belize
Financing institution:	International Fund for Agricultural Development
Client:	Ministry of Finance, Economic Development, and Investment
Project name:	Resilient Rural Belize Programme
Title:	Specific Procurement Notice (SPN)
Procurement type:	Individual Consulting Services
Procurement Post:	Administrative Assistant
Loan/Credit/Grant Financing No.:	2000002301

**Background:** The Government of Belize (GOB), with financing from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the Green Climate Fund (GCF), has embarked on a six-year Programme, Resilient Rural Belize (RRB), which aims to minimize the impacts of climatic and economic events on smallholder farmers while supporting sustainable market access for their produce. The programme will help farmers employ climate resilient agricultural practices and technologies; integrate profitable smallholder participation into the development of select vegetable, fruit, and honey value chains; and support smallholder production capacity through investments in public and private climate resilient infrastructure and in the strengthening of smallholder farmer Producers Organizations and relevant GOB Departments.

**Scope of Service:** The Administrative Assistant will provide support to the Programme Manager and the RRB Programme Management Unit Staff to ensure the efficient and effective execution of all required Programme implementation tasks.

### **Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Be responsible for day-to-day project correspondence, information sharing and filing ensuring that appropriate follow-up actions are taken.
- Maintain a record and filing system as repository of all pertinent Project documents at the RRB Office both in hard and electronic copy files.
- Assist in the encoding of Project documents and reports (e.g. minutes, agreements, MOUS, and presentation), as necessary;
- Prepare minutes of meetings as necessary.
- Assist with the procurement of and manage all office supplies and consumables.
- Maintain records of stock inventory.
- Assist the Procurement Officer in the bidding process, as necessary.
- Assist the Procurement Officer with the maintenance of the Contract Monitoring database.
- Maintain and Update the Supplier/Vendor Listing in par with the Procurement Officer
- Organize all workshop/trainings, programme oversight committee meetings and both mission and staff meetings.
- Prepare Minutes of Meetings as necessary.
- Plan all events including publicizing of events, assisting with creation of flyers and promotional material, following up with guests and attendees, logistics coordination, venue preparation and communication with relevant suppliers.
- Organizing travel arrangements for programme staff, consultants and IFAD mission members (including procurement of tickets, airport transport and hotel reservations);
- Liaise with project counterparts on day-to-day implementation of project activities.
- Support the Programme Manager and PMU Officers/Specialists as needed and undertake any other activity that may be assigned by the Programme Manager.

**Academic Qualification and General Experience:** The Administrative Assistant must possess.

- Minimum of an associate degree in Business Administration, Management, Economics, Agribusiness and/or related field.
- Minimum of three (3) years' experience providing administrative assistant services. Experience working with IFI funded projects will be considered an asset.

**Reporting:** The Administrative Assistant will work closely with all the RRB PMU Officers especially the Procurement Officer but will report directly to the Programme Manager. The duty station for the position will be at the Programme Management Unit in Belmopan City.

**Clarifications:** Any request for clarification should be sent via e-mail to the address below no later than January 19, 2022, at 3:00pm. The client will provide responses to all clarification requests by January 26, 2022 at 3:00pm.

### **Resilient Rural Belize Programme**

Attn: Nadia Vernon  
Procurement Officer  
National Agriculture Showgrounds  
Hummingbird Highway, Belmopan City  
Email: [Nvernon.rrb@med.gov.bz](mailto:Nvernon.rrb@med.gov.bz)

### **Application Submission:**

Interested candidates are requested to submit ONE PDF FILE that shall include a Letter of Interest, Curriculum Vitae, and two (2) recommendation letters along with a copy of the highest degree. The deadline to submit applications is February 4, 2022, at 3:00p.m. via the following File Request Link: <https://bit.ly/3ITaBHS>

*(Note: No application submitted via email will be accepted)*

A consultant will be selected in accordance with the individual consultant selection (ICS) method set out in IFAD' Project Procurement Handbook that can be accessed via the IFAD website at [www.ifad.org/project-procurement](http://www.ifad.org/project-procurement). Interviews *will* be conducted as part of the selection process.





## Vacancy Announcement United States Peace Corps in Belize

**Short-term** vacancies exist with Peace Corps Belize for **Language and Cultural Facilitators (LCFs)** for the Spanish and Kriol Languages.

**Duration of Contract:** March 28th to July 29th, 2022, with a possible extension to August 8th, 2022 based on need.

### Basic Function of the Position

The Language and Cultural Facilitator (LCF) is an integral part of Peace Corps Belize's Pre-Service Training (PST) team, responsible for language and cross-cultural instruction to new Peace Corps Trainees. The LCF plans and delivers daily language lessons, provides cross-cultural and health technical instruction to Trainees, and documents each Trainees' progress on language acquisition. The LCF is required to reside in the training community of Belmopan for the duration of the work week (Monday to Friday). If the LCF lives more than an hour away, then the LCF may be considered for a housing allowance to defray the cost of accommodations.

With the COVID-19 pandemic that is currently affecting Belize and the world, the start date is subject to change and successful candidates will be duly informed.

### Minimum Requirements:

- Associate's Degree in a field related to the position: Primary Education, English, General Studies, Biology, Mathematics or Science (must indicate in the cover letter);
- A minimum of one (1) year of teaching experience (must indicate in the cover letter);
- Advanced level skills in speaking, reading and writing Spanish (must indicate language proficiency in the cover letter); or Native fluency in Kriol (must indicate language proficiency in the cover letter);
- Available to work, based on the entire contract dates of March 28th, start date to July 29th, end date (must indicate in the cover letter); and
- If not from the training community, willing to be on duty in training community from May 31st – July 22nd (must indicate in the cover letter);
- Basic computer proficiency in Microsoft Office (must indicate in the cover letter).

**Position Salary:** Commensurate with educational background and work experience.

### Application Process/Deadline:

- Overseas Contracting Officers may give preference to personal services contract (PSC) candidates residing in Belize or who are Belizean citizens at the time of application.
- Ensure that the cover letter refers to the **specific language position** for which you would like to apply (Spanish or Kriol) and includes how you qualify according to each minimum requirement.
- For a complete scope of work, send a request to [bz-vacancies@peacecorps.gov](mailto:bz-vacancies@peacecorps.gov).
- Review of applications shall commence on January 28th and applications will be accepted until position is filled.
- Email cover letter, resume and contact information of three references to [bz-vacancies@peacecorps.gov](mailto:bz-vacancies@peacecorps.gov).

**Important to Note: Cover letters that do not include the minimum requirements highlighted above in the "Minimum Requirements" section of this ad will not be considered for the position. Additionally, all submissions must include a cover letter and resume or it will not be considered.**

**Additional Information:** For additional general information regarding the Peace Corps, please visit our website at: [www.peacecorps.gov](http://www.peacecorps.gov).

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*The United States Peace Corps is an Equal Opportunity Employer.*

## ATLANTIC INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons to fill the position of **HUMAN RESOURCE & ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT MANAGER**

### Duties and Responsibilities

1. Prepare bi-monthly payroll and all relevant supporting reports.
2. Maintain current filing system for Department ensuring all employees files are current and that proper documentation on all employees are filed.
3. Maintain employees' attendance records
4. Maintain and Monitor sick days used by employees.
5. Issue IDs to all employees.
6. Assist in procuring employee's uniform.
7. Procure and coordinate all needed professional services for the office.
8. Assist with organizing and procuring all necessary services for all social functions of the company.
9. Assist with Procuring all necessary office furniture, fixture and equipment.
10. Ensure proper maintenance and employee usage of equipment and vehicles.
11. Order stationary and supplies as needed by the department and the other departments that falls under SAP support
12. Annually ensure that files "closed" by department are relocated with accessibility to Assistant Manager and Department Manager only.
13. Assist with ensuring that job description, desk manuals and Company employee manuals are updated as needed.
14. Supervise the department support staff and holds over in the absence of Human Resource Manager.
15. Manage attendance for the District Office Custodial Staff.

### QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

#### Personal Attributes

The Assistant Manager must maintain strict confidentiality in performing the duties and demonstrate the following personal attributes:

- ❖ be honest & trustworthy
- ❖ be respectable
- ❖ possess cultural awareness and sensitivity
- ❖ be flexible
- ❖ demonstrate sound work ethics
- ❖ ability to pay Attention to detail
- ❖ proficient communicator
- ❖ active listener
- ❖ strong team management capability
- ❖ organized & analytical
- ❖ good command of technology

#### Work Experience & Qualifications

##### Required

- ❖ Minimum – Bachelor Degree in Human Resource Management or Business Administration with Minor in HR Management.
- ❖ 3 years working experience, directly in HR Functions
- ❖ Brilliant oral and written communication skills
- ❖ Professional demeanor both on the phone and in person
- ❖ Proficiency is required in Microsoft Excel and Microsoft Word
- ❖ Valid driver's license and willingness to drive oneself

##### Optional

- ❖ Bilingual in English and Spanish
- ❖ Experience working with SAP Software Solution

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ONLINE APPLICATIONS IS  
MONDAY 31 JANUARY 2022**

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST INCLUDE:  
TWO RECENT LETTERS OF REFERENCE ONE FROM PAST EMPLOYER  
AND A VALID POLICE RECORD AND PASSPORT SIZE PICTURE

SEND APPLICATIONS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO:  
our website at: <https://aicbelize.com/employment-application>

**Note: Incomplete applications will not be considered. Only short-listed applicants will be contacted for interviews.**

**We thank you for your application.**



# Local artist Marlyn Vansen diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis

*The singer and performing artist spoke openly about her diagnosis and is asking for assistance in obtaining medication.*

by Khaila Gentle

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Jan. 19, 2022

On Sunday, January 16, singer Marlyn Vansen shared with the public that she was recently diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis—an incurable and sometimes debilitating disease of the brain and spinal cord in which the body's immune system attacks its own nerve cells. While there is no cure for MS, adequate treatment can aid in the management of symptoms and slow the disease's progression, but obtaining the needed medication has been a challenge for Vansen and her family. Not only is it extremely expensive, but it is also currently unavailable in Belize. In order to get medication, the family is seeking assistance in any way possible,

including referrals and financial donations.

“For every day that I don't take the medication, I'm afraid that my situation is just getting worse. So I am reaching out, to anyone, or a n y



**Marlyn Vansen –  
singer, dancer, performing artist**

organization, that would like to assist in any way possible in getting the proper medication,” said the artist, who is also the mother of a one-year-old girl.

“Sadly, this is something I will probably be fighting

for the rest of my life, but with God, your help & family support, I believe that I could fight this and come out on top,” she added.

Vansen's brother, David, spoke with the media about her experience leading up to the diagnosis and the challenges that she has been facing since. He said that the singer began exhibiting symptoms one day in late November of last year when half of her body suddenly became paralyzed. Although the paralysis only lasted a minute or so, it eventually began occurring repeatedly throughout the day. After that, Marlyn also began suffering from seizures. Several doctor visits and misdiagnoses later, an MRI scan revealed that Vansen was suffering from Multiple Sclerosis. Since then, Marlyn has continued to experience very painful episodes that repeatedly cause cramping in the muscles of her arms and legs.

The MS journey is a lifelong one, since there is no cure for the disease and the medication to treat the disease costs thousands of dollars per month. But David Vansen also noted that despite the severity of Marlyn's illness, she—along with her entire family—is trying to remain positive.

“Marlyn's intention right now is to not only help herself but to help others through information. She wants to spread the word and the awareness about MS for people who may be going through the same thing that she went through, you know, having symptoms and not knowing what's happening to you. She wants to get the word about that out,” he said.

The artist has also been using her passion for music as a way to cope with her situation and to remain calm in the face of its challenges.

Over 2.3 million people worldwide are currently living with Multiple Sclerosis. Its symptoms can include fatigue, blurry vision, seizures, weakness in the limbs, loss of coordination, paralysis, and many other complications. Anyone who wishes to assist the Vansen family can contact Marlyn's brother David at +501-614-5123, her mother, Marcella Vansen, at +501-614-3723, or her husband, Ashton Wagner, at +501-614-4232. Donations can be sent to Marlyn's Heritage Bank account under the name Marlyn Vansen and account number 1213301. The family is also looking for assistance in setting up a GoFundMe account.



## VACANCY: JOB OPPORTUNITY

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons to fill the following post in the IT Department. In the Port's continued effort to promote diversity, both females/males, are encouraged to apply for the available post.

### IT SUPPORT TECHNICIAN

#### Reports to: IT Supervisor

**Summary of Responsibilities:** The IT Service Desk is the central point of contact for all IT related incidents and service requests. The role of the IT Support Technician is to provide second line support for all team members Port of Belize Limited. An IT Support Technician is responsible for resolving complex support requests with computer hardware, software, and network systems, as well as meeting customer satisfaction and continuous service delivery demands. Provides research and support for new technologies to be used within our environment. IT Support staff work in a dynamic, fast-paced environment which provides services over the phone, through e-mail, phone, and in person.

#### Job Responsibilities:

1. Diagnose and resolve software and hardware incidents, including operating system and across a range of software applications.
2. Assist all users with any logged IT related incident when called upon.
3. Manage IT Department Inventory and Provide Monthly report.
4. Upgrade Windows Operating systems and Microsoft office applications.
5. Active Directory Management - Create and Manage Domain User accounts.
6. Adminstrate TOS (Terminal Operating System) OCTOPI and CMMS.
7. Coordinate with Software Vendors regarding application issues and new features, roll outs, etc.
8. Supervised daily backups and test weekly/monthly backup integrity.
9. Manage and control the implementation of new IT systems, and the ongoing refinement of existing systems.
10. Ensuring that systems and applications are optimized and effective, and that necessary support skills are in place.
11. Able to manage and troubleshoot VLANS Networking issues (Local Network, Surveillance Network, and VOIP network)
12. Able to run and create queries in SQL and produce reports when needed undertaking other duties not specially stated which from time to time are necessary without altering the nature or level of responsibility.
13. You are required to assist the IT support functions at other Waterloo Investment Holdings Ltd. entities from time to time any other duties that may be assigned of a related nature.

#### Job qualifications/Requirements:

- Associates Degree or equivalent Technical Certificates
- Minimum 3-5 years' experience in (VOIP, VLANS, Network, Protocols, Virtual Environment-SQL/VB, MS Server environment, Windows Operating System)
- Knowledgeable in SQL/VB or equivalent (3-5 years) database/application development & manipulation

#### Skills/Competencies:

- Ability to work independently
- Able to work flexible hours
- Strong analytical skills
- Critical Thinker

**Compensation Package:** Will be commensurate (in accordance with the Company's Salary Structure).

**To apply:** Provide updated resume, cover letter (addressed to Human Resource Manager), copy of valid social security card, Valid police record, name and phone number of two (2) previous employers.

Applications should be emailed to:  
[jobapplications@portofbelize.com](mailto:jobapplications@portofbelize.com)  
Closing date for receipt of applications is Monday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

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# Tensions hit boiling point at PBL

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of sugar-loading operations as well as its recent rejections of recommendations that were formulated during a meeting held yesterday between the general foremen of the Port and the CWU. According to a letter dated Wednesday, January 19, the CWU told PBL that it was recommending that Raymond Rivers and Sean Middleton serve as crane operators for Gangs 4 and 7 respectively.

The two new General Foremen, David Welch, and Wilfred Faber, handed down the selection, which was sent to the PBL who, according to CWU president Evan "Mose" Hyde, disregarded the correspondence before rejecting the selection made by the most senior waterfront workers. A written response from PBL states, "As it

relates to Winchmen for Gang 4 and Gang 7, PBL will not be hiring or re-hiring any persons. Both persons mentioned resigned at their own will and PBL accepted those resignations; that process is final and closed."

The PBL also rejected the recommendation that two substitutes be added to the work force following the passing of one of the former members of one gang and the migration of another to another country. The CWU in their correspondence recommended that Tyrin Faber and Cardinal Welch act as substitutes, but PBL has taken the position that it will not hire any new substitutes until a Secondary Substitutes agreement is signed between the parties.

The stevedores, already weighed down by months of fruitless negotiations to secure a compensation package following the transfer of sugar-

loading operations to the Big Creek Port, are at a breaking point and find the PBL position to be unreasonable, especially given their efforts to refrain from any physical industrial action. Hyde shared that in November 2021 the membership voted to engage in industrial action, and now, after the results achieved by the cane farmers in Orange Walk who staged a blockade of trucks outside of ASR/BSI's compound to force the company to extend the deadline on an interim agreement, are convinced that physical action is the best course to bring results.

"It's important to just remind that this is happening with the background of very tense relationships, a very strained relationship, and so, we cannot understand and we have written in response to the Port because they have told us now that they are rejecting that.

We have simply said that we don't understand why, all things concerned, you would be so inflexible with this, because it's not a position from CWU or myself or even the negotiating team for that matter. This is a position coming from the real shot-callers of the stevedore workforce, the general foreman, and this is a position that they have put and the recommendations are based on safety and performance, because they are the ones out there, so we don't really understand why they would want to pick a fight when we understand that we are already on the edge of a cliff. "Hyde told the media today.

He explained that both Raymond Rivers and Sean Middleton are experienced crane drivers, a very important process at the port that requires experience to ensure safety and peace of mind among workers. It must be noted that Rivers was a key player on the negotiation team and has been actively supporting the plight of his colleagues on the waterfront.

Hyde has said that the unions have been refraining from engaging in industrial action since November last year when there was an impasse in their efforts to secure a compensation package after GoB allowed ASR/BSI to transfer its loading operations to Big Creek, despite the presence of a memorandum that indicated that PBL should have been compensated for such a transfer. They have since met the Prime Minister, to no avail.

"We have been in that holding pattern since then, so our position of writing this letter is just we met without general foremen. They instruct us, and so this is a position that they have brought to us, we put it to you, and then your position is first to ignore it, and then on top of that when the matter flares up, as we knew it would, if you understand the emotion, I mean, we are constantly getting our members asking us, when are we going to do something. They are of the view right now that, if you don't make noise, you don't get heard. Nobody studies your situation, everybody feels that you are good, everything is good, so when they saw how matters kind of resolved up north, they were like, 'well, we'll draw for the fire'. We have said 'listen; we are working the process'." Hyde said.

He further remarked that PBL is picking a fight in the middle of a strained relationship with the stevedores and added that skilled waterfront workers oftentimes leave their post and return to the gangs without any issue. At this time, on the matter of the sugar compensation package, Hyde said that those negotiations have failed thus far, since PBL is refusing to agree to pay the \$5-million-dollar compensation package. Hyde said that in fact, PBL has approached the CWU membership with disgraceful proposals.

"Our initial proposal to them was we wanted 5 million dollars. The Port, their first thing is, 'we don't have anything to give you'. They then



## Development of an Emergency Plan Template for Tour Operators

The Belize Tourism Board (BTB) is inviting Expressions of Interest (EOI) for a consultant to develop an emergency plan template for tour operators in Belize, and to carry out training on the use of the template with tour operators.

### Application

Interested persons should submit a proposal based on the terms of reference (accessible via contact below), complete with:

- Full Curriculum Vitae (with two professional references);
- Proposed work schedule and description of approach/methodology for performing the assignment.
- Demonstrated knowledge of skills in similar activities, and stakeholder participation techniques; as well as strong communication, documentation and presentation skills
- A technical proposal should be submitted to include at minimum the proposed approach to be taken to execute the consultancy, evidence of stakeholder participation, timeline and budget for completion.

Proposals should not exceed 10 pages in length (exclusive of CV and references).

### Minimum Qualifications & Experience

- A minimum of five (5) years of experience in Emergency Response/Disaster/Risk Management and Plan Development or related field;
- A minimum of two (2) years of experience in Tourism Related Operations

### Submit Electronically to:

Mrs. Bernadette Ellis  
Bernadette.Ellis@belizetourismboard.org  
Labeled Re: Emergency plan template

Any questions please submit to  
Bernadette.Ellis@belizetourismboard.org

**Deadline: January 28th 2022 | 5:00 p.m.**



## VACANCY

KREM Television is seeking applications from suitable candidates for the post of REPORTER to be stationed in Belize City.

### Requirements:

- Minimum of an Associate Degree in English; a Bachelor's Degree would be a plus
- Excellent command of the English language
- Interested in the news
- Strong interpersonal communication skills
- Disciplined, inquisitive, go-getter and enjoys research
- Willing to work long hours
- Willing to learn
- Works well under pressure and can multitask
- Is a team player

Send your resume with two letters of recommendation to:

Human Resource Manager  
KREM Television  
3304 Partridge Street  
Belize City

Or e-mail to: [innadynamics@gmail.com](mailto:innadynamics@gmail.com)

**Deadline for applications is Monday, February 1, 2022.**



Corazon Creek Technical High School  
Corazon Creek Village, Toledo District, Belize C. A

### Vacancy at Corazon Creek Technical High School, Toledo

The Board of Management of Corazon Creek Technical High School, Toledo, welcomes applications by qualified persons for the following teaching position:

#### 1 School Counselor / Life Skills Teacher - Full Time

#### Qualifications:

- Possess a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work or Psychology, with the composite educational component and experience; the possession of an Associate's Degree in the aforementioned subject areas with experience may be considered
- Possess a valid secondary school teaching license in the specific field
- Demonstrate good classroom management skills
- Ability to work and communicate effectively with students, staff, administration and rural communities
- Knowledge, competence and expertise in using technology in teaching and counselling
- Highly motivated, enthusiastic, and committed
- Willingness to conduct/participate in extra-curricular activities is required
- Willingness to travel long distance for work

#### Salary:

Commensurate with education and experience and in accordance with Government of Belize Pay Scale.

#### Application Process:

Interested persons are asked to submit a copy of his/ her letter of application, résumé, and certified copies of diplomas, **original transcript/s**, certified copies of social security card, birth certificate or passport, secondary school teacher's license, copies of counselling certificates, original medical certificate, original police record, and two recent recommendation letters.

The deadline for receipt of complete package is **Wednesday, 9 February, 2022** to:

Human Resources Committee  
Board of Management  
Corazon Creek Technical High School  
Corazon Creek Village, Toledo District



## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

### Development of a Gender Equality and Social Inclusion Strategy and Action Plan for 30 targeted Producers' Organizations

**Institution:** Ministry of Economic Development

**Country:** Belize

**Project:** Resilient Rural Belize Programme

**Loan No.:** 2000002301

**Deadline for Submission of Proposals:** February 11, 2022 at 3:00 PM.

**Background:** The Government of Belize (GOB), through a financing agreement with the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and Green Climate Fund (GCF), has embarked on a six year Programme, Resilient Rural Belize (RRB), which aims to minimize the impacts of climatic and economic events on smallholder farmers while supporting sustainable market access for their produce. The programme will help farmers employ climate resilient agricultural practices and technologies; integrate profitable smallholder participation into the development of select vegetables, fruits, and honey value chains; and support smallholder production capacity through investments in public and private climate resilient infrastructure and in the strengthening of smallholder farmer Producers' Organizations and relevant GOB Departments.

#### Scope of Work:

The scope of the work has been outlined below but is not limited to following:

- a) Review the RRB Programme Design Report to familiarize and to understand the objectives of the Programme, the activities that will be implemented to achieve those objectives, and how women and youth issues may affect the Programme's ability to achieve those objectives. Other documents include Gender Assessment and Action Plan, Gender in Climate Smart Agriculture, and How to Integrate Gender Issues in Climate Smart Projects, including the Organizational Development Plans and Business Plans that have been developed.
- b) Conduct a participatory diagnosis with each producer organization to understand the real reasons why gender inclusion in membership is not being considered, including the specific corrective measures for women and youth to be integrated as group members and be able to participate in training programs.
- c) Based on the identification of the real reasons why moving towards gender equality is hampered, prepare, and submit a Gender Equality and Social Inclusion Strategy & Action Plan for each PO: why and how to do it. The plan should include a short report (i.e. a 2 pages) for each PO on the identification of barriers for female and youth (male, female) participation (i.e. why), and then include affirmative actions (i.e. how to do it) to overcome the obstacles. The affirmative actions in the short report should contain concrete recommendations towards the inclusion of youth and women in their membership and in their management committees and should also include the identification of learning routes and exchange visits to achieve gender equality.
- d) To help the targeted POs move towards social inclusion, implement 2 specific sensitization, trainings, awareness sessions for members of each PO to help convince them on the benefits of having women and youth as official members of their group. The social inclusion in membership is part of the Organizational Development Plans (ODPs) in each of the producer organizations.
- e) During the training present the Social Inclusion and Gender Equality Plan for each PO receiving the training.
- f) With the support from the CSAEO of the RRB, organize the execution of the consultancy;
- g) Provide to the Programme with training and sensitization materials, including templates and other instruments so that it can be utilized in interacting with the POs.

#### Consultant's qualifications and experience

The Gender Consultant must possess a minimum of a bachelor's degree in Gender Studies, Sociology, Social Work, Development Studies and/or Agriculture.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the procurement procedures set out by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the policies.

Consultants interested in receiving the Request for Expression of Interest (REOI) document should register their interest by sending an e mail (with subject: Request for Expression of Interest - Development of a Gender Equality and Social Inclusion Strategy and Action Plan for 30 targeted Producers' Organizations) to the Procurement Consultant at [Nvernon.rrb@med.gov.bz](mailto:Nvernon.rrb@med.gov.bz) giving full contact details of the Consultant. This will ensure that the Consultants receive updates regarding this RFP.

Please submit your application using the Request for Expression of Interest document provided for this purpose. Your REOI shall be submitted electronically using the File Request Link below no later than **February 11, 2022 at 3:00 PM.** <https://bit.ly/3F5frnE>.

Attn: Nadia Vernon  
Procurement Officer  
Resilient Rural Belize Programme  
Ministry of Economic Development  
National Agriculture Showgrounds  
Hummingbird Highway  
Belmopan, Belize



## Kinel

Belizeans, as a rule, are a very strong people. I'm referring to the people who were born in Belize, not those that became Belizeans through naturalization. Let me change that, Belizeans who were born 40 years ago or earlier, are very strong people. From the above title, I'm guessing that you know where I'm going with this. The British, maybe because Belize City was mostly swampy, or because they didn't respect the natives, which was majority black back then, enough, decided through engineering, to build a very unique sewer system. An open sewer system in the form of canals that ran the breadth of the city — 2 canals that emptied into the Belize River on the south side, and into the sea on the north side. You had Collet Canal, East and West Canal, and I can't recall what they were called on the north side. There were latrines built for public use, where you could empty your bladder or your guts, and move on with your day. Of course, you had to have a *Billboard* newspaper, or a *Belize Times* in your grasp at that very urgent moment, or you were in trouble.

Now, for those who aren't familiar with the way things were back then, most of the homes in the city didn't have toilets that you could flush and forget it. You would use a bucket, and then at night you'd either pay someone, or make that long trip yourself to empty your bucket into the canal. This was mostly the responsibility of the mother of the house, or she would delegate the task to whichever child would do the honors, something I'm sure no one looked forward to. People lived on both sides of the "kinels", like they always have. Can you imagine the constitution they had to develop in order to survive, in the midst of all the sewage? You became immune to the smell, and thrived and jived, grew

healthy and strong and happy, and totally oblivious of all the harm, the diseases, that these crowded waterways could cause.

There are a lot of stories about the canals and their victims. I was one of those that took a swim in East Canal. I was about 15, and there was this girl, her name was Sherrett Morris, hope I spelt that right. She was the most beautiful girl I'd ever seen, and lived on the kinel side, and I would ride my bike, no hands on handlebars of course, showing off. I doubt she even noticed me. Anyhow, one day I turned the corner at full speed and there was Lindy Rogers, in his blue Dodge car, and to avoid being hit, I flew into the kinel. Needless to say, Sherrett was on her verandah and saw the whole thing. I was out of the water so fast my clothes seemed dry. And needless to say, that romance was over before it began, and I hated the PUP because of that, so I became NIP! Now all my family was PUP, except for me, because Lindy ran me into that murky, catfish-filled sewer. So, the canal decided what party I should belong to!

My reason for recognizing how strong we Belize City residents were, and still are, is because if we survived those feces-filled, and goodness only knows what other dead animals and garbage floated in them, canals, we can survive anything. I'm proud of Belize City, surprised by its rapid expansion, the changing faces of the city, and some of the imported aromas that have taken hold. But I'm proud of the strength and the resilience of the residents of that former swampland. And I still think the best smell ever, was that of Hood's bakery and kinel water mix, early in the morning!

Glen

## Let Shyne shine

I have to admit that I was very critical of this young upstart, attempting and succeeding, in carrying out a coup against the leader of his own party. I was critical because I thought that he should wait his turn, learn the ropes, be patient. The Leader of the Opposition has not bathed himself in glory; as a matter of fact, I don't think that he's the most qualified person to assume the position, what with his disrespect and disregard for the feminine majority in Belize. So, my point was not that he shouldn't have been challenged; it was about the qualifications of the challenger, Shyne. It is always better to wait and observe and digest, rather than to be spontaneous in the objectification and degradation, of a person like the Honorable Shyne!

Bill Maher said that Shyne was the most intelligent and interesting rapper he had ever interviewed. This was before his encounter with the judicial system in America. So he was in his 20s then, a time when most people are still fumbling around, trying to find their way in an unforgiving world. He knew then what he wanted out of life, to be one of the best musicians ever, to leave an imprint on culture for the ages. I went back and looked at his music, his interviews, and his interactions with powerful people. It was eye-opening and surprisingly rewarding, to a skeptic like me.

Shyne should never have become involved in politics! He's much bigger than that! He has so much to offer to Belize, culturally, financially, and with his contacts, who knows what great investments and other social achievements could be attained through his

efforts as an ambassador of culture for Belize, to the world. Some will say politics has made him more famous, and maybe that's true, but he also is a visionary, and visionaries always march to their own drum, regardless!

The reason I say that he shouldn't have become a politician is because I was listening to a conversation between Shyne and Nuri Mohammed on Krem Radio. It was a very enlightening discussion, but it made me realize how thin-skinned politicians are in Belize, and that the power in Belize at this time, will never let him really shine! They will ride on his coattails as he brings in the rich and the famous, but he will never be credited when these visits turn in financial gains for the country, as a whole. It is just the way it is, has always been.

Just in case anyone believes that I'm avoiding all his flaws and mistakes in life, I beg to differ. Of course, he's not perfect; who amongst us is? But we should all give credit when credit is due, regardless of our first negative impressions of the person. You put up, or shut up. Well, he put up, so I will hold him in high regard for at least trying to lift up, and give hope to, those young artists who are trying to make it in a very competitive business. And for making Belize a choice, not just an echo.

So, brother Shyne, bide your time, keep doing what you are doing. Keep Belize on the map, and in time, your efforts and hard work will be recognized!

Let Shyne shine!

Glen

## PUBLIC AUCTION SALE Belize City

BY ORDER of the Mortgagees, **Messrs. Atlantic Bank Limited**, Licensed Auctioneer **Fitzgerald A. Joseph** will sell the following property ON SITE on Wednesday the **26th January, 2022** starting at **10:00 a.m.** Please note that **Social Distancing Protocol will be in full effect and the wearing of mask will be mandatory.**

Registration Section  
Albert/Mesop

Block  
45

Parcel  
1907



Being a two storey timber/cement hotel known as "Caribbean Palm Inn", situated in a prime downtown area of Belize City situated at the corner of Regent & King Streets, Belize City having a total area of 3,079 square feet on the lower flat and 2,411 square feet on the upper flat together with a land containing 446.14 square yards with a fully fenced yard the freehold property of Albert Dawson & Margrit Steiger at **10:00 a.m.**

TERMS: STRICTLY CASH  
FITZGERALD A. JOSEPH  
TELEPHONE: 601-2039  
Email: [palas105@yahoo.com](mailto:palas105@yahoo.com)



# Belize's export values rose since 2020—IDB report

*The value of goods exported across Latin America and the Caribbean grew by over 20% in 2021*

by *Khaila Gentle*

WASHINGTON D.C., USA, Wed. Jan. 19 2022

At the end of December, The Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) published the 2022 edition

of its trade trend estimates for Latin America and the Caribbean. The report, which estimates the region's international trade flows for the past year, indicated that Belize's export values grew by 11.9%—a substantial increase from what was

seen in 2020. Overall, there has been a considerable increase in exports across the region.

“Exports from Latin America and the Caribbean have recovered from the initial shock of the Covid-19 pandemic. Export values are

already back above pre-pandemic levels in most countries in the region. This recovery owed mainly to improved prices for some of the region's main export commodities, while volumes recovered more slowly,” stated the report.

The prices of commodities such as coffee, soybeans, and sugar all reached higher-than-average levels by November of 2021. The volume of exports from the region also increased—growing by an estimated 10.9% after declining by 6.1% in 2020. The IDB also noted, however, that the recent new wave of COVID-19 cases due to the Omicron variant may put a strain on the evolution of trade flows, thus slowing down growth in the coming months.

“At a time when the effects of the pandemic continue to weigh on domestic markets and the margin for countercyclical economic policies is likely to shrink, importing growth from the rest of the world through international trade continues to be crucial to overcoming the worst economic crisis of the last century,” concluded the report.

The entirety of the 2022 edition of trade trend estimates for Latin America and the Caribbean is available for download on the IDB website.



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Orange Walk District  
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## Vacancy

**Belize High School of Agriculture invites application from suitably qualified individuals to fill the following post:**

**Literature Teacher – Temporary (January 31, 2022 – June 30, 2022)**

**Qualifications: The candidate shall possess a full License and a Bachelor's Degree in the subject area.**

**Interested persons are to submit their letter of application accompanied by resume, two letters of recommendations, medical certificate, police record, certified copies of transcript, diploma, social security card, birth certificate/passport and teachers license to the following address:**

**Board Chairman**  
**Belize High School of Agriculture**  
P.O. Box 161  
Orange Walk District

**Submit application with all relevant documents by January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022**



## MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING



### NOTICE

*Haulover Bridge Replacement Project*

January 2022

The Ministry of Infrastructure Development & Housing through its construction contractor for the Haulover Bridge Replacement Project, M&M Engineering Consultants Ltd., informs the general public that two permanent mid-river foundation piers will be constructed in the Belize River at a location just downstream of the existing bridge.

Multiple heavy lifting barges will be used as platforms for heavy equipment used in the driving of piles and the construction of the reinforced concrete piers. Commencing Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022 the barges will be in the river executing the works. The barges will be mostly stationary but at times there may be movement while ferrying materials, equipment and personnel.

No wake signs will be erected to caution boaters to go slow when approaching the Haulover Bridge in both directions of the river.

We would like to thank the general public for their kind cooperation in respecting, abiding by these safety precautions and by exercising due attention and care when navigating through the worksite.

ENDS



**CHAPTER 194, LAWS OF BELIZE (REVISED EDITION 2011)**  
**NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13**

In accordance with Section 13 of the Registered Land Act Chapter 194, Revised Edition 2011, I Patricia Robateau Blackett, Registrar of Lands, hereby serves notice that within one month from the date hereof, I intend to register the following parcels of land listed below for which application for first registration have been received.

The attention of the general public is hereby drawn to this notice. Any person whose rights and interest may be affected by the registering of these parcels must get in touch with me before expiry date of this notice between Mondays to Fridays at the Land Registry, Belmopan.



Patricia Robateau Blackett (Mrs.)  
 Registrar of Lands

**APPLICATION NO. LRS-202110155**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section LADYVILLE/LORD'S BANK Block No.16 and being Parcel No.3867,3862,3872,3837,3838 Formerly 6,9,10,51, and remaining portion of 6.58 acres, situate along the Lord's Bank Road, Ladyville, Belize District

This parcel of land is subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 3806 of 2007 dated 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2007 and recorded in Deed Book Volume 46 of 2007 Folios 519-532 in favor of ROBERT CUELLAR.

**APPLICATION NO. LRS-202101187**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section FORT GEORGE/PICKSTOCK Block No.45 and being Parcel No.878 Formerly portion of Lot No.1064, 137.77 S.M, situate on Daly Street, Belize City, Belize District.

This parcel of land is subject of a Vesting Assent No. 1924 of 1998 dated 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 1998 and recorded in Deed Book Volume 23 of 1998 Folios 283-290 in favor EUGENIA MARTINEZ NEE PERERA.

**APPLICATION NO. LRS-202113253**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, LADYVILLE/LORD'S BANK Block No.16 and being Parcel No. 6579, Formerly Entry No.19244 containing 1.008 acres situate Mile 10, Ladyville Village, Belize District

This parcel of land is subject of a Deed of Conveyance No.LTU-201700930 dated 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 and recorded in LTU-201700930 in favor of ADRIAN ELEODORO ESCALANTE.

**APPLICATION NO. LRS-202113370**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, SAN PEDRO Block No. 7 and being Parcel No.7188 Formerly Lot No. 1065, 418.087 S.M, situate in the Ambergris Bay Area in Ambergris Caye, Belize District

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No.33 of 2010 dated 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2010 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume No. 1 of 2010 Folios 567-580 in favor of MARCIA A. SHEID.

**APPLICATION NO. LRS-202114818**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, SAN PEDRO Block No.7 and being Parcel No.7077 Formerly Lot No.869,430.408 S.M situate in the Ambergris Bay Area in Ambergris Caye, Belize District

This parcel of land is subject of a Deed of Conveyance No.1346 of 2010 dated 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2010 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume No. 20 of 2010 Folios 517-534 in favor of CHERYL MOLINA AND EDDISHA MOLINA.

**APPLICATION NO. LRS-202115308**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, LADYVILLE/LORD'S BANK Block No.16 and being Parcel No. 3877, Formerly Lot No.29, 570.193 S.M, situate in Lord's Bank Village, Belize District

This parcel of land is subject of a Deed of Conveyance No.897 of 2011 dated 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2011 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume No. 12 of 2011 Folios 1029-1034 in favor of ANTONIO RAMIREZ.

**APPLICATION NO. LRS-202115417**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section QUEEN SQUARE WEST Block No. 45 and being Parcel No.529 Formerly Lot No. 411.58.4 S.Y, situate in along Iguana Street, West American Blvd, Belize City, Belize District.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No.1434 of 2008 dated 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2008 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume No. 18 of 2008 Folios 227-234 in favor of JOSE F. KETZ.

**APPLICATION NO. LRS-202115427**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, LADYVILLE/LORD'S BANK Block No. 16 and being Parcel No.6876 Formerly Lot No. 190, 543.648 S.M, situate at north of Northern highway, near mile 13, Ladyville Area, Belize District

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No.LTU-201600077 dated 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2016 and recorded in LTU-201600077 in favor of DESIREE ANN BRYANT.

**APPLICATION NO. LRS-202115474**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, LADYVILLE/LORD'S BANK Block No.16 and being Parcel No.7074 Formerly Lot No.276,546.648.M, situate at north of Northern highway, near mile 13, Ladyville Area, Belize District

This parcel of land is subject of a Deed of Conveyance No.2414 of 2009 dated 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2009 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume No. 28 of 2009 Folios 1267-1284 in favor of TRINA WRIGHT.

**APPLICATION NO. LRS-202115513**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, SAN IGNACIO SOUTH Block No. 23 and being Parcel No.107 Formerly Lot No. 889, 2694.3 S.Y, situate Along Stanton Street, San Ignacio Town, Cayo District

This parcel of land is the subject of a Minister's Fiat Grant No.165 of 2000 dated 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2000 in favor of RUBY ROMERO- deceased.

**APPLICATION NO. LRS-202115535**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, SAN IGNACIO NORTH Block No.23 and being Parcel No.1935 Formerly Lot No. 309, 307.7 S.Y, situate along Church Street, San Ignacio Town, Cayo District

This parcel of land is subject of a Deed of Conveyance No.2406 of 2006 dated 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2006 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume No. 31 of 2006 Folios 91-102 in favor of KHALID MAHMOOD.

**APPLICATION NO. LRS-202115566**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, VISTA DEL MAR Block No.16 and being Parcel No.1269 Formerly Lot No. 702, 928.73 S.M, situate at Mile 8, Northern Highway, east of Ladyville Village, Belize District.

This parcel of land is subject of a Deed of Conveyance No.3471 of 1994 dated 25<sup>th</sup> October, 1994 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume No. 27 of 1994 Folios 343-358 in favor of GEORGE M. MOODY.

**APPLICATION NO. LRS-202115730**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, LADYVILLE/LORD'S BANK Block No.16 and being Parcel .94,95,96,97,98,99,105,106,107,110,111,112,113,114,115,116,121,130,134,135,150,151, 152,153,164,170,171,172,173, 174,177,178,192,193 Formerly Entry No. 2821 situate at southside of the Boom Cut off Road, Belize District.

This parcel of land is subject of a Deed of Conveyance No.877 of 1996 dated 21<sup>st</sup> March, 1996 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume No. 9 of 1996 Folios 349-362 in favor of FRANCIS GIOVANNI SMITH AND MARIA LOURDES SMITH

**APPLICATION NO. LRS-202115784**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, SAN LAZARO VILLAGE Block No.4 and being Parcel No.200 Formerly Lot No. 71, 2305.63 S.Y, situate in San Lazaro Village, Belize District

This parcel of land is subject of a Deed of Gift No.2316 of 1991 dated 14<sup>th</sup> November, 1991 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume No. 26 of 1991 Folios 455-462 in favor of HILBERTO CESAR VASQUEZ JR.

**APPLICATION NO. LRS-202115787**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, LADYVILLE/LORD'S BANK Block No.16 and being Parcel No.168 Formerly Lot No. 28, 650.145 S.M, situate at southside of the Boom Cut off Road, Belize District.

This parcel of land is subject of a Deed of Conveyance No.601 of 2011 dated 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2011 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume No. 8 of 2011 Folios 419-430 in favor of JENNYLYN EDWARDS and IAN JONES.

**APPLICATION NO. LRS-202115788**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, PORT/LOYOLAVILLE Block No. 45 and being Parcel No.1115 Formerly Lot No.3358, 416.497 S.M, situate along Nurse Finley Crescent, Loyolaville, Belize City, Belize District

This parcel of land is the subject of a Minister's Fiat Grant No.957 of 2005 dated 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2005 in favor of GERALDINE HINKSON.

**APPLICATION NO. LRS-202115801**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section FORTGEORGE/PICKSTOCK Block No.45 and being Parcel No.85 Formerly Lot No.7124, 495.22S.M situate in the Freetown Area, Belize City, Belize District

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No.0611 of 2007 dated 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2007 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume No. 8 of 2007 Folios 29-42 in favor of HENRY USHER.



**APPLICATION NO. LRS-202115831**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, QUEEN'S SQUARE WEST Block No. 45 and being Parcel No.310 Formerly Lot No.20, 440.888 S.M, situate along Racoon Street, Collect Area, Belize City, Belize District

This parcel of land is the subject of a Minister's Fiat Grant No.442 of 2006 dated 6<sup>th</sup> July 2006 in favor of MARIA MEJIA.

**APPLICATION NO. LRS-202115846**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, LADYVILLE/LORD'S BANK Block No. 16 and being Parcel No.3187 Formerly Entry No. 5826, 4.98 acres, situate approx. at mile 11 on the Phillip Goldson Highway, Belize District

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No.LTU-201500649 dated 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2015 and recorded in LTU-201500649 in favor of GENOVEVA JOVITA MARIN.

**APPLICATION NO. LRS-202115856**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, ORANGE WALK TOWN Block No. 4 and being Parcel No.1650 Formerly Lot No. 39, 625.0 S.Y, situate on second Street in Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No.2669 of 2007 dated 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2007 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume No. 32 of 2007 Folios 949-956 in favor of VILMA CERVANTES and RAMON CERVANTES-deceased

**APPLICATION NO. LRS-202115860**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section LADYVILLE/LORD'S BANK Block No.16 and being Parcel No.5085,5092 & 5093 Formerly Lot No.7,8,& 9, 3402.0 S.M, situate near miles 12 along the Northern Highway, Belize District

This parcel of land is subject of a Deed of Conveyance No.1377 of 2012 dated 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2012 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume No. 19 of 2012 Folios 1469-1484 in favor of RAYMOND KELLY & TANIA KELLY.

**APPLICATION NO. LRS-202115927**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, LADYVILLE/LORD'S BANK Block No.16 and being Parcel No.3109, Formerly Entry 3326 Block No.1, 1.001 acres, situate Old Well Road, near mile 11 Northern Highway, Belize District

This parcel of land is subject of a Deed of Conveyance No.LTU-201700446 dated 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2017 and recorded in LTU-201700446 in favor of SILVINO JOSE ROSADO.

**APPLICATION NO. LRS-202115971**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, LADYVILLE /LORD'S BANK Block No.16 and being Parcel No.108 &109, Formerly Lot No.91 & 95, 2542.0 S.M, situate at southside of the Boom Cut off Road, Belize District.

This parcel of land is subject of a Deed of Conveyance No.2749 of 1997 dated 28<sup>th</sup> October,1997 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 30 of 1997 folios 371-390 in favor of JOY VERNON GODFREY.

**APPLICATION NO. LRS-202115996**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, ST .MARTIN'S DE PORRES Block No.45 and being Parcel No.241, Formerly Lot No.2567 ,542.38 S.Y, situate in the Lake Independence Area, Belize City, Belize District.

This parcel of land is subject of a Deed of Gift No.899 of 1978 dated 10<sup>th</sup> July, 1978 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 8 of 1978 folios 503-512 in favor of SONIA RICHARDS.

**APPLICATION NO. LRS-202116104**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, PORT/LOYOLAVILLE Block No.45 and being Parcel No.163, Formerly Lot No.7613,380.818s.m situate along the southside of Faber's Road, Belize City, Belize District.

This parcel of land is subject of a Minister's Fiat Grant No.3 of 2003 dated 10<sup>th</sup> February, 20032 in favor of THOMAS CARD.

**APPLICATION NO. LRS-202116245**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, LADYVILLE/LORD'S BANK Block No.16 and being Parcel No.3529, Formerly Lot No. 7,697.266 S.M, situate in Lord's Bank Village, Belize District

This parcel of land is subject of a Minister's Fiat Grant No.535 of 2015 dated 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2015 in favor of CLAUDIA ANAIS HOWE.

**APPLICATION NO. LRS-202116370**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, LADYVILLE/LORD'S BANK Block No.16 and being Parcel No.5048, Formerly Plan No.1292, 5.32 Acres, situate in Along the Northern Highway, Near Mile 13, Belize District

This parcel of land is subject of a Minister's Fiat Grant No.28 of 2010 dated 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2010 in favor of THEODORE MARIN.

**APPLICATION NO. LRS-202116410**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, PLACENCIA NORTH Block No.36 and being Parcel No.1971, Formerly Lot No.11, 480.0 S.M, situate in Placencia Village, Stann Creek District

This parcel of land is subject of a Deed of Conveyance No.2243 of 1993 dated 19<sup>th</sup> October, 1993 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 26 of 1993 folios 1221-1232 in favor of JULIA BERRY-deceased

**APPLICATION NO. LRS-202116442**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section SAN IGNACIO NORTH Block No.23 and being Parcel No.1884 Formerly Lot No.838, 446.48 S.M, situate in San Ignacio Town, Cayo District

This parcel of land is subject of a Deed of Conveyance No.2078 of 1997 dated 26<sup>th</sup> June, 1997 and recorded in Deed Book Volume 23 of 1997 Folios 129-134 in favor of RICAELIA SCHOFIELD.

**APPLICATION NO. LRS-202116458**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section CAYE CAULKER Block No.12 and being Parcel No. 648 Formerly Entry No. 1934, 1066.749 S.M, situate in Caye Caulker Village, Belize District

This parcel of land is subject of a Deed of Conveyance No.3374 of 2007 dated 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2007 and recorded in Deed Book Volume 41 of 2007 Folios 787-798 in favor of MOHAMMAD KAMRUZZAMAN.

**APPLICATION NO. LRS-202116574**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section FORT GEORGE/PICKSTOCK Block No.45 and being Parcel No.287 Formerly Lot No. 1938, 617.389 S.M,situate along Douglas Jones Street, Belize City, Belize District.

This parcel of land is subject of a Deed of Conveyance No.304 of 1959 dated 1<sup>st</sup> December, 1959 and recorded in Deed Book Volume 2 of 2009 Folios 519-524 in favor of HETTIE YEARWOOD- deceased

**APPLICATION NO. LRS-202116595**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section SAN IGNACIO NORTH Block No.23 and being Parcel No.1426 Formerly Lot No. 13, 619.00 S.Y, situate along Bullet Tree Falls Road, Kays Works Area.

This parcel of land is subject of a Deed of Conveyance No.607 of 1992 dated 24<sup>th</sup> March, 1992 and recorded in Deed Book Volume 7 of 1992 Folios 635-640 in favor of ELVIRA MCAULAY.

**APPLICATION NO. LRS-202116610**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, SAN IGNACIO NORTH Block No.23 and being Parcel No.1953, Formerly Lot No. 265 ,982.00 S.Y, situate in San Ignacio Town, Cayo District

This parcel of land is subject of a Minister's Fiat Grant No.66 of 1998 dated 27<sup>th</sup> January, 1998 in favor of RAQUEL PINELO.

**APPLICATION NO. LRS-20216613**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, LADYVILLE/LORD'S BANK Block No. 16 and being Parcel No.2330 and 2341 Formerly Block No.B&C , 5.0 acres, situate in Lord's Bank Village, Belize District

This parcel of land is the subject of a Minister's Fiat Grant No.942 of 2000 dated 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2000 in favor of VINETTE GILL ORTIZ.

**APPLICATION NO. LRS-202116629**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section CRISTO REY Block No.1 and being Parcel No.62 Formerly Lot No.3, 1444.44 S.Y, situate in Cristo Rey Village, Corozal District

This parcel of land is subject of a Minister's Fiat Grant No.101 of 1977 dated 15<sup>th</sup> February, 1977 in favor of MARIA CHULIM in trust for JUSTINA UH ARCIANO UH.

**APPLICATION NO. LRS-202200013**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section LADYVILLE/LORD'S BANK Block No.16 and being Parcel No.5050 Formerly Block No.A, 2.878 Acres, situate along the Northern Highway, near mile 13 Belize District

This parcel of land is subject of a Minister's Fiat Grant No.263 of 2004 dated 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2004 in favor of PHILLIPA HUMES.

**APPLICATION NO. LRS-202200089**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, FORTGEORGE/PICKSTOCK Block No.45 and being Parcel No.1686, Formerly Lot No.1348, 146.309 S.M, situate in Freetown Road, Belize District.

This parcel of land is subject of a Deed of Conveyance No.2742 of 2004 dated 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2004 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 36 of 2004 folios 753-760 in favor of WENDY OXLEY.



**APPLICATION NO. LRS-202200091**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, LADYVILLE/LORD'S BANK Block No.16 and being Parcel No.3017, Formerly Lot No.35, 738.338 S.M, situate in Lord's Bank Village, Belize District.

This parcel of land is subject of a Minister's Fiat Grant No.880 of 2005 dated 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2005 in favor of HORACE GUZMAN.

**APPLICATION NO. LRS-202200093**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, QUEEN SQUARE WEST Block No.45 and being Parcel No.1622, Formerly Lot No.47B, situate in Yarborough Southside Belize City, Belize District.

This parcel of land is subject of a Deed of Conveyance No.1195 of 1982 dated 10<sup>th</sup> December, 1982 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 14 of 1982 folios 565-572 in favor of WILFRED LIONEL FRANCIS-deceased

**APPLICATION NO. LRS-202200096**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, QUEEN SQUARE WEST Block No.45 and being Parcel No.1621, Formerly Lot No.47A, situate in Yarborough Southside Belize City, Belize District.

This parcel of land is subject of a Deed of Conveyance No.151 of 1976 dated 9<sup>th</sup> February, 1976 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 2 of 1976 folios 835-844 in favor of WILFRED LIONEL FRANCIS-deceased

**APPLICATION NO. LRS-202200565**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, PLACENTIA NORTH Block No.36 and being Parcel No.3664, situate in Placencia Village, Stann Creek District.

This parcel of land is subject of a Deed of Indenture No.270 of 1961 dated 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 1961 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 2 of 1961 folios 564-575 in favor of HENRY ALBERT BUCKNOR-deceased

Pursuant to Section 37(3) of the Registered Land Act, Chapter 194, Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011, notice is hereby given of the loss of the following Land and Lease Certificates:

Names	Registration Section, Block & Parcel Nos.	Certificate Nos.
TRINIDAD JUAN	18-60-113	Land Cert. No. LRS-201709443 dtd 1/12/2017
MAYA LAND CO. S.A.	7-42-8711	Land Cert No. LRS-201101537dtd 3/2/2011
C&G REALTY BELIZE, LLC	7-42-4244	Land Cert No. LRS-201412153 dtd 24/9/2014
CORNELIUS PETKAU	9-58-325/1	Lease Cert No. LRS-200809629 dtd 10/12/2008
ROY LORD, GINA MARIE LORD and WILLIAM IAN LORD	16-31-847	Land Cert No. 607/1985 dtd 27/2/1985
ENRIQUE GARCIA	1-84-1278/1	Lease Cert No.11420/2006 dtd 27/9/2006
JULIANA BERRY-deceased	23-22-1421	Land Cert No. 8745/2005 dtd 22/9/2005
ANTHONY RAYMOND MUNOZ-deceased	16-49-1008	Land Cert No1027/2005 dtd 25/2/2005
MAURICIA POTT(ADMINISTRATRIX OF THE ESTATE OF GUADALUPE POTT DEC'D	4-92-342	Land Cert No.LRS-201904073 dtd 15/4/2019
LUPITA CASTILLO	4-88-564	Land Cert No. LRS-201912830 dtd 20/11/2019
PEDRO CAWICH SR.-deceased	1-2-13	Land Cert No. 13433/2006 dtd16/10/2006
JULIA VITA THOMAS	31-106-1159	Land Cert No. LRS-202005271 dtd 9/6/2020
WEST AMBERGRIS PROPERTY LIMITED	7-42-6126	Land Cert No. LRS-200901209 dtd 13/2/2009
DELLONE PASCASCIO	31-105-117	Land Cert No. LRS-201705790 dtd 26/7/2017

EDWIN NOEL MORALES	1-81-261/1	Land Cert No. LRS-201100254 dtd 10/1/2011
DELLONE PASCASCIO	31-105-108	Land Cert No. LRS-201705786 dtd 26/6/2017
MARK ANTHONY NEAL	16-31-1445	Land Cert No. LRS-201709111 dtd 23/11/2017
MARK ANTHONY NEAL	16-31-1443	Land Cert No. LRS-201709829 dtd 18/12/2017
MARK ANTHONY NEAL	16-31-1444	Land Cert No. LRS-201709830 dtd 18/12/2017
NORMAN E. PEREZ	4-27-631	Land Cert No. LRS-201602542 dtd 8/3/2016
BENIT CARIBE LIMITED	7-42-2646(H7)	Land Cert No. LRS-201504692 dtd 28/4/2015
DAVID VEGA SR.-Deceased	1-9-549	Land Cert No. 3991/1999 dtd 19/7/1999

The above Land/Lease Certificates after the expiration of twenty-one (21) days from the appearance of this notice. Any person in possession of the above-mentioned certificates is required to return it to the Belize Land Registry, Ministry of Natural Resources, City of Belmopan.

Patricia Robateau Blackett (Mrs.)  
Registrar of Lands

LRS-202100066

Registered Land Act  
Chapter 194 – Revised Edition 2011  
Section 140(1)

**OWNERSHIP BY PRESCRIPTION**

<b>Registration Section</b>	<b>Block No</b>	<b>Parcel</b>
QUEEN SQUARE	45	178

Application for Ownership by Prescription for the above-mentioned parcel has been received from JUNIOR GEORGE GLADDEN, of Old Well Road, Lord's Bank Village, Belize District.

**SCHEDULE:**

All that piece or parcel of land being of a Parcel 138 situate in Queen Square, Belize City, Belize District, and containing 366.7 S.Y and now identified as Parcel No.178

The attention of the general public is hereby drawn to this notice. Any person whose rights and interest that may be affected by the registration of JUNIOR GEORGE GLADDEN, of Old Well Road, Lord's Bank Village Belize District as proprietor with Absolute Title, is hereby requested to show cause within one month from the date thereof, why such ownership should not be approved.

Patricia Robateau Blackett (Mrs.)  
Registrar of Lands



APPLICATION No. FCT-202100012

Form 11  
(Rule 15)  
GENERAL REGISTRY ACT  
AND  
GENERAL REGISTRY RULES

Advertisement in "Gazette" of application for  
First Certificate of Title to land, etc.

NOTICE is hereby given that **ALMOG HOLDINGS LIMITED** of 84 Albert Street, Belize City, Belize District,

has applied for the issue of a First Certificate of Title to the land, estate, interest, power or right described in the Schedule to this Notice.

ANY PERSON who claims to be entitled as owner or otherwise to the said land, estate, interest, power or right, or who may be unlawfully prejudiced by the description of the said land, estate, interest, power or right may file in the Registry, and deliver a copy thereof to the applicant within fourteen days from the date hereof, a written notice of objection to the issue of a First Certificate of Title to the said land, estate, interest, power or right in accordance with the provision of the General Registry Rules, 1954, and thereafter proceed to have the said objection heard and determined in manner prescribed by the said Rules

Dated this 30<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021

  
PATRICIA BLACKETT (Mrs.)  
Registrar of Lands

This land is the subject of Deed of Conveyance No. LTU-201700982 dtd 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 and recorded in LTU-201700982 in favor of **ALMOG HOLDINGS LIMITED**.

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT piece or parcel of land comprising of 3154.96 of land situate along Southern Foreshore Area, Belize City, Belize District, Belize bounded and described as shown on Plan attached to Minister's Fiat Grant No 1213 of 2007 dtd 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2007, TOGETHER with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon Entry 10961 Reg 25.

APPLICATION No. FCT-202100013

Form 11  
(Rule 15)  
GENERAL REGISTRY ACT  
AND  
GENERAL REGISTRY RULES

Advertisement in "Gazette" of application for  
First Certificate of Title to land, etc.

NOTICE is hereby given that **ROY MICHEAL PERERA** of No. 25 Lemon Street, Dangriga Town, Stann Creek District,

has applied for the issue of a First Certificate of Title to the land, estate, interest, power or right described in the Schedule to this Notice.

ANY PERSON who claims to be entitled as owner or otherwise to the said land, estate, interest, power or right, or who may be unlawfully prejudiced by the description of the said land, estate, interest, power or right may file in the Registry, and deliver a copy thereof to the applicant within fourteen days from the date hereof, a written notice of objection to the issue of a First Certificate of Title to the said land, estate, interest, power or right in accordance with the provision of the General Registry Rules, 1954, and thereafter proceed to have the said objection heard and determined in manner prescribed by the said Rules

Dated this 1<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2021

  
PATRICIA BLACKETT (Mrs.)  
Registrar of Lands

This land is the subject of Vesting Assent No. LTU-202000035 dtd 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 and recorded in LTU-202000035 in favor of **ROY MICHEAL PERERA**.

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT FREEHOLD piece or parcel of land situate in the Hoffman estate along the Stann Creek Valley Road, near mile 11 Stann Creek District, Belize being Block No. 5A, comprising 1.401 acres and being more particularly delineated and described as shown on Entry No. 12092 Reg No. 7 lodge at the office of the commissioner of Lands and Survey, City of Belmopan, Cayo District, TOGETHER with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon

APPLICATION No. FCT-202100014

Form 11  
(Rule 15)  
GENERAL REGISTRY ACT  
AND  
GENERAL REGISTRY RULES

Advertisement in "Gazette" of application for  
First Certificate of Title to land, etc.

NOTICE is hereby given that **CAROLYN D. PENIGAR** of Burrell Boom Village, Belize District,

has applied for the issue of a First Certificate of Title to the land, estate, interest, power or right described in the Schedule to this Notice.

ANY PERSON who claims to be entitled as owner or otherwise to the said land, estate, interest, power or right, or who may be unlawfully prejudiced by the description of the said land, estate, interest, power or right may file in the Registry, and deliver a copy thereof to the applicant within fourteen days from the date hereof, a written notice of objection to the issue of a First Certificate of Title to the said land, estate, interest, power or right in accordance with the provision of the General Registry Rules, 1954, and thereafter proceed to have the said objection heard and determined in manner prescribed by the said Rules

Dated this 27<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021

  
PATRICIA BLACKETT (Mrs.)  
Registrar of Lands

This land is the subject of Deed of Conveyance No. 1609 of 1993 dtd 29<sup>th</sup> July, 1993 and recorded in Deed Book Volume 19 of 1993 Folios 485-492 in favor of **CAROLYN D. PENIGAR**.

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT piece or parcel of land bounded on the north for a distance of 40 yards by and alley on the east for a distance of 47 yards by a road and on the South for distance of 40 yards by property now or formerly owned by Mary Dawson and on the west for a distance of 47 yards by property now or formerly owned by Mabel Frazer.

LTU- 202101188

LAND TITLES UNIT

Ministry of Natural Resources

City of Belmopan

UNDER THE GENERAL REGISTRY ACT, CHAPTER 327 OF THE LAWS OF BELIZE REVISED EDITION 2011


WHEREAS having made the necessary inquires and having read the statutory declaration filed in connection therewith, I have come to the conclusion that the duplicate of the **Transfer Certificate of Title** dated 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2000, and Registered in the Land Titles Register Volume 35 at Folio No. 127

ALL THAT PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND situate at boom Creek, near Sittee River and bounded as follows:- Beginning at the northwest corner of the said piece or parcel of land and running in a northeasterly direction for a distance of 250 links and bounded by Crown Land thence in a southeasterly direction along the boom creek for a distance of 15 chains 20 links thence in a southwesterly direction for a distance of 670 links and bounded by lands now or formerly of William Smith thence in a north westerly direction for a distance of 260 links and bounded by lands now or formerly of George Foreman thence in a northeasterly direction for a distance of 240 links and bounded by crown Lands thence in a northwesterly direction a distance of 11 chains 25 links back to the start point and bounded by crown Land which said piece or parcel of land contains by Survey 8 acres and is more particularly delineated in a map or plan attached hereto and also attached to Grant from the Crown dated the 26<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1879 in favour of Bloomfield Wilson Baber

In the Name of **ALTON BAILEY** of Sittee River Village, Stann Creek District. **HAS BEEN IRRECOVERABLY LOST OR DESTROYED BY MISADVENTURE.**

HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I intend, at the expiration of twenty-one days from the first appearance of this notice, to issue a new duplicate of the Registered **Transfer Certificate of Title** registered in the Land Titles Register Volume 35 at Folio No 127.

ANY PERSON in whose custody the **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE** may be or who may have any objection to such issue is hereby requested to inform me of the fact.

  
Patricia Blackett (Mrs.)  
Registrar of Lands



LTU- 202101973

LAND TITLES UNIT

Ministry of Natural Resources

City of Belmopan

UNDER THE GENERAL REGISTRY ACT, CHAPTER 327 OF THE LAWS OF BELIZE  
REVISED EDITION 2011


WHEREAS having made the necessary inquires and having read the statutory declaration filed in connection therewith, I have come to the conclusion that the duplicate of the **Transfer Certificate of Title** dated 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1964, and Registered in the Land Titles Register Volume 5 at Folio No. 66

**ALL THAT LOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND** comprising approximately 20.13 acres situate in the Belize District on the left bank of the Belize River approximately 2.5 miles above the bridge at Haulover bounded on the North by the sea on the East by property of Woldrich Harrison Courtenay on the South by the Belize River and on the West by Property now or formerly of John N. Egan and land held on Location Ticket and land the property of Woldrich Harrison Courtenay which said piece or parcel of land is the western portion of the parcel of land described in Transfer Certificate of Title dated the 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1958 and registered in the Land Titles Register in Volume 3 Folio No. 629 and is more particularly delineated in the Plan by H.C Fair-weather, Chartered Surveyor, dated the 21<sup>st</sup> Day of November, 1960 **SAVE AND EXCEPT** the area of that part of the Belize- Corozal Road which runs through the said piece or parcel of land.

In the Name of **WILLIAMSON INDUSTRIES LTD-** No.2 Regent Street, Belize City, Belize District, . **HAS BEEN IRRECOVERABLY LOST OR DESTROYED BY MISADVENTURE.**

HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I intend, at the expiration of twenty-one days from the first appearance of this notice. to issue a new duplicate of the Registered **Transfer Certificate of Title** registered in the Land Titles Register Volume 5 at Folio No 66.

**ANY PERSON** in whose custody the **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE** may be or who may have any objection to such issue is hereby requested to inform me of the fact.



Patricia Blackett (Mrs.)  
Registrar of Lands

LTU- 202101951

LAND TITLES UNIT

Ministry of Natural Resources

City of Belmopan

UNDER THE GENERAL REGISTRY ACT, CHAPTER 327 OF THE LAWS OF BELIZE  
REVISED EDITION 2011

WHEREAS having made the necessary inquires and having read the statutory declaration filed in connection therewith, I have come to the conclusion that the duplicate of the **Transfer Certificate of Title** dated 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1978, and Registered in the Land Titles Register Volume 12 at Folio No. 124

**ALL THAT PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND** containing 0.588 acre situate in the vicinity of mile 10 on the Belize- Corozal Road (being a portion of 20 acres of land granted to Gladys Watters by Crown Grant No. 66 of 1954) shown on a plan by H.D Flowers, Certified Land Surveyor, Numbered 1 recorded at the General Registry in Belize City in Surveyors' Plan Book No. 8 at Folio 13 and is more particularly delineated and described as follows: Commencing at a Concrete pillar on the northwestern extremity of the said parcel of land thence on a true bearing of N. 57 degree 13 " E for a distance of 107.85 feet to another concrete pillar thence on a true bearing of S16 degree 39' E for a distance of 188.94 feet to another concrete pillar thence on a true bearing of north for a distance of 173.73 feet to another concrete pillar thence on a true bearing of s.56 degrees 32 W for a distance of 218.48 feet back to the concrete pillar at the starting point. together with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon and Together also with a right of way at all times and for all purposes for the purchaser and his successors in title the owners or occupiers for the time being of the property hereby transferred or of any part thereof and their respective servants and licensees ( in common with vendor and all other persons having the like right) with or without vehicles and animals to and from the property hereby conveyed or any part thereof and all or any buildings thereon over and along the road twelve feet wide along the northwestern boundary of the remaining portion of the 20 acres parcel of land belonging to Gladys Watters leading to the Belize- Corozal Road.

In the Name of **ROSITA LONGSWORTH** of 55 Southern Foreshore, Belize Cities, Belize District, Belize **HAS BEEN IRRECOVERABLY LOST OR DESTROYED BY MISADVENTURE.**

HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I intend, at the expiration of twenty-one days from the first appearance of this notice. to issue a new duplicate of the Registered **Transfer Certificate of Title** registered in the Land Titles Register Volume 12 at Folio No 124.

**ANY PERSON** in whose custody the **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE** may be or who may have any objection to such issue is hereby requested to inform me of the fact.



Patricia Blackett (Mrs.)  
Registrar of Lands

# Creative Governance Increases Resilience in Small Nation States: A Case for Belize

by *Ewart Robateau, MSCM*

There are a variety of governing and political systems that are practiced throughout the world; most fall within the Democratic, Communist and Socialist systems, with the remaining few being Monarchical, in addition to the recent growth of Theocratic rule by way of Islamic states. Of course, there exists many variations of these systems that one can explore. It is important to also mention, though, totalitarian, military and other forms of dictatorships.

The application herein is to Small Nation States in the Caribbean, Central America, Africa and the Pacific areas. This case is for Belize with its system of Parliamentary and Constitutional Democracy — where a novel concept of “Creative Governance” would increase resiliency, strengthen its collective identity, and provide safety nets from external shocks, thus ensuring its survival in a futuristic and global environment.

Undoubtedly, the Covid-19 pandemic has taken its toll on the global economy. Small nation states will certainly be impeded for years to come, and the potential for a failed state scenario must not be ignored. Therefore, it is extremely important for small nation states to improve and strengthen their political and economic systems to be better prepared for the future. A significant impediment to development in these small states are the huge divisions among their people and political institutions.

Belize and other small nation states will need to be creative in more ways than one to ensure their indefinite survival. First, they must lessen their division and unify their people under

one umbrella: “country first”, and party and politics after. There’s a great need for collaboration, integration and importantly, reconciliation. Creative Governance comes under the tenets of coalition building in the private, public and political sectors. Coalition governance is difficult to achieve and takes many years to develop, but is important in states where the country’s sovereignty depends on it, Israel for example.

In Belize, the unfounded Guatemalan claim, the main impediment to our sovereignty, the high crime rate and gun/gang violence that is further eroding the country’s stability, as well as the economic situation brought on by Covid-19, also make the development of a Collaborative/Coalition approach to governance not only important, but a necessity. There has to be a more inclusive approach to governance. Small parties and independent candidates need to be more consistent and even collaborate to achieve greater success.

The benefits of Creative and Coalition governance are numerous. The greatest impediment is the prevalence of conflicts due to the larger number of players and ideas, but once there is a concerted effort to manage these conflicts constructively, success can be achieved. Additional benefits to the participation of independents and coalitions in governance is that area representatives are more committed to their constituency rather than party. Those who wish to govern and are sincere in their intentions will need to consider this approach — promoting reconciliation, collaboration and inclusion — and end the division that may eventually jeopardize the survival of the nation of Belize.

## Tensions hit boiling point at PBL

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subsequently made a very unusual proposal to our members which was really aggravating. Included in their proposal was a request for us to cut gangs, and can you imagine that what was suggested to them was if you cut gangs, and you get rid of about 28 or 30 stevedores then the rest of you who are there will work more often and so you will make more money, and that is our compensation for you because sugar went. Just imagine that that was written to us, that was really like a low blow,” Hyde explained.

He added that the PBL also proposed to give the members their own retirement savings. “That money is theirs, so they were suggesting or they were proposing that the compensation to our members be the very retirement savings that they had

earned.”

The removal of sugar ships from the PBL has caused substantial losses for stevedores, many losing almost 20 % of their earnings and others losing up to 40% of typical earnings. On the matter of whether or not the Prime Minister and new Minister of Public Utilities and Logistics should intervene, Hyde said that it is a matter of duty.

“In our view of it, this is a matter of duty when you have your primary export facility having this kind of industrial relations exists with the primary workforce, that is a matter of national priority to see that stabilized and resolved, that’s a duty. That’s a part of your job description. You cannot forget about it. You cannot ignore it, you cannot dismiss it. You have to actively stay with that until that is resolved,” Hyde stated.









## Undefeateds clash in OWFA 1st Division Finals on Sunday

by Ben Ramos, Jr. – Administrator,  
OW Regional Office

ORANGE WALK TOWN, Mon. Jan. 17, 2022

The Orange Walk Football Association (OWFA) 1st Division Amateur 2021-22 Opening Tournament was back at the Louisiana Football Field with the knockout semifinals on Sunday, January 16, featuring the top two teams from Groups A and B in the regular season; and it was both group winners retaining their undefeated status in the semifinals, and thus moving on to the final this weekend.

In the first semifinal on Sunday, Group A winners Caribbean Rum Boyz FC (4-0-0) crushed Group B's second place team Yo Creek La Ceiba FC (3-1-1) by a 6-1 margin. Goals for the Rum Boyz were by Russel Casanova (14'), Richard Gillett (38' & 40'), Irvin Osorio (44'), Camilo Sanchez (53') and Enrique Valdez (72'); while Yo Creek's only goal came from Edimir

Carrillo (70').

The second semifinal was much more competitive, with regulation ending in a 1-1 draw between Group B winner Guinea Grass FC (5-0-0) and Group A second place team Progresso FC (3-0-1). Dedron Baptist (14') put Progresso in front, but Francisco Rivas (27') equalized for Guinea Grass before the intermission, and it remained that way for regulation. In the ensuing penalty shootout, Guinea Grass FC maintained its undefeated status with a 4-2 victory over Progresso FC.

The finals are now set for this coming Sunday at the Louisiana Football Field.

Please note that there is no third place game. Both group winning teams, Caribbean Rum Boyz FC and Guinea Grass FC, advance undefeated to the championship finals.

OWFA 1st Division Finals schedule:  
Sunday, January 23, Louisiana Field  
2:30 p.m. – Caribbean Rum Boyz FC vs Guinea Grass FC



### REAL ESTATE MARKET PROSPECTION NOTICE

*Office building*

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

The objective of this notice is to inform the actors of the real estate market as well as any other economic operator interested in the real estate needs of the European Union Technical Support office to Belize (the 'Office') in Belmopan, BELIZE, and to collect information on properties and projects in **Belmopan, BELIZE**.

The location of the property will preferably be in the following areas: Belmopan central areas.

The total net above ground area required for premises / buildings is included **between 210 m<sup>2</sup> and 250 m<sup>2</sup> gross**.

The premises / buildings required to meet the needs of the Delegation should preferably:

- Be completed (or close to completion) and available **for occupancy by 01.03.2022**.
- Be set as office spaces. Buildings in a closed shell may also be taken into consideration if the owners offer to fit them out according to the needs of the Delegation before occupancy;
- Allow to **accommodate 5 staff** members mainly in open offices, but also in individual and / or shared offices;
- comprise **at least 1 individual office, 1 or 2 open spaces, archive room, storage room, IT rooms** and minimum **1 parking bay** required

The proposed building contract will be, as the case may be, either a lease agreement or a purchase and sale agreement executed in the name of the European Union (the 'EU'). The contracting authority will be the European External Action Service (the 'EEAS').

The administrative section of the Delegation in Jamaica will serve as contact point for property market participants and other interested economic operators. For further information, please contact the administrative section by email at [delegation-jamaica-administration@eeas.europa.eu](mailto:delegation-jamaica-administration@eeas.europa.eu).

**POSITION TITLE:** Administrative Officer  
**ANTICIPATED START DATE:** 11 February 2022  
**REPORTS TO:** Technical Officer  
**LOCATION:** Belmopan



**Administrative Officer (AO)** is responsible for the administrative and clerical services. She/he will be working under the supervision of the Technical Officer. She/he will be required to take direction and work intuitively to support the completion of the regional office goals and objectives in a professionally manner.

#### Description:

The position of Administrative Officer of the Football Federation of Belize (FFB) is a full-time position which will define and lead the Regional Administrative Programme under the authority of the Football Federation of Belize (FFB) and in compliance with the aims, objectives and values of the Federation. The position will require working closely with all staff members across all areas including but not limited to, finance, revenue, marketing, communications, operations and strategy.

#### Key Responsibilities

The Administrative Officer shall hold the following responsibilities:

1. **Coordinate the administrative activities in an effective, up to date, and accurate manner by:**
  - Actively participates in the regional department's strategic planning sessions;
  - Works cooperatively with all team members to support the achievement of work plan activities designed to achieve identified goals and objectives;
  - Operates office equipment such as computers, fax machines, photocopiers, voice mail messaging systems and computer scanning equipment to complete office tasks;
  - Performs clerical functions such as preparing correspondence, receiving visitors, arranging conference calls, and scheduling meetings for the technical officer or designate;
  - Coordinates and organizes meetings and conferences including meeting venue bookings, catering requirements, sets up the room with audio-visual equipment and flip charts;
  - Prepares meeting agendas, records and distributes meeting minutes;
  - Coordinates any required repairs to office equipment;
  - Maintains adequate office supply.
2. **Administrative and clerical support to the Technical Officer in accomplishing their roles and responsibilities. This includes**
  - Assists in the development and distribution of schools, clubs, and academies training schedules;
  - Produces forms and correspondence as required;
  - Produces and/or assists in the production of all required internal and external reports;
  - Coordinates activities with the technical officer;
  - Assists in the development of the regional office budget and ensures spending remains within acceptable variances.
3. **Coordinator of the regional office's information, reporting, and communication strategies and activities. This includes:**
  - Develops or maintains an accurate and up to date records management system (electronic and hardcopy files);
  - Stores, retrieves and disseminates information for schools, clubs and academies;
  - Prepares detailed presentations and reports as required by the Technical Officer;
  - Ensures the safeguarding of all confidential files;
  - Provides regional website updates to the Football Federation of Belize IT department to ensure up to date department information is posted on the intranet/website; Keeps the BFA Facebook page up-to-date.
  - Creates databases and/or processes to accomplish tasks.
4. **Other duties as may be assigned from time-to-time.**

#### Experience & Knowledge Requirements:

- Minimum high school diploma or higher education;
- Minimum 2 years' experience in the field of administrative / business;
- Must possess strong organization, evaluation and problem solving skills;
- Must be able to communicate effectively in writing and verbally;
- Working knowledge of Microsoft Office, Excel and PowerPoint;
- Must be able to work flexible hours;
- Organization skills and the ability to effectively manage resources;
- A team player, with an ability to build consensus and collaborate with the Football Federation of Belize.

#### Remuneration:

Based on qualifications

#### Applications:

To apply, candidates should send a Cover Letter and Curriculum Vitae to the Assistant General Secretary of the Football Federation of Belize Headquarters by 4:00 p.m. February 4, 2022 to: Email: [luis\\_pena@footballfederationbelize.bz](mailto:luis_pena@footballfederationbelize.bz)





# KREM Television Program Guide

*Shoa Wiself, Si Wiself, Bee Wiself!!!*

Questions or comments may be forwarded via email to

Phone: 202-5848 [kremtelevision@yahoo.com](mailto:kremtelevision@yahoo.com)

Friday January 21, 2022 to Thursday January 27, 2022

**FRIDAY**

- 6:30 a.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (LIVE)**
- 9:00 a.m. **Morning Stew (LIVE)**
- 12:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**
- 1:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 2:00 p.m. Movie: Second Sight
- 3:30 p.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (repeat)**
- 6:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (LIVE)**
- 7:00 p.m. Jazz Session
- 7:30 p.m. **You And The Law (repeat)**
- 9:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**

**SATURDAY**

- 9:00 a.m. Movie: Race
- 11:28 a.m. Documentary: The Price of Shame - Monice Lewinsky
- 11:50 a.m. Movie: Mulan
- 1:46 p.m. Documentary: Safari Africa
- 2:14 p.m. Movie: Mandela's Long Walk to Freedom
- 5:34 p.m. Documentary: Life on Under a Microscopic - Safari
- 7:15 p.m. Movie: The Tiffany Rubin Story
- 8:00 p.m. Music Videos

**SUNDAY**

- 10:30 a.m. **Sunday Review (LIVE)**
- 12:00 p.m. Documentary: Seeds of Death
- 1:19 p.m. Movie: The Hate You Give
- 3:32 p.m. Documentary: The Power Of A Story - Walter Rodney
- 4:02 p.m. Movie: Thy Will Be Done
- 5:30 p.m. **Sunday Review (repeat)**
- 7:00 p.m. Sunday Jazz
- 8:00 p.m. Music Videos

**MONDAY**

- 6:30 a.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (LIVE)**
- 9:00 a.m. **Morning Stew (LIVE)**
- 12:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**
- 1:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 2:00 p.m. Documentary: Inside Job
- 3:30 p.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (repeat)**
- 6:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (LIVE)**
- 7:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 8:00 p.m. Belizean Legend: Q Leslie
- 9:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**

**TUESDAY**

- 6:30 a.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (LIVE)**
- 9:00 a.m. **Morning Stew (LIVE)**
- 12:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**
- 1:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 2:00 p.m. Belizean Legend: Bella Carib
- 3:30 p.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (repeat)**
- 6:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (LIVE)**
- 7:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 8:00 p.m. Documentary: The Truth About Your Food
- 9:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**

**WEDNESDAY**

- 6:30 a.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (LIVE)**
- 9:00 a.m. **Morning Stew (LIVE)**
- 12:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**
- 1:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 2:00 p.m. Movie: One Last Prayer
- 3:30 p.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (repeat)**
- 6:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (LIVE)**
- 7:00 p.m. Jazz Session
- 7:30 p.m. **You And The Law (LIVE)**
- 9:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**

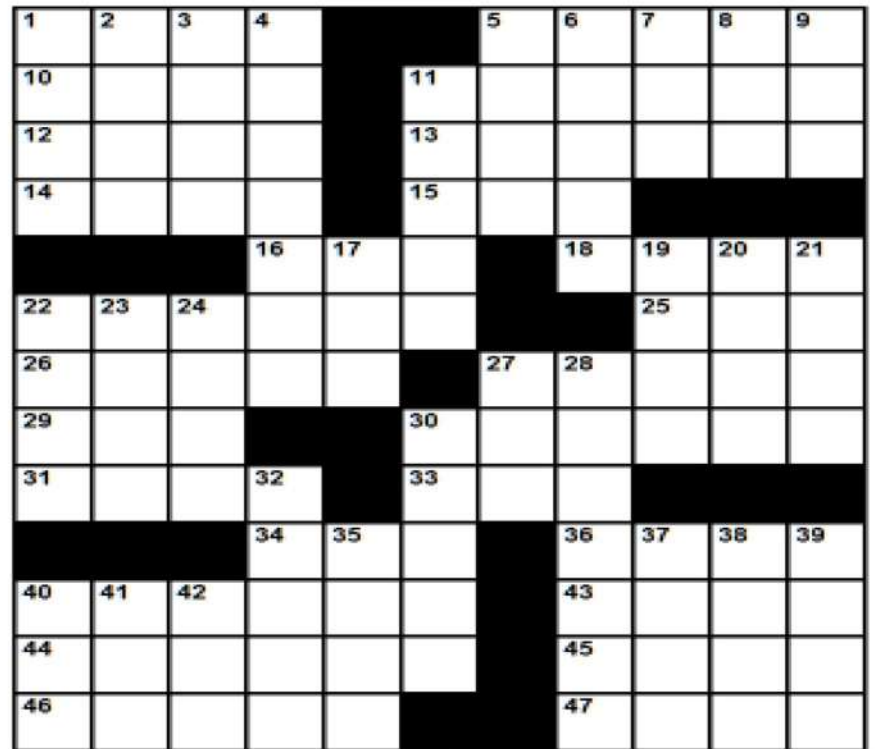
**THURSDAY**

- 6:30 a.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (LIVE)**
- 9:00 a.m. **Morning Stew (LIVE)**
- 12:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**
- 1:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 2:00 p.m. Movie: The Lost Prince
- 3:30 p.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (repeat)**
- 6:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (LIVE)**
- 7:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 8:00 p.m. Belizean Legend: Mark Usher
- 9:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**



NEW PUZZLE

*Daily Crossword Puzzle for January 20, 2022*



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**Across**

- 1. Got rid of a squeak
- 5. Musical repeat sign
- 10. Bible twin
- 11. Pilot's position
- 12. Like a beanpole
- 13. Fancy sock pattern
- 14. Fragrant gum
- 15. Actor Marvin
- 16. Actress Thompson
- 18. Amusement park attraction
- 22. Damage
- 25. Bad bomb
- 26. The march king
- 27. In bundles
- 29. A bit sloshed
- 30. Isn't she -----
- 31. Formerly, once
- 33. Appreciation for beauty
- 34. Check erosion
- 36. Mythic birds
- 40. Move a picture, maybe
- 43. Admit frankly
- 44. Punish by fine
- 45. Big do
- 46. Prize money
- 47. Exuberance

**Down**

- 3. Balustrade
- 4. A globular cloud
- 5. Dam's mate
- 6. Border tool
- 7. Festive
- 8. Love, in a sense
- 9. Bauxite bonanza
- 11. Asian peninsula
- 17. Period of time
- 19. Between chores
- 20. Fencing match
- 23. Black in Burgundy
- 24. Sticks out
- 27. Cub scout, e.g.
- 28. So so
- 30. Narrow shelf
- 32. Former rulers
- 35. At a prior time
- 37. Egg outline
- 38. Bottled beverage
- 39. Cob or pen
- 40. Break dance music
- 41. Cassowary kin
- 42. Him's opposite

*Crossword answers for last edition*

The answers below are for the puzzle appearing in the last edition of the Amandala. The answers for the above puzzle will appear in next issue of this newspaper.



Daily Interactive Crossword Puzzle - 01-12-2022 - Answers





# Lost or Destroyed Debenture & Share Certificates

January 18, 2022



Notice is hereby given of the loss of the following Debenture and Share Certificates:

Name	Debenture Certificate No.
Philip C Freytag and/or Suzanne M Cooper	0247-0250

Name	Share Certificate No.
Gordon/Roberta Weil	1612, 1747, 3339
Orton Clarke	349
Benito Palacio	1133

It is proposed to cancel the above Debenture and Share Certificates after the expiration of twenty-one (21) days from the appearance of this notice.

Any of the above mentioned certificates are therefore required to be returned to:

Securities Officer  
Finance Department  
Belize Electricity Limited  
2 ½ Miles Philip S. W. Goldson Highway

Phone: 501.227.0954 Ext: 1512 | Email: [debentures@bel.com.bz](mailto:debentures@bel.com.bz)

## ATLANTIC INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons to fill the position of Claims Support Officer

### Duties and Responsibilities

Claims Support Officer manage correspondence, take phone calls, do paperwork, and type documents. This position does Clerical and administrative tasks. They gather, organize, and correspond with insured individuals about obtaining the information necessary to file claims correctly.

1. Prepares and obtains Per diem form for claims handlers performing inspections
2. Ensures that time sheets are submitted timely for approvals to meet schedule for salaries
3. Ensures to check with personnel for stationary needs to provides Claims Analyst with information
4. Provides support in uploading payment receipts to claims (until system is up and running for Accounting Department to perform task)
5. Contact insured or other involved persons to obtain missing information so claim can be organized and submitted for review by Claims Handlers (check list is used)
6. Post or attach information to a claim
7. Provides customer service to clients seeking information on a new claim being submitted
8. Provides support in opening of new claims coming in via Whatsapp, the mobile app or website
9. Responsible to send to clients copy of deposit receipt via whatsapp or email or text (until system is fully integrated to do this)
10. Ensures that follow-ups are done daily for claims in the Validating status
11. Cross support to Claims Officer

### QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE:

This post requires an individual who hold himself/herself to the highest standards and have a strong desire for personal growth and professional success. The individual should display initiative, diligence, self-confidence, and outgoing personalities.

- Minimum - Associate Degree in Business Administration or related field
- Highly-analytical with strong attention to detail, Strong work ethic
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Brilliant oral and written communication skills
- Professional demeanor both on the phone and in person
- Proficiency is required in Microsoft Excel and Microsoft Word
- Bilingual in English and Spanish
- Valid driver's license and willingness to drive oneself

### DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ONLINE APPLICATIONS IS MONDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2022

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST INCLUDE:  
TWO RECENT LETTERS OF REFERENCE ONE FROM PAST EMPLOYER AND A VALID POLICE RECORD AND PASSPORT SIZE PICTURE

SEND APPLICATIONS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO:

our website at: <https://aicbelize.com/employment-application>

**Note: Incomplete applications will not be considered. Only short-listed applicants will be contacted for interviews.**  
We thank you for your application.



## BELIZE CITY COUNCIL NOTICE TO ABATE NUISANCE

Pursuant to sections 138 & 140 of the Public Health Act, the Belize City Council hereby serves notice on the following owners or agencies of the following properties to abate nuisance by cutting all overgrown vegetation within fourteen (14) Days of publication of this Notice.

Owner	LOT #	PARCEL #	HOUSE #	STREET
Falcon Holding Ltd	777	1066		Gabourel Lane
Vista Properties Ltd		1801		Cor. Gwen lizzaraga / Albert Hoy Street
Lloyd Earl Hepburn Jr.		1684		Button wood Bay Blvd
Yakub Gaznabbi	6506	378	4	Jasmine Street
Shiela Gillett	1529		2/4	Tanoomah Street
Maude/Vernonica/ Et. Al Dupree/ Locke / Pandy	2105	161	10	Simon Lamb Street
John/Mariela Flowers/ Alvarado	2104	160	12	Simon Lamb Street
Daniel Mejia	2101	226	18	Simon Lamb Street
Ernest Cattouse	1552A	317	3	Allenby Street
Shane Meighan	8136	401		Cor. Park St / La Croix Blvd.
HI Vasquez Est.	714	1016	157	West Canal Street
Esther Pollard	3037	149	15	Dougal Street
Glennis Palmerston	8408	770		McKay Blvd
Elvera Conoquie	2324	1348	13/13A	Rivero Street
Elaine Brown	2325	1349	9	Rivero Street
Chester Hall	2321	1244	17	Rivero Street
Anthony Bucknor	2324	1348	11	Rivero Street
Walter Gardiner	2344	1343	20/20A	Rivero Street

**Kindly be advised that if any changes have been made to the ownership of any property in this listing above, it is the onus of the new owner to update the Council. If the nuisance has been abated, kindly disregard this notice.**



## ECLAC report: inequality in unemployment to be tackled in 2022

*“2022 will be a complex year,” said ECLAC Secretary, Alicia Bárcena*

by *Khaila Gentle*

MEXICO CITY, Mexico, Thurs. Jan. 20, 2022

In last Friday's issue, we reported that the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) shared its annual report on the growth of the region's economy and indicated that the outlook for Belize is positive—with an expected growth rate of 6.2%. The report also stated that the year 2022 will be rife with challenges for the region. In the presentation of the report, ECLAC Executive Secretary Alicia Bárcena went over the major issues that the region faced in 2021 and issues that need to be tackled in the coming year, such as increased unemployment rates, inequality, and low investment.

According to ECLAC, in the year 2021 there was increased inequality in the rates of job loss among men and women, and it noted that over 38% of jobs held by women that were lost during the COVID-19 crisis were not recovered, while 21% of jobs held by men were not recovered. The main reason for this, said Secretary Bárcena, was “overload of care provision on women.”

Bárcena also spoke on the rise in unemployment seen in 2021, which affected mostly women, especially those with children under the age of 5.

Overall, ECLAC expects that 2022 will be a complex year, due to uncertainty regarding the pandemic's ongoing evolution, a sharp deceleration in economic growth, continued low investment and productivity, a slow recovery in employment, the persistence of the social effects prompted by the pandemic, inflation, and financial imbalances.

“The expected slowdown in the region in 2022, combined with the problems of low investment and productivity, poverty and inequality, calls for growth and employment creation to be central elements of public policymaking,” stated Bárcena.



## CAREER OPPORTUNITY

Belize Electricity Limited (BEL) is the primary distributor and the only licensed public provider of electricity in Belize. Our Mission is to deliver safe, reliable and sustainable energy solutions to enhance the quality of life and the productivity of enterprise and to support national development.

We are looking for a highly motivated, goal oriented, responsible and committed person to join our Company in the role of **Supervisor, Financial Reporting & Analysis** in the **Finance & Accounting Department** at our Corporate Headquarters in Belize City.

### Duties:

- Analyze business and financial data and create financial models for decision support to organizational leaders.
- Perform financial forecasting, reporting, and operational metrics tracking for regular leadership reviews and evaluate financial performance by comparing and analyzing actual results with plans and forecasts.
- Analyze past results, perform variance analysis, identify trends, and make recommendations for improvements.
- Work closely with the accounting team to ensure accurate financial reporting.
- Provide support to other departments regarding financial and accounting related matters.
- Assist with policy compliance by providing support to External Auditors for quarterly and annual audits and Internal Auditors for procedural audits.
- Provide budget planning support, analysis, and reporting.
- Formulate and implement policies and procedures where necessary.
- Engage, coach and mentor staff while fostering a work environment that is consistent with the Mission, vision and values of the Company.

### Education and Experience:

- Bachelor's degree in Accounting or Finance
- Certified Public Accountant (CPA) or Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) certification is desired
- Minimum of three years accounting experience with a focus on financial reporting requirements
- Two years relevant supervisory experience

### Required Skills and Abilities:

- Ability to analyze and interpret financial data
- Extensive knowledge of accounting concepts and principles
- Possess exceptional analytical and problem solving skills
- Ability to grasp new concepts quickly, exercise sound judgement and decisiveness while maintaining high work quality
- Excellent organizational skills and attention to detail
- Ability to work under pressure and meet deadlines
- Action and results oriented with excellent collaborative skills for pursuing shared goals
- Strong supervisory, leadership and coaching skills
- Ability to foster continuous learning through research and other forms of learning
- Ability to prioritize tasks and delegate them when appropriate
- Working knowledge of the Windows Environment and Microsoft Office applications
- Intermediate proficiency in Microsoft Excel (managing spreadsheets with large sets of data, creating charts and using advanced formulas)

**Salary:** in accordance with Company Salary Structure.

Submit application letter along with resume, copy of degrees and certificates and three recent professional letters of recommendation via email to:

**Manager, Talent Acquisition & Development**  
Email: [career.opportunity@bel.com.bz](mailto:career.opportunity@bel.com.bz)

In the email subject, please indicate the position:  
**Supervisor, Financial Reporting & Analysis**

Only electronic applications are being accepted at this time.  
For more information or queries, call 227-0954 Ext. 1415 or 1416

**Deadline: Friday, January 28, 2022**



#3304 Partridge Street, Belize City.

Telephones:  
501-280-4703/  
202-4477



# Hon. Hugo Patt sues

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BELIZE CITY, Wed. Jan. 19, 2022

Reports are that the Hon. Hugo Patt, area representative for Corozal North and deputy leader of the United Democratic Party, has initiated a lawsuit against the findings and recommendations published by the Commission of Inquiry, chaired by Andrew Marshalleck, that reviewed the sale of public assets at below-market prices to persons closely associated with the UDP administration in the months prior to the November 2020 general elections. As we reported last week, the Commission's report recommended that Patt be criminally investigated to determine whether there was anything illegal in the transactions connected to his acquisition of a Toyota Tacoma which was allegedly financed by a Chinese

businessman, Zhourong Li, who reportedly had received land documents via the Lands Ministry headed at the time by Patt.

According to 7News, Patt has retained the services of former Prime Minister, Rt. Hon. Dean Barrow. Interestingly, Barrow was also interviewed by the Commission of Inquiry, and in the report the members of the commission referred to Barrow's role in the approval process prior to the sales of the assets as an "unbridled exercise of power" that was carried out in apparent disregard of the laws in the Finance and Audit Reform Act and the Financial and Stores Orders that govern the sale of assets.

Their initial legal efforts are aimed at getting the Supreme Court to grant them leave for their application for a

judicial review claim against the commission to be heard. Included with this application is a request for an interim injunction that would prevent the current Briceño administration from taking steps to initiate a criminal investigation into Patt's dealings with Li—a hold on the investigation that could last until the conclusion of Patt's lawsuit. (It is to be noted that Prime Minister Hon. John Briceño had indicated that the findings of the Commission of Inquiry had been handed over to the offices of the Attorney General and the Director of Public Prosecution.)

Patt and Barrow's application to the court reportedly presents three reasons that the leave should be granted so that they can proceed with their judicial review claim. These include an assertion that the members

of the Commission of Inquiry were not impartial, but harbored biases that tainted their review process and their subsequent findings, as well as Patt's claim that his constitutional rights and his rights to natural justice were violated.

In addition, Patt is objecting to the fact that he was not given the chance to offer a defense of his actions prior to the publication of the findings of the commission.

Reportedly, an additional argument that was made is that the Commission of Inquiry went beyond its authority and designated role when it recommended a criminal investigation into Patt's dealings.

When asked by reporters to comment on Patt's efforts to get the Supreme Court to effectively overturn the recommendations of the commission and halt any efforts to criminally investigate Patt's actions, Prime Minister Briceño said, "Well, I think they want to bury that report, so they want now go to court. They should be ashamed. They should allow the process to follow. If you feel you didn't do anything wrong, then you can go and write that, but it's typical UDP—they speak from both sides of the mouth. They talk about openness and transparency, and from the next mouth they say, 'if you deal with me, we have to stop it, we have to hide it', and they want to go and stop it at the court. What are they afraid of?"

## SR. TECHNICIAN/SURVEILLANCE OFFICER

### CAREER OPPORTUNITY



The Belize City Council is seeking applicants to fill the post of **Sr. Technician/Surveillance Officer**.

All interested persons must submit their application packages in a sealed envelope, addressed to the **Human Resources Personnel Officer**, no later than **Monday, January 24, 2022**.

Application packages should include the following:

1. Completed Belize City Council Application Form
2. Cover letter and resume
3. Copy of the applicant's social security card
4. A current police record
5. A passport sized photo
6. Two (2) letters of reference

#### Overview of Position:

The Senior Technician/Surveillance role includes the installation/configuration, operation, and maintenance of computer systems hardware and software and other related infrastructure, assist in ensuring that computer systems hardware, operating systems, software applications, and related policies and procedures adhere to industry best practices and organizational values, enabling staff, volunteers, and partners.

The Senior Technician/Surveillance ensures that implemented department procedures are executed and maintained as per documented procedures. These activities include but are not limited to the execution of data backups, systems optimization, intrusion detection, data integrity risk systems maintenance and monitoring and daily help desk functions.

#### Primary Duties and Responsibilities

##### Technical:

1. Install and configure computer hardware and software, including Windows and Linux Operating Systems.
2. Assist in management and operation of network servers, Point to Point, Firewall and other communication devices and infrastructure as delegated by Systems Administrator.
3. Monitor performance and maintain systems according to established policies and procedure.

4. Assist in troubleshooting of server issues and general network fault resolution.
5. Assist in management and delegation of duties to subordinate staff.
6. Assist other team members in the execution of their duties and responsibilities as may become necessary.
7. Execute, monitor and test data integrity backup/recovery procedures as per documented policies.
8. Provide oversight and supervision of Computer Assets movement activity.
9. Demonstrate resourcefulness and problem-solving aptitudes.
10. Demonstrate excellent analytical skills.
11. Monitor Fire/Smoke Alarm system.
12. Monitor Security cameras and Vehicle GPS system.
13. Documents and submit weekly reports on GPS Trackers.
14. Liaise with Security company, Tracking company and Vehicle Care Coordinator.
15. Any other duties assigned as it relates to the scope of work.
16. Ensure that all protocols, procedures and guidelines are used at all times in carrying out assigned duties.
17. Report to work immediately in the event a disaster threat and after the City has suffered a disaster.
18. Reports to the IT Manager.

#### Behavioural:

1. Demonstrate good verbal and written communication skills.
2. Demonstrate respectful and patient interaction with other staff when providing support.
3. Exhibit strong customer service orientation.
4. Demonstrate Strong Interpersonal skills.
5. Demonstrate Strong Research skills.
6. Maintain strong and productive relationships with MIS Team Personnel.
7. Maintain Strong Work Ethic at all times.
8. Maintain confidentiality with regard to the information being processed, stored or accessed.

#### Special Work Conditions (Physical demands, job hazards, pressures):

Available to work outside normal working hours and on weekends and holidays as required.

#### QUALIFICATIONS

- Associates Degree in Computer Science or Information Technology.
- 5 years Experience in related field.

## Customer care agent killed while working from home

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The Police Department's Communications Director, ASP Fitzroy Yearwood, said that investigators believe that Ritchie was the intended target.

"This was a direct target, so the person that went to do this had to know that he was in that certain position at that time, and we believe he knew his assailant. I know that investigators have canvassed the area and they have picked up some very useful information, and hopefully we could make [a] detention or probably an arrest very soon with this latest murder," said ASP Yearwood.

Police examined the area in which the shooting occurred, and found one expended shell.

Residents of the area may know that a surveillance camera is located not too far from where this latest murder occurred. ASP Yearwood indicated that they are reviewing footage captured by this camera.

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# From COPA to Queen Street

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1 Moroccan and 1 Dominican Republic national— would be denied entry into Belize. There are several reasons that they were not allowed to disembark and proceed with their visit. According to local authorities, the hotel reservations that they listed were bogus, since the establishments that they listed apparently do not exist or are not located in the country. (It is to be noted that GoB's Covid-19 protocol for international visitors includes a requirement that tourists wishing to vacation in Belize provide proof of a pre-booked Gold Standard accommodation.) Additionally, they were unable to present their return tickets upon arrival and had little to no funds to sustain themselves. The immigration authorities thus refused to allow the passengers to enter the country. What took place at that point led to a standoff that would grow in intensity. Some sources are saying that the pilot of the flight on which the passengers arrived was ordered to take those passengers back to Panama, which prompted resistance on the part of the passengers, who,



**Hon. Eamon Courtenay**

according to some reports, became increasingly hostile to the authorities after the Dominican national among them began to incite unrest within the group. In response to what the authorities considered a public disturbance at the airport, 32 of the travelers were detained. Twenty-five of them were subsequently taken to the Queen Street Police Station, while the remaining twelve were taken to the Dorothy Menzies Children's Home and are under police watch. according to Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Immigration, Hon. Eamon Courtenay. Today, following serious allegations of human rights violations by the authorities, the travelers were taken to the Best Western Belize Biltmore Hotel, where they will stay until Saturday, January 22, when the next COPA airlines flights is scheduled to take them back to their place of origin.

The detained passengers secured the legal representation of attorney OJ Elrington, who was reportedly called to the police station yesterday morning and retained by the aggrieved Venezuelans, some of whom, as mentioned, are now

reporting serious human right violations at the hands of Belizean authorities. In an interview yesterday, Elrington informed local reporters that he was told by the authorities that the passengers did not meet the requirements to enter Belize. And while Elrington has not objected to that determination by Belizean authorities and their decision to deny the travelers entry, he said that he is deeply troubled by the alleged human rights violations that his clients, a number of whom were detained at the Queen Street Police Station since Tuesday evening, have described to him.

“The allegation is that they have not met the requirements to enter Belize. That is fine. What is very disturbing in this situation and the reason that I believe you guys are here is because there are some serious human right violations which are happening in this situation. First and foremost, my clients have informed that since yesterday they have been given food once, denied water and not given food, and only given food once at about 9:30 last night. They have been treated inhumanely, have been subjected to cruel and inhumane punishment. Treatment which does not comply with simple human rights standards,” Elrington said during his interview.

He went on to state that he was informed that among those being held was a minor, and he pointed out that the treatment of the child was a violation of every statute that outlines the rights of a child.

According to public statements made by the Ministry of Immigration today, however, no minor was detained at the Queen Street Police Station. The Immigration Ministry also denied the allegation that the travelers were not given food and water and has asserted that they were given provisions at around 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday night before being transported by police to the locations at which they are currently being held. Minister Eamon Courtenay told local reporters that since there is no detention center in the country for persons who are denied leave to enter the country, those at the Ministry had to coordinate with police to find an appropriate location at which those persons could be housed.

Elrington had further stated that, up to the time of his media interview, he had only been allowed to speak to two of his clients, and he said that he had not properly consulted the group for instructions, since the Officer commanding the Queen Street Police Station had rejected his request to speak with the other foreign detainees.

“When I subsequently requested to speak to the other persons, I have been denied, have been denied the opportunity to speak to them, and in so doing they are denying the human rights and the constitutional rights of these persons.” Elrington said. He added that he had been in touch with the International Office of Migration

(IOM) in Belize and had spoken with representatives of the Human Rights Commission, who he says had initially planned to go to the police station but were unable to make it.

According to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the detained persons were allowed to speak with an official from Venezuela. They noted that none of the travelers are seeking asylum in Belize and that they all listed tourism as their purpose of travel. Arrangements have since been made to send them back to their country of origin, but because COPA does not have daily flights to Belize, they will have to wait until this coming Saturday.

The Immigration Ministry said that in a meeting yesterday evening with COPA officials in Belize, Guatemala and Panama, Belize's immigration officials, led by Director Debra Baptist Estrada, explained to the COPA agents why the passengers were denied entry, and they concurred that the travelers should be returned to Panama at COPA's expense. Since Venezuelan nationals need a visa to enter Guatemala, COPA's partner airline, TAG, for which Guatemala is a point of transit, could not take the passengers back to Panama on its regular route. COPA thus agreed to provide hotel accommodations, food, water, and a return flight and police guard for the travelers.

In his interview, Elrington had described to reporters the circumstances that, according to his clients, led to their detention. He went on to state that one of his clients was “visibly upset” when the group was returned to the plane, and the pilot decided not to proceed. Those expressions of anger were viewed as a disturbance, and that is when, according to Elrington, the Belizean authorities detained all the passengers involved, as part of what appeared to be a “good suffer for the bad” response to the standoff.

“When they got back on the plane, one of the persons who was visibly upset about the situation and about being denied entry and not being provided any information as to why their entry was being denied — imagine you go to Orlando for a trip and they say, ‘just go back’, you would be upset. But they said there was no threat of violence, nothing, and the pilot said if this person is causing a disturbance so he will not proceed, and when they came back they said ‘you know what, we will punish all of you’, her words were, and you know how I know, because she speaks English and said something that all of us Belizean would understand; she said, ‘one of you will make all of you feel’. That doesn't sound like something that police would say in Belize?” Elrington said.

In a release issued this morning, the Human Rights Commission stated, “We have not been able to clearly assess whether these individuals have international protection needs; however, it is clear that these

individuals have made a request to seek asylum in our country. It is the responsibility of our authorities to process them accordingly. Where individuals are returned to a country where violence and possibly death awaits them, then we have failed as a state to protect the rights of these individuals.”

The release goes on to state, “This country is a signatory to the Refugee Convention. No one forced the State to be a signatory. The human and honorable thing needs to be done.”

This is the second time an incident of this nature has occurred involving COPA airline, according to Minister Courtenay, who says they have expressed their concerns to the airline. (In October of last year, 11 passengers on a COPA flight were denied leave to enter the country.) “We have shared with them our concerns for these flights. We have shared with them our concern for what we regard as insufficient screening. We have shared with them our concern for the turnaround time, because the flight arrives and it's like 50 odd minutes before it leaves, there is a line in the arrival area and before we can finish that, they are looking to leave, which presents a problem, hence the arrangement for TAG. I believe that because of the irregular flow of migrants, Guatemala has now imposed a visa-requirement for Venezuelans and Ecuadorians going into Guatemala. Mexico, tomorrow I believe it is, Mexico will now impose a visa requirement for Venezuelans.”

## Customer care agent killed while working from home

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“Whenever these crimes take place, we don't only review the official camera that we have in the zone, but we even canvas the area to see if other neighbors might have surveillance. It takes a little while, because of course if we find anything we would want it to be retracted from the official technician that can testify in court, in the event we need to use it as evidence. Usually, if they have any findings they will indicate to me what their findings are. We do have people viewing the cameras,” he said.

Commissioner of Police, Chester Williams, told local reporters that police believe that the shooting is connected to a domestic matter, and that police are pursuing two suspects in connection to the latest murder.

Ritchie's body was transported to the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital and will soon undergo a post-mortem examination. Ritchie is the third customer care agent to be murdered in Belize this month alone.



# LOO on the lam

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In her statement published on Facebook she states, "Firstly, we begin by saying that the situation is a misunderstanding, one that really is a matter that we have been dealing with privately." As mentioned, she has written to Commissioner Williams to request that the charges against Faber be withdrawn. Williams, however, seems to be insisting that the matter be addressed in the courts.

"If she were to recant, she would have to do that at the courts. The fact is that we have obtained a statement from her in which she has requested court action, and so we will proceed with the matter before the courts, and if she decides later on that she does not wish the matter to go any further, then we will suggest that she goes to the court and do that, and not through the police. Again, with these domestic

issues, we tend to at times downplay them, underplay them, and then it turns out to be worst at the end of the day. In order for us to make sure that should something serious happen down the road, we can always say that, yes, the lady came to us, we did our part, but then she went to the courts and XYZ, and our hands are clean." Commissioner Williams shared.

This means that Faber is likely to be charged with the offense of assault and damage to property and will appear before the court before any charges can be dropped.

According to the COMPOL, Arnold first lodged an informal complaint to the police on Monday, following what is believed to be a disagreement between the couple. By Wednesday, tensions within the relationship had apparently escalated so much that Faber, according to some reports, used

a hammer to injure her hands, destroyed her laptop and reportedly slashed the tires of her vehicle. Reports are that she escaped using Faber's vehicle and made her way to the Queen Street Police Station. Her injuries have been classified as harmful.

Yesterday, Arnold's attorney, David Morales, and Dr. Carol Babb, Secretary General of the UDP, who is a close ally of Faber, were seen at the Queen Street Police Station. Reports were that some associates of Faber were attempting to convince the complainant not to press charges. According to the COMPOL, however, if this is the case those persons could likely face charges related to tampering with a witness.

COMPOL Williams said that the victim had a visible bruise on her face, said to have been caused by a door that hit her during a struggle with

Faber.

In her Facebook statement, Arnold states, "I would also like to express my dissatisfaction with the spread of rumors via social media and traditional media houses, because it only served to make this situation that much more difficult to navigate. While I appreciate the support from many; in the future, it is my hope that our privacy is respected as we navigate our personal lives together and apart."

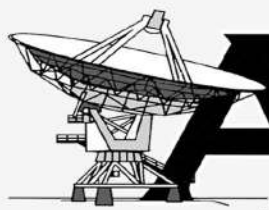
COMPOL Williams has stated that they try their best to respect the wishes of the complainant. "As much as yes, we know that situations may exist where the complainant may be reluctant or be fearful to cooperate due to the influence they believe the person of influence may have. We must as best as we can, do what we can to assist those complainants, so in situations where statements are given and it is categorically stated in those statements that they wish court action, then we will process to put the matter before the court."

This recent allegations against Faber could permanently end his leadership of the United Democratic Party—which he barely succeeded in holding onto after a recall petition, orchestrated by the UDP Caucus for Change, that had led to a recall convention in July of last year. Faber needed the votes of at least a third of the delegates at that convention—162 votes, and he was able to secure 226 votes, 64 more votes than what he needed. He had also been ousted from his post as Leader of the Opposition after a parliamentary maneuver by Mesopotamia rep Hon. Moses "Shyne" Barrow, but had been able to reclaim his seat as Opposition Leader in the House after securing the support of Hon. Hugo Patt and Hon. Tracy Pantón. Those events had been triggered by the circulation of a video in which Faber appeared to be mistreating the mother of his 2-year-old daughter. Faber had been receiving counseling and making progress in regaining the support of the faction that attempted a coup against him when this most recent incident occurred.

Faber, in a public statement released today, said, "While we had hoped that such a matter in the public domain could be avoided, we realize regrettably that the inferences and insinuations deriving from the visit to the Queen Street Police Station yesterday, Thursday, January 19, 2022 have now made it necessary for the situation to be publicly addressed.

"We begin by stating that the situation is a misunderstanding, one that really is a matter that we have been dealing with privately. It is our intent to do whatever it takes to keep our family together. While we can assure the public that the rumors are inaccurate, we are at this time unwilling to disclose further private information in order to protect my fiancé from public scrutiny.

"My number one priority at this time is my fiancé's wellbeing and the wellbeing of my entire family.



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