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# Maya Leaders reject GOB's FPIC protocol

*"I just want to make it very clear that despite the appearance, or what the perception out there might be, it is very clear that this government is attempting to remove and erase the traditional governance institution of the Maya people, which is very dangerous and damaging..."* Cristina Coc, spokesperson for Toledo Alcaldes Association (TAA) and the Maya Leaders Alliance (MLA), told AMANDALA.



Cristina Coc - spokesperson, TAA/MLA

by Marco Lopez

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Jan. 27, 2022

This morning, the Government of Belize issued a Cabinet brief announcing the approval of a Free, Prior Informed Consent (FPIC) Protocol, which it said, will "guide consultations with Maya communities, whether by government or private entities, in keeping with government's commitment to the implementation of the 2015 Consent Order of the Caribbean Court of Justice". However, in an exclusive interview with AMANDALA, Cristina Coc, spokesperson for the Toledo Alcaldes Association (TAA) and Maya Leaders Alliance (MLA) made it clear that the Maya communities reject the Government's proposed FPIC

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## CWU to GOB: Step Up!

Stevedores at Port of Belize on 8<sup>th</sup> day of strike



Evan "Mose" Hyde - President, CWU

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Unloading of shipping containers at the Port of Belize is currently on pause after all gangs of stevedores employed at the Port of Belize (PBL) decided to engage in a full-scale strike following a unanimous vote on

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## Unions seeking possible end of salary cuts

After a meeting with GOB, the BNTU and PSU said that they're still trying to determine whether the restoration of their full salaries is finally possible



Elena Smith - National president of BNTU

by Khaila Gentle

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Jan. 26, 2022

At the end of a meeting held between the Government of Belize, the Public Service Union (PSU), and the Belize National Teachers Union

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## BSI: metal, sticks, and rocks in sugar cane



William Neal - BSI/ASR's Communication Officer

ASR/BSI wrote to sugar cane farmers following the repeated discovery by the mill of extraneous material that could cause major equipment damage and production delays

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The Belize Sugar Industry (BSI) has issued a public statement to indicate that they are "extremely concerned" about an excessive quantity of

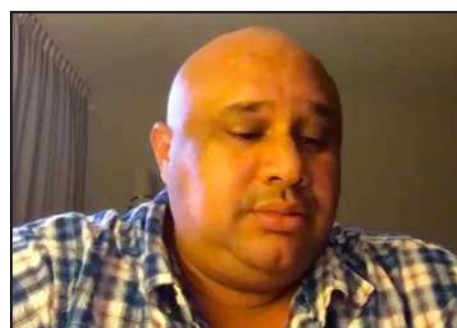
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## Peyrefitte asks court to quash Smart contract award

Justice Sonya Young will hand down her decision as to whether or not the leave will be granted for the judicial review application to be heard

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Jan. 26, 2022

Since last Friday, a number of oral and written submissions have been made in the court of Justice Sonya Young as part of the judicial review application brought by UDP Senator Michael Peyrefitte, against Prime Minister John Briceño, to challenge government's decision to grant a



Senator Michael Peyrefitte

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## Reopening of land borders scheduled for Feb. 1



Belize's northern border and Belize's western border

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# Armed robbers strike Sam's Club in Cayo

*Police Commissioner Chester Williams has confirmed that an ex-police officer was involved*



Sam's Club Belize

by Charles Gladden

armed bandits entered Sam's Club in Santa Elena, in the Cayo District, and assaulted several customers who were in the store at the time of the

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On Saturday, January 22, three

## Cruise ship docks in Belize after Bahamas denies entry

*The Celebrity Apex was turned away from the Bahamas in early January due to that nation's new entry requirements for cruise ships*

BELIZE CITY, Mon. Jan. 24, 2022

On Friday, January 7, the *Celebrity Apex* was unable to make its scheduled port call in the Bahamas after being denied entry. This was due to the island nation's recent modification of its cruise ship entry requirements in the face of the COVID-19 Omicron variant, and as a result, passengers onboard the ship spent the day at sea rather than on the shores of Nassau. They then returned to their port of embarkation in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on Saturday.

Two weeks later, the *Celebrity Apex*, according to recent reports, docked in Belize.

Previously, when a ship that had been turned away from other ports in the Caribbean and Latin America—the *MSC Divina*—was allowed to dock in Belize, Ministry of Tourism & Diaspora Relations CEO Nicole Solano had commented that cruise ships were only allowed to call on Belize's port if the Ministry of Health & Wellness deemed them safe enough. And, apparently, this was the case with the *Celebrity Apex* as well.

When interviewed by local reporters, Abil Castaneda, BTB's Director of Quality Management and

Capacity Development, said that earlier in January, the ship was red-flagged by Bahamian health authorities after a significant number of COVID-19 cases were detected onboard. But he went on to note that by the time the vessel approached Belize's shores, there were "less than a handful" of cases that were detected onboard among crew members. He further said that Ministry of Health and Wellness officials had gone onboard the boat to carry out an inspection and had issued the clearance, as is standard protocol for cruise and cargo vessels.

A portion of the 1,200 passengers who arrived on the *Apex* were allowed to disembark and go on pre-booked tours, and later on that day, after requests were made by Belize's tourism industry reps, others onboard the ship were allowed by the ship's management to reach out to the independent tour operators. Reports are that Belize has been placed on a list of countries where only passengers who buy tours sold on the vessels would be allowed to disembark.

Castaneda said that in a conversation with Celebrity Cruise line, Belize's officials argued that Belize has made sizeable investments

in reopening our cruise sector safely by way of the Gold Standard program and that all tour guides are gold-standard certified. The cruise line, after the discussions with BTB, replied yesterday to say that they have decided to remove the policy for Belize.



incident. Reports indicate that just before 7:00 o'clock that evening, the armed men entered the store demanding money. The customers, one of whom was seemingly assaulted with a shopping cart, were reportedly ordered at gunpoint to lie on the ground. After taking the proceeds of the day's sales from the cash register of the establishment, the robbers demanded more money, and one of the robbers proceeded to hit the store manager, Carla Castillo, 40, in the face with a firearm.

It resulted in an *idãn wíund* in the *m³ddlã íf* her head, and the left side of her neck was swollen. She was not the only person in the store to be assaulted, however. Juan Sandoval, 37; Sulma Sho, 38, and Ernesto Paau, 23, were all in the store at the time of the incident. Sandoval was hit in the left side of his head, while Sho and Paau were hit in the right side of their heads.

Commissioner Williams told local reporters that he has reviewed surveillance footage of the incident and that he is disgusted by what occurred.

"Having looked at the video circulating, it is [a] cruel and heinous act perpetrated by those who are involved. I was even more disturbed by the fact that one of the gunmen had

a gun pointed at one of the persons in the store and despite that, hit the person in the face. That is really terrible," said COMPOL Williams.

The Belize Police Department has additionally confirmed that one of the armed robbers was a former police officer who was dismissed just a little over a year ago.

"That individual had been dismissed by me, over a year ago, and he's no longer a police officer. So an ex-police officer," said Commissioner of Police, Chester Williams, when he addressed the media.

According to Williams, the San Ignacio police are making a diligent effort to locate and detain those who perpetrated this latest robbery.

"The police in San Ignacio are following that particular incident. We currently have a number of persons detained who we believe are involved and investigators are working to put the pieces together. We should be making significant progress towards making an arrest," he said.

The robbers took an undisclosed amount of cash from the store's register, as well as a number of other items, including *¾¾ ìãđtîð¾* and a cellphone belonging to a customer in the store.

## UDP calls out GoB on high gas prices

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Jan. 27, 2022

On Wednesday, January 26, it was announced that once again the price of fuel in the country would be rising. There was a 41-cent jump in the per-gallon price of regular gas, which increased from \$11.69 to \$12.10, while the prices of kerosene and diesel rose by 59 cents and 67 cents per gallon respectively. The price of premium gasoline, however, remains at \$12.30.

Following the announcement of the most recent increase in fuel prices, the United Democratic Party (UDP) issued a press release that urges the Briceño administration to reduce the taxes imposed by the government on fuel by \$2 at the minimum and to commit to keeping fuel prices below \$10 per gallon.

"This is unsustainable. This is unacceptable, because the burden he is putting on the Belizean people is just way too much. We are at a breaking point, and the Prime Minister needs to act as soon as possible," the release states.

The Opposition continued by stating that the Belizean people are unable to cope with the high gas prices. Their



press release went on to refer to steps taken by the Barrow administration during its term to mitigate high gas prices. These included a move by GoB at that time to absorb part of the price increase, as well as steps that were taken to cap the amount of tax revenue derived by government from the sale of gas at a reasonable level, and an alteration of the tax formula to provide relief at the pumps, the UDP release said.

The UDP release also pointed out that the Briceño administration has not attempted to ease the fuel tax burden on Belizeans, even once passing on a one-cent increase to consumers. "We remind Briceño that fuel prices impact the acquisition costs on all goods. The now weekly increases in fuel prices have Belizeans struggling to meet basic needs as the prices of all goods continue to rise proportionally," the release states.



## Garifuna Nation speaks on Mayor Palacio's plight

*"There is a better approach," says the organization's leaders, who are speaking out against the culture of controversy and political polarization existing in Belize*



*(l-r) Garifuna Nation president - Egbert Shaka Higinio, 1st vice president - Cynthia Ellis-Topsey and speaker, Joseph Guerrero*

by *Khaila Gentle*

Sun. Jan. 23, 2022

The Garifuna Nation Congress has issued an open letter to the Belizean public regarding the recent clash between five members of the Belmopan City Council and Mayor Sheran Palacio. That letter stated that the mayor had filed a complaint with the Congress regarding the issue. It also explained that whenever a citizen of the Garifuna Nation—a group made up of Garinagu from Belize as well as the greater diaspora—files a complaint, it is the duty of the Congress to investigate that complaint's validity and then carry out the necessary actions on that citizen's behalf. In the case of Mayor Palacio, the Congress is currently carrying out an investigation after having determined that "there is some legitimacy" to her complaint that the City of Belmopan councilors have made false allegations against her.

"As soon as we have gathered all the necessary information, we intend to write a letter to the Belmopan Area Representative Honourable Oscar Mira, the Minister of Local Government Honourable Oscar Requeña, and the Prime Minister of Belize Honourable John Briceño," said the letter.

In an interview with the media, several of the organization's leaders, namely, Egbert Shaka Higinio, president of the Garifuna Nation; 1st

Vice-President and Ambassador-At-Large in Belize, Ms. Cynthia Ellis-Topsey; and Garifuna Nation Speaker and Congress Minister of Lands, Joseph Guerrero, spoke about the dispute. During that interview, the leaders commented that the way the issue is being dealt with is improper. They also stated that the councilors who are at odds with Mayor Palacio acted unprofessionally both when they failed to ensure that the mayor was aware of their complaints before leaking the document to the media and when they signed the document without doing their due diligence and ensuring that its contents were truthful and accurate.

"If they truly respected the mayor, they would have approached the mayor. They would have made sure that the mayor received the letter," said Guerrero.

The Congress criticized the confrontational approaches that are often seen during conflicts in our country, with Cynthia Ellis-Topsey calling it a cycle of controversy that often occurs due to politicization of governance issues. She stressed the huge role that the media often plays in this and then stated that the Garifuna Nation believes instead in reconciliation and due process.

"We must not allow issues to be tried by the media," said Ellis-Topsey. And shortly after, she asserted that the fact that much of the dispute between the Mayor and the councilors took place

on Facebook was "unacceptable".

The ongoing feud is reflective of a much greater issue that exists in our country—an issue that Egbert Higinio refers to as an "undermining culture". According to Higinio, that "undermining culture" is seen when conflicts between parties, especially political parties, often lead to them undermining each other, ultimately resulting in little to no real progress. We should instead aim to establish an ethic of care, he said.

"There is a better approach," stated Joseph Guerrero, noting that each of the points brought across by the Belmopan councilors could have been resolved by sitting down in a discussion with Mayor Palacio. And the Garifuna Nation has offered to facilitate that better approach.

Specifically, the leaders of the Garifuna Nation have offered to facilitate what they referred to as a professional conversation around the issue. They stated that they are not taking sides with anyone and would simply like to provide a space where both sides can have a mature discussion.

"We are a democratic nation and we want to maintain those principles. And therefore we the leadership of the Garifuna Nation are offering to provide a space for reconciliation, for listening, for mediating, and moving forward for this democratic nation that we are proud to be a part of," said Ellis-Topsey.

## Firearms found in Belize City

*Two Belize City men were arrested and charged for keeping unlicensed firearms and ammunition*



by *Charles Gladden*

BELIZE CITY, Mon. Jan. 24, 2022

At around 6:35 p.m., on Saturday, January 22, police were pursuing a male person on McKenzie Lane, when that male entered a fenced yard. While waiting for reinforcement, the officers saw another male person leaving the yard armed with what appeared to be a firearm. They then ordered that individual, later identified as Clifford Russell Anderson, 32, to place the firearm on the ground. The officers then inspected the weapon and discovered that the firearm was a .38 Smith and Wesson, which contained (6) live rounds of ammunition. Andersen was arrested and charged for keeping unlicensed firearms and ammunition.

Another gun was removed off the streets of Belize City over the weekend. Officers were conducting a mobile patrol at about 7:50 p.m., in the North Creek area when they saw Isaiah Jeremiah Wallace, 26, and decided to perform a search on him. The officers discovered that Wallace was carrying a .45 pistol with five live .45 rounds of ammunition.

Wallace, like Anderson, was arrested and charged.

"We are adamant on stop and search. Our officers will continue to do it, and hopefully our efforts will quibble the streets a little when it comes to these illegal firearms," mentioned ASP Yearwood, the Police Department's Communications Director, when he spoke to reporters at a recent police briefing.

"I am happy to say over the weekend, we had three separate instances where police's stop and search led to the detention and arrest of three separate individuals with loaded firearms. These are persons who we believed were going to carry out murders, but they were interrupted by the police ...," said Commissioner of Police Chester Williams on the firearms that were found over the weekend.

## PM visits Honduras for inauguration of its first female president

*President-elect Xiomara Castro won elections with a record-breaking 1.7 million votes*



*Prime Minister Hon. John Briceño in Honduras and President-elect Xiomara Castro*

by *Khaila Gentle*

BELMOPAN, Wed. Jan. 26, 2022

Prime Minister Hon. John Briceño left the country on Wednesday for Tegucigalpa, Honduras, to attend the

inauguration of the Central American country's first female president. The official inauguration of the president of the Republic of Honduras is set to take place Thursday, January 27. Back in November, 2021, Xiomara Castro

won Honduras' presidential elections with a landslide victory of 1.7 million votes (51% of all votes cast), which is the largest number of votes that any candidate has received in the country's history.

Castro, who is a democratic socialist and whose husband served as Honduras' president from 2006-2009, has promised to tackle corruption and poverty, and to attempt to remove or amend the country's abortion laws during her four-year term.



## And the prices keep rising

*SIB reports 4.9% inflation rate in December*

by *Khaila Gentle*

BELMOPAN, Thurs. Jan. 27, 2022

The Statistical Institute of Belize has reported, via its Consumer Price Index Survey, an inflation rate of 4.9% in the country in December 2021, with increases being recorded in the prices of fuel, food, Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG), restaurant services, and household cleaning products.

The report indicated that, compared to December of 2020, prices in the “Transport” category rose by 18.6%, mainly due to a notable increase in the cost of motor vehicle fuels. The price of premium gasoline, for example, rose from \$9.28 in December 2020 to \$12.58 in December 2021—a \$3.30 increase. The cost of diesel rose by \$2.53, while regular gasoline prices rose by \$2.67.

In the case of food, the SIB reported an increase in the prices of basic food items. The price of pigtailed, for instance, went up by a remarkable 47%. Overall, there was an average increase of 3.4% in the prices of food and non-alcoholic beverages. Some fresh produce, such as tomatoes and red kidney beans, however, did decrease in price.

The SIB report also indicated a 3% inflation rate for “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuel”, a 2.2% inflation rate for “Furnishings, Household Equipment, and Routine Household Maintenance”, and a 4.7% rate for “Restaurants and Accommodation Services”.

Of all the municipalities, Orange Walk Town recorded the highest inflation rate for December 2021 (7.2%), while Benque Viejo Del Carmen showed the lowest rate (3.3%).

## Unions seeking possible end of salary cuts

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(BNTU) at the House of Culture in Belize City to discuss the country’s current financial situation, PSU president Dean Flowers and national president of the BNTU, Elena Smith appeared to be hopeful about the prospects for the restoration of the full salaries of public workers at some point in the future, although they expressed a desire to get additional information from the government. The main focus of the meeting with high-level representatives of GoB was whether the country is doing well enough fiscally at this point for GOB to rescind the 10% salary cut and increment freeze to which government workers have been subjected. According to the union leaders, however, they need to engage in further discussions before they can



*President of the PSU, Dean Flowers*

confidently demand a restoration of their salaries.

BNTU national president, Elena Smith has stated that another meeting between the government and the unions is scheduled to take place on February 16. And until then, the unions will be reviewing the information that they have received from GoB to assess whether they are truly satisfied with the government’s response or not.

“I think we want to look forward to further analysis and then reach a determination after the February 16 meeting,” she stated.

Flowers commented that, while the government appears to be performing well fiscally at the moment, he shared Smith’s sentiments that additional information is needed. According to Flowers, it is still too early to know if and when the full salaries of public workers will be restored.

“We still have to wait and see,” he added. He also noted that despite their need to request more information from the government, the meeting was, overall, a fruitful one.

In a previous interview, the BNTU president told the media that, once all documents and numbers begin to show that the government is able to rescind the 10% salary cut, the BNTU will demand that they do so. And if GOB refuses, she said, they will fight back.

not send the contract to Contractor General, and a company that is associated with your family got the contract. You have to admit that, one, and so there is a clear bias. If you don’t want to go through that door, the second door is this, you don’t know. So the Minister of Finance is saying that he doesn’t know what’s going on in his ministry? How ih nuh wahn know? Ih have to know.”

Senator Darrell Bradley is representing the National Trade Union Congress of Belize as an interested party and has made submissions in line with that of the claimant’s, local reports say. Justice Sonya Young has reserved her decision until February 18, when she will hand down her ruling on whether or not a case with requisite merit was presented by Peyrefitte. If granted leave for this judicial review, the submitted arguments from the parties will be examined, and judgement will be handed down.

## Peyrefitte asks court to quash Smart contract award

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contract to Smart for the provision of Microsoft 365 licenses to various government departments. The claimant, Peyrefitte, is seeking leave for the court to conduct a judicial review of the award, and to hand down a decision to quash the contract due to its illegality and the alleged biases that led to the selection of Smart as the software provider.

The contract, previously held by our national telecom company, Belize Telemedia Limited, is worth 3.37 million dollars and is for the provision of Microsoft 365 licenses for government computers. The claimant, represented by former Prime Minister, Rt. Hon. Dean Barrow, is asserting that the bidding process that led to the awarding of this contract was flawed, since the bid was not vetted by the Contractor General, and that Smart entered the selective tendering at a late point in the bidding process.

The claimant also highlighted another major point—an appearance of bias on the part of the Prime Minister, Hon. John Briceño, who has publicly said that he owes his brother, Jaime

Briceno, an “immense debt” for funding the PUP while they were in opposition for almost 13 years. It is widely known that the Briceño family are part-owners of Speednet’s Smart, and the claimant’s assertions are that Jaime Briceño, the brother of the PM, is at this time the chairman of the company. While the familial connection between Hon. Briceño, who heads the Ministry of Finance through which the contract was granted, and the owners/chairman of the company is not an automatic indication that favoritism influenced the process that led to the awarding of the contract, the claimant is insisting that the process was, in fact, tainted with bias.

The government’s attorney, Trinidadian Queen’s Counsel Douglas Mendez, has conceded that GOB did violate the Finance and Audit Reform Act in not sending the contract to the Contractor General for review and approval prior to the awarding of the contract to Smart. In an interview recently, PM Briceño acknowledged the violation of the Act, but indicated that it was the Financial Secretary, Joseph Waight, who was responsible for any slip-ups in the process. His legal counsel, in submissions to the court, pointed to the Financial Secretary as the final decision-maker and not the Prime Minister. There is an insistence on his part, though, that Smart offered the lowest bid and that it was on this basis that the company was granted the contract.

“Our Government has admitted that they did not go to the Contractor General, so basically all that is going to be is that we’re going to go to the Contractor General for him to take a look at ... but in

the report that the Contractor General gave he was very clear that all the process was followed, that it was open, that it was transparent and that Speednet did give the best offer to the government,” PM Briceño said in his interview.

The PM said that Fin. Sec. Waight had a sense of urgency in his efforts to renew the contract, since the expiration date for the licenses was approaching. “So, I guess in his haste, and I have not sat down to ask him about it. I guess in his haste he said you know what, Speednet, you won it, please hurry make sure that they don’t cut us off,” Hon. Briceño said. (What is worth, noting, though, is that there were a number of months of service remaining in the contract with Belize Telemedia Limited—service which had reportedly already been paid for, resulting in a duplication of payment by the government when it entered a contract with Smart prior to the expiration of the previous contract with BTL, which had been extended.)

The claimant, Senator Michael Peyrefitte, stated in a media interview last Friday that putting all the blame on the Financial Secretary is intolerable.

“Well, that is unacceptable. The buck stops with the Ministry of Finance and the Minister of Finance, like he used to like to say when he was the Leader of the Opposition. And so, he is responsible for making sure that the contract reached the Contractor General. We are hoping that the judge will quash this contract and send a clear message that the government cannot break the law,” stated Peyrefitte.

He went on to say, “Behind door number one, you have to admit that you broke the law, and you purposely did



*Prime Minister John Briceño*





# Drifting toward being a banana republic

Vaughn Gill, the host of the morning show on the government's television station, said on Tuesday that the people involved in the industrial action at the Port of Belize Ltd. (PBL) are stuck in 2005. Later that same morning, Evan "Mose" Hyde, the president of the Christian Workers Union (CWU), which represents the workers of PBL, said similarly at a press conference — that what is happening today, the impasse at PBL, is rooted in the past.

The stevedores are presently on strike. The CWU president said the stevedores are out of options, they have acted with great restraint under the conditions, and the purpose of the press conference was to put on record before the Belizean people how they have been dealt with by PBL, and to call on the government to step up, to do more to resolve the situation.

The impact of the strike is already being felt. A couple ships with containers filled with goods for Belize, and some containers filled with products for export have been delayed, and the Belize Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the largest business group in the country, has expressed their dismay about a situation which they say will drive up the cost of doing business and cause the price of goods in the country to be inflated even further than they already are.

As both Hyde and Gill said, this story is rooted in a time when the port moved from public to private hands. PBL was publicly owned, up to 2002 when a PUP government on a privatization spree totally bypassed the workers at the port and sold it to a favored businessman, Mr. Luke Espat, and his group. The price at which the port was sold to Espat was reportedly \$74 million,

and the government sweetened the deal by dredging in front of the port, an operation that cost the Belizean people \$40 million.

In 2007 Espat and his group sued the government for failure to deliver on certain commitments it had made. Espat claimed, among other things, that the government did not honor certain tax and duty exemptions it promised, that it reneged on an agreement to confine the port at Big Creek to shipping business related to bananas, and that it had not delivered on promises to facilitate the development of a cruise port, hotel, and casino at the site.

The Luke Espat group had a number of projects that failed, and it became heavily indebted to the Belize Bank. The group could barely pay the interest on its debts, and a number of its assets were auctioned off, while PBL, its only viable entity, went into receivership in 2012.

A 2012 News5 report said the company appropriating PBL was actually a "shell company, Private Investment Limited, registered at the bank's (Belize Bank) Market Square address." Later in the same newscast, Espat was reported as saying, "I have informed the Prime Minister

(Dean Barrow) this morning that he was helpful in allowing rogues to steal my business."

The "rogues" have been in charge of PBL since. A decade later, PBL remains in the control of the receiver, the financials of the company are top secret, the receivership and the workers are constantly in a standoff, and the facilities have fallen into disrepair.

Everyone "knows" that Lord Ashcroft is the lead player in the receivership, and he has stated baldly that the refurbishing/upgrading of the port's facilities to make it more competitive is contingent on his group getting the green light to establish a cruise port at PBL and dredge in front of the port so it can handle the world's largest ships.

Busting the stevedores is prominent in the receivership's plans to capitalize on the asset; reducing the cost of labor is almost always a target for big business, but that wouldn't help them get the green light for the massive dredging they propose, and the cruise port. The fact is that very serious environmental concerns stand in the way of dredging, and Belizeans are cautious about increasing the number of cruise visitors to the country because of the potential to erode our product.

In his attempts to have his way, Ashcroft went on his television station, Channel Five, and effectively called the Prime Minister a wimp. One of his aides has gone as low as to charge that some of our senior public officers had indicated that support for the cruise port and dredging could be bought and, even lower, to hint at the UK-Belize Bilateral Investment Treaty.

The receivers showed little concern when the sugar company, ASR/BSI decided to bypass PBL and take its sugar by road to the port in Big Creek. The stated reason for that decision was that considerable savings would be realized; however, the receiver's CEO, Andy Lane, told Channel Five what everybody already knew: that on the whole, the economics for the move isn't there.

To calculate the loss to the receivers when ASR/BSI decided to bypass PBL, one has to factor in their big game plan. For the stevedores the loss was considerable, with some estimates indicating that as much as 40% of their yearly earnings was lost in the move. The stevedores are demanding compensation, BZ \$5million, from PBL for their lost earnings, and the CWU has cited the government's promise to compensate PBL if any of its business was lost to the Port of Big Creek, as one of the bases for its demands.

Vehicles such as offshore companies, shell companies, and fronts make it hard to track the transactions in the business world, for instance who bankrolls the big boys at Big Creek, but on paper the Port of Big Creek was (is) the property of the Banana Growers Association. Information coming from South Stann Creek some years ago was that the Belize Bank took over the largest banana farm, giving it control of 40% of the industry.

Stevedores aren't transient workers. Their hourly earnings are substantially higher than other "laborers," because they are highly skilled, they work hard, and they stood together through generations. But big business wants it all. Instead of lifting up, the aim here is to tear down, put labor in its place.

That is the story of capitalism at its most rapacious. The standard game plan for big business is to break up the unions, and, as has been seen in the sugarcane industry up north, break up the associations, so they can deal with workers and farmers individually.

The television host who said the stevedores must wake up and realize "the ship has sailed" obviously doesn't understand the stakes here. The ship is still in port, but we are drifting from our mooring, heading toward becoming a banana republic. We have seen the caravans, impoverished people in neighboring republics trekking thousands of miles because life at home has become too miserable. We are headed there if we roll over, if we let big business prevail.



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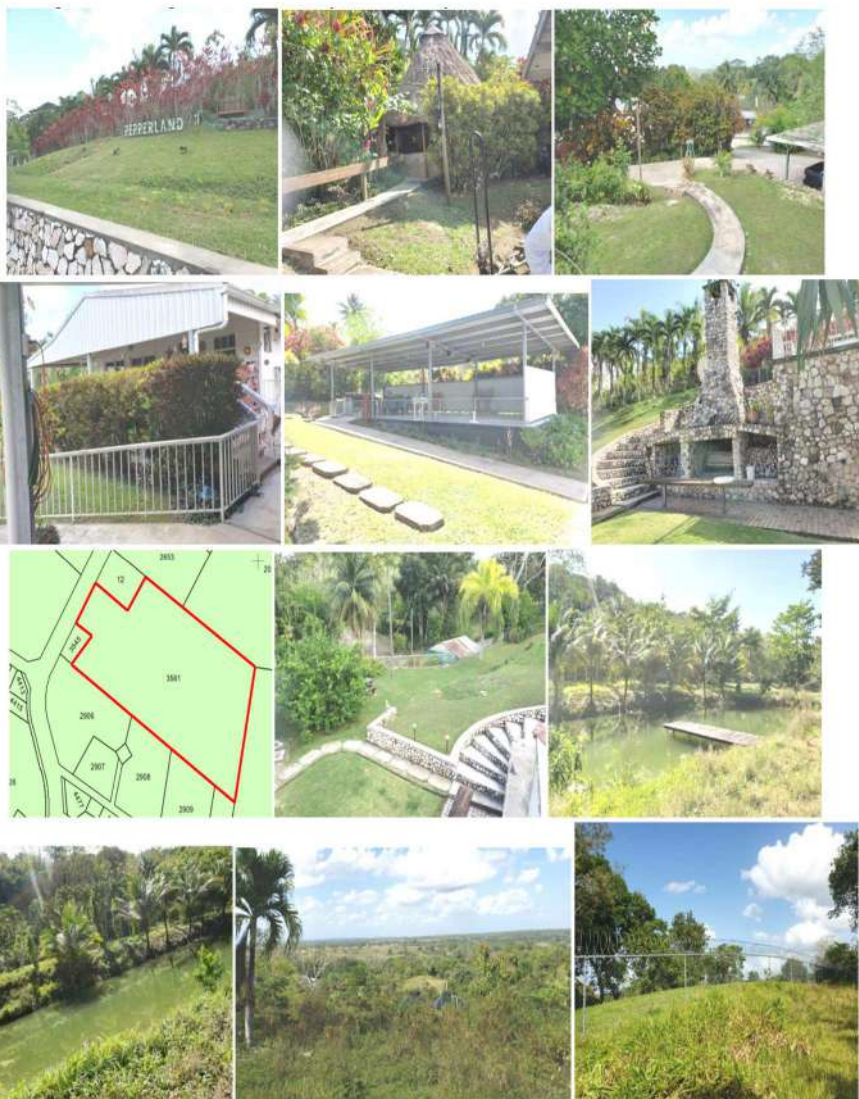
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## PUBLIC AUCTION SALE: SIGNATURE PROPERTY

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BY ORDER of the Mortgagees, Messrs. Belize Social Security, Licensed Auctioneers Kevin A. Castillo and Christiana R. Castillo are selling ONLINE via [belizepropertyauctions.com](http://belizepropertyauctions.com) the below described property. Sale currently running and will expire on Wednesday 9th February 2022 at 10:00 am:



REGISTRATION SECTION  
Society Hall

BLOCK  
24

PARCEL  
3561

(Being a VERY ATTRACTIVE AND UNIQUE residence, farm, leisure development: **Main Residence** - timber & zinc building with premium finishes on the interior 28 ft. x 65 ft. + extension 22 ft. x 10 ft. = 2 bedrooms + 2 bathrooms + living room + dining room + kitchen + gym [2,040 sq. ft.]; at entrance, **Concrete Building** 27 ft. x 54 ft. = apartment + bathroom + food preparation area + workshop/utility/garage [1,458 sq. ft.]; **Warehouse Building** 30 ft. x 30 ft. divided in two [900 sq. ft.]; **Semi Enclosed Building** 15 ft. x 44 ft. = entertainment area + large BBQ Pit; **Open Thatch House (Palapa)** 25 ft. diameter + perimeter concrete bench [490 sq. ft.]; **BBQ Shed** 10 ft. x 14 ft. = built in pit + bathroom [140 sq. ft.]; **Kenel**; Adjacent to residence **Two Car Garage** 20 ft. x 26 ft. all encompassing 2 acres. The main house situate beside a hill cut and dressed with stone walls + hilltop leveled with concrete slab 15 ft. x 80 ft.; An open space behind the main house has a large fire place with chimney stack + surrounding benches; All buildings are interconnected with concrete walkways beside extensive landscaping works; All roads on this property were improved with stone chippings or gravel providing all weather access; 1 acre developed as pasture and remaining portion developed as a farm with bearing fruit trees (teak, mango, citrus, breadfruit) together with adequate swim hole and road works to three (3) most beautiful hilltops with scenic views of the surrounding area. The entire 15.384 acres of land is fenced mostly with chain link. This very beautiful property situates near Mile 60 on the George Price Highway, Mount Hope, Unitedville, Cayo District, the freehold property of Mr. Howard Oldham (deceased) and Mrs. Wilana Oldham.)

**“FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION & PHOTOGRAPHS PLEASE VISIT WEBSITE”**

**TERMS: STRICTLY CASH**  
**KEVINA. CASTILLO**  
**TELEPHONE 223-4488**

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**Facebook: Belize Auctions**



### Vacancy at Julian Cho Technical High School



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

#### 1 Integrated Science/Biology Teacher – Temporary

##### Qualification for Teacher:

- Bachelor's Degree or Higher 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 certificate/s
- Sealed transcript from all post-secondary institutions attended
- Birth certificate or Passport
- Certified copies 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 based on qualification.

Application packages must be addressed to:

Secretary  
Board of Governors  
Julian Cho Technical High School  
P.O Box 171  
Toledo District  
Belize, Central America

**Deadline for applications is Wednesday February 14, 2022.**



### VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) invites applicants for the functions of National Consultant in the area of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) and Risk Factors.

**Duty station:** Belize City

**Qualifications:** *Essential:* A university degree in one of the health, social or management sciences from a recognized University with emphasis on nutrition related chronic diseases  
*Desirable:* Postgraduate studies in public health or related field.

**Experience:** *Essential:* At least 7 years' experience in the related field.  
*Desirable:* working experience in health services project management.

##### Skills:

- Theoretical and practical expertise in all aspects related to surveillance, prevention and control of Noncommunicable diseases, and the promotion of health, as well as a thorough knowledge of epidemiology, prevention, and control methods.
- Ability to analyze factors, trends, and forecast scenarios based on current surveillance systems and possesses the capability to develop and plan innovative and appropriate solutions for their improvement.
- Strong public health and strategic thinking background showing resourcefulness, initiative, leadership qualities and skills to deal with difficult situations and sensitive areas.
- Ability to plan and carry out technical cooperation initiatives on NCDs with emphasis on nutrition related chronic diseases.
- Knowledge of Global Strategies for the prevention and control of NCDs as well as regional, subregional and national situation on NCDs.
- Knowledge of health services policies and administration within the framework of the model of family and community health.
- Knowledge and skills in the formulation of technical cooperation interventions and in the development of criteria and instruments for evaluating program interventions, including resource mobilization and grant management.
- Strong professional oral and writing skills, including the development of reports, oral presentations, and technical/persuasive documents for consideration at the highest levels of the Organization.
- Demonstrated ability to effectively use a computer and utilize software programs such as Microsoft Office Word, Excel, PowerPoint, SharePoint, and Outlook. Other IT skills and knowledge of other software programs for Statistical Analysis, Data Exploratory Analysis and Project Management would be an asset.

**Languages:** Very good knowledge of English and working knowledge of Spanish

**Deadline:** Letter of application, Curriculum Vitae, and two current letters of recommendation should be sent to [blzmail@paho.org](mailto:blzmail@paho.org) or to P.O. Box 1834, Belize City no later than **4 February 2022**.

For further details visit our website <https://www.paho.org/en/vacancies>. An interview will be held for this position and only candidates under serious consideration will be contacted.

PAHO/WHO has a smoke-free environment and does not recruit smokers or users of any form of tobacco.



**NOTICE****BELIZE CITY**Estate of **KALIM HABET**, 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 **KALIM HABET**, late of No.15 Burns Avenue, San Ignacio Town, Cayo District, Belize are required to send particulars in writing of their claims or demands to the Administrator of the said estate, **KALIM ANTONIO HABET** of No.1223 Turtle Crescent East, Vista Del Mar, Ladyville, Belize District, Belize, and to send such particulars not later than the 27th day of April 2022, AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that at the expiration of the last mentioned date, the Administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Kalim Habet, deceased, amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims or demands of which particulars have been delivered and the Administrator 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022.

  
 Courtenay Coye LLP  
 Attorneys-at-Law

# Reopening of land borders scheduled for Feb. 1

(From page 1)

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Jan. 27, 2022

When interviewed by local reporters yesterday, Prime Minister Hon. John Briceño announced that the government has set February 1, 2022, as the tentative date for the reopening of the country's land borders. Last year, GOB announced that those borders would be reopened in early January, but in late December it issued a press release notifying the public of the postponement of the reopening date to February. The government (following calls from medical officials in the Central Health Region to delay the opening in order to focus on school reopenings as well as study virus trends in neighboring countries) cited a need for the resumption of classroom learning and to monitor the Omicron Covid-19 wave as the reasons for its decision.

The majority of schools are currently engaged in hybrid learning (a mix of in-person classes and online instruction) despite some pushback from teachers and students, and the Omicron wave continues to result in a daily number of new cases that is in the triple digits. PM Briceño said, however, that their timeline to reopen at the start of February is still in place unless something "big happens".

While he said that he needed to verify what the regulations governing the reopening would be, he did hint that only vaccinated persons would be allowed to cross the border, and he further suggested that such a restriction may encourage more persons to get vaccinated.

"The numbers for vaccination has been down now to about 200 per day, and we need to do more. If we could get at least to 70%, then I think we would be way much better off," PM Briceño noted.

And while the reopening of the borders will likely breathe much-needed life into our economy, domestic consumption of goods and services is expected to fall as the borders reopen and persons resort to shopping in Mexico and Guatemala.

"I know a lot of businesses have benefitted greatly because the borders have been closed, but the reality is that it can't stay closed forever," the Prime Minister said.

Last week, the PM pointed out during an interview that the closure of the border for almost two years has caused problems in the areas of travel, business, and trade. He said that some key sectors are needed to drive Belize's economic growth, and he stated that finding a way to reopen the border safely is what the government is working on.

**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. Administrate 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.**





# la deriva hacia ser una república bananera

Vaughn Gill, el presentador del programa matutino en la estación de televisión del gobierno, dijo el martes que las personas involucradas en la acción industrial en Port of Belize Ltd. (PBL) están atrapadas en 2005. Más tarde esa misma mañana, Evan "Mose" Hyde, el presidente del Sindicato de Trabajadores Cristianos (CWU por sus siglas en inglés), que representa a los trabajadores de PBL, dijo de manera similar en una conferencia de prensa que lo que está sucediendo hoy, el estancamiento en PBL, tiene sus raíces en el pasado.

Los estibadores están actualmente en huelga. El presidente del CWU dijo que los estibadores no tienen opciones, han actuado con gran moderación bajo las condiciones, y el propósito de la conferencia de prensa era dejar constancia ante el pueblo beliceño de cómo PBL los ha tratado, y hacer un llamado al gobierno a redoblar esfuerzos, a hacer más para resolver la situación.

El impacto de la huelga ya se está sintiendo. Un par de barcos con contenedores llenos de mercancías para Belize, y algunos contenedores llenos de productos para la exportación se han retrasado, y la Cámara de Comercio e Industria de Belize, el grupo empresarial más grande del país, ha expresado su consternación por una situación que dicen aumentará el costo de hacer negocios y hará que el precio de los bienes en el país se infle aún más de lo que ya está.

Como dijeron tanto Hyde como Gill, esta historia tiene sus raíces en una época en la que el puerto pasó de manos públicas a manos privadas. PBL era de propiedad pública hasta 2002, cuando un gobierno PUP en una ola de privatizaciones pasó totalmente por alto a los trabajadores del puerto y lo vendió a un empresario favorecido, el Sr. Luke Espot, y su grupo. Según los informes, el precio al que se vendió el puerto a Espot fue de \$ 74 millones, y el gobierno endulzó el trato dragando frente al puerto, una operación que le costó al pueblo beliceño \$ 40 millones.

En 2007, Espot y su grupo demandaron al gobierno por incumplimiento de ciertos compromisos que había asumido. Espot afirmó, entre otras cosas, que el gobierno no cumplió con ciertas exenciones de impuestos y aranceles que prometió, que incumplió un acuerdo para limitar el puerto de Big Creek a negocios de transporte marítimo relacionados con los bananos, y que no había cumplido promesas de facilitar el desarrollo de un puerto de cruceros, hotel y casino en el sitio.

El grupo Luke Espot tuvo una serie de proyectos que fracasaron y se endeudó fuertemente con el Banco Belize. El grupo apenas podía pagar los intereses de sus deudas y varios de sus activos fueron subastados, mientras que PBL, su única entidad viable, entró en receptoría en 2012.

Un informe de News5 de 2012 decía que la empresa que se apropiaba de PBL era en realidad una "empresa pantalla, Private Investment Limited, registrada en la dirección de Market Square del banco (Belize Bank)". Más tarde, en el mismo noticiero, se informó que Espot dijo: "Le informé al primer ministro (Dean Barrow) esta mañana que ayudó a permitir que delincuentes robaran mi negocio".

Los "delincuentes" han estado a cargo de PBL desde entonces. Una década más tarde, PBL permanece bajo el control de la administración judicial, las finanzas de la empresa son de alto secreto, la administración judicial y los trabajadores están constantemente en un punto muerto, y las instalaciones están en mal estado.

Todo el mundo "sabe" que Lord Ashcroft es el actor principal en la administración judicial, y ha declarado sin rodeos que la renovación/mejora de las instalaciones del puerto para hacerlo más competitivo depende de que su grupo obtenga luz verde para establecer un puerto de cruceros en PBL y dragar frente al puerto para que pueda manejar los barcos más grandes

del mundo.

Romper a los estibadores es prominente en los planes de la administración judicial para capitalizar el activo; Reducir el costo de la mano de obra es casi siempre un objetivo para las grandes empresas, pero eso no les ayudaría a obtener luz verde para el dragado masivo que proponen y el puerto de cruceros. El hecho es que preocupaciones ambientales muy serias se interponen en el camino del dragado, y los beliceños son cautelosos acerca de aumentar el número de visitantes de cruceros al país debido al potencial de erosionar nuestro producto.

En sus intentos por salirse con la suya, Ashcroft fue a su estación de televisión, *Channel Five*, y efectivamente llamó cobarde al primer ministro. Uno de sus ayudantes ha llegado a acusar a algunos de nuestros altos funcionarios públicos de que habían indicado que se podía comprar el apoyo para el puerto de cruceros y el dragado y, aún peor, insinuar el Tratado Bilateral de Inversión entre el Reino Unido y Belize.

La receptoría mostró poca preocupación cuando la compañía azucarera ASR/BSI decidió pasar por alto a PBL y llevar su azúcar por carretera al puerto de Big Creek. La razón declarada de esa decisión fue que se lograrían ahorros considerables; sin embargo, el director ejecutivo de la receptoría, Andy Lane, le dijo a *Channel Five* lo que todos ya sabían: que, en general, la economía de la movida no está ahí.

Para calcular la pérdida para la receptoría cuando ASR/BSI decidió pasar por alto PBL, uno tiene que tener en cuenta su gran plan de juego. Para los estibadores, la pérdida fue considerable, y algunas estimaciones indican que hasta el 40% de sus ingresos anuales se perdieron en la mudanza. Los estibadores están exigiendo una compensación, BZ \$ 5 millones, de PBL por la pérdida de ganancias, y CWU ha citado la promesa del gobierno de compensar a PBL si alguno de sus negocios se pierde al Puerto de Big Creek, como una de las bases de sus demandas.

Vehículos tales como compañías offshore, compañías fantasma y fachadas hacen que sea difícil rastrear las transacciones en el mundo de los negocios, por ejemplo, quién financia a los peces gordos en Big Creek, pero en el papel, el Puerto de Big Creek era (es) propiedad de la Asociación de Productores de Banano. La información proveniente del Sur de Stann Creek hace algunos años fue que el Banco Belize se hizo cargo de la finca bananera más grande, dándole el control del 40% de la industria.

Los estibadores no son trabajadores temporales. Sus ganancias por hora son sustancialmente más altas que las de otros "obreros", porque están altamente calificados, trabajan duro y se mantuvieron juntos durante generaciones. Pero las grandes empresas lo quieren todo. En lugar de levantar, el objetivo aquí es derribar, poner la mano de obra en su lugar.

Esa es la historia del capitalismo en su forma más rapaz. El plan de juego estándar para las grandes empresas es romper los sindicatos y, como se ha visto en la industria de la caña de azúcar en el norte, romper las asociaciones, para que puedan tratar con los trabajadores y agricultores individualmente.

El presentador de televisión que dijo que los estibadores deben despertar y darse cuenta de que "el barco ha zarpado" obviamente no entiende lo que está en juego aquí. El barco todavía está en el puerto, pero estamos saliendo de nuestro amarre, yendo a la deriva hacia convertirnos en una república bananera. Hemos visto las caravanas, personas empobrecidas en las repúblicas vecinas que recorren miles de kilómetros porque la vida en casa se ha vuelto demasiado miserable. Nos dirigimos allí si nos entregamos atados, si dejamos que las grandes empresas prevalezcan.



# Stand with the stevedores!



by Rudolph A. Neal

Over the past week, mass media has been abuzz over the impasse at the Port of Belize Limited. The stevedores have initiated industrial action and are justly engaged in a standoff with the management of the Port to ensure that their fair due is met. Now, as a consequence of the stevedores standing up for their rights against this fiscal

giant, the country is now in a predicament. The free trade and passage of goods have been impeded, and businesses are being impacted as a result. And amid this ongoing impasse, the stevedores are being unfairly criticized and idly blamed and judged for their actions, simply because it is causing some interruptions to the flow of businesses and services. Well, I pen this piece today to implore all of you to stand with the stevedores!

As I am engaged in writing, I note that Belize's delegation attending the inauguration of the Honduran president are being warmly welcomed. Imagine, strolling down red carpets, to the blow of trumpets and bugles and sounds of cheering crowds when your nation back home is in crisis. The stevedores are engaged in industrial action for fairer remuneration and just accommodations, and the country's leader is away on another business. But

more so, businesses are being affected and consumers are seeking some reprieve, and the little intervention on the part of the government is mediocre and disheartening.

Lest we forget that a month ago, when there was a similar impasse up north in the sugar industry, heaven came down to meet with the cañeros and BSI/ASR to seek to remedy this issue, appease the cane farmers, and relieve them of their plight. Pay attention, Belize. Note the sense of urgency with which government dealt with that situation with the cane farmers to bring their impasse to a resolution. Think back to all the successive high-profile meetings that were held to rectify the problem up north, which saw the involvement of the country's top brass. And not a soul whimpered to say that the cañeros were being stubborn or unfair; except to say they were justly fighting for that which they deserved.

So then, how is it now that when the stevedores stand up for what they justly deserve (just like the cane farmers did a month ago), they are labeled as recalcitrant? The level of hypocrisy, I tell you. And I must draw this comparison so you can truly understand what it is that is taking place. The stevedores are standing up for their rights just like anybody else and are fighting for what they deserve, so why are we blaming them for the impasse and implying that they are the ones who are obstinate and insolent? It is an atrocity in this country to see how we stand up when we want, for who we want and when we see fit, huh? How hypocritical!

But you know what's true, more than the leaders of the country not standing up and coming to the forefront of the stevedores' plight, I am extremely disappointed at the apparent nonchalance of the constituent leaders of the Southside in Belize City! Come on, Area Representatives, these are your people who are fighting for their bread and butter. It is your own constituents, your same voters who are fighting for their livelihoods. Where are you? What are you waiting for? Show your face! The time is ripe to stand up with the stevedores, for your people of the Southside of the City who are engaged in an uphill battle against a business magnate.

Then, to top it all off, the Chamber of Commerce had the audacity to cry foul! How can the Chamber speak on a matter and purport to say that the impasse will lead to supply distribution problems and higher costs to consumers? In fact, the Chamber was mum when prices increased exponentially between November of last year to present day. They were notably quiet when prices kept climbing and soaring and the populace's spending power was being weakened and threatened day in, day out. The stevedores are standing for their rights, and if anything, we should endeavor to stand with them.

Therefore, I find it extremely repugnant that we are (made) to believe that the stevedores are the problem. The mainstream media has allowed itself to be used in the politicization of a very serious issue, which has painted and tainted the stevedores as recalcitrant. They are not. And to imply that the stevedores are holding the country hostage and as a corollary will lead to higher inflation is an untrue statement and couldn't be further from the truth. Inflation has skyrocketed over the past few months prior to this impasse and has continued unabated. The stevedores are standing for their rights ... it's a bread and butter issue.

Don't allow the propaganda to distract you from the facts. The Port of Belize needs to stop playing games with people's bread and butter and deal with the stevedores justly.

We have to stand with them and support them, cause it's their livelihoods at stake. The Port has to figure it out! Stand with the stevedores. Solidarity!

Unchained Reflections Of A Liberal Pragmatist.



## 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.



## 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.**



## 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



# Toad's farewell much better

by Colin Hyde

Make no mistake, there are no bigger egos in this world than the ones you find in politics, but they, none of them have a greater admiration for self than the great hero, Toad, who with pluck escaped from prison, who bought a brand new motor car and became the terror of the highways. Toad reigned supreme in the pages of Kenneth Grahame's "Wind in the Willows" until the patience of his friends ran out and he had to call it quits, say no más to his wild life style, and settle down to the world of the ordinary.

Toad's final speech at Toad Hall was unforgettable, a fitting farewell to a life of exuberance. I didn't expect as much from Patrick, but really that was just about the most nothing concession speech as we've ever heard from someone walking away from the thing they most craved. It were better he had mailed it in.

At the least he should have cried. In the past he's had no trouble sobbing his eyes out in front of the cameras, but for the biggest speech of his life his eyes were as dry as a sunny day in early May. It can't be that he doesn't care. It must be he's as tired of his domestic flameouts as the rest of Belize is. What a pity he didn't listen to that Muppet friend of Kermit who understood the difficulties of living with the other side so well.

In a moment of desperation the brother sang: "Can't live with 'em, can't live without 'em, There's something irresistible-ish about 'em, We grin and bear it 'cause the nights are long, I hope that something better comes along." The key there, Braa, is *grin and bear it*. Nothing better noh deh.

In his exchanges with the Lady Speaker of the House I found that Mr. Faber was too familiar, that he didn't appreciate the great difference between the sexes. But enough of that so I can express a gripe with him for his handling of the ministries of education and culture.

No, not to pile it on, but some things have to be said. I told a friend that he passed through more than a billion dollars and he didn't buy one single book from me. Really, I don't think his ministry bought one book from any Belizean writer. If I had a writing ego I would be smarting, but my real deal is that I still owe my shirt for some of my publications, and the publishers of a few of my pieces are still out of pocket. Thirteen years at the helm of the Ministry of Education and Culture, and he put up no defense against *the army of ten thousand*.

That aside, I do wish the former leader of the UDP well. And I wish his girlfriend well too.

## Stop praising the wrong thing

This story I read on CBS News, "Nike executive Larry Miller on his path to forgiveness and acceptance after holding 'angst and fear' for 1965 murder", I bet there are a lot of people cheering him on, but I'm not big in the glee club. God alone decides who goes to heaven and who goes to hell, but when it comes to the earth I have my opinion.

In brief, the story is about a youth, Larry Miller, who was a gang member, and one day, when he was drunk and frustrated he pulled out a gun and shot and killed a young man, because he felt like killing somebody.

A juvenile at the time, he did a few years in prison. While there he got an education, and after some fits and starts after he was released he got it together and, as the story says, he "rose to the pinnacle of the Nike Jordan brand, becoming chairman and working right alongside NBA legend Michael Jordan."

At some point his terrible crime began to haunt him, and his daughter found out what her father had done when they co-wrote a book, "Jump: My Secret Journey from the Streets to the Boardroom." His daughter said her dad's story made her realize that no one is unredeemable. Jordan convinced him to seek out the family of the youth he had murdered.

So, like 40 years later, Miller meets the murdered young man's son and mother, maybe other members of his family, and now he is setting up a scholarship fund in the victim's name to help his descendants, and doing other good deeds in the community where they both grew up. Bully to him for that.

Miller said that what he had done caused him anguish for years, and he's hoping that by sharing his story it might prevent another crazed, uncaring youth from doing what he did. I bet all that makes Miller sleep a lot better too.

Now I'm a believer in rehabilitation for most crimes, but when it comes to murder I believe we must prioritize prevention, punishment and restitution. I'd be very careful with the message that you can commit a horrible crime and rise to be king at Nike. What Miller did after his crime is great for him and his family. It shouldn't have taken him so long to send some dough to his victim's family. His entire life should

have been dedicated to them.

## Why didn't your party do it, Joe?

Co-host of the morning television show that forwards the agenda of the UDP, Joe Bradley, said that the present government keeps making noise about an audit of the spending of Petro Caribe funds under the UDP, from 2008 to when it stop roll, but the UDP has nothing to fear because the millions were well spent and properly accounted for. Joe says what the PUP needs to do is audit the Petro Caribe, from 2006 till 2008 when those crooks were driven from office, crushed at the polls. Joe said some \$80million was spent, and improperly accounted for.

Sure we need an audit of the Petro Caribe 2008 to when it stop roll, and then, AFTER THAT, we need that audit which Joe called for, for the Petro Caribe 2006 to 2008. For 13 years the UDP controlled government, and they didn't do it. Why is it that the people we elect never do our job? We elected the UDP to investigate the spending of the \$80million, not to be spouting off about it 15 years later.

There is the jail business, but one very personal reason I'd like to see a full audit of *Petro Caribe Roll It* under the UDP is that it will show how much Krismos Cheer got, so those philistines who are anti-Krismos or have no feelings for the little boy that Santa Claus forgot will see that not much more than 1% of the pie went to buy ham and turkey, and Krismos presents for the children who otherwise weren't getting any.

## Price and PUP did sweep when elections were new in Belize

A few times in days long gone I've sat in briefly as editor and as assistant editor of the Amandala, and I can tell you it's no tea party at those desks. The production of the newspaper is very like the planting/harvest cycle on a farm, but oh so much more hectic because the cycle is repeated twice each week. Television is worse. Wow, workers there have to research and deliver their product daily!

Having been there I understand how the corrected version of my last column got lost. Re Mia Mottley's party winning all seats in the recent election in Barbados, the line said...*something never done by Price*, and the corrected line was, *something never done by Price after self-government*. Price had two clean sweeps, when general elections were a new thing in Belize.

### 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.



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(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)

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**NOTICE****GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE TREASURY BILLS  
ISSUE NUMBER 3/2022**

Tenders are invited for an issue of Government of Belize Treasury Bills. The amount of the issue will be \$67,408,200.00.

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 Wednesday, 16 February 2022 and will be redeemed on Wednesday 18 May 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, 11 February 2022.

The Auction in the Central Securities Depository System (CSD) will be opened from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm on Wednesday 16 February 2022.

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

**Bank: Central Bank of Belize  
Account: GLICORP0402627**

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))

30 January 2022

## SAN PEDRO HIGH SCHOOL



A vacancy exists at San Pedro High School for the following post:

- Mathematics

Temporary vacancies exist for the following post at San Pedro High School for the period April 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022:

- Integrated Science
- Business Studies

Applicants must have a minimum of a first degree in the subject area to be taught.

Experience teaching the subject online will be an asset.

Applicants must also have excellent communication, interpersonal skills and be willing to work with students.

Applications should be submitted along with a resume, copies of certificates, transcript, letters of recommendation and teacher's license (must).

Salary will be in accordance with Government's pay scale, which is based on qualifications.

Applications must be addressed to:

**Principal  
P.O. Box 23  
San Pedro High School  
San Pedro Town A.C.**

**Deadline for Applications: February 18, 2022**

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BV's office in Sarteneja and a co-working space in Belize City are accessible to staff, who also have the option to work remotely from their homes across Belize. We envisage that this role will revert to a hybrid remote-in person working pattern as is possible due to the Covid pandemic.

Blue Ventures develops locally led approaches to marine management that benefit people and nature alike. By listening and responding to community needs, we design our models to catalyse and sustain marine conservation, unlocking the potential of coastal communities to manage their resources. We work in places where the ocean is vital to local cultures and economies, and are committed to advancing the rights of small-scale fishers throughout the coastal tropics.

Our Belize team is also optimally placed to expand our work in the wider Latin American and Caribbean (LAC) region. Building on our experience in Asia and Africa, Blue Ventures is now scoping opportunities to identify and support values-aligned partners on fisheries management and governance across the wider region with a view to developing a thriving regional programme.

**Summary job description**

- BV's Belize Country Director has two overarching responsibilities: leading our programme in Belize, and driving expansion of our work in the wider LAC region. We envisage a roughly 50:50 split between these two main aims for the successful postholder.
- The Belize Country Director leads our thinking and approach on marine conservation in Belize and the wider LAC region. With a natural flair for cross-sector working, particularly with Government, the Country Director is accountable for our work to develop and accelerate community-based approaches for natural resource management in Belize.

**Responsibilities****Leadership and management**

- Leading by example to set and maintain a creative, supportive and **thriving environment** for Blue Ventures' Belize team, ensuring BV values are upheld and culture is maintained

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- Promoting a **shared vision** for Blue Ventures in Belize, and ensuring all staff understand their contribution to that vision and Blue Ventures' overall strategy

**Programme management**

- Maintaining a strong **shared understanding** of across the team of programme delivery, goals, and challenges via regular check-ins with senior staff and technical programme leads
- Overseeing **project management and donor reporting** with Belize and global teams

**Communications, knowledge sharing/management and advocacy**

- Cultivating effective proactive **internal communication** to ensure all staff are well informed of our core mission and kept up to date with ongoing activities, as well as new developments, policies and procedures
- Promoting and supporting Blue Ventures' commitment to **documenting learning and sharing knowledge**, and to incorporating lessons from the wider BV team and beyond

**Operations**

- Overseeing the **programme budget, site funds, and bank account** efficiently and accurately
- Supporting the development and maintenance of budget, finance, recruitment and project management **systems**

**Skills and experience****Required**

- Degree in relevant field and/or proven experience in fisheries management, marine conservation or international development, particularly in the Latin American and Caribbean region
- A proven ability to develop strong working relationships in new environments.
- Experience in financial planning and control, and budget preparation and management

**Desired**

- Previous human resources, operations support or administrative support experience
- Previous international organization/NGO experience
- Fundraising

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For more information or to apply to any of these positions, please visit: <https://careers.blueventures.org/>

Kindly submit applications online. Only applications submitted through our online system will be considered. **Deadline for submission: Sunday 13th February 2022, 4pm local time.**



# Vladimir Putin's annual press conference — Part 5



by Clinton Canul Luna

Very interesting to see how Russia was able to solve its economic situation and Belize has also reported that they have been able to solve theirs. But how? Is it on the back of the poor? Was it by cutting spending on welfare programs? It would be very interesting to know the truth. Anyhow, our dear readers of this column, permit me to present to you Part V of Vladimir Putin's annual press conference:

**Dmitry Peskov:** Let us move on. I suggest that we turn to RIA, the third of Russia's major news agencies. Mic to the central sector, please.

**Yelena Glushakova:** Yelena Glushakova, RIA Novosti. Mr. President, just now you were talking about social support measures, but the business side of the question is of no less importance. In your opinion, how can we balance anti-COVID restrictions with the need to keep the economy going? Not only major corporations suffer from restrictions, but small businesses too: retailers, small restaurants, cafés, small shops, the cinema industry, and the entertainment sector. If you allow me, I have a second question in this

connection. How well did the governors perform? They received a lot of authority during the pandemic but used it in different ways, introducing various restrictions. In your opinion, how well did they perform? What grade would you give them for their efforts? Thank you.

**Vladimir Putin:** Let me start with the question on businesses and how we have been supporting them. You said that major corporations are not the only ones to suffer, and that small enterprises suffer as well. In fact, it is primarily small businesses that suffer, even if major corporations also felt some negative consequences. We devised support measures for these sectors, in fact, for all major sectors of the economy, if you remember, for all major corporations. I specifically asked the government last year, at the very beginning of the year, and the Government complied. Our key industries and major corporations have clearly benefited from a number of measures. After all, they operated without any or virtually no interruptions, and in some cases even increased their output. This is the

case for the defence industry, which reported higher production volumes. As for small and medium-size enterprises – catering, gyms, cinemas, and even theatres, museums, etc., all the enterprises in the service sector – of course, they were the first to suffer. However, they were also the first to receive our support.

There was a whole range of measures. I do not know whether I need to list them all. This included subsidised loans, direct support to save jobs and wages, reduced interest rates, loan payments in installments, lease subsidies, etc. By the way, some of these measures are still in place, and you know this. We have allocated and continue to allocate large sums of money from the federal budget to this effect. The government is doing this intentionally and understands what is going on. That said, it may well be that some things should have been done in a more sophisticated and responsive manner. Still, I would like to praise my colleagues' work. After all, this is all happening in direct contact with the business community. As you know,

I recently attended events held by the Russian Union of Entrepreneurs and Industrialists and had meetings with the heads of other business associations, including those working with SMEs. Overall, these people have expressed their understanding and overall were quite positive about the government's efforts to support businesses. Incidentally, the result was not bad at all. As I have said, we overcame the crisis faster than many other world economies. Our fall was not as bad, and we came out of the crisis quicker. This is a result after all. Now, as regards... what is the second part of the question?

*(To Be Continued)*

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January 23, 2022

Finca Solana

Corozal Town

## The more knowledge and experience we gain the better weapons we have

On January 20, 2022, [elsalvador.com](http://elsalvador.com) reported its first case of "Flurona", which is the combination of influenza and Covid-19, in a five-year-old boy. It was identified for the first time worldwide in Israel at the beginning of 2022 and thereafter spread to other countries. Now, there is no doubt that the president of Mexico, Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, is a good statesman, since he is giving to the United States in terms of helping the refugees by giving them asylum, while at the same time buying the refinery "Deer Park" in Houston, Texas, for the good of Mexico and Mexicans. However, in Belize, it is completely different, since amnesty is to be given to between 40 to 60 thousand refugees, which is a great help for the United States; but it does not try to recover absolutely anything that belongs to Belizeans.

The great, intelligent Belizean political leaders have sold or given away at such a low price the goods that belong to a people who have suffered slavery and who were brought as slaves, and whose descendants deserve a better life. However, what their leaders have done is sell what belongs to them, and now that they have the opportunity to recover the port and the sugar factory that these cane growers, cane cutters, the workers of the port of Belize City have fought so hard for, they have achieved absolutely nothing. On the contrary, the great, intelligent Belizean leaders seemed

to try, or it seems that what they tried to do was, to bring in the Belizean military, which were the same brothers and cousins of the same workers that do the work of the stevedores, which would have been unfair.

It seems that the intention was to defend the corporate interests rather than that of the working class who have made this country grow. They want to destroy them using the same militia and police who are Belizeans, white, black, brown; it doesn't matter that they are all Belizeans. So, it seems that they want to put brothers against brothers, cousins against cousins, wives against husbands, husbands against wives, etc. What's wrong with them? In what diabolical mind is there so much evil? The vision of the great leader, the Right Hon. George Cadle Price who supposedly fought for independence from Great Britain for all Belizeans who were here in 1981 and for those also who were in foreign countries, seems to not have worked out. Belize is still a British colony. Belize is still an American colony. Belize is still a Canadian, Chinese, Indian colony. It is sold. Let me not forget the Mennonites who were given so much land and so many privileges in 1957/1958. They have a country within a country. And our people? The 65% in famine, in misery and the few multi-billionaires, they are no longer millionaires, they are billionaires.

Isn't that such a shame? Shouldn't they be embarrassed? Where do you

think they are going to take all that money and all those material things that they grabbed? To nowhere. Don't be a fool. All that stays here; you die, rot, return to the soil where you came from or perhaps you think you are leaving your wealth to your family for eternity, as was done many years ago in Egypt when they buried the pharaohs with their horses, their wives and their gold, and what was the use? For the thieves, who got rich from it. They haven't learned anything. Unfortunately, the education system in this country does not teach about these stories. They hide it. They do not want people to know. That is why we have so much ignorance; that is why there are so many people who talk so much nonsense, such as one who I heard one day saying that they should kill two Spanish ('Wi hav fu kill two Spanish'). Where the hell do you want to get two Spanish? Because there is no Spanish here.

Those are sick minds that reflect the educational system that exists in this country. I hope, respectable and dear readers of this column, that you had the time to dedicate yourselves to reading the article that was published in this newspaper on Friday, January 14, of this year under the title "Africa, The Cradle of Mankind", and also the other article that was published on Friday, January 21 of this year under the title "Ancient interbreeding with mysterious archaic population". The reason that I dedicate myself to researching and sharing this type of reading, which is

scientific research, is because it is not taught to us in the educational system of this country. Here, there is a lot of material to cut, there are many mistakes that we make due to lack of knowledge. Here, at no time, am I denying the existence of a great Creator, nor am I denying the teachings of Jesus Christ. I am only putting the other side of the coin, where scientists inform us of so many things that the Bible does not speak of and that the religious organizations hide and do not want to be taught in the educational system. That is why we are as we are.

I am very grateful to *Amandala* for allowing me and giving me a space to share what this critical mind believes the Belizean people should learn. I am not suggesting to you to leave your religion and beliefs, but to learn what others have to say, what science has to say, because religion does not say everything, only part of it. And what we have learned so far after 200 years of the educational system being in the hands of religions is that tithes and offerings must be given. They live on money from us poor people that we have to give them continually. They live like kings, eat and drink, have the best cars and live of the best, while we get what the "duck got". We became beggars, while others come from outside to bring us some small gifts, like many years ago when they brought us mirrors while they took out our gold



## ATLANTIC INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED

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

### Duties and Responsibilities

Claims Support Officers 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.

## 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.**

**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)



# PRESS PREDICTIONS

The sports psychic speaks

## BOLEDO

**“Press” Predictions: 33-22-09**  
Boledo stats thru 28<sup>th</sup> Jan. to 4<sup>th</sup> Feb.

In boledo news, the 02 finally played after 1 year 10 months 1 week and 6 days. These are my lucky numbers for this week: 22-09-81-33-38-51. These are my lucky jackpot numbers: 7250-1842-6331. These are my lucky PICK-3 numbers: 040-512-386-919-707. There are only 3 hard numbers left: 22-50 and 55. The thirties series has not played as yet, that’s the leading series for the last 3 years. The sixties series has taken the lead 5 times already. 22 is still out for over 1 year 4 months 2 weeks 4 days; the last time 22 played was on the 9<sup>th</sup> of September, my mother’s birthday. 50 is the hardest number out right now, the last time 50 played was on the 15<sup>th</sup> of July 2020, that’s over 1 year 6 months 1 week and 5 days now. 55 is still out for over 1 year 3 months and 2 weeks. Keep your eyes open for 22 and 55. Some doubles are long overdue. There are 3 ending numbers left to play: 0-1-6. Get ready Belize, some dinero will be coming our way, remember to read your Psalms: 75-63 and 91. Next week more stats.

## NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

**The Cleveland Cavaliers are playing very well**

### NBA Results and Predictions

In NBA action, the Cleveland Cavaliers have a young team around **Kevin Love**, their center, they have beaten the Brooklyn Nets and most of the top teams. **Lebron James** will go back to Cleveland to end his career, he will have a chance to win 2 more championships. Then the All-Star game is coming up in February. Steph Curry leads in votes, Lebron James and Nikola Jokic will start in the line-up for the West. Kevin Durant, Giannis Antetokounmpo and Joel Embiid will be in the line-up for the Eastern Conference. These are some of the bench players for the West, Ja Morant should be in the Top 5. Damian



Kevin Love

Lillard, Luka Dončić, Chris Paul, Devin Booker alongside Donovan Mitchell from the Utah Jazz. In the East, Jimmy Butler, Jason Tatum, DeMar DeRozan, James Harden from the Brooklyn Nets, the game will be very exciting and very entertaining. The half way mark has passed, there will be a lot of trades coming up very soon. Next week more stats.

## NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

**The LA Rams shocked the champions Bucs 30 to 27**

### NFL Playoffs Results and Predictions

In NFL playoff action, there were a lot of upsets in this year’s NFL playoff games. The Cincinnati Bengals shocked the Tennessee Titans 19 to 16, Ryan Tannehill only had 1 TD pass, he was sacked many times. Then



Patrick Mahomes



by Gilroy “Press” Cadogan

the San Francisco 49ers upset the team with the best record, the Green Bay Packers, 13 to 10, Aaron Rodgers only had 1 TD pass also. Then the biggest upset happened Sunday when the Los Angeles Rams beat the defending champions, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, and Tom Brady 30 to 27. Brady had 3 TD passes, but not a lot of throwing yards. Then the Kansas City Chiefs beat the Buffalo Bills 42 to 36, Patrick Mahomes had 5 TD passes, and over 350 throwing yards. This Saturday and Sunday the 49ers will beat the Bengals then the Chiefs will beat the LA Rams. Next week the Super Bowl 56<sup>th</sup> predictions get started.

## INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL

**Real Madrid will win the La Liga**

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**JUNIS**

A Collection of Ideas and Opinions  
2007-2012  
by C B Hyde

### 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.](#)



**PUBLIC AUCTION SALE: AIRCRAFTS****British Aerospace BAE 125 800 A SN 25806; Piper Chyenne Turbo Prop**

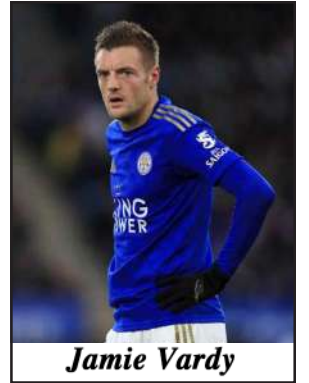
BY ORDER of the Asset & Utilities Unit, Ministry of Finance, Government of Belize, Licensed Auctioneer Kevin A. Castillo is selling ONLINE via [belizepropertyauctions.com](http://belizepropertyauctions.com) the below described aircrafts. Sales currently running and will expire Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>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

**1. British Aerospace BAE 125 800 A SN 258061:****2. Piper Chyenne Turbo Prop****Terms of Sale:**

1. Terms are for Cash
2. Aircrafts are being sold 'As Is'
3. Viewing by appointments only
4. Aircrafts are **NOT LICENSED** and **UNABLE** to fly
5. To participate in these sales, bidders' **MUST** submit their valid identification to be vetted by **The Commissioner of Police** prior to the sale.
6. Conditions of Sales for the aircrafts are available on request.

**TERMS: STRICTLY CASH****KEVIN A. CASTILLO****TELEPHONE 223-4488****Website: [belizepropertyauctions.com](http://belizepropertyauctions.com)****E-mail: [belizeauctionsales@gmail.com](mailto:belizeauctionsales@gmail.com)****Face Book: Belize Auctions****Press Predictions***Continued from* **Page 15***easily***International Football Results and Predictions**

In international football action, in the La Liga, Real Madrid have a 9-point lead on Sevilla. FC Barcelona are some 17 points behind, Real Sociedad in third, Atletico Madrid in fourth. In the EPL games that are so very competitive, Manchester City beat up on Brighton 4 goals to 0. Then Liverpool beat up on Everton 3 to 1. Mohamed Salah leads with 17 goals, he also has 11 assists. Jaime Vardy has 12 goals for Leicester City, Chelsea is behind 7 points, Man-u is struggling in the 6<sup>th</sup> spot. West Ham is playing very well.

**Jamie Vardy**

In the UEFA Champion of Champions tournament, there are some very big matchups with Real Madrid against PSG. Bayern Munich from Germany is the hardest team to beat, they have won that tournament at least 5 times or more already. The action resumes the first week in February. Next week some predictions on those hard games.

## The more knowledge and experience we gain the better weapons we have

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and our natural resources.

Wake up. Wake up, Belizean sisters and brothers and fight for what is yours, because while you sit and lie down waiting for a divine being to solve your problems, they laugh, because it is another weapon that they have used to have us dominated. At the time of the great ancient Egyptian civilization, sciences and religion were taught at the same time. Those subjects were taught at the temple of Amun-Re, which was built one thousand two hundred years before Jesus Christ, but man has taken it upon himself to separate these pieces of knowledge. Today, science and religion are fighting against each other because they want to make money. It remains for us to fill ourselves as much as possible with knowledge. The more knowledge and experience we gain in life, the better weapons we will have to defend ourselves.

[fincasolan@gmail.com](mailto:fincasolan@gmail.com)

January 23, 2022

Finca Solana

Corozal Town

**VACANCY**

The Board of Management announces the following vacancy available at Escuela Secundaria Técnica México.

**1) Vice-principal for Student Affairs**

- 1) The Vice-principal will be expected to
  - Be accessible and consultative when making decisions
  - Have excellent communication and interpersonal skills
  - Have the ability to articulate effectively the school's mission to students, faculty, and alumnae as well as the larger community
  - Possess leadership and management skills
  - Have strong instructional acumen and the ability to use data to evaluate strategic options and generate recommendations
  - Have a clear understanding of culturally responsive pedagogy and leadership; significant experience in poverty communities with a passion for empowering students and families
  - Have pedagogical training and teacher experience
  - Have knowledge of the Education Act and Education Rules
  - Have knowledge, competence and expertise in using technology
  - Work as part of a team
  - Create an atmosphere conducive to learning.

**2) Qualifications**

- Minimum Bachelor's Degree required but a Master's Degree in secondary education preferred.
- Educational Leadership training is a distinct asset.
- Having a minimum of 2 years of experience in an administrative post and substantial experience teaching at the secondary level in the Belizean Education System is also a distinct asset

**SALARY**

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

**APPLICATION PROCESS**

Signed Letter of application along with recent Curriculum Vitae, two recent letters of recommendations and Police Record. Applicants must have a valid Teachers' License at Secondary Level. **AUTHENTICATED COPIES OF SOCIAL SECURITY AND QUALIFICATIONS MUST ALSO BE SUBMITTED.**

**ONLY COMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE REVIEWED.**

Applications must be sent to the following address:

**Secretary: Mr. Hugo Gonzalez****Board of Management****CEMJC/ESTM****San Roman Village****Corozal District****No later than Tuesday, February 8, 2022 by 4 p.m.**





**Institution:** Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)  
**Country:** Belize  
**Project:** Solid Waste Management Project II (SWMP II) and Non-reimbursable Technical Cooperation- Innovation in the Solid Waste Management Sector in Belize  
**Sector:** Waste Management  
**Abstract:** Individual Consulting Service for the **design and implementation of communication campaign**. The objective of this consultancy is to design and implement an innovative awareness campaign to promote source separation, composting, and the 3 Rs (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) in key tourist areas (Caye Caulker and Placencia).  
**Loan No.:** ATN/JF-17360-BL  
**Deadline:** February 11, 2022

The Government of Belize (GOB) has received financing from the *Inter- American Development Bank (IDB)*, towards the cost of the Solid Waste Management Project II and a Non - reimbursable Technical Cooperation- Innovation in the Solid Waste Management Sector in Belize and intends to apply part of the proceeds for an Individual Consultant for the design and implementation of a communication campaign to promote source separation, composting, and the 3 Rs (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) in key tourist areas (Caye Caulker and Placencia).

The consulting services (“the Services”) include the following activities:

#### A) SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES

Specific responsibilities will include:

1. Review of all documentation available on previous Communication Strategies and campaigns on proper solid waste management in Belize and elsewhere in Latin America and the Caribbean.
2. Liaise with the BSWaMA and the designated representatives in Caye Caulker and Placencia to create a campaign that is consistent with the project theme and goal.
3. Design an innovative awareness campaign aimed at producing behavioral changes for the way residents, tourists, businesses, commerce, and industry manage and perceive solid waste. This campaign should include, but not be limited to, composting of the organic fraction at the household level and potentially the commercial level, source separation at the household level and potentially the commercial level, promotion of 3R’s promotion of waste minimization strategies to decrease the amount of municipal solid waste generated and propose viable incentives to reduce the use of different types of materials including single-use plastics.
4. Assist the BSWaMA in the implementation of the campaign in the two key tourist destinations mentioned above.
5. Supervise and monitor the execution of the awareness campaign with surveys and propose changes to the design of the campaign if needed, to maximize its impact.

#### B) QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

**Education:** The candidate will have a minimum of an Associate degree in Marketing, Communications, Business Administration, or similar field. A Bachelor’s Degree in any of these fields will be a plus. A high school diploma with 5 years of general work experience will be considered in lieu of an Associate degree.

**Experience:** The consultant will have at least 5 years of general work experience with 3 years of specific work experience in the field (campaign management, product development/promotion, or public relations) with a demonstrated ability to design and implement awareness campaigns for an activity or product. A catalog of previous work in graphic design using Photoshop or other relevant computer program, and videography samples are required with your submission.

**Languages:** English

#### C) TERMS OF ENGAGEMENT

- Type of contract and modality: Individual Consultant
- Length of contract: 60 days over 5 months
- Estimated start date: March 2022

Location: Consultant’s office and Belmopan - BSWaMA offices. N.B.: Due to Covid-19, consultants are encouraged to work remotely.

The *Ministry of Natural Resources, Petroleum and Mining* now invites eligible individual consultants to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested individual Consultants may send their application letter and Curriculum Vitae (CV), and other relevant supporting documentation (inclusive of previous graphic design and videography work)/ comprehensive catalogue in a non-protected accessible virtual folder to the email address listed below.

Consultants will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the Inter-American Development Bank: *Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter- American Development Bank - GN-2350-15*, and is open to all eligible candidates as defined in the policies.

The individual consultant will be selected in accordance with the Selection of Individual Consultants method set out in the Consultants Policies.

Further information and a copy of the Terms of Reference can be obtained via the email address below during office hours: Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. local time.

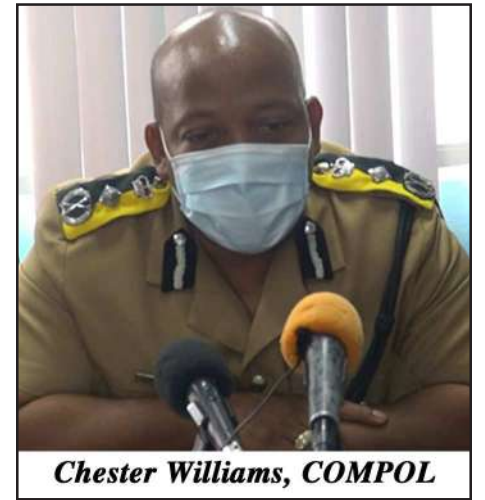
Expressions of interest should be submitted to the email address below by Friday February 11, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.

**(Submission must be made in an organized manner-One complete PDF file for application letter and CV and a folder containing sample of previous work)**

**Belize Solid Waste Management Authority**  
 Attn: Mrs. Melanie Gladden, Procurement Officer  
 3013 Bougainvillea Street, Orchid Garden Area  
 City of Belmopan, Belize, C.A.  
 Tel: (501) 802 1527  
 PO Box 285  
 E-mail: [GladdenM@gobmail.gov.bz](mailto:GladdenM@gobmail.gov.bz)

## COMPOL asks businesses to place surveillance cameras on streets

*Commissioner of Police Chester Williams is pleading with establishment owners to take the extra step and put surveillance cameras on the streets on which their establishments are located.*



**Chester Williams, COMPOL**

*by Charles Gladden*

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Jan. 26, 2022

As a result of the increased presence of surveillance cameras across the country, in both businesses and domestic residences, police have had greater access to much-needed surveillance footage that has been used by the department to apprehend and convict criminals. Commissioner of Police, Chester Williams, during an interview this week, applauded those establishments that have installed cameras in their place of business, but are asking them to take it a bit further.

“We do appreciate the fact that a number of business establishments have mounted surveillance cameras inside their stores and to an extent outside. I would like to make an appeal to the business place: while yes, what you have done is good, it will be better if you can put surveillance cameras at the street in front of your establishment as well. That will identify the people when entering. You find that the perpetrators of these robberies [are], for the most part, they wouldn’t walk the street with their face covered up and will cover their face when they get to the store, so if you have the camera in front, it might help pick up the person before they cover their face.” said Commissioner Williams.

COMPOL Williams is further asking the public to video any crime that they see happening, since such video footage can assist police in identifying the perpetrators of those crimes.

“These surveillance footage have helped our investigators significantly in the terms of identifying perpetrators. We know we live in an era where witnesses and victims of crimes are afraid to come out to identify perpetrators, and so these cameras do help us to do the job that the victims or witnesses are afraid to do. We do encourage it,” he said.



# VACANCY

Join our exciting team!

## CREDIT OFFICER

A Credit Officer is responsible for developing new business, evaluating and recommending approval of loan applications, as well as maintaining an existing portfolio. A Credit Officer represents the DFC in the local community through active participation in community affairs and participates in marketing the Corporation's products and services.

**STATION:** Cayo Branch, Belmopan City - However, the position is transferrable to any of the Corporation's Branch Offices.

**QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERIENCE:**

1. A Bachelor's Degree in Economics, Agriculture or Agricultural Economics
2. At least three (3) years of experience in the appraisal, implementation and management of developmental loans.

**REQUIRED SKILLS & ABILITIES:**

- Superior communication skills – written, verbal, and inter-personal. The incumbent must display a positive attitude and the ability to interact professionally and effectively with customers and employees at all levels.
- Ability to interpret and analyze financial data to originate sound loans as well as to maintain a performing portfolio.
- Proficient in MS Word, Excel and Outlook; and familiar with new channels used for mass communication.
- Ability to focus on the details and apply critical thinking techniques.
- Bilingual in English and Spanish.
- Ability and willingness to travel frequently, as required. This requires the possession of a privately owned motor vehicle and valid driver's license.
- Understanding DFC's role as a development bank and its mandate to shape Belize's economic and social landscape.
- High ethical standards and uncompromising sense of integrity.

**ESSENTIAL DUTIES:**

- To provide efficient and timely loan delivery services.
- To appraise, implement and manage developmental loans in accordance with the Corporation's policies and procedures.
- To conduct property appraisals for properties offered as loan collateral.
- To assist applicants in developing sound business plans within DFC's guidelines.
- Actively promote the financial services available through the Corporation.
- Attend meetings, workshops and seminars on subject matters related to, and relevant to sectors of the economy of Belize for which DFC provides credit facilities for.

## JUNIOR CREDIT OFFICER

The Junior Credit Officer is responsible for the appraisal, implementation and management of development loans, primarily Education, Housing and MSE Loans in accordance with the Corporation's Credit Policies. The Junior Credit Officer also participates in the marketing of the Corporation's products and services.

**STATION:** San Pedro Sub-Branch.

**QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERIENCE:**

1. An Associate's Degree in Accounting, Business Administration or related field.
2. At least (2) years of experience providing administrative support.

**REQUIRED SKILLS & ABILITIES:**

- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills (verbal and written)
- Excellent planning and organization skills
- Strong initiative, results-oriented, analytical and self-motivated
- Proficient in Microsoft Office Applications
- Bilingual in English and Spanish
- Team oriented and possess a positive attitude
- Able to maintain a high level of confidentiality and ethical behavior
- Ability and willingness to travel frequently, as required. This requires the possession of a privately owned motor vehicle and valid driver's license.

**ESSENTIAL DUTIES:**

- To provide efficient and timely loan delivery services.
- To appraise, implement and manage Education, Housing and MSE loans in accordance with the Corporation's policies and procedures.
- To conduct property appraisals for properties offered as loan collateral.
- Actively promote the financial services available through the Corporation.

**TO APPLY, SUBMIT:** Deadline: February 3, 2022

1. A Letter of Application
2. Curriculum Vitae
3. Copy of most recent qualification
4. Three (3) Letters of References (No older than 6 mnths) - two of which must be professional references
5. Police Record (not older than 6 months)
6. Copy of Social Security Card.

EMAIL TO: [vacancies@dfcbelize.org](mailto:vacancies@dfcbelize.org)

MANAGER  
Human Resources & General Affairs  
Development Finance Corporation  
P.O. Box 40, BELMOPAN



### Daily Crossword Puzzle for January 26, 2022

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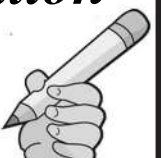
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6. Smile upon
11. Printing proof
12. Slow musically
13. Cover story
14. Fur type
15. Sportscaster Scully
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19. A memorable Arden
20. Harbor vessel
21. 5th or Park
22. Perform again
24. Big enough fish
26. That man
28. Pull off
29. Cake bits
33. Like a snoop
37. Std.
38. Fella
40. Apple dessert
41. Arab noble
42. Ball perch
43. Conduit fitting
44. Finnish coin
46. Historic record
48. Over and done with
49. Artist Rivera
50. Declare
51. Mole cousin

**Down**

1. Moe valiant
2. Experiences anew
3. Put into words
4. Circle, in a way
5. Humid
6. Wrote in an online journal
7. Allow
8. Catch in a setup
9. Stow in a ship's hold
10. Copier part
17. Diving shorebird
23. A little resistance
25. 1 billion years
27. Hit song of 1953
29. Thin, light fabrics
30. Royal stand-in
31. Kampala is its capital
32. Writer Grafton
34. First bid
35. Farm fodder
36. Cowardly
39. Gun sights
45. ABC, for short
47. U.S. med. research ctr.

### 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 - 01-20-2022 - Answers

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# Government signs Medical Waste Regulations

*Belize's medical waste disposal system is largely unregulated, which can prove hazardous if not remedied*



**Dr. Kenrick Williams - CEO,  
Ministry of Sustainable  
Development**

by *Khaila Gentle*

BELMOPAN, Tues. Jan. 25, 2022

According to a recent GoB press release, on November 29 of last year, the Government of Belize, through the Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management's Department of Environment, signed the Medical Waste Regulations. These regulations are meant to ensure proper storage, transportation, treatment, and disposal of medical waste throughout the country.

In recent years, there has been growing concern across the world over the increased production of infectious medical waste as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. And as several studies have shown, the improper management of healthcare waste can contribute to the spread of the virus. Now more than ever, proper management and disposal are needed to ensure the safety of not only patients, sanitation workers, and medical staff, but also the general public. Improper incineration or open burning of medical waste can have dire effects, both on human health and on the environment. One such effect is the production of Persistent Organic Pollutants, or POPs, which are toxic chemicals that can survive in the environment for long periods and can be harmful to humans, animals, and the environment.

According to the GoB release, the government recognizes that Belize's medical waste disposal is largely unmanaged and unregulated. The Medical Waste Regulations are aimed at remedying this.

"During the development of the Medical Waste Regulations,

stakeholders were directly engaged in all major municipalities targeting all health care providers in the human health and animal health sectors. The regulations came into effect on November 29, 2021," stated the release.

As a result of the passing of these regulations, improper disposal of medical waste is now illegal, and anyone found guilty of such an offense could be fined. Additionally, those entities which generate medical waste must now keep "records of the dates, types, and amounts of medical waste generated, and the date and locations where such waste are shipped for disposal."

The release also said that the regulations take into consideration the installation of a medical waste autoclave system at the Mile 3

Transfer Station in Belize City. An autoclave system uses high-pressure steam at specific temperatures to kill off pathogens such as bacteria and viruses, and disinfects medical waste before its disposal.

The Department of Environment

stated in a press release this week that a program will be put in place to provide collection and transport services that will assist medical facilities in the transfer of medical waste to that station to ensure the proper disposal of such waste.

## Sunday Review News Review Talk Show

On Krem TV & Krem Radio

Live-streaming on Krem Television Face Book Page

Host: YaYa Marin Coleman

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

Guest: Stevedore Kenton Blanco with 3 children ages 11, 7 and 3 and Stevedore Marlon Middleton and his 11 year old daughter

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

# [ VACANCY ]

## FINANCIAL CONTROLLER - BELTRAIDE

### Primary Function

BELTRAIDE is seeking a results-driven and confident Financial Controller to manage our organization's financial performance and direct our accounting operations. The ideal candidate should possess strong analytical skills, exceptional problem-solving skills, a flair for numbers, be highly organized, and have excellent leadership skills. The noteworthy financial controller should streamline our accounting functions and operations, provide financial analysis and reports, train staff on business finance issues and promote statutory compliance.

### Duties & Responsibilities

1. Ensuring compliance with GAAP and internal controls for finance and accounting operations
2. Supervise the accurate and timely preparation of monthly financial statements for: cash flow, receivables, payables, balances, control mechanisms and deposits
3. Analyzing financial data
4. Monitoring and proposing sound and up-to-date financial internal controls
5. Overseeing and preparing income statements
6. Creating annual budgets and monthly variance analysis
7. Investigate and critique variances to budget or to prior year and offer practical improvement methodology
8. Engaging in Cash flow management
9. Managing financial transactions
10. Streamlining accounting functions and operations
11. Developing plans for financial growth
12. Developing plans for improving efficiencies and reducing costs across the organization
13. Evaluating and managing risk
14. Processing Payroll
15. Planning, organizing and coordinating the year end closing process
16. Assisting with the coordination and deliverables for annual audits performed by external auditors

### Education & Experience

- Master's degree in Finance, Financial Management, Accounting or equivalent; or Bachelor degree in Finance, Financial Management, Accounting or equivalent
- 5-7 years of direct experience in accounting, reporting and costing leadership within a professionally managed organization
- Knowledge of Quickbooks Online required
- Exceptional written and oral communication skills
- Strong team building skills and proven ability to work within a diverse organization

### Knowledge & Skills

- Extensive Strong Analytical skills
- Sound knowledge of accounting fundamentals
- Auditing experience
- Compliance oriented
- Proficiency in accounting software
- Good communication skills
- Strong leadership qualities
- Excellent interpersonal skills

### Key Competencies & Attitudes

- Highly analytical
- Team player
- Self-starter
- Flexible
- Multi-tasker
- Dependable
- Honest
- Mature
- Sound work ethics
- Detail oriented
- Diligent
- Proactive and strategic thinker

Please address applications, including cover letter, copies of relevant degrees, accompanied by curriculum vitae and three references to [vacancy@belizeinvest.org.bz](mailto:vacancy@belizeinvest.org.bz)

Deadline for submission is 4:30 pm on February 11th, 2022 to:

**Executive Director**  
Belize Trade & Investment Development Service  
3401 Mountain View Blvd., Suite 201  
Belmopan, Cayo District  
Belize

[www.beltraide.bz](http://www.beltraide.bz)



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# CABEI concludes successful mission to Belize



**CABEI met with the PM and several private sector entities**

by *Khaila Gentle*

BELMOPAN, Tues. Jan. 25, 2022

The Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI) concluded a successful mission to Belize last week. The mission, which ended on January 21, saw the bank's Executive President, Dr. Dante Mossi, and his delegation traveling across the

country to hold high-level meetings with the Prime Minister as well as with ministers of government, private sector entities, and representatives of the country's major utility companies. According to the Government of Belize Press Office, the meetings were a means to provide an update on

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## VACANCY

The British High Commission, Belmopan has a vacancy for a Security Guard. The successful applicant will join the security team, working 8 hour day and night shift patterns (42 hour week) and will be responsible for maintaining security and protecting assets at both Office and Residence compounds.

### Main purpose of the job:

To ensure that personnel can work in a safe and secure environment by protecting staff and FCDO assets at the British High Commission office and residence compounds.

### Roles and responsibilities of the job, but not limited to:

- Control vehicle and personnel access to the office and residence compounds.
- Provide security of all locations by regular patrolling.
- Monitor the BHC Radio Network.
- Monitor CCTV at both locations and log information as necessary.
- Daily checks of the office compound and residence area.
- Where necessary escort workers and contractors in the BHC premises.
- Be the first point of contact for BHC visitors / telephone enquiries.
- Carry out any other security tasks as directed by Post Security Manager.

### Qualifications/Experience:

- Good command of oral and written English
- Ability to work in a demanding environment
- Ability to work professionally in stressful situations
- Ability to work flexibly to meet changing demands
- Initiative and good judgement
- Ability to work effectively as part of a small team
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Proficient in the use of MS Windows and Office suite

### Desirable:

- Former Non Commissioned Officer (NCO) in the military or Police (or necessary experience to this level)
- Knowledge of Spanish would be an asset

Salary will be BZ\$1770.95 per month.

### How to Apply

Interested persons please use the preferred method of applying online at <https://bit.ly/3G2xJRs>

The Deadline for applications is 4:00pm on **Tuesday, 08 February 2022**. Only those candidates who are short-listed will be contacted. Please be aware that all applicants must be able to legally work in Belize. Confirmation of appointment is subject to the satisfactory completion of a probationary period and security clearance.

The British High Commission in Belize is an inclusive and diversity-friendly employer. We value difference, promote equality and challenge discrimination, enhancing our organisational capability. We welcome and encourage applications from people of all backgrounds. We do not discriminate on the basis of disability, race, colour, ethnicity, gender, religion, sexual orientation, age, veteran status or other category protected by law. We promote family-friendly flexible working opportunities, where operational and security needs allow.



## 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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# Belize supports Taiwan's bid for participation in World Health Assembly

*The country has been barred from attending the annual assembly since 2016 due to what it claims is Chinese interference*



**The World Health Assembly convened by the WHO**

by **Khaila Gentle**

BELMOPAN, Mon. Jan. 24, 2022

Taiwan's fight to secure a seat as an observer at the 75th World Health Assembly is being backed by the

Government of Belize, which, along with the Ministry of Health & Wellness, has openly expressed its support.

"Taiwan has demonstrated its ability to effectively manage the COVID-19 pandemic. The country is seen as a

model in combating the pandemic due to their highly effective early response measures, and continues to be applauded internationally, which is why Belize's support for their inclusion comes at this critical time," said the government's press release.

For the past 7 years, the Republic of China (Taiwan) has been barred from attending the annual meeting as an observer due to China's ongoing claim that the country is a part of its territory. After Taiwan's successful management of the COVID-19 crisis for a year and a half, however, calls for the country's inclusion at the WHA have increased, with several countries, including the G-7 (Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and the United States), openly voicing their support for the first time last year—a move which the Chinese government referred to as "gross interference".

In May of 2021, the Taiwanese government openly criticized the World Health Organization—the agency that convenes the meeting, for "submitting to China" after it did not receive an invite. The country's foreign minister, Jau-Shieh Joseph Wu, and Health & Welfare Minister Chen Shih-Chung asserted that there should be no gap in the global public health and disease prevention system and that Taiwan's participation in the WHA would serve to benefit the global community.

In its press release, the Government of Belize noted that Taiwan has assisted many countries, including our own, in their COVID-19 response efforts through the donation of medical supplies, ventilators, PPE, and more.

"Taiwan's expertise and input will benefit all member states in the global health fight against COVID-19," it added.

Taiwan was expelled from the WHO and the WHA in 1972—a year after Beijing formally joined the United Nations. It was then allowed to attend the WHA as an observer from 2009 to 2016 but was barred from attending once President Tsai Ing-Wen was elected.



**CAREER OPPORTUNITY**



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**Belize Sugar Industries Ltd.**  
 Invites qualified and self-motivated individuals to submit applications for the following posts at Tower Hill, Orange Walk & Big Creek, Toledo:

**Mechanic / Welder**

The **Mechanic/ Welder** is required to maintain/ repair diesel engines of trucks, loaders, loading equipment and ability to weld using steel, aluminum and stainless steel parts using Arc, MIG and/or TIG process at the Big Creek Site.

**Qualifications and Experience**

- High School Diploma or ITVET Class II
- Three years of experience in welding techniques
- Experience with steel, aluminium and/or stainless steel required
- Holder of a valid Class B2, B3, C2 or e Driver's license

**Roles and Responsibilities**

- Ability to troubleshoot and repair problems of general and advanced nature
- Ability to perform tasks requiring heavy physical effort.
- Knowledge of tools, equipment, materials, methods, and practices of engine repair, mechanical and electrical systems and maintenance
- Ability to read blueprints, drawings, calipers, tape measures and angle gauges
- Ability to read and interpret documents furnished in written, oral, diagram or schedule form such as safety rules, operating and maintenance instructions, quality manuals and procedure manuals

**Diesel Mechanic**

The **Diesel Mechanic** are required to maintain and repair diesel engines of trucks, farm tractors, bulldozers, busses, cranes, etc. and also have advanced knowledge about transmissions, brake systems, and electronic components unique to diesel engines at the Tower Hill Site.

**Qualifications and Experience**

- High School Diploma or ITVET Class II
- Minimum of 3+ years experience in diesel engine repairs
- Holder of a valid Class B2, B3, C2, E Driver's license
- Able to work flexible hours (shifts, weekends & holidays)

**Roles and Responsibilities**

- Diagnose, test, adjust and repair systems of diesel powered engines
- Examine, test drive and troubleshoot electrical and mechanical problems using standard testing procedures and computer diagnostic equipment
- Perform repairs and replace defective parts
- Perform routine and scheduled maintenance services according to manufacturer's specifications
- Maintain records of repairs and preventative maintenance

**Letters of application accompanied by a résumé, police record, recent transcript and two letter of references should be submitted to:**

**Human Resources Manager**  
 P.O. Box 29, Tower Hill,  
 Orange Walk, Belize  
 Or Email:  
 HR.Belize@asr-group.com

**Deadline for submission is February 4, 2022**

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ongoing projects, discuss potential projects for financing, and present CABEI's line of products.

"We had the opportunity to chat with the highest level of government to understand priorities and how CABEI can actually come and assist the government in their tasks at hand," said Dr. Mossi.

"We chatted about how to expand electricity, roads, bridges, telecom, and also how to provide better services, particularly health services during this pandemic," he added.

Dr. Dante Mossi also stated that CABEI is prepared to offer loans, grants, and technical assistance to both the government and the private sector.

At one of the meetings, the CEO of the Ministry of Economic Development, Dr. Osmond Martinez, remarked that the main objective of the government's partnership with CABEI is to enable a friendly environment for investment in Belize, for the expansion of existing businesses, and also for the creation of new businesses opportunities.

CABEI's main priorities during their mission were seeing firsthand the areas in which the government needs assistance, establishing how to increase economic activity in the country, and advancing science and technology within the country's productive sector. According to Martinez, CABEI is also planning to provide a total of 225 scholarships for secondary education.





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ACEVEDO JR. WILMER	39 EGBERT QUILTER AVENUE, BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
AGUET COURTNEY	#8 ST. LUKE STREET, BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
AGUILAR JOSELIN	21 BARRACK ROAD, BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
AGUILAR FOUED	CORNER SEAGRAPE & BLAKE STREETS, SAN PEDRO TOWN, BELIZE C.A.
ALAMILLA ASael	13 LANDIVAR/4TH STREET, BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
ALAMILLA COREY	13 LANDIVAR/4TH STREET, BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
ALAS LEINNY	VALLEY OF PEACE, CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
ALBENO MILLY	3 GUACAMALLO STREET, LAS FLORES, BELMOPAN, CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
ALBENO LUIS	3 GUACAMALLO STREET, LAS FLORES, BELMOPAN, CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
ALBENO CARLY	BENQUE VIEJO DEL CARMEN, CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
ALBENO CATHIA	3 GUACAMALLO STREET, LAS FLORES, BELMOPAN, CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
ALEXANDER KEVIN	PLACENCIA VILLAGE, STANN CREEK DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
ALPUCHE JR. JOSE	HALL'S LAYOUT, COROZAL DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
ANCONA RYAN	SAN PEDRO TOWN, SAN PEDRO TOWN, A.C., BELIZE C.A.
ANDREWS ANTHONY	2735 WILL & SHARPER ST, BELAMA PH 2, BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
ARIOLA TREVOR	AIRSTRIIP AREA, BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
ATHERLEY CORDELL	11 PRINCESS MARGARET DRIVE, BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
AUSTIN MIRIAM	15 ZEI TOWN STREET, BELIZE C.A.
AVELLA KELSIE	3 LINDA VISTA STREET, CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
AVELLA MELISSA	3 LINDA VISTA STREET, CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
AWE NINA	JOHN MARTINEZ STREET, CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
AYUSO FELIX	ANGEL CORAL STREET, SAN PEDRO TOWN, BELIZE C.A.
AZAETA TANYA	96 POINTSETTA STREET, BELIZE C.A.
BABB ARMANDO	28 DOLPHIN DRIVE, BELIZE C.A.
BAILEY NIKATA	MITCHELL ESTATE, BELIZE C.A.
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BARDALEZ FRANCISCO	TARPON STREET, SAN PEDRO TOWN, BELIZE C.A.
BARILLAS MICHAEL	103 BELAMA PHASE II, BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
BARRERA SR. GLENFORD	AVENIDA MANGLE, BELIZE C.A.
BELIZE ELECTRICITY LTD	2 1/2 MILES PHILIP GOLDSON HIGHWAY, BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
BERMUDEZ KYLA	HATTIEVILLE VILLAGE, BELIZE DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
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BETANCOURT PRISCILLA	#7 ZERICOTE STREET, BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
BEULAH FOR COREY MCKAY	#2 BISHOP STREET, BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
BLADES ELDA	54 DALY STREET, BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
BOL YARIE	11 GUANACASTE PARK STREET, BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
BOOD ODAE	37 LORDS BANK, BELIZE DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
BORLAND MICAH	ANGEL CORAL STREET, SAN PEDRO TOWN, BELIZE C.A.
BOWEN JOHN	#18 DOLPHIN STREET, BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
BRADLEY LINCOLN	#7 LEBANNON STREET, CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
BRADLEY LARISA	115 BARACK ROAD, BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
BRICENO JAYLEN	43 LIBERTY AVENUE, ORANGE WALK TOWN, BELIZE C.A.
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CAIN GIOVANNI	2D ALVAREZ STREET, BELIZE C.A.
CAL ADAMINI	SAN ANDRES VILLAGE, BELIZE C.A.
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CANADAY HELEN	14206 LAKEVIEW WAY NW, GIG HARBOR N/A
CANUL WHITTLEY	91 EAST WINDMILL AREA, BELIZE C.A.
CARD CASEAN	35 FULLERS LANE, BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
CARDINEZ KEAN	CENTRAL FARM, CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
CARRASCO KARINA	CAYE CAULKER VILLAGE, BELIZE C.A.
CASTANEDA ERIC IGNACIO	GEORGE STREET, BENQUE VIEJO TOWN, CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
CASTELLANOS KADIR	36 VICTORIA STREET, BENQUE VIEJO TOWN CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
CASTELLANOS ABIGAIL	7591 RIO BRAVO CRESCENT, FABER'S ROAD, BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
CASTILLO ALLAN	109 CEMETERY ROAD, BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
CASTILLO KRYSTAL	6916 COR. MAHOGANY & WESTERN AVE. BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
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CCS TRUST LIMITED	COR. HUTSON & EYRE STREET, BLAKE BLDG., BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
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CHAVEZ ROY	107 RACECOURSE STREET, BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
CHAVEZ DARYL	101 RACECOURSE STREET, BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
CHEN DAVID	71D CONSEJO BEACH TRIAL, COROZAL DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
CHEN RONG CONG	N/A N/A
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ESCALANTE RAUL	19 MLS SANDHILL VILLAGE,	BELIZE DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
ESTELL ELSWITH	9 MILES PHILLIP GOLDSON HIGHWAY,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
ESTEPHAN CHRISTIAN	1779 SEASHORE DRIVE,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
ESTEPHAN RICHARD	COCONUT DRIVE,	SAN PEDRO TOWN A.C., BELIZE C.A.
FAUX JERSHA	101 NEAL PENN ROAD,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
FAUX JR. RANDOLPH	PLACENCIA VILLAGE,	STANN CREEK DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
FELIX DAVISHA	6 C STREET KING'S PARK,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
FIGUEROA JAIME	VALLEY OF PEACE,	BELMOPAN, CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
FLOWERS ALBERT	7221 REGGAE STREET,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
FLOWERS KIMBRIA	INDIAN HILL ESTATE TRIAL FARM AREA,	ORANGE WALK DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
FLOWERS NIA	3030 DOUGAL STREET,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
FOISY MICHELLE	4443 DABNY CIRCLE, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46254,	USA
FOREMAN ARMANDO (MANDY)	727 W 58TH STREET,	USA
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FRANZUA JUANITA	DEER STREET,	SAN PEDRO TOWN A.C., BELIZE C.A.
FREEDMAN ERIC	WALKER ROAD, MAYA BEACH AREA,	SAN PEDRO TOWN A.C., BELIZE C.A.
GALVEZ JOSE	30 ALBERT ST,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
GARBUTT NOEL	6988 BOOTS CRESCENT,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
GARBUTT MARTINA	47 FREETOWN ROAD,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
GARCIA KENT	6 MLS. GEORGE PRICE HIGHWAY,	BELIZE C.A.
GARCIA PRINCESS	51 IGUANA STREET,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
GARCIA JOSUE	SAN JOSE NUEVO PALMAR VILLAGE,	BELIZE C.A.
GARNETT SASHA	593 BELLAVISTA,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
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GENTLE JAYDEN	NO.2 TULIP STREET,	CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
GENTLE ARRI	12 MOHO STREET,	BELIZE C.A.
GENTLE ZOE	8 1/2 MILE GEORGE PRICE HIGHWAY,	BELIZE DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
GIDEON ALEXIE	CAYE CAULKER,	CAYE CAULKER, BELIZE C.A.
GILL NATHAN	30 MAHOGANY STREET,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
GILLET MARION	25 MAHOGANY STREET,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
GILLET ARCHIBALD	2605 FOREST RUN DRIVE, MELBOURNE	CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
GOINGS TIANA	19 NURSE SEAY STREET,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
GOMEZ VALENTINA	PRINCESS MARGARET DRIVE,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
GOMEZ EDUARDO	BARRIER REEF DRIVE,	SAN PEDRO TOWN, BELIZE C.A.
GONGORA ANTON	BOCA DEL RIO AREA,	SAN PEDRO TOWN, BELIZE C.A.
GONZALEZ ILAN	BEACH FRONT,	SAN PEDRO TOWN, BELIZE C.A.
GONZALEZ RUBEN	PESCADOR DRIVE,	SAN PEDRO TOWN, BELIZE C.A.
GONZALEZ KEVIN	SAN JUAN VILLAGE,	BELIZE C.A.
GORDON AVERY	236 BELAMA PHASE 3,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
GORDON ASHLEY	236 BELAMA PHASE 3,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
GORDON ADRIANA	236 BELAMA PHASE 3,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
GORDON ADRIAN	#236 BELAMA III FREETOWN DIVISION,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
GORDON ANTONIO	59 1/2 GEORGE PRICE HIGHWAY, UNITEDVILLE	BELIZE C.A.
GOUGH YELINA	54 DALY STREET,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
GRANIEL MIRIAM	COCONUT DRIVE,	SAN PEDRO TOWN, BELIZE C.A.
GREENE JANECA	1918 DRIFTWOOD BAY,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
GUERRA KRISTY	10 BURNS STREET, MT. CARMER PRIMARY SCHOOL	CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
GUERRA GIAN	10 BURNS STREET,	CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
GUERRA EDWIN	SAN PEDRITO AREA, SAN PEDRO TOWN,	SAN PEDRO TOWN, BELIZE C.A.
GUERRA KHADER	GEORGE PRICE AVENUE,	CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
GUERRERO DANTE	23 CEMETERY ROAD,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
GULIN ROMAN	2256 ALBERT HOY AVENUE, BELAMA PH II,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
GUY LIGAYA	#20 SAN FRANCISCO STREET,	ORANGE WALK TOWN, BELIZE C.A.





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GUY ALBERT	#20 SAN FRANCISCO STREET,	ORANGE WALK TOWN, BELIZE C.A.
GUZMAN CONRAD	CAYE CAULKER VILLAGE,	CAYE CAULKER, BELIZE C.A.
HALL TEOTISHA LUZ	102 FOURTH AVENUE,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
HAMILTON EMORECIA	5 CARD ALLEY,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
HARRIS CRYSTAL	30 MAHOGANY STREET,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
HE YONG	6117 DOLPHIN DRIVE,	SAN PEDRO TOWN A.C., BELIZE C.A.
HE WEI	98 NEW ROAD,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
HERBERT WINSTON	#1 ROCKSTONE POND,	BELIZE C.A.
HERNANDEZ NORMANDI	PLACENCIA VILLAGE,	STANN CREEK DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
HERNANDEZ JONATHAN	SAN PABLO AREA,	SAN PEDRO TOWN, BELIZE C.A.
HERNANDEZ IRMA	AGRICULTURE STREET,	BELMOPAN, CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
HEUSNER ALEXANDRIA	1 8TH STREET KINGS PARK,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
HINSON ANTHONY	7 NICHOLS STREET UNIT#1, CHELSEA	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
HO DAVID	N/A	N/A
HOARE JAEDA	5614 LIZARRAGA AVENUE, KINGS PARK,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
HOWARD SHANDIE	5703 LIZARRAGA AVENUE, KINGS PARK,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
HOWE AUNELIE	SAN ANTONIO VILLAGE,	BELIZE C.A.
HUANG CHIAO	8 1/2 MLS PHILLIP GOLDSON HIGHWAY,	BELIZE DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
HULSE CANDY	7 OLEANDER STREET,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
HULSE MICHAEL	1262 CORAL GROVE,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
ITZA LUIGI	SAN JOSE SUCCOTZ VILLAGE,	CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
JAMES VERLEE	PLACENCIA VILLAGE,	STANN CREEK DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
JAMES MAIA	PLACENCIA VILLAGE,	STANN CREEK DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
JAMES VERLEE	PLACENCIA VILLAGE,	STANN CREEK DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
JAMES MALCOLM	PLACENCIA VILLAGE,	STANN CREEK DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
JEFFRIES CARLENE	COR EVE ST & HEMSLEY ALLEY F/H L/F,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
JEMMOTT GLENFORD	131 NEW ROAD,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
JOHNSON AINSWORTH/SHIRLEY	N/A	N/A
JONES ANFERNI	5610 LIZARRAGA AVENUE,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
JONES JALEN	TEAKETTLE VILLAGE,	CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
JONES JR. MARK	64 WEST COLLET CANAL,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
JOSEPH JULIAN GONZALEZ	82 UNIVERSITY HEIGHT,	BELIZE C.A.
JR MARCUS	18 STREET SAN IGNACIO,	CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
JURADO JADEN	BOCA DEL RIO AREA,	SAN PEDRO TOWN, BELIZE C.A.
KRAHN SHAWN	BLUE CREEK VILLAGE,	ORANGE WALK DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
LAM WING	AVENIDA LANGOSTA,	CAYE CAULKER, BELIZE C.A.
LAMBAY CORINE	INDEPENDENCE VILLAGE, PLACENCIA	STANN CREEK DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
LANDERO FREDDY	BULLET TREE FALLS,	CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
LAURIANO JOANNA	CROOKED TREE VILLAGE, MINOR	BELIZE DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
LEIVA VINCENT	#19 B CLEGHORN STREET,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
LEMUS CARLOS	2 MLS GEORGE PRICE HIGHWAY, MINOR	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
LEON ADISLEY	SAN PEDRITO AREA,	SAN PEDRO TOWN, BELIZE C.A.
LESLIE JEVAN	13 CEMETERY STREET,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
LESLIE SIRRON	25 NARGUSTA STREET,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
LESLIE MATTHEW	PLACENCIA VILLAGE,	STANN CREEK DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
LESLIE MARSHA	PLACENCIA VILLAGE,	STANN CREEK DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
LEVY CECIL	#23 4TH AVENUE,	COROZAL DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
LEWIS TAHLANI	23 CEMETERY ROAD,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
LIZ HOUHE	JOSEPH ANDREWS DRIVE, SAN IGNACIO TOWN	CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
LIN TING	1 LIME STREET, BELMOPAN	CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
LIN BIYUN	59B POINSETTA ROAD, LADYVILLE	BELIZE DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
LIN LIHUA	FADDEN AVENUE, INDEPENDENCE VILLAGE	BELIZE C.A.
LIND ALFONSO	BURRELL BOOM VILLAGE,	BELIZE DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
LISBEY DONOVAN	PHILIP GOLDSON STREET,	CAYE CAULKER, BELIZE C.A.
LIU MING	SIENE BIGHT VILLAGE,	BELIZE C.A.





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LOPEZ MARCO	CAYE CAULKER ,	CAYE CAULKER, BELIZE C.A.
LOPEZ BRITANNY	49 VISTA DEL MAR,	BELIZE DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
LOPEZ PHARIS	6 MEX AVENUE, MINOR	BELIZE C.A.
LUE PETER	6900 SW 102 AVE, MIAMI	USA
MA YONGAN	16 NEW ROAD,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
MAC DONALD MARGARET	CAYE CAULKER VILLAGE,	CAYE CAULKER, BELIZE C.A.
MACCALLUM ROBERT	SANTA RITA LAYOUT,	COROZAL DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
MAGANA, JR FELPIE	BIG CREEK,	ORANGE WALK DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
MAJIL DIANNE	SANTA FAMILIA VILLAGE,	BELIZE C.A.
MANGAR RHODA	51 CRAN STREET,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
MARIA KUMUL FOR KAYLEE JEAN	SAN PEDRO TOWN	SAN PEDRO TOWN, A.C., BELIZE C.A.
MARIN MERDITH	SANDHILL VILLAGE,	BELIZE DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
MARIN GEORGE	12 4TH STREET,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
MARTINEZ ROBERTA	INDEPENDENCE VILLAGE,	BELIZE C.A.
MARTINEZ ETHAN	3 POND AVENUE,	CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
MARTINEZ DORIS	8 1/2 MILES HYDRO ROAD,	CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
MARTINEZ GASPER	WESTERN STREET,	BELIZE C.A.
MATUS PERLITA	2ND ST, SAN IGNACIO TOWN,	CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
MAXIMO STEVEN	SEINE BIGHT VILLAGE,	BELIZE C.A.
MAYEN KOBY	9 PELICAN STREET,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
MAYEN ASHANTY	5703 LIZARRAGA AVENUE, KINGS PARK,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
MCFADZEN ANN	70 PETER LOUIS HATTIEVILLE,	BELIZE DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
MCKENZIE NELLIS	54 PLUES STREET,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
MCNAB CRISTOPHER	PHILLIP GOLDSON STREET,	CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
MEDINA EFRAIN	#3-16TH STREET,	CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
MIDDLETON DANICA	4509 ZACARANDA STREET,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
MIDDLETON KEANDRE	7464 FABERS ROAD EXT,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
MIDDLETON IMAURIE	CEASAR RIDGE ROAD,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
MIRANDA CHA NEIKA	29 DEAN STREET, MINOR	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
MIRANDA JAELEN ARNOLD	29 DEAN STREET,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
MOGUEL JENNIE	36 BELAMA EXTENSION PH #3,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
MOK BING (BENSON)	5 MICHELLE ESTATE, LADYVILLE,	BELIZE DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
MONSANTO FINDLEY	31 MAYFLOWER STREET, BELMOPAN	CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
MOREY CESSLYNE	#10 SECOND STREET, SAN IGNACIO TOWN	CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
MORGAN BREANA	6743 RACCOON STREET,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
MOSSIAH JENEIVE	PELICAN STREET,	SAN PEDRO TOWN A.C., BELIZE C.A.
MURGA CARLOS	4 COLLINS BOULEVARD, SAN IGNACIO TOWN	CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
MURILLO LAZARO	9062 MOHAGANY EXT,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
MURRAY AGNES	GEORGE PRICE BLVD., BENQUE VIEJO TOWN	CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
NEAL KIEVIAN	3A MORA STREET,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
NEAL VANICIA	6 FOSTER DRIVE, HATTIEVILLE,	BELIZE DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
NEAL IRY	4 SALAZAR STREET,	CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
NEAL CAROLYN	3688 UNITY STREET,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
NICHOLSON LENTON	9 SARSTOON STREET,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
NORALEZ JR. JAVIER	BOCA DEL RIO,	BELIZE C.A.
NOVELO DELVIA	#14 GUADALUPE STREET,	BELIZE C.A.
NOVELO EFRAIN GERTRUDE	CAYE CAULKER,	CAYE CAULKER, BELIZE C.A.
NUNEZ FRANCISCO	PESCADOR DRIVE,	SAN PEDRO TOWN A.C., BELIZE C.A.
OBANDO KRYSTAL	1260 SUNDIAL STREET,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
OCHOA MACARIO	APPLE STREET, MAYA MOPAN, BELMOPAN	CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
ODIRICHUKWU EMMANUELA	#15 COTTON STREET,	ORANGE WALK DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
ODIRICHUKWU CHINWEOKE	#1 MARKET LANE,	ORANGE WALK DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
O'KANE SAOIRSE	12 OLD AIRPORT ROAD,	BELIZE DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
OLATUNJI ABAYOMI	5967 CAMPUS AVENUE, WEST LANDIVAR,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
OLIVERA DERONN	8 RIVERO STREET,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.





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ONG HENKO	2 1/2 MILES PHILLIP GOLDSON HIGHWAY,	BELIZE DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
ONWUEYI RACHEAL	5301 B STREET, KINGS PARK,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
PACHECO CARLINA	50 GEORGE STREET, BENQUE VIEJO TOWN	CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
PADILLA NIXON	DUCK RUN 1,	BELIZE C.A.
PALACIO JOSELLY	LIBERTAD VILLAGE,	COROZAL DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
PAQUIL FIDEL	PLACENCIA VILLAGE,	STANN CREEK DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
PATT IGINIO	SWAN STREET,	SAN PEDRO TOWN, A.C., BELIZE C.A.
PECK DENNIS	PLACENCIA VILLAGE,	STANN CREEK DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
PERDOMO EDISA	N/A	N/A
PERERA THOMAS	SAN MATEO AREA,	SAN PEDRO TOWN, A.C, BELIZE C.A.
PERERA MEERA	4 ALBERT STREET,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
PEREZ YAHAIRA	TRINIDAD VILLAGE,	BELIZE C.A.
PETERS SHERYL	ESPERANZA VILLAGE,	BELIZE C.A.
PETERS TYRON	ESPERANZA VILLAGE,	BELIZE C.A.
PINELO ANDRE	9 THEODOSO OCHOA STREET,	CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
PINELO MICHAEL SAMUEL	24 TEODOCIO OCHOA STREET,	CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
PIPERSBURGH JEREMY	3267 COURTNEY CRESCENT, BELIZE	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
PLASMANN VIANNI	FIGEROA STREET, CAHAL PECH AREA,	CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
PONCE EDA	20 BENQUE VIEJO ROAD,	CAYO DISTRICT BELIZE C.A.
POP DINAH	22 ROCKY ROAD, BELIZE	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
POTT CARMEN ITF SAMUEL	106 NIGHTINGALE STREET,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
POTT DELCIA	106 NIGHTINGALE STREET, ALL SAINTS SCHOOL	BELIZE C.A.
PRICE ALENA	82 NEW ROAD,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
QUILTER CHAKA	6864 ELECTRIC AVENUE,	BELIZE C.A.
QUILTER CALBERT	6864 ELECTRIC AVENUE,	BELIZE C.A.
RAMIREZ KELLY	6 BULLET TREE ROAD,	BELIZE C.A.
RAMIREZ JUAN GOMEZ	34 PRINCESS MARGARET DRIVE,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
RAMIREZ TYRA	SEINE BIGHT VILLAGE, PLACENCIA,	STANN CREEK DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
RAMOS MANUEL JESUS	CAYE CAULKER,	CAYE CAULKER, BELIZE C.A.
RANCHARAN NAHIM	C/O ESSO CARRILLO PUERTO,	BELIZE C.A.
RECINOS JUSTICE	COR. ESTER & 3RD STREET,	CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
REIMER DANIEL	38 WEST STREET,	CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
REIMER SULEMA	SPANISH LOOKOUT,	CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
REIMER JENNIFER	SPANISH LOOKOUT,	CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
REQUENA KEKEE	16 QUEEN CHARLOTTE ST,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
REQUENA WILBERT	BULLET TREE ROAD,	CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
REYES SHERILYN	#40 LOVER'S LANE,	ORANGE WALK DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
REYES JANEIRA	18 STREET SAN IGNACIO,	CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
REYES RAQUEL	PESCADOR DRIVE,	SAN PEDRO TOWN, A.C., BELIZE C.A.
REYES STACEY	PLACENCIA VILLAGE,	STANN CREEK DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
RITCHIE KASEY	750 E 78TH ST, LOS ANGELES CA 9001-2821, USA	USA
RIVERA OMAR	42 TRIAL FARM,	ORANGE WALK DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
RIVERA RICKY	69 GEORGE PRICE AVENUE,	CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
RIVERA JR. PABLO	69 GEORGE PRICE AVENUE,	CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
RIVEROL BADEN	1070 RAINBOW RUNNER DRIVE, LADYVILLE	BELIZE DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
RIVERS DIEDRE	3674 PORT LOYOLA, WESLEY SCHOOL	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
ROBATEAU STEPHAN	PLACENCIA VILLAGE,	STANN CREEK DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
ROBATEAU DAVID	SANDPIPER STREET,	SAN PEDRO TOWN, A.C., BELIZE C.A.
ROCHES MICHAEL	SANTIAGO JUAN LAYOUT,	CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.T
ROCHES EDWIN	SANTIAGO JUAN LAYOUT,	CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
RODRIGUEZ ALEXIA	BENQUE VIEJO ROAD,	CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
RODRIGUEZ RUDOLPH	SAN ROMAN VILLAGE,	BELIZE C.A.
ROLIN RONALD	4 CRISTO REY ROAD,	CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
ROMERO MERARI	SANTIAGO JUAN LAYOUT,	CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
ROMERO RASHEEN LOPEZ	6 MEX AVE, ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL	BELIZE C.A





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ROSADO YAMMIRA	BAHIA PUESTA DEL SOL,	CAYE CAULKER, BELIZE C.A.
ROWLAND JESSICA	315 BELAMA EXTENSION,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
ROWLAND EMONIE	PLACENCIA VILLAGE,	STANN CREEK DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
ROWLAND SHADINE	PLACENCIA VILLAGE,	STANN CREEK DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
RUIZ AMBER	CAYE CAULKER VILLAGE,	CAYE CAULKER, BELIZE C.A.
RUIZ MIGUEL	5543 LESLIE STREET,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
SABALA LEAH	#11 AVELLA STREET,	CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
SAJIA LESLY	23 SAN FRANCISCO STREET,	BELIZE C.A.
SAJIA LISSELY	23 SAN FRANCISCO STREET,	BELIZE C.A.
SALAZAR SOBEYDA	D.F.C AREA,	SAN PEDRO TOWN, A.C., BELIZE C.A.
SALDIVAR ARTHUR	2325 GARZA AVENUE, BELMOPAN	CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
SANCHEZ MELISA	P.O. BOX 2251,	BELIZE C.A.
SANCHEZ EUGENIA	BIG FALLS VILLAGE,	TOLEDO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
SANDOVAL JAVIER	BELAMA PHASE 3,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
SANTOS EDSON	397 KENNEDY STREET, BENQUE VIEJO,	CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
SANTOS ROBERT	39 CHURCHILL STREET,	CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
SEGURA AMY	13 ORCHID STREET, SANTA ELENA TOWN	CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
SHAHDADPURI MAHAIR	16 ALBERT STREET,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
SHENG HE YUAN	N/A	N/A
SHO QUIRSELI	81 FREETOWN ROAD,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
SIERRA JIANNIE	SANTA CRUZ AREA,	CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
SIERRA CARLOS	5TH TRAPICHE ROAD, SANTA ELENA TOWN	CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
SILVA ALFONSO	BENQUE VIEJO RD, SAN IGNACIO TOWN,	CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
SKEEN SHENNEL	339 LOS LAGOS,	BELIZE DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
SMART SOPHIE	#8 SAN NARCISO STREET,	ORANGE WALK DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
SMITH KYRON	37 LORDS BANK,	BELIZE DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
SMITH JENNIFER	ST. THOMAS STREET,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
SMITH DAPHINE	1 MAHOGANY STREET,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
SOSA ANTHONY	13 LANDIVAR/4TH STREET,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
SOTZ MARCELO	RED BANK VILLAGE,	BELIZE C.A.
SPAIN FRANCES	P.O. BOX 979,	BELIZE C.A.
SPENCER STEPHAN SAMUEL	291 MAXBORO, SANDHILL,	BELIZE DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
SPOONAMORE GARY	2668 MCCLAVE DRIVE, 30340-1939 USA	USA
STAINÉ SHERILYN	6742 NORTH CREEK,	BELIZE C.A.
STELLA MARIS SCHOOL BUILDING	PRINCESS MARGARET DRIVE,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
STUART TEVIN	111 WEST CANAL STREET, MINOR	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
SWASEY DARNEAK	BLACKMAN EDDY VILLAGE,	CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
SYLVESTRE ARIA A.	1687 SPAIN AVENUE,	BELIZE C.A.
TAYLOR II WINSTON	LOT 264 THE PLANTATION, PLACENCIA	STANN CREEK DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
TESECUM JUDY	SECOND STREET,	CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
THE WESLEY CHURCH CRADLE ROLL	ACCOUNT,	BELIZE C.A.
TILLET AARON	CROOKED TREE VILLAGE,	BELIZE DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
TILLET KYREN	#22 GUADALUPE STREET,	CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
TIUL NUEMI	PANAMA STREET, BELMOPAN	CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
TORRES GENRY	2 THORNLEY STREET,	BELIZE C.A.
TREJO VIAN	DFC AREA A12,	ORANGE WALK DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
TREJO ISABEL	#10 ORTANIQUE ST, BELMOPAN	CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
TREJO LAUREN	SAN PABLO AREA,	BELIZE C.A.
TRUJILLO SHALINI	8 1/2 MILES GEORGE PRICE HIGHWAY,	BELIZE DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
TUCKER ART	14 1/2 MILES. GEORGE PRICE HIGHWAY,	BELIZE DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
TUCKER IVANKA	3815 IGUANA STREET,	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
TZIB FELICIA	SAN ANTONIO VILLAGE, SAN ANTONIO	BELIZE C.A.
UCK GEORGIANIE	SANTIAGO JUAN LAYOUT,	CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
UEBELACKER MADISON	700 MILWAUKEE ST, DELAFIELD, WI 53010, USA	USA
URBINA CHRISTOPHER	#49 LIBERTY AVENUE,	ORANGE WALK DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.









## Cricket Corner – BNCA Annual General Meeting



by Peter Young

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Jan. 27, 2022

Happy, Blessed and Safe New Year to all cricket enthusiasts

– captains, players, fans and supporters, my cricket family!

Because of this terrible virus that is causing havoc across the world and affecting Belize in such ways, the starting date of our beloved sport, cricket, is at this time unpredictable. However, the Annual

General Meeting of the Belize National Cricket Association (BNCA) will be held via Zoom on Sunday, January 30, at 2:00 p.m. The link to joining in is: Join Zoom Meeting <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88624252161?pwd=YTA0WHpUem0rZU1iNEpnM2hSOW83dz09>

As soon as the all clear is given by the Ministry of Health and Wellness, you all will be notified.

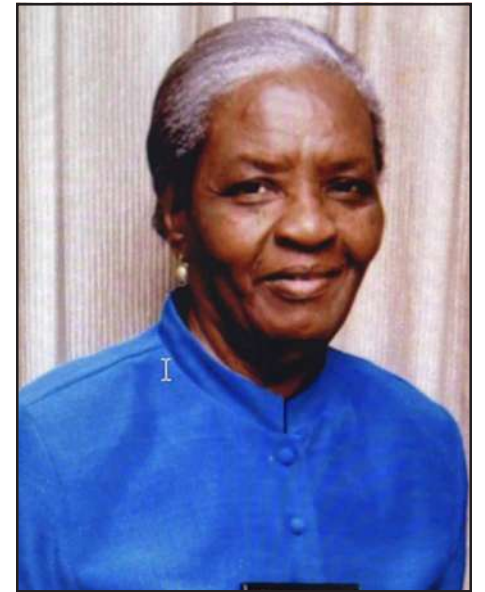
My family and I send our most sincere condolences to the residents of Lemonal, especially to the family of Mrs. Mary Moody nee Bull who passed away on Thursday, January 27. May her soul rest in peace.

Have a blessed and safe weekend!

## Celebrating Belizean patriot Beatrice Kingston 1929 – 2022

Beatrice Kingston, BK, was the firstborn of Henry Kingston and Irene Guild Kingston. Raised by her Aunt Blanch after her mother's death when she was just about 11 years old, BK and sister Olivia grew up with their maternal cousins. Her cousin Sonia Menzies fondly remembers growing up with BK and Olivia into their young adult years. Barbara Kingston, Babsy, is BK's third sister from her father's second marriage. BK was married to Joe Durant Smith until his death in 1995. Having no children of her own, BK was godmother to several men and women, including Elaine.

Cousin Sonia recalls BK's exceptional leadership and academic prowess. BK started her education at Ms. Annett Maheia's private school. She went on to St. Hilda's



College and graduated with honors. After graduation she became a teacher right at her alma mater. Her dream career took off. After teaching for some time in the high school, BK took her first journey outside of Belize to Bethlehem Training College in Jamaica to improve her qualifications. Never one to rest on her laurels, she was soon off once more to Canada, where she earned a Master's degree. BK's desire for excellence would drive her to travel two more times to England and to Barbados, all the time advancing and improving her qualifications. She spent many years as a lecturer at the Belize Teachers College. In her post-retirement years, BK, the teacher, education innovator, author, and all around selfless Belizean patriot, spent many years at the Education Ministry's Quality Assurance Department (QADS) tabulating national examination test scores.

BK was a foundational woman of the Belize chapter of the Young Women's Christian Association. She served in many capacities, including president of the YWCA, over a forty-year period. BK was a founding member, along with the late Dr. Ruby Perriot Marrith, of the Creole Association for Retrieval Retention and Promotion (CARP). CARP was one of three groups that amalgamated to form the National Kriol Council. Beatrice Kingston dedicated social service to the elders in the Crooked Tree community with on-the-ground support from Ava Tillett. Young inmates at the YEA, where she taught numeracy and literacy, benefited from BK's diligence and resources

BK's stellar visionary support continued into the last decade of her life, during which she pledged and provided resources to train young adults in urban and rural gardening as one part of the Garvey Satuye Economic Initiative for sustainable development through the Beatrice Kingston Smith University Without Walls (BKSU).

We will continue to honor the memory and legacy of this Belizean patriot.

Beatrice Kingston, you are gone but will not be forgotten. May God be pleased with your works and bless you as you journey on.

# CAREER OPPORTUNITY

### Belize Sugar Industries Ltd.

Invites qualified and self-motivated individuals to submit applications for the post of:

## Customs Broker at Belize City location

The **Customs Broker** is responsible to analyze and prepare customs documentation and ensure that shipments meet all applicable laws and regulations to facilitate the import and exports of goods. This role is also responsible to support logistics operations for delivery of goods.

**Qualifications and Experience:**

- Minimum Associates Degree in General Studies, Business Administration or Management.
- Must be a Certified/Licensed Customs Broker and a member in good standing of the Belize Customs Brokers Association.
- Hold a Valid Belize Driver License
- Fluent in Spanish is an asset.

**Skills and Competencies:**

- Excellent problem-solving skills.
- Demonstrate ability to work independently and be a team player
- Adaptable, dependable and organized
- Ability to multitask and prioritize tasks and able to deliver on an urgency level
- Excellent negotiating skills
- Excellent verbal and written communication and relationship skills to deal with third party agencies
- Advanced skills in Microsoft Suite
- Minimum 2 years previous experience as a Customs Broker.

**Roles and Responsibilities:**

- Examine product information to ensure compliance with local regulations
- Prepare customs entry and arrange for payment of taxes and duties on shipments/calculate duties and tariffs applicable for payment
- Prepare and process import and export documentation according to customs regulation, laws and procedures
- Coordinate with local agents to monitor and trace all incoming shipments via air, road or ocean and update end users.

**Application Form along with a Résumé and two references should be submitted to:**

Human Resources Manager  
P.O. Box 29, Tower Hill, Orange Walk  
Or email  
[HR.Belize@asr-group.com](mailto:HR.Belize@asr-group.com)

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FORM AND ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS IS JANUARY 31, 2022



# CLASSIFIED ADS

## FOR RENT

**FOR RENT:** Beautifully updated 2<sup>nd</sup> floor (2B/R) unit for rent. Very bright corner property, open lay-out, ceiling fans, on-site parking. Asking \$750 or best offer. Call Mr. Ernest-607-4050.

## LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE

**LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE:** Notice is hereby given that **Joy Smith** is applying for a Restaurant License to be operated at Yamwits Restaurant, Mile 35 ½ Hummingbird Highway, Cayo District, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

**LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE:** Notice is hereby given that **Monique Philpa Lamb** is applying for a Restaurant License to be operated at The Curvy Mermaid Restaurant & Bar, #26 Corner South Riverside & Oak Street, Dangriga Town, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

**LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE:** Notice is hereby given that **Eileen De La Cruz** is applying for a Shop Liquor License to be operated at G&N Grocery, 53 A Mahogany Heights, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

**LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE:** Notice is hereby given that **Anabella De La Rosa** is applying for a Hotel Liquor License to be operated at Chan Chich Lodge, Gallon Jug Estate, Orange Walk District, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition

2000.

**LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE:** Notice is hereby given that **Glenford Moreira** is applying for a Liquor License to be operated at Mou Lifestyle Villas, 2603 Jack Fruit Crescent, Belama Phase 2, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

**LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE:** Notice is hereby given that **Zhaolian Chen** is applying for a Restaurant Liquor License to be operated at Sea Side Restaurant, Placencia Village, Stann Creek District, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

**LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE:** Notice is hereby given that **Tanisha Jones** is applying for a Shop Liquor License to be operated at Tan's Grocery Shop, Cotton Tree Village, Cayo District, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

**LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE:** Notice is hereby given that **Carolyn M. Carr** is applying for a Restaurant

License (Urban) to be operated at Banana Bank Café, Mile 49, Western Highway, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

**LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE:** Notice is hereby given that **Elisa Varela** is applying for a Restaurant License to be operated at Los Tres Hermanos Restaurant, #15 St. Matthew Street, Belmopan, Cayo, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

**LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE:** Notice is hereby given that **Carlos Alarcon** is applying for a Publican Restaurant License to be operated at Royal Restaurant Bar & Entertainment, #11 Cementery Road Salvapan, City of Belmopan, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

**LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE:** Notice is hereby given that **Itzana Resort Ltd** is applying for a Liquor License (Hotel Multiple Bars) to be operated at Itzana Resort, Seine Bight Village, Stann Creek District, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

**LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE:** Notice is hereby given that **Jonathan Blitz** is applying for a Restaurant License to be operated at Viro Solutions Belize Ltd., trading as Paradiso Grill, Scipo Caye, Lark Caye Range, Placencia, Stann Creek, Belize, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

**LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE:** Notice is hereby given that **Anita Tupper** is applying for a Restaurant License to be operated at Cheers Restaurant, Mile 31.25 Western Highway, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

**LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE:** Notice is hereby given that **Anita Tupper** is applying for a Shop License to be operated at Cheers Shop, Mile 31.25 Western Highway, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

**LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE:** Notice is hereby given that **Ingrit Borland** is applying for a Restaurant Liquor License to be operated at Hill View Restaurant, St. Margaret Village, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

**LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE:** Notice is hereby given that **Jinel G. Cruz** is applying for a Malt and Cider License to be operated at Maritime Estates Ltd.-Martha's Café, 14<sup>th</sup> Fort Street, Belize City under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

**LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE:** Notice is hereby given that **David Hayles** is applying for a Hotel Liquor License to be operated at Sleeping Giant Rainforest Lodge, Mile 36 Hummingbird Highway, Cayo District, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

**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.

**LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE:** Notice is hereby given that **Victor Perdomo** is applying for a Restaurant License to be operated at Tibbz Fast Food, 34-36 Cardinal Ave, Belmopan, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.



**CAREER OPPORTUNITY**



**Belize Sugar Industries Ltd.**  
Invites qualified and self-motivated individuals to submit applications for the post of:  
**Accounts Payable Specialist**  
at Tower Hill, Orange Walk

The **Accounts Payable Specialist** is responsible for all accounts payable activities including vendor applications, invoice receipt, verification, posting and maintaining accounts payable vendor files.

**Qualifications and Experience:**

- Bachelor's Degree in Accounting or Business related field
- 3 to 5 years' experience in an Accounts Payable field
- Accounts Payable Specialist Certification is an asset

**Skills and Competencies:**

- Solid understanding of basic bookkeeping and accounts payable principles
- High degree of accuracy and attention to detail
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite
- Experience with SAP or similar ERP accounting software
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Strong interpersonal skills and effective team player
- Must be able to multi-task, prioritize workload and enjoy working in a fast paced environment
- Ability to work effectively in a deadline-driven environment

**Roles and Responsibilities:**

- Ensuring adherence to AP controls
- Timely and accurate posting of invoices and other payment requests
- Reconciling vendor statements
- Research, resolving invoices discrepancies and corresponding with vendors
- Manage payment request inbox and tracking and reporting on status of payment requests
- Manage documents in ERP system
- Other tasks/duties as assigned by the Supervisor

**Letter of application accompanied by a Résumé, Police Record, recent transcript and two letters of reference should be submitted to:**

Human Resources Manager  
P.O. Box 29, Tower Hill, Orange Walk  
Or email  
HR.Belize@asr-group.com

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FORM AND ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS IS FEBRUARY 4, 2022.**





ORGANISMO INTERNACIONAL  
REGIONAL DE SANIDAD  
AGROPECUARIA

Invites Participants to an International Tender  
**Ref. 008/2022**

**“EXTERNAL AUDITING SERVICES FOR OIRSA  
HEADQUARTERS, IT’S MEMBER COUNTRIES AND OIRSA’S  
PENSION FUND FOR YEAR 2022”**

- The specifications and conditions can be downloaded from the OIRSA website, after completing the registration form at the following link:  
<https://forms.gle/hfiVmnhdgW1V5Aom8>
- Date of submission of offers is on Monday, February 14, 2022 from 08:00 am to 04:00 pm, at the addresses indicated in the specifications and conditions, directed to Licda. Sara Gabriela Gonzalez, Manager of the Purchasing Department.
- For inquiries and clarifications write to the email [sgonzalez@oirsa.org](mailto:sgonzalez@oirsa.org) or call to phone number +503 2209-9232

28 de enero de 2022



ORGANISMO INTERNACIONAL  
REGIONAL DE SANIDAD  
AGROPECUARIA

Invites Participants to an International Tender  
**Ref. 009/2022**

**“PURCHASE OF AUTOCLAVE EQUIPMENT FOR THE  
STERILIZATION OF INTERNATIONAL WASTE AT  
HONDURAS & EL SALVADOR”**

- The specifications and conditions can be downloaded from the OIRSA website, after completing the registration form at the following link:  
<https://forms.gle/LRgYeu8vGPqQrSPX6>
- Date of submission of offers is on Monday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022, from 08:00 am to 04:00 pm, as indicated in the specifications and conditions, directed to Licda. Sara Gabriela Gonzalez, Manager of the Purchasing Department.
- For inquiries and clarifications write to the email [sgonzalez@oirsa.org](mailto:sgonzalez@oirsa.org) or call to phone number +503 2209-9232

28 de enero de 2022



## 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 28, 2022 to Thursday February 3, 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. Documentary: Slavery by Another Name  
3:30 p.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (Repeat)**  
6:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (LIVE)**  
7:30 p.m. **You And The Law (repeat)**  
9:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**

### SATURDAY

10:00 a.m. Community Dialogues (LIVE)  
11:00 a.m. Movie: Yesterday  
2:33 p.m. Documentary: Inside Job  
4:14 p.m. Movie: Revenge of the Bridesmaids  
5:30 p.m. Community Dialogues (repeat)  
6:38 p.m. Movie: Fences  
8:00 p.m. Music Videos

### SUNDAY

10:30 a.m. **Sunday Review (LIVE)**  
12:00 p.m. Movie: The Great Debaters  
2:06 p.m. Documentary: Best Ocean Life  
2:57 p.m. Movie: Nappily Ever After  
4:36 p.m. Documentary: Diving With the Dinosaur Fish  
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. Movie: No Way Out  
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: DNA  
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. Documentary: The Men  
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: How It's made: Aluminium Foil, Balloons, Cement  
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: Tigertails  
3:30 p.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (repeat)**  
6:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (LIVE)**  
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: No Way Out  
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: Our Planet - Forests  
9:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**



**PUBLICAUCTIONS SALES: PROPERTIES & VEHICLES**

*Countrywide*

BY ORDER of the Mortgagees Licensed Auctioneers Kevin A. Castillo and Christiana R. Castillo are selling ONLINE via [belizepropertyauctions.com](http://belizepropertyauctions.com) the below described properties and vehicles. Sale currently running and will expire on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at the times listed on the website:

**N.B. Properties and vehicles will remain on sale on this website on a bi-weekly basis until conclusion.**

1. 17 + Acres of developed land situate along the Punta Gorda/San Antonio Road, Toledo District:



ALL THAT piece or parcel of land being 17 acres 2 rods 14 poles of land situate on the left ascending the Punta Gorda/ San Antonio Road, Toledo District Belize. Freehold properties of Mr. Derrick D. Williams and Mr. Roy Williams.

2. Parcel No. 2891 first subdivision south of Airstrip, western side of Placencia Road, Placencia Village, Stann Creek District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Placencia North	36	2891
The freehold property of Ms. Dawn Anderson & Mr. Hector Tut.		

3. Parcel No. 2871 first subdivision south of Airstrip, western side of Placencia Road, Placencia Village, Stann Creek District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Placencia North	36	2871
The freehold property of Mr. Sidney Lopez & Ms. Valarie Godoy.		

4. 147.228 Acres, San Marcos Agricultural Area, Toledo District:



ALL THAT piece or parcel of land being 147.228 acres situate in the San Marcos Agricultural Area, Toledo District. Freehold properties of Mr. Marcial Mess.

5. No. 9 Cayo Street, Belmopan, Cayo District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Belmopan	20	149
The freehold property of Ms. Patricia S. Bradley & Mr. Leon F. Lopez		

6. Parcel No. 2911 Cedar Street, Santiago Juan Layout, San Ignacio, Cayo District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
San Ignacio North	23	2911
The freehold property of Ms. Adelita Zaiden.		

7. Parcel No. 788 "Little Orange Walk" formerly Melhado Estate, Mount Pleasant, Cayo District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Mount Pleasant	20	788
The freehold property of Mr. Leopold Suarez.		

8. Parcel No. 418 Corner 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue & 5<sup>th</sup> Street North, Corozal Town, Corozal District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Corozal Central	4	418
The freehold property of Mrs. Guadalupe & Mr. Edmund Longworth.		

9. Parcel No. 461 George Price Highway, Unitedville, Cayo District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Society Hall	24	461
The freehold property of Mr. Ulric L. Willoughby.		

10. Lot No. 59A Pomona Village Extension, Stann Creek District:



Lot No. 59A, comprising 696.567 square metres situate in Pomona Village Extension, Stann Creek District, Belize. Freehold property of Mr. Thurman Williams.

11. Parcel No. 410 Seine Bight Village, Placencia Peninsula, Stann Creek District:



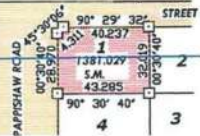
REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Placencia North	36	410
The freehold property of Mr. Kent Roland Francis and Ms. Silvana Andrea Garcia.		

12. Parcel No. 1710 Mahogany Street, Punta Gorda Town, Toledo District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Punta Gorda	4	1710
The freehold property of Ms. Elizabeth Borland.		

13. Lot No. 1 along Pappishaw Road, Eldridgeville Village, Toledo District:



ALL THAT piece or parcel of land being Lot No. 1 containing 1,381.029 square meters situate along Pappishaw Road, Eldridgeville Village, Toledo District, the freehold property of Mr. Ronald Lee Baker.

14. Lot No. 2 West of Punta Gorda Town, Toledo District:



ALL THAT piece or parcel of land being Lot No. 2 containing 841.073 square meters situate west of Punta Gorda Town, Toledo District TOGETHER with all buildings and erections, the freehold property of Mr. Cardinal Smith (Deceased).

15. No. 315 San Estevan Village, Orange Walk District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
San Estevan	1	315
The freehold property of Mr. Augusto Angel Blanco.		

16. Parcel No. 1523 Seine Bight Village, Placencia Peninsula, Stann Creek District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Placencia North	36	1523
The freehold property of Ms. Sherlette Augustine.		

17. Parcel No. 4111 Blue Bird Street, Alta Mira, Corozal District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Corozal North	4	4111
The freehold property of Mr. Raleigh Rivas and Ms. Olga Rivas		

18. Parcel No. 1142 Phillip Goldson Highway, San Jose Palmar, Orange Walk District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
San Jose Palmar	4	1142
The freehold property of Ms. Marisa Perera & Mr. Carlos Perera		

19. Parcel No. 2708 Phillip Goldson Highway, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Orange Walk Town	4	2708
The freehold property of Mr. Gustavo Gongora & Ms. Rubicela Mai		

20. Parcel No. 2492 Oak Street, Halls Layout, Corozal Town, Corozal District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Corozal North	1	2492
The freehold property of Mr. Yasin Shoman & Ms. Ruth Shoman		

21. Parcel No. 158 Sunset Park, 8 1/2 Miles George Price Hwy, Western Paradise, Belize District:



ALL THAT piece or parcel of land being Lot No. 158 containing 1,013.39 S.M. situate at Mile 8.5 Northern Side of Hector Creek Road, Western Highway, Belize District of Belize, the freehold property of Mr. Lawrence Ellis and Mrs. Kimberly Ellis)

22. Parcel No. 2842 first subdivision south of Placencia Airstrip, Placencia Village, Stann Creek District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Placencia North	36	2842
The freehold property of Mr. Ajinder Singh Garcha		

23. Parcel No. 1726 Guinea Grass Village, Orange Walk District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Tower Hill	4	1726
The freehold property of Ms. Gloriceida Camara		

24. Parcels Nos. 639 & 640 San Estevan, Orange Walk District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
San Estevan	1	639 & 640
The freehold property of Mr. Manuel Jesus Blanco and Mr. Augusto Blanco)		

25. Parcel No. 853 San Jose Drive, San Jose Palmar, Orange Walk District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
San Jose Palmar	4	853
The freehold property of Mr. Freddy Orlando Tun		

26. Parcel No. 12333 North Ambergris Caye, Belize District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
San Pedro	7	12333
The freehold property of Mr. Nestor Adriano Vasquez		

27. Parcel No. 16/1 San Estevan Village, Orange Walk District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
San Estevan	4	16/1
The leasehold property of Ms. Irma Olivera		

28. Parcel No. 244 Caledonia Village, Corozal District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Caledonia Village	1	244
The freehold property of Messrs. Chico's Company Limited		

29. Parcels Nos. 21, 42 & 280 Libertad Registration Section, Corozal District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Libertad	1	21, 42 & 280
The freehold properties of Mr. Leonard Folgarait		

30. 200.35 Acres Eastern Side Southern Lagoon, Manatee Area, Belize District:



ALL THAT piece or parcel of land containing 200.35 acres situate along the eastern side of Southern Lagoon and 3 1/4 miles north of Gales Point, Manatee Village, Belize District, Belize, the freehold property of Mr. Arnaldo Pena.

31. Lot No. 13 Santa Cruz Village, Stann Creek District:



All that piece of land containing 836.013 square meters being Lot No. 13 situate in Santa Cruz Village, Stann Creek District TOGETHER with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon. The freehold property of Mr. Jose O. Raudales & Ms. Rixy G. Ramirez.

32. Parcels 1682, 1683 and 1684 Linda Vista Estate, off George Price Highway, Belize City, Belize:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
St. Martin de Porres West	45	1682, 1683 & 1684
The freehold property of Mrs. Marissa Sosa & Mr. Godfrey Sosa.		

33. No. 1 Cor. Talawalla & Edwin Park Streets, Lord's Bank Village, Belize District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Ladyville/Lords Bank	16	3806
The freehold property of Mr. Kevin Enriquez & Mrs. Andrea Enriquez.		

**VEHICLES:**



"FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION & PHOTOGRAPHS PLEASE VISIT WEBSITE"

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## Caribbean Rum Boyz FC are OWFA 1st Division 2021-22 Opening Tournament Champions

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

ORANGE WALK TOWN, Mon. Jan. 24, 2022

At the Louisiana Football Field yesterday, Caribbean Rum Boyz FC kept their undefeated season record intact when they defeated Guinea Grass FC, 3-2, in the championship final of the Orange Walk Football Association (OWFA) 2021-22 Opening Tournament. Both

Caribbean Rum Boyz (Group A) and Guinea Grass FC (Group B) were undefeated in their respective group's regular season. In the semifinals last week, the Rum Boyz crushed Yo Creek La Ceiba FC, 6-1; while Guinea Grass FC drew 1-1 in regulation before prevailing 4-2 in penalty shootout over Progresso FC. In yesterday's championship match, Guinea Grass FC took an early lead through Charles Tillett (9'); but Caribbean Rum Boyz FC

rebounded with goals from Camilo Sanchez (30' & 53') and Irvin Osorio (70') for a 3-1 lead, before Guinea Grass closed the gap to 3-2 with a goal from Miguel Ico (79').

After the game, Individual Awards were issued as follows: Best Defender - Richard Gillett (Caribbean Rum Boyz); Best Midfielder - Enrique Valdez (Caribbean Rum Boyz); Most Goals - Camilo Sanchez (Caribbean Rum Boyz); Best Coach - Israel Canul

(Guinea Grass FC); Best Goalkeeper - Erick Santoya (Guinea Grass FC); Finals MVP - Irvin Osorio (Caribbean Rum Boyz).

### Closing Tournament

Registration is now open for clubs interested in joining the OWFA Closing Tournament. Please contact Ben Ramos, Jr. at 661-0132 or Mr. Elmer Pott at 665-1931. Feel free to visit the OWFA Office located at the People's Stadium for additional information.

## C-Ray Race – Sunday, January 23

by Kaya Cattouse

BELIZE CITY, Sun. Jan. 23, 2022

Today, Sunday, the C-Ray Cycling Club hosted a series of cycle races in different categories, all of which started and finished at the Marion Jones Sports Complex on Princess Margaret Drive in Belize City. The Road Races covered a total of 63 miles, with the Elite/Junior race starting at 8:00 a.m., while the Masters 35+/Women race took off at 8:15 a.m. Meanwhile, the kids races were done in front of the Marion Jones Sports Complex, with laps going from the junction with Princess Margaret Drive to back by the Municipal Airport. Below are the results:

**C-RAY RACE** Station Prize Winners

### Race #1 (Elite/Junior)

GOING: Capt. Eiley Street - \$50.00 (in memory of Cuthbert Bailey) – Brandon Cattouse; Los Lagos – Papa Jeff Package (in

memory of Cuthbert Bailey) – Oscar Quiroz; CDS Gas Station - \$25.00 (Bisset) – Brandon Cattouse; Prison - \$25.00 + 2BBQ (Tony's BBQ) – Oscar Quiroz.

RETURN: Mile 10 - \$25.00 (Jaxon Bowman) – Oscar Quiroz; CDS Gas Station - \$25.00 Bisset) – Byron Pope; Los Lagos – Papa Jeff Package (in memory of Cuthbert Bailey) – Joslyn Chavarria; Airport Junction – Papa Jeff Package (in memory of Cuthbert Bailey) – Tevin Chaplin; Capt. Eiley Street - \$50.00 (in memory of Cuthbert Bailey) – Tevin Chaplin.

### Race #2 (Masters/Women)

GOING: Capt. Eiley Street - \$50.00 (in memory of Cuthbert Bailey) – Ryan Willoughby; Gorilla Cutz - \$50.00 (Sydney Belezairé) – Warren Coye; Mile 12 post - \$50.00 (Palas) – Allan Auil; CDS Gas Station - \$25.00 (Bisset) – Warren Coye; Mile 10 - \$50.00 (Michelle Cano) – Greg Lovell.

RETURN: Mile 10 - \$50.00

(Michelle Cano) – Kenroy Gladden; Mile 14 - \$75.00 (Alvan Gillett) – Greg Lovell; CDS Gas Station - \$25.00 (Bisset) – Greg Lovell; Mile 12 post - \$50.00 (Palas) – Greg Lovell; Capt. Eiley Street - \$50.00 (in memory of Cuthbert Bailey) – Kenroy Gladden; Line before SanCas - \$100.00 (Chief) – Kenroy Gladden.

Huge Thank You to all station prize sponsors!!!

### C-RAY RACE results

MASTERS 35+ - 1st Greg Lovell (unattached); 2nd Kenroy Gladden (Kulture); 3rd Roque Matus (M&M); 4th Vallan Symms (Kulture); 5th Preston Martinez (M&M).

MASTERS 45+ - 1st Roque Matus (M&M); 2nd Edison Usher (FAL); 3rd Warren Coye (Santino's); 4th Irfaan Nu Man (Digicell); 5th Allan Auil (M&M).

MASTERS 55+ - 1st Warren Coye (Santino's).

MASTERS 60+ - 1st Isaiah Willacey (Santino's).

WOMEN - 1st Kaya Cattouse

(Running Rebels).

ELITE - 1st Tevin Chaplin (G-Flow); 2nd Joslyn Chavarria (501 Valvoline); 3rd Oscar Quiroz (501 Valvoline); 4th Byron Pope (Westrac); 5th Joshua Fuller (501 Valvoline).

JUNIOR: 1st Renan Codd (G-Flow).

### YOUTH RACES results

GIRLS 13-15yrs – 1st Vinshae Marin.

GIRLS 16-18yrs – 1st Abbie Leslie.

BOYS 9-12yrs – 1st Jamal Lewis; 2nd Arren Pope; 3rd Miguel Jones, Jr.

BOYS 13-15yrs – 1st Travis Grinage; 2nd Tyler Tejada; 3rd Steven Sylvester.

BOYS 16-18yrs – 1st DeAndre Betson.

A huge Thank You to all the participants of today's celebration, as well as all the station prize donors, sponsors and cycling supports! Today's Race was a success!



(l-r) Girls 13-15 years - 1st Vinshae Marin, Girls 16-18 years – 1st Abbie Leslie, Boys 16-18 years – 1st DeAndre Betson and Junior – 1st Renan Codd (G-Flow)



Boys 9-12 years, (l to r) 2nd Arren Pope; 1st Jamal Lewis; 3rd Miguel Jones, Jr. and oys 13-15 years, (l to r) 2nd Tyler Tejada; 1st Travis Grinage; 3rd Steven Sylvester





# Week 2 update in National Elite Youth Football

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Jan. 27, 2022  
 With newly relaxed fan accommodation restrictions in stadiums countrywide (now 50% capacity, but all vaccinated), football action continued at a torrid pace over the weekend with Week 2 games in the various categories of the 2022 National Elite Youth Championships. The tournaments are being conducted by the Football Federation of Belize (FFB) in collaboration with the National Sports Council (NSC). All games were played on Saturday, January 22.

### U17 Women Elite Week 2 results

At the Carl Ramos Stadium in Dangriga at 10:00 a.m., Stann Creek Elite crushed Toledo Elite, 9-1, with goals from Ceneia Apolonio (10' & 68'), Khalydia Velasquez (15', 60', 72' & 90'), Aireh King (65') and Angie Delcid (56' & 73'); while Jada White (88') got the only goal for Toledo Elite.

Meanwhile, the game at the FFB Stadium saw a tie-breaker in injury time, as Belmopan Elite prevailed 2-1 over Belize Elite. Marjorie Sanchez (8') put Belmopan in front early; Shaylalee Flowers (62') equalized for Belize Elite; and Heidy Lopez (92') got the late game winner for Belmopan.

Current U17 Women Elite Standings:

U17 WOMEN	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	+/-	Pts
Belmopan Elite	2	2	0	0	12	1	+11	6
Stann Creek Elite	1	1	0	0	9	1	+8	3
Corozal Elite	1	1	0	0	4	3	+1	3
Belize Elite	2	0	0	2	4	6	-2	0
Toledo Elite	2	0	0	2	1	19	-18	0

Upcoming U17 Women Week 3 schedule:

#### Saturday, January 29

10:00 a.m. – Stann Creek Elite vs Belmopan Elite – Carl Ramos Stadium

10:00 a.m. – Corozal Elite vs Toledo Elite – Ricalde Stadium

U17 Women LEADING GOAL SCORERS:

TEAM	PLAYER	Goals
Belmopan Elite	Marjorie Sanchez	7
Stann Creek Elite	Khalydia Velasquez	4
Stann Creek Elite	Ceneia Apolonio	2
Stann Creek Elite	Angie Delcid	2
Belmopan Elite	Alicia Coc	2
Corozal Elite	Joselyn Puck	2
Belize Elite	Alani Gonzalez	2

### U17 Men Elite Week 2 results

At the People's Stadium at 12:00 noon, (Group A) Orange Walk Elite and Corozal Elite played to a 1-1 draw. Diego Chan (26') gave Orange Walk the first half lead; but Dylan Robateau (90'+) got the late equalizer for Corozal.

Meanwhile, at the FFB Stadium,

(Group A) it was Belmopan Elite, 4-1, over San Pedro Elite. San Pedro scored first through Primitivo Martinez (11'); but Belmopan came roaring back with goals from Naitan Pastrana (22'), Samuel Miranda (52' & 57') and Dylon Gongora (68') to claim the 4-1 victory.

Over at the Norman Broaster Stadium at the same time, (Group B) Cayo Elite dropped Benque Viejo Elite, 5-1, behind goals from Roman Cano (19'), Zhen Pech (35' & 82') and Austin Perez (84' & 88'); while Sergio Ortiz (22') scored for Benque.

Also at noon at the Carl Ramos Stadium, (Group B) Stann Creek Elite shut out Toledo Elite, 6-0, with goals from Arlen Mendoza (5' & 21'), Leon McDougal (20'), Ozil Martinez (42' & 68') and Aaron Estero (89').

Current U17 Men Elite Standings:

GROUP A	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	+/-	Pts
Belize Elite	1	1	0	0	5	1	+4	3
Belmopan Elite	1	1	0	0	4	1	+3	3
Orange Walk Elite	2	0	2	0	4	4	0	2
San Pedro Elite	2	0	1	1	4	7	-3	1
Corozal Elite	2	0	1	1	2	6	-4	1

GROUP B	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	+/-	Pts
Stann Creek Elite	2	2	0	0	10	2	+8	6
Mid-South Elite	1	1	0	0	5	0	+5	3
Cayo Elite	2	1	0	1	7	5	-2	3
Toledo Elite	1	0	0	1	0	6	-6	0
Benque Viejo Elite	2	0	0	2	1	10	-9	0

Upcoming U17 Men Elite Week 3 schedule:

#### Saturday, January 29

##### GROUP A

12:00 noon – Orange Walk Elite vs Belize Elite – People's Stadium

12:00 noon – Corozal Elite vs Belmopan Elite –

Santiago Ricalde Stadium

##### GROUP B

12:00 noon – Benque Viejo Elite vs Toledo Elite – Marshalleck Stadium

2:00 p.m. – Cayo Elite vs Mid-South Elite – Norman Broaster Stadium

### U20 Women Elite Week 2 results

At 1:00 p.m. at the Ricalde Stadium in Corozal, (Group A) it was a 1-1 stalemate between Corozal Elite and San Pedro Elite. After a scoreless first half, Alysha Terry (75') gave Corozal the lead, but Alysha Reymundo (84') got the equalizer for San Pedro.

Earlier in the day at the People's Stadium at 10:00 a.m., (Group A) Kaite Jones' second half goal broke the tie to give Orange Walk Elite the 2-1 win over Belize Elite. Orange Walk goals were by Alahnne Bainton (17') and Kaite Jones (60'), while Belize's goal was by Aaliyah Herbert (46').

At the Carl Ramos Stadium at 2:00

p.m., (Group B) Stann Creek Elite drilled Toledo Elite, 8-2, with goals from Shendra Casimiro (3' & 56'), Shadette Lino (11' & 28'), Taryn Arnold (36'), Jaelin Cacho (42'), Leslie Pasamiento (22') and Celene Pertillo ((87'); while Toledo got a goal each from Lynessa Teck (52') and Kayla Gonzalez (87').

And at 4:00 p.m. at the FFB Stadium, (Group B) Belmopan Elite played to a 0-0 draw with Cayo Elite.

Current U20 Women Elite Standings:

Upcoming U20 Women Elite Week 3 schedule:

#### Saturday,

##### January 29

##### GROUP A

2:00 p.m. –

GROUP A	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	+/-	Pts
San Pedro Elite	2	1	1	0	4	2	+2	4
Belize Elite	2	1	0	1	5	5	0	3
Orange Walk Elite	2	1	0	1	3	4	-1	3
Corozal Elite	2	0	1	1	4	5	-1	1

GROUP B	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	+/-	Pts
Stann Creek Elite	2	2	0	0	10	2	+8	6
Belmopan Elite	2	1	1	0	4	0	4	4
Cayo Elite	2	0	1	1	0	2	-2	1
Toledo Elite	2	0	0	2	2	12	-10	0

Belize Elite vs San Pedro Elite – MCC Grounds

4:00 p.m. –

Corozal Elite vs Orange Walk Elite – Ricalde

Medrano (22'), Wilfredo Galvez (49' & 73'), Jovaunn Ramos (58') and Salvador Castillo (92').

Things were much more competitive in the other group. At 4:00 p.m. at the M.A. Stadium in Independence, (Group B) Benque Viejo Elite came away with a 1-0 win over Cayo Elite, courtesy of a goal by Jaylen Lenon (72').

Meanwhile, at the Carl Ramos Stadium, (Group B) Stann Creek Elite

got a goal apiece from Timothy Estero (22') and Kevin Higinio (48') to clip Toledo Elite, 2-0.

Current U20 Men Elite Standings:

GROUP A	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	+/-	Pts
Orange Walk Elite	2	2	0	0	8	1	+7	6
Belize Elite	1	1	0	0	5	0	+5	3
Belmopan Elite	1	1	0	0	5	0	+5	3
San Pedro Elite	2	0	0	2	1	8	-7	0
Corozal Elite	2	0	0	2	0	10	-10	0

GROUP B	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	+/-	Pts
Stann Creek Elite	2	2	0	0	4	0	+4	6
Mid-South Elite	1	1	0	0	4	0	+4	3
Benque Viejo Elite	2	1	0	1	1	4	-3	3
Toledo Elite	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0
Cayo Elite	2	0	0	2	0	3	-3	0

Upcoming U20 Men Elite Week 3 schedule:

#### Saturday, January 29

##### GROUP A

2:00 p.m. – Orange Walk Elite vs Belize Elite – People's Stadium

2:00 p.m. – Corozal Elite vs Belmopan Elite – Santiago Ricalde Stadium

##### GROUP B

2:00 p.m. – Benque Viejo Elite vs Toledo Elite – Marshalleck Stadium

4:00 p.m. – Cayo Elite vs Mid-South Elite – Norman Broaster Stadium

U20 Men Elite Leading Goal Scorers:

TEAM	PLAYER	Goals	Group
Orange Walk Elite	Jaheim Augustine	3	A
Orange Walk Elite	Tyrese Augustine	2	A
Stann Creek Elite	Timothy Estero	2	B
Belmopan Elite	Wilfredo Galvez	2	A

### U20 Men Elite Week 2 results

With kickoff at 2:00 p.m. at the People's Stadium in Orange Walk, (Group A) Orange Walk Elite rolled to a 5-0 win over Corozal Elite. Sharing the scoring for the home team were Tyrese Augustine (36'), Allison Torres (77'), Jaheim Augustine (82' & 87') and Marcos Alvarez (83').

Meanwhile at the FFB Stadium in Belmopan it was the same score, (Group A) as Belmopan Elite bombed San Pedro Elite, 5-0, with goals from Jeison

"Belize in the process!" Have fun, but stay safe with the Covid protocols, football fans!





# Belize Men's National Team travels to Nicaragua for friendlies

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Jan. 27, 2022

At a Zoom press conference on Tuesday of this week, Football Federation of Belize (FFB) executive member Marlon Kuylen introduced the new head coach of the Belize Senior Men's National Team, which was scheduled to travel yesterday, Wednesday, to Nicaragua for two international friendly matches against Nicaragua on January 29 and February 1. It was originally to be a triangular including Guatemala, who reportedly withdrew due to flight scheduling difficulties. The new national team coach is Spanish national David Perez Asensio, who was formerly the coach of national champions, Verdes FC. Assistant to the national coach is Mexican Manuel Poot Can.

The team is already in Nicaragua, having bussed to Flores, Peten, flown to El Salvador, and then bussed the rest of the way to Nicaragua. They are reportedly in high spirits, as the opportunity for a series of top level friendlies is what our players have long desired in preparation for international competition. Stay safe and play with dignity, guys! The Jewel is with you.



*Belize Senior Men's National Team*

The games are the first in a series of friendlies scheduled to aid our national team's preparation for Concacaf Nation's League matches scheduled for June of this year.



It is with deep sadness that we announce the death of a loving mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend, **Belle Claire Kelvin Lovell**.

She was predeceased by her parents Alfred Kelvin, Idolly Broaster, husband Albert Lovell, sisters Irma Lopez, Doris Messam, Joan Pott, and brothers Elis Kelvin and Alfred Pub Kelvin.

She is survived by her children Edward Lovell, Albert Francis Lovell, Jr., Aldrea Lovell-Williams and adopted daughter Joy Diane Hamilton Marshall. Sisters Emma Williams and Leonora Kelvin.

She is also survived by her grandchildren – Richard Robinson, Chalsey Gill Anthony, Brandon Lovell, Albert Lovell, Justin Grant, Kelsey Lovell, Andre Lovell and Lindsay Williams. Great-grandchildren Maya Robinson, Maxwell Robinson, Minor Soler, Aidan Anthony, Adriel Anthony and Bryzan Lovell.

Daughters-in-law – Dorothy Lovell, Kirsten Gill Lovell and Son in Law Patrick Williams, special cousin Lorette Edwards.

A host of nieces, nephews, cousins and her spiritual family and friends.

The Funeral Service will be on Sunday, January 30, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

Born on 21<sup>st</sup> July 1938

Died on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022

May she rest in Jehovah's memory until we meet her again in Paradise.



## GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND INVESTMENT

### INVITATION TO QUOTE No CABEI-DI-22/2021

The **Ministry of Finance, Economic Development, and Investment** funded by the Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI) has allocated funds towards the cost of supply and delivery of vehicles.

The Ministry now extends an invitation to Suppliers to tender for the below listed items:

GOODS	QUANTITY
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Interested bidders may submit a complete set of bidding documents inclusive of Specifications through written request to the below physical address or via electronic mail (email) to [finance.officer@med.gov.bz](mailto:finance.officer@med.gov.bz).

Specification information along with the invitation to quote can be found on the CARICOM Community Public Procurement Notice Board at <https://blz-cppnb.caricom.org> and also on our Ministry's website:

<https://med.gov.bz/invitation-to-quote-no-cabei-di-22-2021/> OR on our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=239676935017583&set=pcb.239676951684248>

Deadline for submission of sealed bids is Friday **February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 3:30pm**, via direct mail or hand delivered to the address indicated below.

**Note that late submissions will be rejected.**

Bids can also be mailed to:

**Chief Executive Officer  
Ministry of Economic Development  
Sir Edney Cain Building  
Ground Floor, Right Wing  
Belmopan City, Belize C.A.**

**Ref: INVITATION TO QUOTE (No CABEI-DI-22/2021)**

Ministry of Finance, **Economic Development** & Investment, Sir Edney Cain Building, Belmopan  
Tel - 880-2526/2527



# BSI: metal, sticks, and rocks in sugar cane

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extraneous material being found in the sugarcane that is being delivered to the mill. According to Communication Officer at BSI, William Neal, larger-than-usual rocks, sticks, and metals are being found during the initial phases of milling.

“It has been one month since the crop has started, and what is concerning to us at BSI is that we have seen extraneous materials, which means anything from metals to sticks, to rocks showing up more frequently in the cane that is being delivered to the mill. Because of the process for how the mill works, as the cane is being prepared, it has to go through the hammers, knives, etc., which as the name suggests for the knives, seeks to cut it in smaller portions so that it can go through

the mill easier. So, obviously, when you have metal coming in, it cannot cut at the knives. Then, the hammers, which flattens the cane into something similar to what bagasse looks like as a part of the preparation for it to go through the mill itself. You have the problem that it cannot crush that at the level that it needs to be done for the preparation, and it damages the mill itself.” Neal explained.

These materials can cause significant damage to the hammers and knives used to prepare the cane at the start of the process, and if they somehow slip past that point, could cause “catastrophic” damage to the mill and harm to the sugar crop as a whole.

“Because of the frequency and the sizes, we are seeing, in terms of metals and rocks, that BSI has felt it necessary to write the cane farmer

community, but at the same time also do something publicly to register that we are extremely concerned about the extraneous matter that we see coming to the mill and the damage it could do to the mill itself,” Neal stated in an interview.

This letter to the sugar cane farmers urges them to pay keener attention in the loading process to ensure that the potentially damaging material is not included in their loads of sugar cane delivered. One loading method that BSI is lobbying to ban is the use of push-pilers to load sugar cane in trucks after the cane is cut in the field. Neal explained that the use of this method results in potentially damaging material being indiscriminately picked up along with the cane.

“There has been talk of a ban for quite some years to push pilers. When the cane cutters have finished

cutting the cane, the push pilers come behind, and as the name suggests, it actually pushes and piles so that it can be loaded in the truck. Sometimes you will have rocks, etc. being picked up, but that is one of the reaping practices that actually we have been pushing to eradicate and ban completely, because when you have a weather situation, that means it increases the mud that is also being collected. It also increases the chances of rocks or metals being piled in with the cane in the first place,” he said.

Currently, however, the amount of mud in the cane that is being delivered does not exceed what has typically been seen.

The sugar crop was delayed this year amid a stand-off between the Belize Sugarcane Farmers Association (BSCFA) and BSI over the terms of a new commercial agreement governing the revenue-and-cost-sharing arrangement between the mill and sugar cane farmers. After days of heated protest, the government brokered the signing of an interim agreement to allow for the sugar crop, which had been scheduled to start on December 20, to commence in the first week of January. Readers would recall that BSI found a sizable rock in the sugarcane shortly after the opening of the mill. These actions, however, are not currently being classified as sabotage by BSI/ASR.

“We’re not saying that they are acts of sabotage, and we are hopeful that they are not, but we are just saying that they are extremely worrisome, especially this early in the crop, because of what it could do to the overall crop itself,” Neal explained.

He added that BSI was asking the Sugar Cane Production Committee to reinforce the proposal to ban push pilers and rein in those sugar cane farmers who are known, repeat offenders.

“In the interim, what we are asking also because the cane is delivered by group, we can detect which group the extraneous materials are tied to and so we are also asking the SCPC at this point to look at those frequent offenders and either figure out a way to enforce some kind of greater due diligence on their part to make sure that that is not the situation that we face at the mill because it can be catastrophic for everyone within the industry,” Neal said.



## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The US Government-funded Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) had selected Belize as one of only two countries in the world for a five-year government to government grant to fund a program aimed at reducing poverty and stimulating economic growth.

The Government of Belize (GOB) through the Ministry of Finance, Economic Development, and Investment intends to contract a team of individual consultants to form a MCC Compact Development Team in Belize that will work together with a U.S. based MCC Team to conduct a diagnostic of the constraints to economic growth, prepare concept notes, develop project proposals and plan for project implementation.

The MCC Compact Development Team will be led by a program coordinator who will manage the team, engage key stakeholders across all sectors, and bear responsibility for the overall performance and work quality of the team. The other team members will include the following members and an administrative assistant.

Vacant Posts
1. Development Economist
2. Private Sector Development Specialist
3. Social Inclusion and Gender Integration Specialist
4. Environmental and Social Performance Specialist
5. Public Outreach and Stakeholder Engagement Specialist.
6. Administrative Assistant:

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Interested candidates are requested to submit ONE PDF File that shall include: **a)** Letter of Interest indicating the post being applied for; **b)** the curriculum vitae, **c)** copies of university degrees, and **d)** the names of 3 references.

Deadline for application is **7 February 2022 at 4:00pm**. Application can be sent via email to: [econdev@med.gov.bz](mailto:econdev@med.gov.bz) or hand delivered to the address indicated below:

Chief Executive Officer  
 Ministry of Economic Development  
 Sir Edney Cain Building  
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 Belmopan City, Belize C.A.

Any request for clarification should be sent via email no later than 2 February 2022. Responses will be provided within three days.

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# CWU to GOB: Step Up!

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Saturday afternoon by members of the Christian Workers Union (CWU), to which the stevedores belong. It is a standstill in operations that, according to the CWU, the stevedores had been trying to avoid, but that became a last resort after the stevedores found themselves at an apparent dead-end with the PBL enterprise in their efforts to get their concerns addressed. Ultimately, the trigger which led last Thursday to a protest by the gangs who were scheduled to unload the cargo ships was PBL's rejection of key recommendations from the stevedores' general foremen—recommendations aimed at ensuring the safety of the stevedores, many of whom find themselves working at heights of 50 or 60 feet in varying weather conditions, with dangerous equipment. That has resulted in a standoff in the industry that could affect the supply chain of a number of local retailers. But at a Christian Workers Union (CWU) press conference that was streamed online yesterday, the union's president, Evan "Mose" Hyde, said that it didn't have to come to this.

And in contrast to what was suggested in an apparent media blitz featuring Chamber of Commerce representatives—a series of statements and video bytes that seemed to create an impression in the public's mind that the high prices being seen in stores for over a year are somehow the fault of the stevedores—Hyde pointed to a number of players that have contributed to the

current situation: the PBL, a private entity whose affiliates have spent more money (reportedly \$10 million) preparing a plan for a cruise terminal at the port, that has so far not been approved, than it is willing to spend to compensate stevedores due to the loss of their earnings (\$5 million); and a government that has willingly overlooked a memorandum signed years ago that possibly made the transfer of sugar-loading to Big Creek illegal, and which has not seemed willing to step in to broker a truce for the stevedores as it has readily done in the sugar industry. The purpose of the press conference was to show the public that the stevedores were willing to negotiate and consider offers that are serious, in contrast to recent proposals by PBL that seemed aimed at mocking and insulting them. He, in fact, pleaded, on behalf of the stevedores, for the government to get involved in mediating the negotiations—something that is in fact its duty.

Hyde stated at the press conference that since the stand-off on Thursday, a number of meetings were held between the CWU, PBL, the Belize Port Authority, and even the new Minister responsible for Public Utilities and Logistics, Hon. Michel Chebat, to resolve the issue. According to Hyde, all those meetings were fruitless. "Unfortunately, proposals about reducing the number of gangs, and comments made in the media by the receivership's management concerning issues surrounding the loss of sugar earnings, exacerbated open wounds and has now placed the unresolved gridlock negotiations of finding a financial

settlement in the aftermath of the sugar lost, in the front and center of everything," he said.

According to Hyde, what the Port of Belize Ltd. has been suggesting is that the stevedores consent to the reduction of the number of workers in each gang from 8 to 6, so that those stevedores who are not terminated can work longer hours and thus make more money. In other words, the PBL said that some stevedores could make more money if they accepted what many would see as an act of treachery—consenting to the exclusion of 28 stevedores (since each gang includes 14 persons) so that the others who remain can earn more. Hyde compared what was being suggested to abandoning some of one's brothers—leaving them to perish in the desert—so that a few could be guaranteed more water. The unions have made their stance on this suggested act of disloyalty clear, stating that this suggestion is not only unacceptable but also preposterous. They also rejected a proposal that they be compensated with their own retirement earnings—in other words, being paid with what is already theirs.

Hyde went on to state that the union believes that looking back is important to understand the current scenario—where a private entity is wielding power over an essential utility that is for the public good, and is making decisions designed to maximize its profits rather than ensure public welfare. He pointed to the privatization of the PBL almost 20 years ago, and the subsequent placement of the port, a little over a decade ago, under a receivership—when, according to knowledgeable sources, the Ashcroft-owned Belize Bank became a receiver in control of the port, which is an arrangement that was not to have lasted for such a long time. That privatization of the port was what he called the original sin. In his remarks, Hyde said, "We believe the way forward is to look backward and to let history guide our judgment and our consciences. To understand now, where we are right now, you must understand the privatization of the port. We put this matter squarely in the hands of the Briceño administration. Our membership has borne the worst of the anguish caused by that original sin."

In February 2019, the Government of Belize sanctioned a loan to BSI of US \$15 million dollars delivered from IDB Invest, an institution that is a private arm of the IDB Group. According to the release issued by the IDB, the loan was earmarked to "increase its production and exports of higher value-added sugars, diversifying its export markets and strengthening its value chain."

Hyde said that the investment funded BSI/ASR's move to Big Creek. This loan was backed by the government to help the sugar cane industry mitigate transportation costs. "CWU cannot argue that the wellbeing of our brothers and sisters in the cane industry is not of national importance. What we are arguing today, is that the plight of our brothers and their families who now sit in the sewer tanks of your privatization adventures are of national importance as well," he stated.

Hyde, in tracing the timeline that led to the current situation, went on to note that the union, after becoming aware of rumors of a relocation of sugar-loading to Big Creek, wrote to Prime Minister John

Briceño in May 2021 to outline the problems brewing on their end. He said a month passed before the PM responded—after stevedores brought unloading/loading of the sugar boats to a halt. The CWU then wrote to the Department of Labor in July 2021, issuing a notice of industrial action, after which, on the 21st of that same month following a meeting with the various parties, they agreed to negotiate on the matter in the presence of the Ministry of Labor.

The Ministry then decided to pull out of those negotiations and announced that the Essential Services Arbitration Tribunal would take over the issue, and the union rejected this apparent withdrawal of the government from the process and requested that its sister union, the NTUCB, withdraw its representative from the tribunal in support of the CWU. The Labor Ministry eventually returned to chair the tribunal, but in the words of the CWU president, the negotiations "failed miserably."

"To be refused compensation in a negotiation is not unique, but to have as the final offer given to us a proposal that featured the issue of a percentage of our members' earned retirement entitlements conditional on the reduction of stevedore gangs. An absolutely grotesquely timed suggestion, the equivalent of which is to meet a group of brothers struggling with thirst in the desert and to inform them that there would be a little bit of water available on the condition that they would leave some of those brothers behind," Hyde stated in reference to those proposals, which were seen by the union members as an insult. He went on to note that this proposal was the proverbial straw that broke the camel's back, and as a result, the membership voted for industrial action on November 24, 2021. It has been noted, however, by longtime stevedore Guy Neal that there was unwillingness on the part of the stevedores to engage in industrial action immediately, since such a move would have been disruptive to the heightened commerce (as well as the customary receipt by Belizeans of items from abroad) during the Christmas season.

Hyde said that at that point, the members, although they had already voted for industrial action, requested yet another meeting with the Prime Minister in an effort to seek his intervention.

"We met with the Prime Minister and we informed him of the vote for industrial action. We informed him about the proposal that was made to us, and that the proposal included a condition that we should reduce the number of gangs; we asked him to intervene. The PM met with the receivership's management, and then met with us a week later and informed us that their position remained the same," Hyde said.

The CWU is not accepting the proposal from the PBL or the fact that they are unwilling to agree to a sugar compensation package. For the stevedores, receiving this compensation for the earnings lost as a result of the relocation of the sugar-loading operations to the Big Creek port, despite the presence of a memorandum that should have prevented this, is a primary issue and one that cannot be swept under the rug.

"What we would hope for is that there comes a point where they accept that you



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can't just simply say 'get away with unu desire fi have some remedy fi the fact that sugar gone down south'. We have to move from there, so we di put the ball pan the court and we di say to the state, do the work," Hyde said.

He said that this option to shut down the port, contrary to what is being portrayed in some quarters, is not an easy one for the stevedores, who are suffering loss of earnings as a result, and putting their livelihood at risk in order to get key decision-makers to seriously respond to their calls for fairness. In fact, he said that those workers are more focused on, and desirous of, continued generation of income.

"All we want is for the people out there to understand that we never run down this. We never run this down. We run down the big people inna the country, we run down trying to find solutions, we run down meetings, we run down negotiations—we show up da every single one, we nuh run down shutdown," Hyde stated, in an effort to make it clear that the stevedores are not seeking to cause financial harm to the public.

On Monday, the Belize Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) released a statement urging the parties to resolve the issue using the Essential Services Arbitration Tribunal, and highlighted a number of negative impacts that could result from the standoff at the port. President of BCCI, Marissa Longworth, said that at least 700 containers full of supplies will not be cleared this week if the issue continues. This, she said, will include "essential supplies, medical

supplies, pharmaceuticals, inputs for those businesses here that create goods for the local market, and the export market." The BCCI further noted that some exporters have also been reporting that containers with their items are stuck at the port amid the stand-off. This could prevent them from meeting their delivery obligations, and ultimately affect our foreign exchange earnings, said BCCI.

The comments made by the BCCI have led to a portrayal of the stevedores, following a standoff of just a few days, as the cause of high prices that have been plaguing the Belizean public for over a year. Hyde noted that this was a primary reason for their decision to directly address Belizeans.

He remarked, "Now da we wahn blame fi inflation! Stevedores wahn responsible for inflation? Da stevedores [responsible] fi the price of gas? Da stevedores responsible for how the tax structure deh pahn gas? Da stevedores responsible fi that fact that they can't find truckers, they can't find containers globally? But quickly, oh, da stevedores responsible for the gouging weh di go on inna shops."

He then called out the BCCI, which so readily sounded alarm about a standoff that has so far lasted just a few days, for being noticeably silent about alleged "price-gouging" that has been taking place in stores for almost two years—with prices of some items at times almost doubling over the course of a week. At best, it could be seen as inconsistency on the BCCI's part. Hyde went on to ask what the BCCI, which has been so vocal and visible over the past week, had done to condemn such gouging. "But quickly, oh da stevedores responsible for the

gouging weh di go on inna shops. BCCI had anything fi say about the gouging? BCCI say [anything] about the gouging? BCCI come pan the radio and fight down that fact that when unu go da wahn store, overnight ih gone from 2 dollars to 4 dollars? BCCI nuh say a damn thing about that! But now, stevedores fi blame ... we come fight against that, people ...," Hyde exclaimed.

He explained, "We come yah fi say we inna wahn forced marriage from 2003, 2004—weh part yo da say da wahn shotgun marriage. Weh part it's built on no love, and every two years da this, da nuh because stevedores bad—privatization fail! This thing lock up inna wahn receivership right now. Fi nearly 12 years, this da weh fi we members di deal; and every time we have to stand, they make it seem like, bwuay, stevedores di manufacture wahn issue, di manufacture problem, di manufacture shutdown."

He added, "We are here to face anybody right now and answer them as best we can, so that you, you out there di listen, know that we nuh wahn hurry come up, fi come shut down no port. We nuh run down conflict; our member run down money, our members run down the hustle. They run down work, our member run down container ship."

"Man deh out deh di dog see if somebody nuh show up so they could get a chance," he pointed out.

"Dat da weh they into. They nuh into shutdown, they nuh into have to face BDF di look fi move containers. They nuh into man di tell them right now, 'bwuay, all unu ship gweyn da Big Creek'. Just imagine that. You best believe all our members have been told that, so the

stance weh they di tek right now, just imagine what it takes for them to take that," he said.

The CWU's call is for the Government of Belize to do its part to resolve this situation. "We are at an extremely bad spot; our membership feels cornered. We are being told all manner of things. We believe that its duty, we believe that it's a responsibility, not just because of the Constitution, but because this is not just your everyday company having problems with its workers. This is a company under a receivership that exists because, it only exists as a private company because of a decision made by the Government of Belize; and whether it happen 50 years ago, 30 years ago, in this case, it happen 20 years ago, does not unhitch you from the responsibility of that action," Hyde said.

Today, Hyde informed the media that the union was presented a verbal proposal re the sugar redundancy package, and that they met with the Essential Services Tribunal who handed down a synopsis of their rulings following the rebuttal submission from the parties. Hyde outlined that the tribunal made a ruling on the matter of primary substitutes, and they were to be confirmed to their respective gangs. Hyde said the tribunal ruled that the parties should negotiate the redundancy package based on their prior agreement, but the union can't act because they have nothing in writing, and they "don't know what the position of the employer is on these rulings."

A meeting was held this afternoon between the members of the CWU, Minister Chebat, and PBL. We will continue to follow.

## Maya Leaders reject GOB's FPIC protocol

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protocol and that the document, since sent to the Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ), does not have the consent of the Mayan people.

"The protocol was sent out to the Caribbean Court of Justice by way of a surprise to us. We have not seen this protocol; it has not been consulted with us, and it certainly does not carry our consent as the appellants to the CCJ consent order," Coc said.

Coc went on to state that they have not had a chance to thoroughly look at revisions that have been put in this version of the FPIC protocol but are already seeing glaring red flags.

"Just on the surface, we immediately flag that the Government is calling it a consultation protocol, and even in the body and language of the protocol, it continues to use this ambiguous term of consultation rather than consent, which is what is ultimately the safeguard," she pointed out. She added that the protocol does not meet the requirements of the CCJ's 2015 order, since the court at the last compliance hearing made it clear to the government that meaningful and timely consultations were to be carried out with the appellants, the MLA and TAA.

"They've made it very clear that the signatories to this consent protocol would be the appellants, the parties to the CCJ consent order, and until these parties have signed on to this protocol, it comes into effect. The government has

basically unilaterally made it a protocol that for the most part is sympathetic to the desirous initiative of the Government and not the Maya people," Coc said.

When pressed on whether or not any consultations were carried out in furtherance of the finalization of this FPIC, Coc reiterated that the government failed to carry out the necessary discussions.

"No, no consultation has been had. This is a clear ambush on the Maya people, no consultation has happened. We are seeing for the first time, just like you, that an FPIC protocol has been approved by the Cabinet, and it is only until today, that the Commissioner, Greg Ch'oc, has sent to us this version of the FPIC protocol," Coc said.

Greg Ch'oc is the Commissioner of Indigenous People's Affairs, the liaison between the Mayan communities and the Government of Belize. She claimed that the TAA, the appellants to the order, have been subject to direct attacks from institutions put in place to oversee the implementation of the FPIC protocol.

"It's very disheartening to learn that, despite all the effort that the Maya people made, despite our patience, we have been waiting for almost 7 years to see the implementation of this consent order and it has been painstakingly slow. We had a lot of hope with the new administration in place; unfortunately, we continue to see an immediate dismissal and undermining of the implementation process and a particular attack on the Toledo Alcaldes Association, the

appellants to this order, by the institutions that have been put in place to oversee the implementation, particularly by the Commissioner of Indigenous People's Affairs. So what does this mean for our struggle moving forward? It certainly means that this latest move certainly is damaging to an already strained relationship that the Maya people have had with this government," Coc remarked.

She informed AMANDALA that their next step is to hear from the leaders of the various Maya communities in order to determine their collective position so that they can plan the way forward.

She went on to express the view that this decision made by the government to submit what she considers a unilateral FPIC protocol to the CCJ is clearly an attempt to remove the traditional governance of the Maya people.

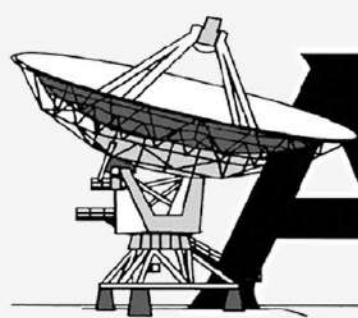
"I just want to make it very clear that despite the appearance, or what the perception out there might be, it is very clear that this government is attempting to remove and erase the traditional governance institution of the Maya people, which is very dangerous and damaging to the process of implementation. It is very clear to us that the government wants to move ahead unilaterally without the appellant in this matter, and that continues to be a grave concern for us, especially knowing that the Commissioner of Indigenous People's Affairs, Mr. Ch'oc, is fully knowledgeable and aware of the way in which Maya people organize themselves

under a collective traditional governance institution. He is very aware of the Toledo Alcaldes Association and the importance of preserving our governance system here in the Maya communities of southern Belize," Coc asserted.

In the 2005 Standard Setting document on Legal Commentary of the concept of Free, Prior, and Informed Consent published by the Commission on Human Rights, they cited the Belize Maya Land Rights Case and outlined the following.

"Most recently, in the *Maya Indigenous Communities* case, dealing with Maya land rights in their traditional territories in the south of Belize, within which the government had granted oil exploration and logging concession, the Commission found that granting such concessions 'without effective consultations with and the informed consent of the Maya people' constituted a violation of human rights guarantees. The Commission reaffirmed that international law upholds indigenous peoples' land and resource rights, independent of domestic law, and held that one of the central elements to the protection of indigenous property rights is the requirement that states undertake effective and fully informed consultations with indigenous communities ... [these rights] specially oblige a member state to ensure ... a process of fully informed consent on the part of the indigenous community as a whole."





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