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Court strikes out Stake Bank v AG claim

The claim seeking a judicial review of Portico Enterprise Limited's development of the Port of Magical Belize cruise port brought by Stake Bank Enterprise Limited was struck out on a technicality.

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Mar. 3, 2022

This morning, the Supreme Court of Belize struck out a claim submitted by Stake Bank Enterprise Limited, which sought a judicial review by the court of the environmental clearance that was granted to Portico



Portico development plan

Enterprise Limited's Port of Magical Belize by the Department of the Environment (DOE). In July of 2021, Stake Bank Enterprise Limited, the company developing the Port Coral

mega cruise port on Stake Bank island, located about 4 miles southeast of Belize City, was granted

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CARICOM-SICA Summit commences



by Khaila Gentle

SAN PEDRO, Ambergris Caye, Thurs. Mar. 3, 2022

The 4th CARICOM-SICA Summit was held this Thursday, March 3, in San Pedro, Ambergris Caye, where

CARICOM and Central American Heads of State came together for the first time since 2011 to strengthen relationships and discuss ways to navigate the common challenges facing the two regions, including the climate crisis and the

pandemic. During the opening ceremony of the summit, CARICOM chairman Hon. John Briceño pointed out that this year's Summit is the first

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Reparations sub-committee drafts letter from CARICOM to European countries

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Two murders in less than an hour

Within one hour, two men were murdered in separate incidents in Belize City and Ladyville, respectively, while a third shooting in Corozal has left a teenager fighting for his life in the hospital.

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Mar. 3, 2022

Between 7:00 and 8:00 o'clock on Wednesday night, March 2, two men were fatally shot in separate incidents—one in Belize City and another in Ladyville. Also, a teenager from Corozal is currently hospitalized in a critical condition

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Stevedores' payments temporarily blocked

"We believe that the claim itself is baseless; we believe that the claim in itself has been pursued in a way that reflects bad faith. The claim is predicated on the fact that the agreement between the Government of Belize, the CWU, and the Port Authority is unlawful. An agreement is a matter of policy; it is within the remit of any government on Earth to enter into any agreement." — attorney for the CWU, Darrel Bradley

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Mar. 2, 2022

The \$1.5 million ex-gratia payment which was to be disbursed on Monday, February 28, to the stevedores of the Christian Workers Union (CWU) was interrupted by an urgent injunction filed at the eleventh hour by the attorneys of the Port of Belize Ltd.. On Monday, Justice Lisa Shoman granted an interim

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Dijon Kenrick Foreman, deceased



Edward Reubin Saldano, deceased



Andre Sanker, shooting victim

Mayors' Association hosts She4She World Summit

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Channel 7 claims unfair treatment. MOFA responds.

Public outcry following 7News' Cherisse Halsall's removal from the pool area of Grand Caribe Resort, which included calls for the dismissal of the Director of the Government Press Office, Mike Rudon, by the UDP, prompted a lengthy response from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

by *Khaila Gentle*

SAN PEDRO, Ambergris Caye, Tues. Mar. 1, 2022

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade, and Immigration has issued a lengthy press release regarding the removal of 7News reporter Cherisse Halsall from a no-access zone during this week's Heads of Government Meeting and subsequent accusations that the Government has shown preferential treatment to one particular media house. The press release, possibly prompted by the public outcry

that followed the circulation of video footage in which Halsall is seen being handled in a rough manner by security personnel, asserts that Channel 7's claims that the Government was attempting to muzzle the media are false. It stated that before the CARICOM Meeting, the Government Press Office briefed the media on rules that would be applied throughout the event and stated that those rules were provided by the CARICOM Secretariat.

"All attending media houses were informed that, because of the nature of the Summit, and the fact that the region's



Cherisse Halsall being removed by GoB officers

Herbert Panton passes

The lifelong supporter of the UDP and husband of Albert area rep, Hon. Tracy Panton, who is an aspirant for the post of UDP leader, passed suddenly on Wednesday after being admitted to a private hospital on Tuesday night.



Herbert "Herbie" Panton

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Mar. 3, 2022

Yesterday, news broke of the sudden death of United Democratic Party stalwart Herbert Panton. Reports are that he died suddenly sometime yesterday after being admitted to a private hospital on the previous night for an unknown ailment that is being classified by some members of the media as a "cardiac condition". Panton, an attorney by trade, served the UDP for most of his adult life and held a number of posts within that party, and the wider society.

In a Facebook post following Panton's death, his wife, Hon. Tracy Panton, who is an aspirant for the post of UDP leader, stated, "I lost my best friend yesterday, March 1st, 2022 on an Ash Wednesday. He was my ride or die. He was my one true love. He and I had BIG dreams together. We would fight for the things we believed in. We would stand up for the principles and values we shared. We would be the voice for the voiceless. He with his law practice, me through my bid for political leadership."

The sudden loss came as a shock to Panton's political family as well. Michael Peyrefitte, the chairman of the UDP, referred to him as a "five-star general" of the party.

"There's no bigger UDP than Herbert Panton, no bigger supporter of the UDP than Herbert Panton. It is a sad, sad day, and his passing is a serious blow to the United Democratic

Party, that's all I can say. I'm still in shock. I still can't believe it. I couldn't believe it when I first heard it, and it's going to be a huge, huge loss for us," Peyrefitte said.

Peyrefitte told local media that Panton always wanted to be a lawyer, and that he "moved mountains" to accomplish his goal, and always made to a point call out any wrong he saw within the party.

"He moved mountains to go to law school; he made all the necessary sacrifices. He was a magistrate even [and a] distinguished attorney, and so we have lost not just a colleague, but a UDP brother and also a friend. He was the editor of the newspaper at one point, assistant secretary-general of the party at one point. He has played so many different roles for the UDP and is always one of those people who would be the first to put us right. One of the first persons to tell us what we were doing well, what we were doing wrong, and he was a person whom you would listen to, a person whose opinion mattered," Peyrefitte remarked.

His wife, Hon. Tracy Panton, in her online reflection on her husband's qualities, said, "Family was everything for Herbert Panton. If you knew him well, you know he had a way with words. He loved the English language, and he had a command of words. He could be sharp with his tongue, but he could not hurt a single fly. It was just not in his DNA. Hands down, he was my biggest fan, my most ardent supporter. He had his flaws, and so did I, but we were perfect for each other. We made a lifelong commitment to walk beside each other and hold each other's hands through the thick and the thin, the highs and the lows, the good and the bad. One thing we knew for sure, we would not give up on each other, not now, not ever. I will always love him with every pore of my being."

We extend our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Herbert Panton. May he rest in peace.

leaders would be present, security would be heightened. ALL media houses were informed of areas at the conference site where they would have access, and areas where they would not be allowed access," read the press release—notwithstanding the fact that there was one local media house to which those rules did not seem to fully apply.

According to the Ministry, Cherisse Halsall disregarded the no-access protocols when, on Tuesday, March 1, she arrived at an area near the Grand Caribe swimming pool where government officials were having bilateral meetings over breakfast. The press release claims that, in response to attempts to remove her, Halsall was "verbally abusive to security personnel," who were acting on the orders of Government Press Office Director, Mike Rudon.

"The video being aired by Channel 7 shows clearly that Ms. Halsall was at the pool area – a no-media area. Despite that incident, Channel 7's cameraman was allowed full access to the opening session of the Summit, as had been promised to all media houses," continued the press release, which also stated that all media houses, local and regional, were allowed the same access privileges.

But when she appeared on Channel 7's morning talk show, *SunUp*, Cherisse Halsall provided a different side of the story—noting that the animosity displayed towards her and the media house on Tuesday had been building for days prior. While the Foreign Affairs Ministry claims that all media houses were given equal access to the event, Halsall pointed out that Channel 5 had been given the tender to livestream the event, without a proper, publicized selection process through which other media houses could have applied for the privilege, while others were to be relegated to a media room across the street.

Halsall further pointed out that while local media was told that no media house—regional or local—would be allowed at the Inter-Sessional Meeting, that is not what ultimately happened, as there was a Caribbean reporter at the event. She explained that that reporter was allowed to do a stand-up, at the very location from which Halsall would be

later removed, without any incident, while she was not. In a video shared by Channel 7, Halsall can be seen telling security personnel that she would continue to do her stand-up while they attempted to remove her.

"We were trying to go live ... and two security guards kind of—they accosted me and James and one of them twisted my phone out of my hand. It got so severe that Mrs. Briceño [the wife of the Prime Minister] who was sitting there having breakfast stood up and screamed 'do not touch her'," said Halsall, as she detailed the events that led up to her removal.

"I think that the altercation that resulted came from the fact that when I saw that Caribbean reporter there, I decided that I no longer had to tiptoe around Government Press director Mike Rudon, who had been completely ridiculous this entire time. And the only reason I was removed was that his anger got a little bit too piqued," she added.

In response, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has accused Channel 7 of playing the victim with "extreme sensationalism" while using freedom of the press as justification. Channel 7 director Jules Vazquez has made the point, however, that the incident was a result of the systematic exclusion of all media houses, apart from Channel 5, from having front-line access to the Heads of Government Meeting. And in its own recent press release, the United Democratic Party shared Vazquez' sentiments. The UDP also called for the dismissal of the Press Office Director.

"This is not the first or second national embarrassment caused by a Mike Rudon-run Government Press Office: the cutting of Commission of Inquiry live feed during the union representative's address; the distasteful Facebook comments to concerned Belizeans during the butchered Independence Day Ceremony broadcast are just two of many other embarrassing incidents. How many strikes will this individual get," stated the UDP's press release. It then went on to call for fair treatment of all media houses.

While the Ministry of Foreign Affairs condemned Channel 7's

Mask mandate partially lifted

The Minister of Health and Wellness, Hon. Kevin Bernard, said that masks must still be worn in public buildings, but are no longer required outdoors.

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Tues. Mar. 1, 2022

It was reported at the beginning of this week that the nightly curfew was no longer in place, and also that the mask mandate was being partially lifted. The new Statutory Instrument which outlines the adjustments in Covid-19-related regulations, however, indicates that it is still required that persons wear a face mask inside public buildings and at indoor gatherings, such as church services, weddings, funerals, wakes, and repasts, as well as at social club events, and receptions.

Earlier this week, the Minister of Health and Wellness, Hon. Kevin Bernard, tried to provide clarity to local media about the settings in which mask-wearing is no longer

required, and the settings in which the mask mandate will still be in place.

“Requirement for mask usage is if persons are attending an indoor event such as church service, wedding ceremony or reception, funeral service, a social club event. If Rotary Club is having a meeting or any of these fraternity clubs are having a meeting. If it’s an annual general meeting of an association, even if it’s under a tent, it’s indoors, it’s confined, it must be worn at all times,” he said.

“If you have to access a government building, supermarket, major retail store, bank or any establishment that is indoors with more than one person gathered, you need to wear that mask. On public transportation, buses, if you’re

traveling in a taxi, you have to wear your mask. The wearing of a mask captures all of these areas,” Health Minister Bernard went on to explain.

He then pointed to circumstances under which the wearing of a mask will no longer be required: “If you are simply walking on the street from home to the shop, you don’t necessarily have to wear the mask, if you are walking in an open space. If you are at an open area like a wide, huge park, where it’s just you and your children, then [you don’t] necessarily have to wear the mask,” he outlined.

Minister Bernard told the media that the decision to remove some of the regulations was made after a review was done of the country’s daily cases and hospitalization rate.



Kevin Bernard,
Minister of Health and Wellness

“Many factors were looked at. We are at the stage where our daily positivity rate, the hospitalization rate, has been very low. We’ve seen the evidence that Omicron has come, taken its peak, and it’s now taking its steep dive all the way down to pre-Omicron levels, and so it’s obvious that even around the world, restrictions are being lifted. But we’re not doing this because the United States did it, or the Mexican government did it or anybody. We are doing this because, in Belize, we believe over the two-plus years we have had regulations put in place recommended by our Covid Medical Response Team, and, based on the numbers, we feel like it is time to ease some of the restrictions,” the Health Minister said.

The latest SI also states that at churches and other places of worship, as well as other indoor venues where social events are held, only seventy-five percent of the number of persons that can fit in any such space should be present at any given time, and attendees must wear a mask.

Regular fuel prices jump by 56 cents

Again, there was no announcement by GoB prior to the most recent recent fuel price increase.



BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Mar. 3, 2022

On Monday night, the price of regular fuel increased by 56 cents, taking the cost per gallon of regular fuel to \$12.84. At this point, the prices of all three major fuel products are above \$12 per gallon—a first in our history, by all indications. At this time, the per-gallon price of diesel stands at 12.06, and the price of premium gas is \$12.90. The Prime Minister, Hon. John Briceño, had indicated, when interviewed by local reporters last week, that the

government had absorbed a portion of the price increase for the most recent shipment of diesel, but the government shouldered only 50% of the cost—with the other half of that cost being added to the price paid by consumers at the pumps.

Gas prices have been constantly rising since late last year, and, following a historic hike in the price of kerosene in February—the Government Press Office apparently opted to discontinue its practice of issuing a press release announcing changes to pump prices. Again, this most recent price increase caught consumers by surprise. Unconfirmed reports are that the price increase is slightly higher in the districts.

Channel 7 claims unfair treatment. MOFA responds.

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actions at length in its release, it did not address the alleged disparity in the amount of access given to media houses. When speaking with local media, Channel 7 director Jules Vasquez called the Ministry’s press release an ugly and pointless piece of communication, noting that Halsall was just trying to do her job. He also condemned what he referred to as an incestuous relationship between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Channel 5 due to the fact that the Ministry’s CEO, Amalia Mai, is the former CEO of the media house.

“The fact that Channel 5 has preeminence—total preeminence, to the exclusion of all other media houses—at this event is worth noting,” expressed Vasquez. It must be noted that Vasquez and a camera operator from 7News were seen with other local media personnel around the table at the closing press conference at the Inter-session meeting held yesterday evening.

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Happy National Heroes & Benefactors Day
From the Management and Staff of Amandala

CARICOM Heads of Government meet in San Pedro

SAN PEDRO, Ambergris Caye, Tues. Mar. 1, 2022

The 33rd Inter-Sessional Meeting of the CARICOM Heads of Government took place this week on March 1 and 2. On Tuesday, an opening ceremony was held, at which the leaders and other representatives of Member States of CARICOM were welcomed to the country, and to the island of Ambergris Caye. Those leaders included the prime minister of the Bahamas, Hon. Philip Davis; the prime minister of Barbados, Hon. Mia Amor Mottley; the deputy prime minister of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Hon. Montgomery Daniel; the prime minister of Dominica, Hon. Roosevelt Skerrit, as well as leaders and delegations from the British Virgin Islands, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Montserrat, Turks and Caicos, and Suriname.

The meeting, held under the chairmanship of Prime Minister Hon. John Briceño, featured many firsts. Dr. Carla Barnett, CARICOM Secretary-General, expressed gratitude that her first Heads of Government Meeting as the Secretary-General was taking place in her home country. She also extended a warm welcome to the newly elected prime minister of The Bahamas, Hon. Philip Davis, who was attending his first meeting as a member of the conference along with Prime Minister Philip J. Pierre of Saint Lucia.

The Secretary-General also thanked the outgoing CARICOM chairman, Prime Minister of



CARICOM Heads of Government

Antigua and Barbuda, Hon. Gaston Browne, for his stewardship during the last six months of 2021, during which the region faced many tests. Hon. Browne, who attended the meeting virtually, gave an outgoing speech, expressing his full support for the incoming chairman and noting the importance of unity and solidarity to CARICOM's strength and stability.

"All around us, very dangerous and volatile changes threaten to overwhelm the international order, as we have come to know it. As I speak, the guns of war are once again roaring in Europe in a military confrontation that could bring two nuclear-armed world powers into open conflict. Implications of this development for world peace and security are almost too frightening to contemplate," said Hon. Gaston Browne, who made note of the 2021 assassination of the president

of Haiti, Jovenel Moise—an event almost unheard of in the Caribbean but one that revealed that the region is not invulnerable to the forces of instability and criminality rising in the world.

The 33rd Inter-Sessional Meeting is also the first face-to-face meeting for the Heads of Government in almost two years due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Secretary-General Dr. Barnett noted that, while the pandemic is still with us, CARICOM continues to adapt to what can only be called the "new normal".

"Significant obstacles still lay in our path. Much too many of our citizens remain unvaccinated, too many of our children are still out of school, too many of our businesses are still floundering, with the resultant effect of unemployment. However, one thing we have learned over the 49 years of our existence is that we are a resilient community, bound together, particularly in times of adversity," she said.

The Secretary-General then went on to express her hopes for the Community in the coming years, mentioning CARICOM's goal of increasing intra-regional trade from 16-18% of its total trade to 25% by the year 2025. She highlighted the importance of the agricultural sector in achieving this goal, and then went on to call for a greater application of technology across the Caribbean as well as for greater advocacy for easier access to funds meant to assist developing nations.

Meanwhile, during his speech as Chairman, Prime Minister Hon. John Briceño spoke of the importance of demanding immediate reform of the international financial system, urgent climate action, and immediate access to vaccines.

"While it is imperative that we continue to press our case, which is fair and just, we know from experience that the wheels of international cooperation grind slowly. We cannot afford to lose further ground. We cannot afford to lose our future. Therefore we must be more strategic and coordinated in our advocacy," he said, noting just how imperative integration is in the recovery of the Caribbean region.

The year 2023, as the Prime

Minister pointed out during his speech, will mark the 50th anniversary of the founding of CARICOM and the conclusion of the Georgetown accords of 1973. Hon. Briceño proposed to his fellow Heads of Government that during 2022 they embark on a journey of regional consultation, "so that we can mark the anniversary of the accord with the adaptation of a repurposed, reimagined revitalized accord that presents an irreversible prescription designed to achieve our region's just objectives." He stated that already the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting and the Summit of the Americas are set for June of this year in Rwanda and Los Angeles, respectively. COP27 is also scheduled for November of this year and will take place in Egypt.

As the Secretary-General Dr. Barnett had mentioned to local media during a press conference prior to the Meeting, the issue of integration and the implementation of the CARICOM Single Market and Economy (CSME) was a focal point of discussion during the conference. Prime Minister Briceño reiterated this, stating that integration of our small Caribbean states is, at this point, almost inevitable.

Along with economic integration, food security was an important discussion point during the 33rd Inter-Sessional Meeting. During the press conference held at the conclusion of the two-day conference, Prime Minister Hon. John Briceño highlighted Guyana's president Irfaan Ali's plan for the development of the agri-food sector—a plan which the Chairman says was embraced by all. The Guyanese president, in his venture to further develop the region's agriculture, did a comprehensive study of the region to see what agricultural products can be grown in what locations. This was done so that the Community can eventually grow more of what it eats rather than having to rely on imports, which are subject to various types of disruption.

The Heads of Government also came to an agreement that they would mount a regional campaign combatting disinformation regarding vaccines in an effort to increase vaccination rates. Additionally, they spoke at length with the Prime Minister of Haiti to decide how the Community could assist the country as it tries to deal with a number of difficulties.

The Chairman further went on to state that the Heads of Government have issued the Ambergris Caye Declaration in response to the ongoing climate crisis and plan to meet to consider the matter in depth.

Prime Minister Hon. John Briceño also revealed that the next Inter-Sessional Meeting will be hosted by the country of Suriname at the offer of its president, Chan Santokhi.

Man, 51, dies in RTA in Toledo

PG resident dies after his motorbike collided with a bicycle on the San Antonio Road in southern Belize.

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Mon. Feb. 28, 2022

A resident of Punta Gorda lost his life as a result of a road traffic accident that took place on Sunday, February 27. Enero Bol, 51, passed away while receiving treatment at the hospital after his motorbike collided with a bicycle being ridden by Antonio Cal, 23, on the San Antonio Road in the Toledo District.

On Sunday, at around 4:09 p.m., police arrived at a location near Caliz Farm, where the incident had reportedly occurred, and saw Bol lying on the side of the road, with severe head and body injuries. Nearby was a motorcycle, which is believed to have belonged to Bol, and which he was driving before the accident.

A second male person, identified as 23-year-old Antonio Cal, was also seen sitting on the other side of the road with injuries to his face.



ASP Fitzroy Yearwood, Communications Director of the Belize Police Department

According to the police's initial report, Antonio Cal was riding his bicycle a short distance ahead of Bol on the highway and made a sudden U-turn, and as a result the motorbike and the bicycle collided—causing both men to be thrown onto the road.

Both Bol and Cal were transported to the Punta Gorda Hospital, where Bol succumbed to his injuries while receiving treatment. His body remains at the PG morgue, where a postmortem exam will be conducted.



Minister Kareem, wheel and come again with that weed

Hon. Kareem Musa, the Minister of Home Affairs and New Growth Industries, has been working on legislation to make marijuana products an export earner, but thus far it has been smoke only. The House of Representatives gave the go-ahead to a marijuana bill, which was withdrawn after the social partner senators expressed strong reservations about it.

Lead Opposition Senator, Hon. Michael Peyrefitte, whose party decriminalized the possession of 10 grams of marijuana in 2017, has said that the new government's efforts to make an industry out of weed are futile at this time, because, it being illegal still in the US on the federal level, the banks won't touch it.

Hon. Kareem has reportedly tweaked his marijuana bill and will be taking it back to the House of Representatives at its next sitting. Maybe he is about getting laws in place for the time when the US acts soberly with marijuana, but right now almost everyone agrees with the UDP Senator, that as an export earner it's a no-go, because the banks won't go for it. For the second or third time, we will suggest to the minister that we make the best out of this bad situation, for the purpose of addressing what many consider the worst problem in our country, this horrible violence.

Forget foreign exchange at this time. Let the government grow the marijuana under strict controls. Under the strictest controls provide clean, unadulterated marijuana to the known small peddlers in the country. At the least that will serve to take the violence out of the marijuana part of the drug trade.

At its most productive, it will work out like a New Growth Industry. Violence is the worst enemy of the economy. Take out the violence, and our brothers and sisters in tough urban areas will have an environment where they can thrive.

No cruise, no cargo

When Lord Michael Ashcroft spoke about his vision for the Port of Belize Ltd. (PBL) on his television station, Channel Five, after the PUP came into office in November 2020, he spoke as if he was the owner of the company. Under a previous PUP government, PBL was sold to Belizean businessman Mr. Luke Espot, and it ended up in the hands of a "receiver" after Mr. Espot reportedly was unable to service debts he had with an entity connected to the Lord Ashcroft-controlled Belize Bank.

In the business world, for different purposes, some above board, and some below, the ownership of many companies cannot be pinned down. The investigative journalist can dig, at great expense, but how do they get around the "front", one of the most common tools of the rich and famous who are

intent on concealing what they own? When the journalist reaches the "front," they're still at the back door, because they then encounter the libel laws, which help to foil further sleuthing.

For all intents and purposes, we could say that Ashcroft is the owner of PBL, despite him saying in April 2020, on Channel Five that PBL was in receivership. On that same show, Mr. Ashcroft said, re: proposed port developments by Waterloo, that Belize, under UDP leadership at the time, was "messaging around"; and in April 2021 he told his television station that Waterloo's investment in the port would amount to about US\$200 million, that if it got the go-ahead he believed it would be the biggest infrastructure project in Belize, and for those who mightn't like him, he said his ownership would not amount to more than "20 or 25 percent."

To date, Waterloo has not been able to get the green light for its proposed investment in PBL. Meanwhile, the "receiver" "owner" is in a hostile relationship with stevedores at PBL. In the face of the recent extraordinary, vicious move by the receiver/owner to block a payment of \$1.5 million the stevedores received from GOB, even Belizeans who are uncommitted to labor are staggered by the extent of the venom.

The receiver/owner of PBL has done little to improve the bulk cargo capacity of the company since taking it over in 2012. In 2021 the receiver/owner said on Channel Five: "Waterloo has made it clear, there isn't one (increased bulk cargo capacity) without the other (cruise port)." The mega project calls for massive dredging of the sea in front of the port so that giant ships can be accommodated, and indeed the potential of such a venture would be greatly enhanced if a cruise port is included.

There is no discussion of a scaled down project. It's all or nothing, mega-ships or none for the receiver/owner of PBL. Lord Ashcroft said on his television station that he's in it for "the challenge of doing something that I believe is right for the country." The decision to let the port's facilities rot to hell partly led to PBL losing the bulk of the contract to handle sugar exports from ASR/BSI at Tower Hill, a crushing blow to the workers at the company. But, who cares about workers, there's an aging man and his dream to do what he thinks is right for Belize, with an asset many believe he should never have gotten his hands on in the first place.

The receiver/owner of PBL says there isn't space for three cruise ports in Belize City. Presently, a cruise port is being built at Stake Bank, while the Waterloo proposal and one south of the Sibun, Port of Magical Belize, are on the table. All three present serious environmental concerns, but apparently Waterloo, with its intention to dredge 7.5 million cubic meters of material from the sea in front of PBL, is facing the stiffest winds.

In respect to the concern about the number of cruise ports Belize City can serve, the experts have a lot to consider. Two Oasis-type vessels (mega-ships) visiting the same day would bring over 10,000 more tourists. It's a short stay, not more than 8 hours for a cruise visitor, so they wouldn't be able to range much farther than the limits of the Belize District. If Waterloo got the green light for its project, Altun Ha, Jaguar Paw, and Goff's Cay quite likely would collapse under the pressure.

In the movie, *Mamma Mia!*, Abba sang "it's a rich man's world", and there's no refuting that; the evidence is all around us, from their yachts and mansions and boardroom deals, to their pulling the rug from under workers. In the latter category, the receiver/owner of PBL filed an injunction to stop stevedores from accessing funds from the GoB.

The "rich man" spoke as if PBL was his property. Speaking as if PBL was his property, he effectively said: no cruise, no cargo.

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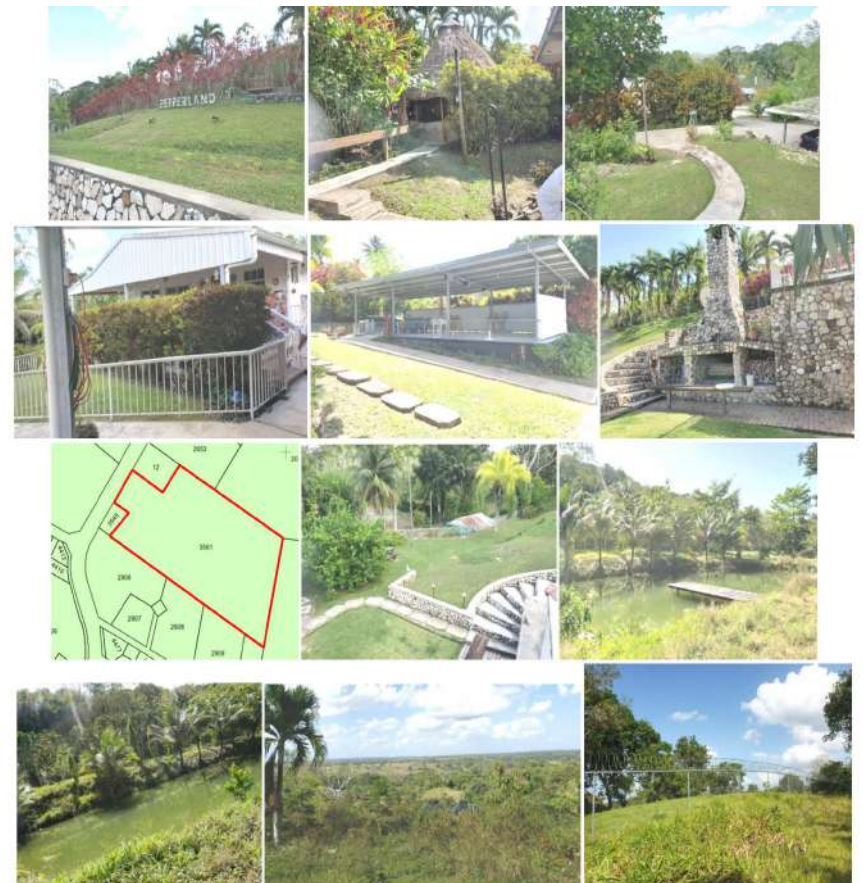
General Manager
P.O. Box 535
Anglican Diocesan Office
25 A Southern Foreshore, Belize City

Deadline: Tuesday March 8th, 2022

PUBLIC AUCTION SALE: SIGNATURE PROPERTY

Pepperland, Mile 60, Unitedville, Cayo District

BY ORDER of the Mortgagees, Messrs. Belize Social Security, Licensed Auctioneers Kevin A. Castillo and Christiana R. Castillo are selling ONLINE via belizepropertyauctions.com the below described property. Sale currently running and will expire on Thursday 10th March 2022 at 1:30 pm:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Society Hall	24	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.]; **Kennel**; 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.)

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The climate crisis demands immediate action – IPCC report

Nations that have contributed the least to climate change are the most vulnerable to its effects. As the recent IPCC report has shown, failure to take action in addressing the growing climate crisis will prove detrimental—deadly, even—to the Global South.

by *Khaila Gentle*

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Mar. 2, 2022

The assessment issued by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) on Sunday, titled “Climate Change 2022: Impacts, Adaptation, and Vulnerability,” gives a dire warning of the havoc that climate change will wreak on the world in the coming two decades, particularly on nations of the Global South who have contributed the least to global warming, if immediate action is not taken. The 2022 report, which is the sixth assessment of its kind, contains over seven years’ worth of peer-reviewed climate science and focuses on the damage that climate change has caused and is predicted to cause in the coming

years. It also provides world leaders with potential solutions for addressing the climate crisis.

According to the report, without immediate global action, the temperature of the earth is set to increase by 2-3 °C, which will ultimately result in significantly worse effects than we have seen in recent years, such as the bleaching of coral reefs, deadly heat waves, catastrophic storms, and raging

wildfires. The effects of climate change, particularly the extreme events caused by it, also have a

significant effect on physical and mental wellbeing. And small developing nations of the Global South, who have contributed the least to emissions and warming, remain the most vulnerable to those effects. Those nations—which include the Caribbean Community—have been calling, now more than ever, for increased action and increased support. Developed nations, however, have been slow to answer that call.

Caribbean Climate-Smart Accelerator (CCSA) issued a media release regarding the IPCC report, calling it an “eye-opening reality check for world leaders and every citizen of planet Earth.”

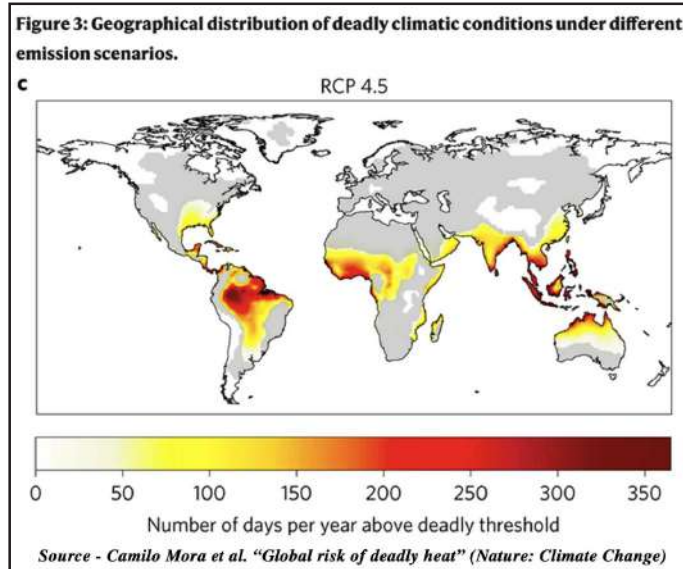
“The Caribbean region must continue to come together and fast track partnerships and collaborations to accelerate climate action plans. Areas within the blue economy, climate-smart agriculture, and renewable energy, for example, all offer opportunities which the region can take right now to start moving towards economic prosperity, future resilience, and sustainability,” said CCSA CEO Raquel Moses.

Kiesha Farnum, Director of Public Sector Projects at CCSA, issued a call for owners of climate-smart projects in the Caribbean to come forward and work with organizations like CCSA. “We have seen what recent hurricanes have done to our Caribbean neighbours in Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, and Puerto Rico. The choice is simple; we must adapt now so that we do not pay the price with life and livelihoods later,” she stated.

Addressing the climate crisis and preventing the heating of the world by 2-3 more degrees requires immediate action along with a complete departure from the status quo. Failure to achieve that, as pointed out by a *Nature* study titled “Global risk of deadly heat” will prove lethal for our most vulnerable nations.

The IPCC report also outlines actions that world leaders and policymakers can take to slow the effects of climate change, including rapidly lowering greenhouse gas emissions before 2030 and pursuing the UN’s Sustainable Development Goals. As Prime Minister Hon. John Briceño shared at the opening of this week’s Heads of Government Meeting, COP26 is set to be held in Egypt this November. There, world leaders will continue to discuss the climate crisis and, hopefully, the IPCC Sixth Assessment will play a pivotal role in steering those discussions and resulting action.

Read more about the IPCC’s assessment in “IPCC releases Sixth Assessment Report,” found in the Tuesday, March 1 issue of *AMANDALA*. Further information on the report can be found at tinyurl.com/IPCC2022.



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST CONSTRUCTION SERVICES

Institution: *Belize Water Services Limited*

Country: *Belize*

Project: *Independence to Seine Bight Transmission line*

Sector: *Water*

Abstract: *The general objective of this publication* is to engage eligible construction companies to install a new potable water transmission pipeline from Independence Village to Seine Bight Village (Stann Creek District) as per design.

Project Number: *225511171739/ BWS-55-1618*

Deadline: *March 14, 2022*

The construction services (“the Services”) include, but are not limited to, installation and commissioning of 3 miles of 10” PVC transmission line in the mainland and 3 miles of 10” HDPE transmission line through the lagoon:

- Identification of established Benchmarks and Setting out of new works;
- Excavation of trenches along the route, placement and compaction of embedment, backfill, and road base, and reinstatement of works
- Installation of pipeline and various assemblies, concrete anchors, and other components and
- Commissioning, including final connections, pressure (hydrostatic) testing, flushing, and disinfecting.

Belize Water Services Limited now invites eligible construction companies (“Bidders”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Companies should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

Companies must qualify on two major work categories:

- Civil and ancillary works** including, but not limited to, construction and refurbishment of buildings, construction and refurbishment of roads and streets, major and minor roads chip and seal works, earthworks, fencing, concrete works, facility maintenance, retaining walls, drainage, security huts, shelters and canopies, railings, bins, signage, plastering, painting, etc.
- Water Supply Systems** including new and renewals of transmission, distribution mains and service connections; installation of pump stations; installation of headworks; water treatment plant works (including mechanical/electrical and civil); and construction and/or restoration of reservoirs.

Financial category of the project:

- Large** contract estimated more than \$1,000,000.

Financial resources of the company shall be BZ\$300,000 monthly.

Shortlisting of contractors will be based on the [Application pack – Expression of Interest for Independence to Seine Bight Transmission Line Tendering process](#) and is open to all eligible contractors as defined in the document.

The short list shall comprise of minimum of three (3) and maximum of eight (8) companies.

Companies may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications.

Interested parties should contact the Engineering procurement representative, via email to obtain Application Package and other information.

Expressions of interest and application package must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by e-mail) by **March 14, 2022**, no later than 3:00 P.M.

Belize Water Services Limited

Attn: *Engineering procurement*

7 Central American Boulevard

Belize City, Belize, C.A.

Tel: *+(501) 222-4757, Ext. 1713*

E-mail: engineeringprocurement@bws.com.bz



Ministro Kareem, intente de nuevo con eso de la mota

El Honorable Kareem Musa, el Ministro del Interior y Nuevas Industrias de Crecimiento, ha estado trabajando en una legislación para hacer que los productos de marihuana sean una fuente de ingresos derivada de su exportación, pero hasta ahora solo ha sido humo. La Cámara de Representantes dio luz verde a un proyecto de ley sobre la marihuana, que fue retirado después de que los senadores de los interlocutores sociales expresaran fuertes reservas al respecto.

El senador líder de la oposición, el Honorable Michael Peyrefitte, cuyo partido despenalizó la posesión de 10 gramos de marihuana en 2017, ha dicho que los esfuerzos del nuevo gobierno para convertir la mota en una industria son inútiles en este momento porque, siendo ilegal en los EE. UU. a nivel federal, los bancos no lo tocarán.

El Honorable Kareem, según los informes, modificó su proyecto de ley sobre la marihuana y lo llevará de regreso a la Cámara de Representantes en su próxima sesión. Tal vez él se trata de promulgar leyes para el momento en que EE. UU. actúe sobriamente con la marihuana, pero en este momento casi todos están de acuerdo con el senador UDP en que, como fuente de ingresos por exportaciones, no se puede hacer, porque los bancos no aceptarán eso. Por segunda o tercera vez, le sugeriremos al ministro que saquemos lo mejor de esta mala situación, con el fin de atender lo que muchos consideran el peor problema de nuestro país, esta horrible violencia.

Olvídense de divisas en este momento. Que el gobierno cultive la marihuana bajo estrictos controles. Que bajo los más estrictos controles se proporcione marihuana limpia y sin adulterar a los pequeños vendedores ambulantes conocidos en el país. Al menos eso servirá para quitarle la violencia a la parte de la marihuana del tráfico de drogas. En su forma más productiva, funcionará como una nueva industria de crecimiento. La violencia es el peor enemigo de la economía. Si se elimina la violencia, nuestros hermanos y hermanas en áreas urbanas difíciles tendrán un entorno en el que puedan prosperar.

Sin puerto de cruceros, no hay carga

Cuando Lord Michael Ashcroft habló sobre su visión para Port of Belize Ltd. (PBL) en su estación de televisión, Channel Five, después de que el PUP asumiera el poder en noviembre de 2020, habló como si fuera el dueño de la empresa. Bajo un anterior gobierno PUP, se vendió PBL al empresario beliceño, el Sr. Luke Espot, y terminó en manos de una "receptoría" después de que el Sr. Espot supuestamente no pudo pagar las deudas que tenía con una entidad conectada con Lord Ashcroft - controlado por el Banco Belize.

En el mundo de los negocios, para diferentes propósitos, algunos sobre la mesa y otros por debajo, la propiedad de muchas empresas no se puede precisar. El periodista de investigación puede cavar, a un gran costo, pero ¿cómo sortear el "frente", una de las herramientas más comunes de los ricos y famosos que intentan ocultar lo que poseen? Cuando el periodista llega al "frente", todavía está en la puerta de atrás, porque luego se encuentra con las leyes contra la difamación, que ayudan a frustrar investigación adicional.

A todos los efectos, podríamos decir que Ashcroft es el propietario de PBL, a pesar de que dijo en abril de 2020, en Channel Five, que PBL estaba bajo administración judicial. En ese mismo programa, el Sr. Ashcroft dijo, en relación con los desarrollos portuarios propuestos por Waterloo, que Belize, bajo el liderazgo del UDP en ese momento, estaba "perdiendo el tiempo"; y en abril de 2021 le dijo a su canal de televisión que la inversión de Waterloo en el puerto

ascendería a unos US\$200 millones, que si obtenía el visto bueno creía que sería el proyecto de infraestructura más grande de Belize, y para aquellos a quien él no les caía bien, dijo que su propiedad no ascendería a más del "20 o 25 por ciento".

Hasta la fecha, Waterloo no ha podido obtener luz verde para su inversión propuesta en PBL. Mientras tanto, el "administrador judicial" "propietario" tiene una relación hostil con los estibadores de PBL. En vista de la reciente maniobra extraordinaria y viciosa de la receptoría/el propietario para bloquear un pago de \$1.5 millones que los estibadores recibieron del Gobierno de Belize, incluso los beliceños que no están comprometidos con la fuerza laboral están asombrados por la magnitud del veneno.

La sindicatura/el propietario de PBL ha hecho poco para mejorar la capacidad de carga a granel de la empresa desde que se hizo cargo de ella en 2012. En 2021, la sindicatura/el propietario dijo en Channel Five: "Waterloo lo ha dejado claro, no hay uno (mayor capacidad de carga a granel) sin el otro (puerto de cruceros)". El megaproyecto exige un dragado masivo del mar frente al puerto para que puedan acomodarse barcos gigantes y, de hecho, el potencial de tal emprendimiento aumentaría enormemente si se incluyera un puerto de cruceros.

No se habla de un proyecto reducido. Es todo o nada, mega-barcos o nada para la receptoría/el propietario de PBL. Lord Ashcroft dijo en su canal de televisión que está en esto por "el desafío de hacer algo que creo que es correcto para el país". La decisión de dejar que las instalaciones del puerto se pudriesen en parte llevó a que PBL perdiera la mayor parte del contrato para manejar las exportaciones de azúcar de ASR/BSI en Tower Hill, un duro golpe para los trabajadores de la empresa. Pero, a quién le importan los trabajadores, está un hombre envejecido y su sueño de hacer lo que cree que es correcto para Belize, con un activo que muchos creen que nunca debería haber accedido en primer lugar.

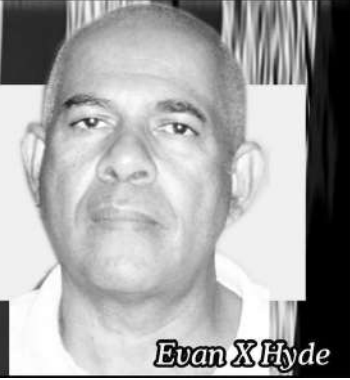
La receptoría/el propietario de PBL dice que no hay espacio para tres puertos de cruceros en la Ciudad de Belize. Actualmente, se está construyendo un puerto de cruceros en Stake Bank, mientras que la propuesta de Waterloo y un puerto al sur de Sibun, Port of Magical Belize, están sobre la mesa. Los tres presentan serias preocupaciones ambientales, pero aparentemente Waterloo, con su intención de dragar 7,5 millones de metros cúbicos de material del mar frente a PBL, se enfrenta a los vientos más fuertes.

Con respecto a la preocupación sobre la cantidad de puertos de cruceros que la Ciudad de Belize puede atender, los expertos tienen mucho que considerar. Dos embarcaciones tipo Oasis (mega-barcos) visitando el mismo día traerían más de 10,000 turistas más. Es una estadía corta, no más de 8 horas para un visitante de un crucero, por lo que no podrían ir mucho más allá de los límites del Distrito de Belize. Si Waterloo obtuviera luz verde para su proyecto, es muy probable que Altun Ha, Jaguar Paw y Goff's Cay colapsaran bajo la presión.

En la película *¡Mamma Mia!*, Abba cantó "es un mundo de hombres ricos", y eso no se puede refutar; la evidencia está a nuestro alrededor, desde sus yates y mansiones y tratos en la sala de juntas, hasta cómo les jalan la alfombra debajo de los trabajadores. En la última categoría, la sindicatura/el propietario de PBL presentó una orden judicial para impedir que los estibadores accedan a los fondos del Gobierno.

El "hombre rico" habló como si PBL fuera de su propiedad. Hablando como si PBL fuera de su propiedad, efectivamente dijo: sin puerto de cruceros, no hay carga.

From the Publisher



Evan X Hyde

May 29 of this year will mark the fiftieth anniversary of a major incident (or series of incidents) in Belize City which has been ignored by the media and academics of Belize.

In fairness, one needs to point out that in 1972 there was only one radio station in Belize. (Today, there are maybe fifty or sixty radio stations in The Jewel.) The one 1972 radio station was a government monopoly called Radio Belize, and the ruling People's United Party (PUP), which had never lost a national election in

its 22-year history, used the station for political propaganda.

There was no television here in 1972, except in the northern part of Corozal, where Belizeans saw Mexican television stations. At least, that is my understanding. (I know that around November of 1970 the late Galento X Neal and I saw the Muhammad Ali vs Oscar Bonavena fight on television at a sidewalk cafe in Chetumal.)

There was no internet or social media in Belize in 1972. These things were not invented until the 1990s, to

the best of my knowledge.

In May of 1972, the only real newspaper in Belize was THE REPORTER. The late Hon. Philip Goldson had closed down his BELIZE BILLBOARD in early 1972 and gone to study law in London. AMANDALA was a tiny entity printed on a letter press. The editor in May 1972 was the UBAD Secretary-General, Norman Fairweather. When he was remanded to Her Majesty's Prison (along with 10 or 11 UBADers) for a week because of the May 1972 incidents, I

believe a UBAD officer who was a Spanish teacher at St. Michael's College, Elbert "Shaft" Franklin, edited an issue of the newspaper.

I imagine I will discuss the May 1972 uproar some more in the next couple months, but I opened with the May 1972 subject to give you a sense of how few sources a researcher who wanted to look at May 1972, would have available.

The topic I want to look at today is the Belize Black Summit of September 2003, a subject a researcher would have a lot more sources to explore than one would if one wanted to study the May 1972 uprising.

If one really wants to try to figure out what happened to Belize's black community between 1972 and 2022, if one really wants to identify the phenomena which have led to the civil war among black youth here, a shooting war which has been going on for more than three decades, then one needs to go over what happened during the three days of the Belize Black Summit, held at the Biltmore Hotel.

The media and academics in Belize have totally ignored the Belize Black Summit, and they have much less of an excuse to do so than they do when they ignore May 1972.

When I look at two major areas where I held strong opinions which have been proven wrong in a devastating way, these two areas being semi-pro basketball (1992-1996) and the Belize Black Summit (2003), I am tempted to think that there were operatives in the employ of the power structure of Belize who sought to undermine both processes. (So, who is or are the power structure here?)

In the case of the black summit idea, in late 1993 I had become so obsessed with it that I lashed out at two black community icons of my generation, the late Bert Tucker and Nuri Muhammad. Why did I lash out at them? I did so because I believed that the United Democratic Party (UDP), which had returned to power in June of 1993, would not allow me to organize a black summit, because it had always been a suggestion of the UDP that the party stood for black Belizeans. I speculated that if I began work on a 1994 black summit for the silver anniversary of UBAD (February 9, 1969), the UDP would use Tucker or Muhammad against me.

This was very unfair to these two gentlemen, a terrible mistake on my part, but it is evidence of how desperate I was. (These were the early years of the gang wars, which had begun here in the late 1980s.)



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST CONSTRUCTION SERVICES

Institution: *Belize Water Services Limited*

Country: *Belize*

Project: *Seine Bight 500,000 US gallon Water Reservoir and site development*

Sector: *Plant*

Abstract: *The general objective of this publication is to engage eligible construction companies to build a two chamber 500,000 gallon reinforced concrete reservoir in the Seine Bight Village (Stann Creek District) as per design.*

Project Number: *285511191974/ BW-55-1858*

Deadline: *March 15, 2022*

The construction services ("the Services") include, but are not limited to, construction of a 76ft x 76ft above ground reinforced concrete potable water reservoir:

- supply all construction materials and construct and commission new reinforced concrete ground water reservoir (500,000 US-gallon capacity), including installation of all pipework and fixtures and
- Construct Chemical, Dosing, and Pump rooms above reservoir including Plumbing and Electrical, Site fill, internal road, parking, site lights, drainage and perimeter fencing.

Belize Water Services Limited now invites eligible construction companies ("Bidders") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Companies should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

Companies must qualify on three (3) major work categories:

- **Civil and ancillary works** including, but not limited to, construction and refurbishment of buildings, construction and refurbishment of roads and streets, major and minor roads chip and seal works, earthworks, fencing, concrete works, facility maintenance, retaining walls, drainage, security huts, shelters and canopies, railings, bins, signage, plastering, painting, etc.
- **Water Supply Systems** including new and renewals of transmission, distribution mains and service connections; installation of pump stations; installation of headworks; water treatment plant works (including mechanical/electrical and civil); and construction and/or restoration of reservoirs.
- **Commercial mechanical and electrical** works including electrical and mechanical installation for buildings and compounds

Financial category of the project:

- **Large** contract estimated more than \$1,000,000.

Financial resources of the company shall be BZ\$200,000 monthly.

Shortlisting of contractors will be based on the [Application pack – Expression of Interest for Seine Bight 500,000 US gallon Water Reservoir and site Development Tendering process](#) and is open to all eligible contractors as defined in the document.

The short list shall comprise of minimum of three (3) and maximum of eight (8) companies.

Companies may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications.

Interested parties should contact the Engineering procurement representative, via email to obtain Application Package and other information.

Expressions of interest and application package must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by e-mail) by **March 15, 2022**, no later than 3:00 P.M.

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Request for Bids (RFB)

Belize

Lot 2D - Raising of the existing pavement on the Western Approach of the Roaring Creek Bridge – GPHW

Loan # 4616/OC-BL

RFB No. 1 of 2022

1. The Government of Belize has received a loan from the Inter-American Development Bank toward the cost of **Additional Financing for the George Price Highway Rehabilitation Project** and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this loan to payments under the Contract for Construction of **Lot 2D - Raising of the existing pavement on the Western Approach of the Roaring Creek Bridge – GPHW**
2. The Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing, Government of Belize now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the Construction of **Lot 2D - Raising of the existing pavement on the Western Approach of the Roaring Creek Bridge – GPHW** the works are *scarification of existing pavement, demolition of sidewalk, kerbs and concrete plinths, raising of U drains, sidewalks and retaining walls, lifting of road base, construction of reinforced concrete pavement, relocation of existing road signs and reinstallation of guard rails and pedestrian railings*
3. The RFB will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedures specified in the Inter-American Development Bank's Policies for the Procurement of Goods and Works financed by the Inter-American Development Bank GN-2349-15 approved by the Board of Executive Directors of the Bank on 2nd of July 2019 and effective 1st of January 2020 and is open to all bidders from Eligible Source Countries as defined in the bidding document.
4. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Program Management Unit for the **Additional Financing for the George Price Highway Rehabilitation Project** pmupcmow@gmail.com AND mow.project4426@gmail.com and inspect the bidding document at the address given below First Floor, Project Execution Unit Building, Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing, #1 Power Lane, Belmopan, Cayo District during working hours of Monday to Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm (Belize time).
5. Qualifications requirements include:
 - (a) Copies of original documents defining the constitution or incorporation, and principal place of business of the Bidder; certificate of Good Standing from the Belize Social Security Board, Belize Tax Services and Company's Registry, written power of attorney of the signatory of the Bid to commit the Bidder, and historical contract non-performance.
 - (b) Total monetary value of construction works performed for **EACH** of the last three years shall be **BZ \$200,000 (cumulative BZ \$600,000)**.
 - (c) Experience in works of a similar nature and size for each of the last five years, and details of works underway or contractually committed; and clients who may be contacted for further information on those contracts.
 - (d) Listing of major construction equipment proposed to carry out the contract. Bidders must specify the conditions, numbers, type and availability, and ownership of the required equipment.
 - (e) Qualifications and experience of key site management and technical personnel proposed for the Contract.

Position	Minimum Qualifications and Experience
Survey Technician	Associate degree in Building Construction, Civil Engineering, or related field - Five years' minimum experience in surveying and civil engineering works
Environmental Health and Safety Officer	Associate degree in Environmental Science or related field - Three years' minimum experience in works of a similar nature related to Environmental, Health and Safety compliance
Foreman	Associate degree in Building Construction, Civil Engineering or related field - Three years' minimum experience in site supervision of reinforced concrete pavements, double coat chip & seal pavements and/or construction of retaining walls including guard rails.

- (f) Independently audited financial statements for the last three years (2018 - 2020);
 - (g) Evidence of working capital for this Contract (access to line(s) of credit and availability of other financial resources): **BZ \$200,000** (of which BZ \$75,000 must be in cash from a financial institution)
 - (h) Authorization to seek references from the Bidder's Bankers;
 - (i) Information regarding any litigation, current or during the last three years;
 - (j) Proposals for subcontracting components of the work amounting to more than twenty percent of the contract price. A margin of preference for national contractors/JVCAs shall not be applied.
 - (k) And any other documents or information as stipulated in the Bidding Documents
6. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English may be requested by interested bidders on the submission of a written Application to the address below.
 7. Bids must be delivered to the address below at or before 10:00 am (local Belize time) on **April 5, 2022**. Electronic bidding shall not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened physically in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person or on-line at the address below at 10:30 am (local Belize time) on **April 5, 2022**.
 8. All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security of forty thousand Belize dollars (BZ \$40,000.00).
 9. The address referred to above is:

Position	Minimum Qualifications and Experience
Project Manager/Site Engineer	B. Sc. Civil Engineering, Hydraulic Engineering, or related field - Five years' minimum experience in Project Management of Construction Works. - 5 years' minimum experience in providing technical and civil engineering services for programs which include but are not limited to construction of reinforced concrete pavements, double coat chip & seal pavements and/or construction of retaining walls including guard rails. - Registered Engineer with the Association of Professional Engineers in Belize

Attention:
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 Project Manager
 Program Management Unit
 1st Floor, Project Execution Unit Building
 Power Lane, Belmopan
 Cayo District, BELIZE
 Tel: 501-822-1942
 Email: pmupcmow@gmail.com AND
 cc: mow.project4426@gmail.com

Lord, I prayed it wasn't Ashcroft

by Colin Hyde

Seeking to block that \$1.5 million from the government to the stevedores, it's not the kind of thing associated with a Good Samaritan. My first thought was that this was an unfortunate and downright sneaky, shameless attempt by men on the lower rungs who got lost in hate and ignorance and were lashing out wildly. Until I heard that Godfrey Smith showed up in court.

Smith can't be serious. Lawyers are touted as smart, but common sense tells you that when you contract out your services you should get a "prenuptial" to protect yourself from madness. Braa, didn't you give your boss a list of things you'd never do, or the way you roll is if he asks you to jump in the kinel you ask him if he wants you to duck too?

Pere is such a big let-down

Senator Pere dropped it somewhere recently that over 40 years now it's been on the books that a medical practitioner in Belize can prescribe weed. It's possible that he just found that out and is trying to play smart. If he knew it all along, from when he was AG, then Eamon was right about what the A on his report stood for.

My gudnis, Pere, you could have won in Freetown if you had spread the good news and gotten one courageous doctor on board to prescribe.

Chaansi PUP saddening UDP

I've reported on this before, PUP opening things that the UDP built, and I did it with the hope that I could get the PUP bohgaz to stop, and also help

the UDP from feeling poorly. But it's just getting worse. The cruel PUP just won't stop cutting ribbons, with all the fanfare, at structures they didn't even paint. And the UDP just keeps getting sadder.

Hey, on real sadness, condolences to Mrs. Tracy Panton, on the death of her husband, and to the UDP family, on the loss of their colorful brother. I met Herbert once, over a bottle. I never forgot that he wrote an inspiring review of my *Whopper Snapper*.

Balkanization, and associated thoughts

Students of history who are following the aggression of Russia see that country's leader following the path of Adolf Hitler and other similar type leaders. The Chinese wise man says a journey of a thousand miles starts with one step, and all sports fans know that when their team is down, it can't get back in one gulp. In football you can't score two goals with one shot; in basketball you can't score two points with one free throw; and in softball it's one base runner at a time. In Kriol we say *saafli saafli taiga kech monki*.

I hate having to write this. Jim Reeves sang, "are my fears coming true", and that's how it has been with me about customary land rights, that a party might want too much. There is always a "what next", and in this case I prayed it would be with the good of Belize always at the fore, so there wouldn't be much contention. I worry that we will lose the love. I understand in negotiation some will push, but braa, you have to tread lightly, for the love of nation.

We all understand the process of negotiation. The worst is when the

parties start far apart. My, we know where our Mayan brothers and sisters in that part of the country started from. They had no rights at all. And now some leaders luk like dehn waahn tek dehn head.

Give some people an inch, they take a yard. Our leaders understand how the world works. Said Musa said, no Balkanization. Dean Barrow tried to overturn the ruling. That's my interpretation of what happened between 2008 and 2020. John Briceño says he is not giving away Toledo.

The ruling, ten to one Justice Sosa would have said no. I believe that. Justice Conteh said yes. This corner cheered his verdict. Justice Conteh never said a solid block. He said we'll have to work it out.

Someone mentioned the Mennonites. I understand they have three villages that have what we could call communal land. According to my source, the one at Spanish Lookout came about after the Mennonite group bought 18,500 acres from a lady named Ms. Olga Burns in the 1950s. There was a governor in Belize named Burns. Belize was a colony up to 1964. The Mennonites control many thousands of acres. But only those acres in the three communities have communal-type land status.

We understand the 41 Mayan villages are scattered over a million acres, 17% of Belize. These million acres are not like the Indian reservations in the US, which are mostly desert land. There are things we have to understand about development. Dr. Leroy Taegar liked saying that the land is the bank. All progressive governments steer the land into the hands of individuals who they believe will develop it. That's how wealth is created.

The US holds 2.3% of their land

in reserve for the Native Americans. I said these are not the kinds of land we find in Toledo. The reservations in the US are mostly arid places, the equivalent of the salt marshes/broken ridge you see between Mile 25 and Hattieville on the George Price Highway. Many Native Americans are poor. They can't produce much on those lands. Much of the lands in Toledo are what the Americans call bottom land. You can grow anything there.

2.3%. I thought that would be more or less the area that would have been labeled as falling under customary land rights. I think that was what Justice Conteh was thinking too. 2.3%. That doesn't mean that our Mayan brothers and sisters wouldn't get land outside of the rez. It means that all the land wouldn't be under communal ownership. Quite likely, most of the lands around the communal villages would be owned by Mayans. But they would be subject to the direction of national leadership.

I'll complain with Jules Vasquez for bringing up the "fact" that there are some little racial things in Belize and some might be looking at the Maya of Toledo winning customary land rights and objecting because of their bias. I expect those disappointing types exist, but on his show with a couple Mayan leaders, that shouldn't have been part of the discussion. That lapse opened the door for a story about leaders who are about the notorious divide and conquer. Braa, the only thing being divided here is Belize; an aggressive element in a group has expressed ambitions to divvy away 17% of her, and conquer.

If this claim should go through, as it APPEARS that it is being pushed by the JCS, MLA, and TAA, then the question arises, if they, like the Mennonites of Spanish Lookout, should stay away from voting in Belize's general elections. FPIC, with the FULL CONSENT, is a go on communal lands. But all of Belize isn't communal lands. And 17% of Belize can't be communal lands.

Bah, I really don't know what Godfrey Smith was doing at a blackboard. Was he the one who said the ship has sailed? I don't know what he was talking about. Does he understand that the real story here is the definition of communal land? If a man shoots a deer five miles from home, is that communal land? It could be, IF that's how we choose to define it. Is every piece of forest that has fallen to the axe and machete and chainsaw in the last 100 years communal land? It could be, IF that's how we choose to define it.

Customary land is land that you use ALL the time. The village proper and immediate surrounds are communal land. From there we start to reason. I still look forward to something absolutely beautiful coming out of the process. Let us treasure our love.

Notice to the public :

This is to inform you that pursuant to the Telecommunications Act S.I.110 of 2002, that Derrick Velasquez of Dangriga, has applied to the Public Utilities Commission for the use of FM Broadcast frequency to operate an FM Radio station- Southern Belize Media Radio station for sound broadcast to provide coverage throughout the Stann Creek district and surrounding areas.



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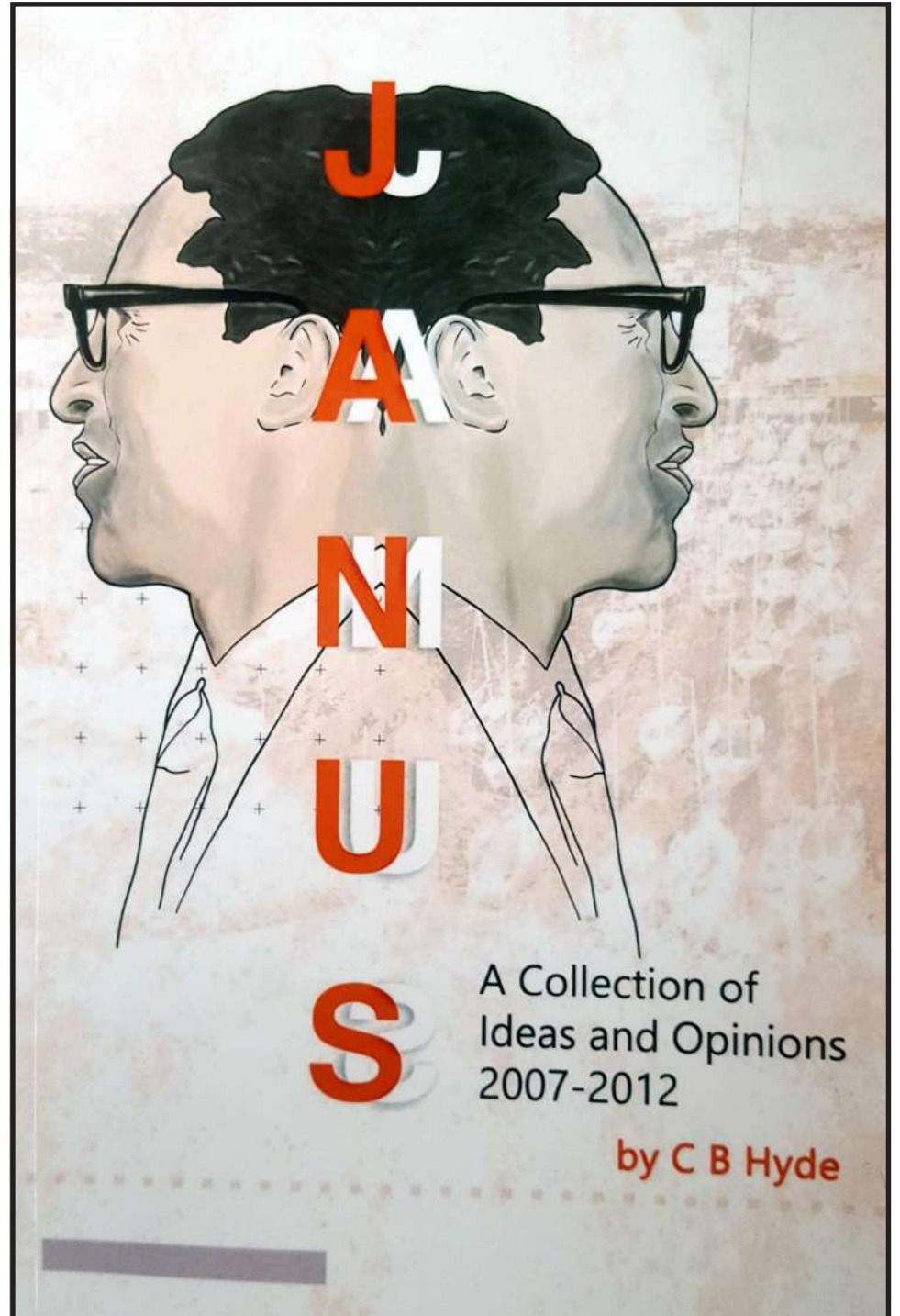
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The clash of races

The following, our dear readers of this column, is a sensitive issue which to me is educational. The term “Creole” was introduced by the invaders and conquerors of this continent we call America, who were the masters of an enslaved people brought from Africa and also of the indigenous people of this land, which caused a “boil up”, and out of that a new race was born. Sometime ago, while I was filling out an official document, the officer asked what my race was. I wondered at that moment, what race am I? Such a question had never been asked to me before and I said to her, “I don’t have a race”. She answered, saying, “you must have one; you’re either Creole or Mestizo”.

Once more, I started to wonder, where did she get the information that Creole is a race? Creole was used many years ago during the time of the conquest; when Europeans had

their children here in America, they were called Creole. The same was true for the Africans that were brought here, their children were called Creole, which means to say that whether the father and mother were European, or the father and mother were African, children born in America were called Creole. But that was many, many years ago, and I had forgotten all about it, but it so happens that, coming to Belize, I knew about a Creole tongue (language) that is derived from English. It’s a broken and an ungrammatical English, which is called Creole and spoken by Belizeans on a whole. But a Creole race? I never heard about it before, so I went and tried to do some research to see if such a thing exists, and no—it doesn’t exist.

The other word is Mestizo. Mestizo is not a race; it is a mixture of races. They were called Mestizos

here in America, which means a mixture between Europeans and Indigenous people. In the case of Belize, it would be the Maya, since Belize is part of the Maya world. So, it would be the Maya mixed with Spanish or Spaniard; that’s where the Mestizo came from; it’s not a race, it’s a mixture, it’s two races. So, I do not know how it is that Belizean intellectuals, those who form the think tanks and make laws and constitutions and all those things, have not realized that there is a big mistake; it is a myth and it seems that this country, they love to live under myths, under lies, under made-up things. There’s no such thing as a Creole race or a Mestizo race. These are mixtures of races on both sides.

When I look at myself, I had to start thinking, now which race am I, since I’ve been asked that question. I’m a mixture of African, Maya and European. Those genes flow through my veins. I’m a mixture of races, I am a product of the clash of races, and I was born here in America, here in Central America. I was not born in the Caribbean, no, in Central America. Of course, here the shore is part of the Caribbean Sea, but that does not make me a Caribbean, I’m



by Clinton Canul Luna

not part of the Caribbean. One thing is the agreement and the formation of CARICOM countries that came together and formed themselves, but to say that I have a tie, or a family tie in any of those islands, no, and I think the majority of us don’t have. Now, we are also part of the Central American Integration System (SICA), and it so happens that, taking that in mind, it reminds me of the first time I took out my passport. It was in English and French, and I wondered also, why French? There is no French country close by. We are surrounded by countries of Spanish-speaking people, and Spanish is also widely spoken in Belize, and many of us speak spanglish, which is a mixture of the English and Spanish languages. Going back to the topic of the passport, I remember writing an article about why such a document in Belize is written in French and English, since we are surrounded by Spanish-speaking countries.

Fortunately, afterwards, it was changed, and now it comes out in English and Spanish. The other thing that I observed arriving here, back in ‘93, ‘94 was that the justice system would always mention the term “Spanish”—that the Spanish had committed such crime, the Spanish did this or the other, and I also wrote another article, which was published in this same newspaper, in which I stated that there were no Spaniards here in Belize. There were Maya and there were Mestizos. Lately, I have been trying to do a little research on the words Ladino, Latino, Hispanic, etc. They are all the same. It’s a mixture of races, it is not a race. Now, ethnicity, we have to go on the word ethnic and its definition is as follows:

“A group of people who share a similar culture (beliefs, values, and behaviors), language, religion, ancestry, or other characteristic that is often handed down from one generation to the next. They may come from the same country or live together in the same area. Examples of ethnic groups include Hispanics and Han Chinese. Some diseases or genetic conditions may be more common in certain ethnic groups than in others.” - (<https://www.cancer.gov/publications/dictionaries/cancer-terms/def/ethnic-group>).

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From the Publisher

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Well, Kremandala has its own radio station and its own television station, and Kremandala has the recordings of the 2003 Belize Black Summit, but we have never felt the urge to broadcast the recordings. ???

The featured speaker at that 2003 summit was a professor at Philadelphia’s Temple University, Molefi Asante, who was an associate of the fabled African history professor, the late John Henrik Clarke.


Perhaps even more important was the fact that the summit concluded with an open mike session where, if I remember correctly, upwards of seventy Belizeans stepped forward to express their ideas or put forward their suggestions for positive change in the black community.

I think it would be good for us to listen today to what our people were saying almost two decades ago. I am, needless to say, biased, because Dr. Ted Aranda, Virginia Echols, and myself were the main organizers of the summit. But surely an airing of the black summit recordings would be more valuable than that constant refrain, with reference to the unending bloodshed, “This has to stop.” It ain’t stopping, Jack: it just keeps getting worse.

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From the Publisher

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This Monday morning I decided to visit the KREM Television studio in order to give a little moral support to Ya Ya Marin Coleman, who had been forced to substitute for host Mose Hyde on KREM's WUB morning show. As president of the Christian Workers Union (CWU), Mose had major responsibilities this morning in the Supreme Court because of a dastardly challenge to the union by the Port of Belize, which is to say, by Vladimir Ashcroft. But yesterday morning, the practically indefatigable Ya Ya had missed her *KREM Sunday Review* show because of exhaustion. Hence, my "morale" visit.

I was stunned when I pushed the KREM TV door to see my contemporary Cliff Lewis, the television station's technical guru, cleaning up in the bathroom, a classic case of beyond the call of duty. Like myself, Cliff is in his mid-seventies, and past what we normally consider retirement age. A lot of things went through my head.

The centerpiece of my thoughts was an organization of young people that emerged in Belize City in the early 1960s after the devastating Hurricane Hattie of late October 1961. The organization was called "The Righteous Crowd," and gathered on weekends mostly at the North Front

Street home of Kevurtis Andersen.

Some years ago, my son Mose and Norman Fairweather's daughter, Imani, who are friends, got Norman and me together to discuss various things, principally for our children's understanding and benefit.

A prominent and assertive leader of "The Righteous" was the late Cecil "Chubby" Reneau, but to me, as a sideline associate of The Righteous, the undoubted superstar was Norman Fairweather, who had been sent to school in Jamaica after Hattie and had become exposed to a more sophisticated level of socializing.

Let me bring in Cliff, whom I knew only by face back then in the early

1960s. Cliff was a modest and quiet guy. He and the late Ed "Junior" Yorke were dating two sisters, tall young ladies from the Myvett family, and both of these relationships were very stable.

Perhaps the only area where Tony Wright and I have a slight disagreement is this: Tony feels that we have lost things that we will never regain in the black community here. I agree, but I do not encourage myself in nostalgia, because I feel that all young generations will experience relationships and happenings that they will look back on with wonder when they age. This is because teenage hormones are so powerful, Jack, so powerful.

During my session with Norman as long as a decade ago, he said his children suggested he write a book. The Righteous was an unbelievable organization because it included Belizean teenagers across school, religion, and class barriers.

One of the reasons I was not a Righteous regular was because, as an SJC Sixth Form student, I rolled sometimes with parties that included young people like Sonny Meighan, Peter Young, Carlson Gough, Carlos Perdomo, Vance and Lennox Vernon, and so on. I think the hostesses of these parties were the Martinez sisters of Daly Street, and for sure Anne Longsworth from St. Hilda's College was one of the female stars.

A few weeks ago, Norman and I were corresponding by e-mail, and he told me that Percy Mutrie, Steve Tillett, and Dick Lewis had all moved to Florida. I missed Dennis "Jazz" Henry, my basketball teammate from SJC.

Kent Bladon and Evan Evans have passed.

Everybody moved to America except Junior Yorke (deceased), Cliff, and me. That's how it looks to me.

The Righteous Crowd — what an incredible sociological phenomenon. Nzinga Barkley-Waite was a part of that story. Cliff Lewis knows a lot of things. Talk to him sometime.

Power to the people, and blessings upon you.

VACANCY NOTICE

Operations Manager

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

Reports to: Chief Executive Officer

Summary of Responsibilities: Lead the Operations Department to achieve the best possible level of service to our Customers, at the lowest possible cost, whilst ensuring zero harm. Inspire and motivate all Supervisors, Clerks and Operators and other Operations Staff to continuously improve safety standards and productivity, through the application of lean processes, complimented by the relevant application of technology. Lead change initiatives to achieve these macro-level goals. Establish and maintain excellent working relationships with all other heads of department, collaborating within the leadership team to ensure the optimal holistic contribution to the continued success of the company.

Job Responsibilities:

- Attract, develop, grow and retain the best talents and fill the leadership pipeline.
- Organize, balance and schedule workloads within the department.
- Prioritize, delegate, and set performance objective, and develop visual management systems.
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- Work closely with the Accounting department to ensure that all services are precisely and expeditiously billed to the Customers.
- Coordinate just-in-time berthing of all vessels with the Marine department.
- Maintain high levels of data quality for Operational information and reports provided to other functions.
- Represent the company towards Unions, Customers, Regulators and Authorities.
- Provide inputs into budgetary processes.
- Take ownership in ambiguous situations.

Job Qualifications/Requirement:

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PRESS PREDICTIONS

The sports psychic speaks

BOLEDO

“Press” Predictions: 49-03-50 Boledo stats thru 4th to 11th March, 2022

In boledo news, 19 played some 3 times already. These are my lucky numbers for this week: 49-03-50-24-45-90. These are my lucky jackpot numbers: 6155-2733-8646. These are my lucky PICK-3 numbers: 919-750-099-206-134-809. Get ready Belize, lots of dinero will be coming our way. 50 refuses to play, 50 is still out for over 1 year 7 months 2 weeks and 3 days now, 55 is still out over 1 year 5 months 2 weeks and 4 days now, 49 just joined those 2 hard numbers, 49 last played on the 10th of February last year, that’s over 1 year and 3 weeks now. The teens play the most at 10 times already. Keep your eyes open for 12 and 55, those 2 numbers will be out very soon. The sixties series played some 8 times already. This year will produce a lot of doubles. Remember to read your Psalms: 91-27-63, good luck to all buyers. Next week more stats.

LOCAL FOOTBALL

Verdes FC will beat Altitude FC

3 TO 1

Local Football Results and Predictions

In local football action week-4 games results, all of the 4 games went 1-nil, that sounds like a rake. Verdes FC edged the San Pedro Pirates 1-nil, Juan Carlos Lopez, the Mexican import, scored the only goal. Then Altitude FC beat Wagiya FC 1-nil, Louis “Baker” Torres scored, he has the best spot kick in the country. Then Garden City edged Caesar Ridge 1-nil at the MCC Grounds, Shawn Young scored the only goal. Verdes FC is the only undefeated team left. They have secured themselves to the next Concacaf tournament in August. They already have 40 points. This Sunday at the FFB field, Verdes FC will beat Altitude FC 3 goals to 1. Edwin Bernal Villada will score alongside Krisean Lopez, they will be undefeated this season for sure, and they have won 39 games in their last 40 games with 1 draw. Next week more stats.

CYCLING

Oscar Quiros won the 2-day tour Valentine’s Classic Results and Updates

In cycling action, DigiCell sponsored the 2-day race. There

was a time trial of 12 miles. Oscar Quiros of team Valvoline BTB 501 won that stage, Then Brandon Cathouse won the 60-mile road race the afternoon, then there was the 105-mile race on the Sunday to close it off. Team Digi’s Giovanni Lovell won the race, but Oscar Quiros had the best time accumulated. There were over 60 cyclists that participated. Marlon Castillo is back and looks like the Diesel power of the past, Fitzgerald “Palas” Joseph was 16th overall, Ernest “Peenie” Bradley is riding pretty well. Derrick Chavarria will be very dangerous in the Belmopan Cycling Classic in 2 weeks’ time, he will be a favorite to win the garland for Belize. The Cross Country is just 42 days away. Next week some predictions on the Belmopan classic.

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Ja Morant is one of the best all-around players

NBA Results and Predictions and Updates

In NBA action, the Phoenix Suns still have the best record at 51-11, Chris Paul is out with a thumb injury,



by Gilroy “Press” Cadogan

he will be back very soon, Devin Booker will have to carry the load. The Golden State Warriors will have back Draymond Green and Jordan Poole very soon, Klay Thompson is playing good as before his 2 years injuries, he topscored with 33 points for his team already. The Memphis Grizzlies and Ja Morant are at the third seed, they will create a lots of problems for some big teams. The L.A Clippers edged the L.A Lakers by some 3 points, then the Brooklyn Nets edged the Milwaukee Bucks by some 3 points also. Kyrie Erving is unstoppable for the Nets, the Chicago Bulls and the Miami Heat are on top of the East, the Philadelphia 76ers will have James Harden very soon in the line-up with Joel Embiid. The Boston Celtics is the hottest team right now, they have won 12 of their last 14 games. Jason Tatum is in a “zone” right now. Next week more stats.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BELIZE A.D. 2022

CLAIM NO. 2 OF 2022

IN THE MATTER OF A CLAIM TO RECOGNIZE A FOREIGN RECEIVER

AND

IN THE MATTER OF RULE 8.1(6)(b) OF THE SUPREME COURT (CIVIL PROCEDURE) RULES, 2005

BETWEEN

MARC-PHILIP FERZAN OF ANKURA CONSULTING GROUP, LLC

CLAIMANT

AND

SITTEE RIVER WILDLIFE RESERVE ECO-FUTURES BELIZE LIMITED SANCTUARY BELIZE PROPERTY OWNERS’ ASSOCIATION

FIRST DEFENDANT
SECOND DEFENDANT
THIRD DEFENDANT

TO: SITTEE RIVER WILDLIFE RESERVE ECO-FUTURES BELIZE LIMITED SANCTUARY BELIZE PROPERTY OWNERS’ ASSOCIATION

Take Notice that on February 24th, 2022, the Supreme Court of Belize granted an Order:

1. Recognizing the appointment of Marc-Philip Ferzan of Ankura Consulting Group, LLC as Receiver over the Defendants; and
2. Awarding costs to the Claimant in the sum of \$20,000.00.

Further Take Notice that it was ordered that service of this Order be effected by publication in two successive editions of a local newspaper.

DATED the 24th day of February, 2022


BARROW & WILLIAMS LLP
Attorneys-at-Law for the Claimant

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Chief Executive Officer
Ministry of Health & Wellness
Belmopan
ceosecretary@health.gov.bz

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Bullet Tree men charged for Hattieville home invasion

Two residents of Bullet Tree Falls village were arrested and charged in connection with a home invasion in Hattieville, during which the family's Toyota Hilux was stolen.



Angel Mayen and Charlie Martinez

by **Charles Gladden**

BELIZE CITY, Mon. Feb. 28, 2022

Two men from Bullet Tree Falls village in the Cayo District were

detained by police for driving a vehicle that was reportedly stolen during a home invasion that occurred in Hattieville on Sunday morning, February 27. Those men were later charged in connection with the burglary of the home.

At around 12:30 a.m. on that day, Theodore Gabourel, a security guard, was at home with his common-law wife, Laura-Mae Mortis, and a child who is Mortis' granddaughter, when he was awakened by someone shouting "police" outside of his home. When he ventured outside to find out what was happening, he was held up at gunpoint by two men.

The robbers then proceeded to tie up the family and ransack their home. At some point, they also allegedly hit Gabourel in the back with a gun. They then stole approximately \$2,000 in different denominations, as well as jewelry worth several thousand dollars and Mortis' grey 2014 Toyota Hilux pickup truck, in which they escaped.

The accused men, since identified as Charlie Martinez, 34, and Angel Mayen, 23, residents of Bullet Tree Falls, in the Cayo District, were later detained by police at the Bullet Tree Falls checkpoint, near the country's western border, sometime after 4:30 a.m. that morning, after the pickup truck matching the description listed in Gabourel's report to police was spotted by officers. The officers later confirmed, by checking the VIN number of the vehicle, that it was indeed the stolen Hilux.

Communications Director of the Police Department, ASP Fitzroy Yearwood, had initially told local reporters that both men would be charged with "handling stolen goods" and possibly theft. He indicated, however, that police were engaged in efforts to gather evidence that would establish a connection between the men and the home invasion, after which more serious charges would be brought against Mayen and Martinez.

"I know that investigators are trying their very best to prove their involvement in the original home invasion. But, like I said, the investigation is still pretty young and we are not rushing, we're trying to cover all bases, and we will see whether or not we can prove them to



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VACANCY

Citrus Products of Belize Limited (CPBL) has a vacancy for one (1) **Agronomist** and invites suitably qualified candidates to submit applications to fill the post.

Main duties and Responsibilities

As an Agronomist, you will be expected to perform the following duties which will form the basis of your employment and provide the framework for subsequent job performance review.

- Be focused on increasing the volume and quality of fruits produced by CPBL.
- Conduct experiments or investigations in the field of diseases and challenges and recommend corrective actions.
- Recommend new methods of growing crops to secure more efficient production, higher yields and improve quality.
- Study, assess and evaluate soil chemistry and testing and make recommendations to improve soil quality and plant nutrition.
- Recommend and develop ways to make crops more pest and disease resistant, mitigate and/ or avoid diseases.
- In the absence of the GAM, provide oversight for Farm Managers / Supervisors as the need may arise.
- Provide support in the direct management of the daily operations and general maintenance of CPBL Farms for both mature and new development as well as replanting with an aim to increasing economic benefits.
- Support the GAM on pertinent agriculture matters at CPBL to optimize efficiencies in cost and productivity.
- Assist the GAM in monitoring and managing the implementation and efficiency of the approved budget for CPBL Farms.
- Recommend to the GAM appropriate herbicide, insecticide, fungicide and fertilizer to be used in the farms and monitor and maintain records of their effectiveness.
- Provide the necessary technical expertise to maintain best conditions at CPBL Farms as it relates to diseases, nutrition, improved varieties, farming practices and new technologies.
- Provide monthly technical reports to the GAM by the 15th of the following month and provide recommendations to ensure that financial returns are met.
- Other duties that may be assigned by the Group Agriculture Manager, Chief Executive Officer and/or Chief Administrative Manager.

Qualifications and Experience

- Minimum Qualifications of a Bachelors in Agronomy with three years relevant experience.
- Be competent in Microsoft Office.

Salary

Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Please submit application with resume and three letters of references by **Friday March 18, 2022** to:

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Social Investment Fund Vacancy Notice Technical Officer - Civil Engineer

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Reports To: The Civil Engineer will report to the Technical Unit Coordinator.

Direct Reports: None

Job Overview:

The Civil Engineer (CE) will be stationed at the Fund's Headquarters in Belmopan. The CE shall be supervised by the Technical Unit Coordinator. The CE shall be responsible for conducting technical, environmental, financial, and sustainability appraisals of projects. In addition, the CE shall be responsible for the monitoring of projects implemented by the Fund. Whenever necessary, the CE will be required to provide advice in their field of expertise to other technical officers at the fund.

Responsibilities and Duties:

- Perform all duties in keeping with the procedures, guidelines, and agreements provided for by the organization.
- Participate as a member of BSIF's Technical Unit in the organizing and supervising of community needs and assets assessments and organizational needs assessments.
- Conduct technical, environmental, economic, financial, and sustainability assessments of project proposals.
- Participate as a member of BSIF's Technical Unit in the development of projects, which shall be presented to the BSIF Board of Directors and funding agency(ies) for approval.
- Develop infrastructure plans, specifications, bills of quantities, and cost estimates for various social and economic infrastructure projects.
- In instances where design and supervision consultants are engaged by the BSIF, the officer shall review and provide detailed commentary on the quality of outputs provided by the consultants.
- Conduct the technical evaluation of bids for the execution of works and the supply of goods.
- Conduct the evaluation of expressions of interest submitted by consultants, followed by the technical and financial evaluation of proposals submitted for the provision of consultancy services.
- Monitor and supervise the activities of contractors and goods suppliers to ensure that services rendered are in accordance with the terms and conditions of their respective contracts.
- Monitor and supervise the activities undertaken by consultants to ensure that services rendered to the BSIF are in accordance with the terms and conditions of their respective contracts.

- Verify payment certificates submitted by consultants and prepare in-house payment certificates, which shall be used to substantiate the approval of payments.
- Participate in the coordination and supervision of work undertaken by community members as a part of their community contribution.
- Participate in the coordination and supervision of training activities for various stakeholders.
- Prepare infrastructure design changes and budget changes that may arise during the execution of project activities.
- Liaise with various counterparts to ensure the efficient execution of project activities.
- Assume responsibility for the Fund's Assets assigned to the officer for the execution of duties.
- Report to the Technical Unit Coordinator on the progress of project activities under execution.
- Any other duties required for the effective functioning of the BSIF.

Qualifications and Experience:

- A minimum of a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering.
- A corporate member with the Association of Professional Engineers of Belize (APEB)
- A minimum of three (3) years of experience designing, reviewing designs, and supervising construction works as it relates to water supply projects.

General Knowledge:

- Computer literate with a working knowledge of the Microsoft Office suite of applications.
- Proficient with computer aided drafting tools.
- Good command of the English language
- Highly proficient in technical writing.
- Comfortable with emails, text messages, reprographic equipment
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Positive attitude to get along with a high-performance team.

Salary: Negotiable based on experience and qualifications.

Duration of Assignment: One (1) year with the potential for extension for a longer duration.

Closing Date for Applications: March 18, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

Applications should be addressed to:

Senior Procurement Officer
Social Investment Fund
3rd Floor, #1902 Constitution Drive
Belmopan, Cayo District
Tel: 822-0239/822-0508
E-mail: ruby.pascascio@sifbelize.org
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Bullet Tree men charged for Hattieville home invasion

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be perpetrators of that crime," Yearwood had said.

"Now that we know, this crime that took place a few hours later we recovered the vehicle. Our investigators know how to piece that together, and we're hoping that after connecting the dots we can charge all parties involved, hopefully, [depending] on what we gathered in this investigation," he had remarked.

It appears that they were able to establish that connection, because when Mayen and Martinez appeared in the Magistrate's Court on Wednesday, they were charged with wounding (for allegedly hitting Gabourel in the back with a gun) and aggravated burglary and were remanded to the Belize Central Prison. They pleaded not guilty to both charges. Their next court appearance is scheduled to take place on April 28. Although they were not offered bail in the Magistrate's Court, since a gun was used in the commission of the home invasion, they have the option of applying for bail in the Supreme Court.

In recent years, a number of Hilux pickup trucks have been stolen from Belize and taken for sale across the Guatemalan border, where these vehicles appear to be in high demand. ASP Yearwood believes that this was the plan of Mayen and Martinez, based on the location in which they were found.

"We believe so far of the nature and the place that we found the stolen vehicle, we believe that they were definitely targeted for that vehicle, because if you notice that being found in Santa Familia is no distance away from the Guatemalan border and we have seen a trend when these Hilux go missing that they try to get it as quickly as possible towards the border or across the border in some of these cases," Yearwood said.

He added, "We know that there is a high demand for that kind of vehicle in Guatemala, and whether or not he was unfortunate, whether the orchestrators of that crime are from Belize District itself, is what the investigators are trying to put together. We wouldn't want the general public into [a] high state of panic and at the same time, if you're the owner of these vehicles, we want you to be very alert. And the paramount importance is your safety. We're not telling you to go out there and to hurry sell your truck, because people buy things for their own convenience and these are people of humble earnings, and we are very happy that our officers' diligent work and their alertness on duty helped us to recover this pickup before it went into Guatemala, and we would have had a more difficult task to try to recover it," continued ASP Yearwood.

He further commented, "This isn't the first Toyota Hilux that went missing from the Belize District, and we have seen where some have [gone] missing in the Cayo District, indeed. Now, we are putting together the puzzle."



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Remuneration is commensurate with MOE approved salary scales.

Application packages should include the following: a signed letter of application, a copy of a university diploma showing the highest earned degree, official university transcript(s), two named referees, copy of social security card, and a recent police record.

Completed application packages can be dropped off at the College, emailed to president@shc.edu.bz. Or mail to:

Secretary
Board of Governors
P.O. Box 163
San Ignacio Town
Cayo District

Deadline for Application: March 14th, 2022



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VACANCY

Citrus Products of Belize Ltd (CPBL) is looking for a detail-oriented **Industrial/ Mechanical/ Electrical Engineer** to work with our Engineering Team. The successful applicant must ensure/maintain the smooth operation of the factory, capable to design and install new equipment in specialized areas such as industrial evaporators, steam boilers, industrial refrigeration (ammonia refrigerant), and low voltage Motor Control centers. The Company invites suitably qualified candidates to submit applications to fill this vacant post.

Responsibilities include but not limited to:

- Manage the engineering team of technicians, mechanical staff and resources to ensure continuous support to keep equipment operating at full capacity, for a trouble free operation.
- Analyze breakdowns, diagnose faults and supervise time critical equipment repairs and monitoring the performance of equipment after repairs have been carried out.
- Ensure the implementation of preventive maintenance programs.
- On the basis of programmed activities and operating conditions, prompt notification of spare part requirements to compensate deviations from routine and special maintenance demands.
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- Manage and support ongoing preventative maintenance program.
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- Review production processes and support improvements to increase efficiency, improve quality and machine availability.
- Design control systems to minimize costs and production downtime.
- Train staff for new processes and providing instructions and manuals.
- Manage process documentation and preparing production reports.

Requirements:

- Bachelor's degree or higher in Mechanical, Electrical, or Industrial Engineering.
- At least 3 years' experience with a commercial organization in any of the above related engineering career
- Advanced knowledge of production machinery, processes, and standards.
- Strong communication, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills.
- Knowledge of Computerized Maintenance Management System (CMMS) is an advantage.
- Troubleshooting skills and attention to detail.
- Documentation and organization skills.
- Knowledge of EPA and OSH guidelines
- Proficiency in MS Office and AutoCAD.

Salary: Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Please address letters of application accompanied by Curriculum Vitae, two references, and a police record or proof of application by **Friday, March 18, 2022** to:

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CONSULTANCY NOTICE
Development of a Stakeholder
Engagement Plan for Environmental
Impact Assessments in Belize



BACKGROUND

The Department of the Environment (DOE) is committed to meaningful and effective stakeholder engagement in the preparation and evaluation of Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA). This will contribute to a successful project, eliminate conflicts with local communities and other stakeholders, and provide for a transparent and systematic process that is beneficial to all parties. Failing to carry out a meaningful consultation in development of the EIA report and in the evaluation process may result in timeline delays, failure of the project, and a significant cost to the community, executing agency, and beneficiaries.

Public Consultations and Hearings were carried out in-person since the inception of the EIA Regulations. However, the safeguard measures now in place to prevent, control, contain and suppress the spread of the infectious disease COVID-19 has required that the DOE identify and implement new measures for the continued and enhancement of public involvement in the EIA process. Hence, the stakeholder plan shall take into consideration such new measures and the need for their standardization and formalization, taking into consideration existing policies and programs to engage stakeholders.

OBJECTIVES

The Department of the Environment is looking for a consultant/firm that will be able to develop a Stakeholder Engagement Plan, taking into consideration the safeguard measures now in place to prevent, control, contain and suppress the spread of the infectious disease COVID-19.

The consultant will be expected to develop and submit the following to the Department for implementation.

- I. A Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) to be used during the EIA Screening Process when conducting public consultations/hearings to further strengthen the Environmental Clearance Process. Such a plan will outline actions/activities/processes to be set in motion at the time confirmation is received that the developer will proceed with the EIA study, to the final stage of the EIA process, that is, the decision-making stage.
- II. A procedure that is the most effective/efficient means of communication to standardize the public consultation and engagement, considering the background of all stakeholders.
- III. Developed an information commercial showcasing the means and way of effective participation for the EIA process.

QUALIFICATIONS

- (i) Minimum of Bachelor's degree in Social Science, Communication, Psychology, Sociology or related field, Master's degree preferred.
- (ii) Minimum of 5 years working experience in the field of Social Science with a broad understanding of human behavior, communication, as well as issues of environment and society, and with practical experience in the development of action plans.
- (iii) Familiarity and work experience in the field for an extended period in Belize are essential.
- (iv) Ability to engage stakeholders in an effective and efficient manner.
- (v) Excellent writing and communication skills and ability to work in a multidisciplinary and multicultural team and excellent command of English is required.

SUBMISSION PROCESS

The Department of the Environment is inviting consultant/firm who possess the requisite qualifications to submit an application to include a cover letter, a proposed work plan, methodologies, and copy of C.V along with a proposed budget to the Chief Environmental Officer, Department of The Environment, Second Floor, The Green Building, 7552 Hummingbird Highway, City of Belmopan. The DOE will not bear any cost associated with the preparation of this proposal. Digital Copies of the application can be emailed to doe.ceo@environment.gov.bz.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

The deadline for the submissions of packages has now been extended from February 24, 2022, to March 18th, 2022 at 3:30 pm.

Interested persons can get a copy of the Terms of Reference (ToR) from the DOE website: www.doe.gov.bz or contact the Department of the Environment via email gordonkd@gobmail.gov.bz or eiaunit@environment.gov.bz



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Where we stand

by Marco Lopez

How could the colonizer look after his workers while periodically gunning down a crowd of colonized? How could the colonized deny himself so cruelly yet make such excessive demands? How could he hate the colonizers and yet admire them so passionately? (I too feel this admiration in spite of myself.)

--*The Colonizer and the Colonized (Boston, 1967), p. x.*

When I contemplate those master seafarers, pirates, and buccaneers of Scottish and English origin— who somehow maneuvered the torrential waters tucked safely behind what we now know as the Belize Barrier Reef – I get a sense of awe. Damn, think about the fight with those waves, and risks of running aground. Imagine

there really was a storm on that night, or day, they first arrived. If you've ever gone deepwater fishing outside the reef, you would be able to relate, but see, these same men, who in their own right, have garnered respect and admiration for their exploits, laid the foundation for the oppressive class that continues to dominate our country today. And so, we have the Baymen, and a band of black slaves who would shank the other at the first bad glance, but take countless cat-o'-nine-tail kisses from an unloving master and bid him the time of the day the next morning.

Where we stand here and now is not by a mistake, but is the result of an intricate design created to maintain the power and dominance of the oppressive class. This is why we see countless reports of Belize City youths killing each other time after time and none covering a

protest of the murderous fuel prices and cost of living. The enemy of my enemy is my friend? No, not in Belize. Because by design, by way of our failed educational system, we are taught to ingratiate ourselves to those in power, the natural enemy of the oppressed, and scorn those on the fringes of so-called societal rank, our natural kinsmen. Do the math: the oppressed in our societies across the world are the majority, yet in Belize, the majority is called untalented, not worth those positions of rank and respect reserved only for the very select. Sure.

We cannot become convinced that we are unfit, we cannot accept the narratives that we are lazy and incapable of learning, and we cannot and should never live up to the expectations of those in the dominant class, that we are good for nothing and troublemakers. Self-deprecation

is a tool used by the upper class and sadly internalized in Belizean society. I've oftentimes heard the stories of mothers and fathers putting up their houses for educational loans for their kids in colonial Belize, only to be denied on the grounds that "they could be a policeman or teacher, maybe a nurse – but doctor? lawyer? Oh no, can't approve a loan for that." Whether or not it's true, it is seen clearly that time and time again young Belizeans, specifically young black kids from the southside of Belize City, are oftentimes told that their dreams are ridiculous, impossible, and unattainable. And sadly, I've grown to see so many become convinced of that and settle – or implode.

The design of our system, and many others across the world, turns those hopeless souls against each other, instead of against those who have subjugated and dehumanized them (and in turn, dehumanized themselves); in fact, they hold close to their hearts the oppressors, and are constantly sweetened by the fake love, suppression, in the guise of humanitarianism. So, we see when elections come around a host of *reds* and *blues* are out in numbers, and let's be real, my people on the ground are not **entirely** concerned with who wins or loses—they know not much will change for them—but are more interested in when that day-pay for their support hits their hands. In Belize, the politician embodies the idea of counterfeit paternalism, I'd dare to say all in emulation, but none reaching close to, the Father of the Nation. And yes, while his counterfeit was the best, the effects of that injustice – the handout culture it created -- coupled with the admiration afforded them by those who think themselves to be beneficiaries – has created the pacified society we live in, and has fueled the poverty and injustices we continue to live with. This is where we stand.



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Main Duties and Responsibilities:

As the Factory Electrical Administrator you will be expected to perform the following duties which will form the basis of your employment and provide the framework for subsequent job performance review.

- A. Develop and coordinate the day to day factories' Maintenance, i.e. planned and crisis maintenance activities.
- B. Assist with the preparation and management of the off-season Maintenance and Repair Programs.
- C. Liaise closely with John Bean Technologies technicians on respective maintenance activities
- D. Assist in the development of Budgets.
- E. Carry out general aesthetic programs.
- F. Prepare and manage department shift rosters.
- G. Manage the Electrical department ISO engineering programs.
- H. Manage and maintain a well-documented database on maintenance carried out to factory equipment on a 'per equipment basis'
- I. Prepare weekly & monthly Electrical engineering reports.
- J. Respond to emergency call out.
- K. Assist in the Energy Management Program in conjunction with the Environmental Unit.
- L. Other duties that may be assigned by the Group Engineering Services Manager, Chief Executive Officer and/or Chief Administration Manager.

Qualifications and Experience:

- Minimum qualification is a Bachelors in Electrical or Electronics Engineering with three years' relevant experience or Associate Degree in Electrical or Mechanical Engineering with eight years' relevant experience.
- Excellent writing and communication skills with the ability to lead and motivate others in an effort to secure cooperation from all levels of employment, including senior staff outside of your direct line of responsibility.
- Previous experience of agro-processing sector would be highly desirable.
- Computer literacy with practical knowledge and understanding of MS office, Word and Excel.
- Valid driver's license with a very good driving record

Salary:

Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Please submit application with resume and two letters of references by **Friday, March 18th, 2022** to:

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The deadline for the submission of applications is **11 March 2022**.

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FROM THE PUBLISHER en Español

El 29 de mayo de este año marcará el quincuagésimo aniversario de un gran incidente (o serie de incidentes) en la Ciudad de Belize que ha sido ignorado por los medios y académicos de Belize.

Para ser justos, es necesario señalar que en 1972 solo había una estación de radio en Belize. (Hoy en día, hay quizás cincuenta o sesenta estaciones de radio en La Joya). La única estación de radio de 1972 era un monopolio del gobierno llamado Radio Belize, y el gobernante Partido Unido del Pueblo (PUP), que nunca había perdido una elección nacional en sus 22 años de historia, usaba la emisora para propaganda política.

Aquí no había televisión en 1972, excepto en la parte norte de Corozal, donde los beliceños veían las estaciones de televisión mexicanas.

Al menos eso es lo que yo entiendo. (Sé que alrededor de noviembre de 1970, el finado Galento X Neal y yo vimos la pelea de Muhammad Ali vs Oscar Bonavena en la televisión en un café en la calle en Chetumal).

No había Internet ni redes sociales en Belize en 1972. Estas cosas no se inventaron hasta la década de 1990, que yo sepa.

En mayo de 1972, el único periódico real en Belize era THE REPORTER. El finado Honorable Philip Goldson había cerrado su BELIZE BILLBOARD a principios de 1972 y se había ido a estudiar derecho a Londres. AMANDALA era una pequeña entidad impresa en una prensa tipográfica. El editor en mayo de 1972 fue el secretario general de UBAD, Norman Fairweather. Cuando fue remitido a la prisión de Su Majestad (junto con 10 u 11 UBADers) durante una semana debido a los incidentes de mayo de 1972, creo que un oficial de UBAD que era profesor de español en el Colegio San Miguel, Elbert "Shaft" Franklin, editó un número del periódico.

Me imagino que discutiré un poco más el alboroto de mayo de 1972 en los próximos meses, pero comencé con el tema de mayo de 1972 para darles una idea de cuán pocas fuentes tendría disponibles un investigador que quisiera mirar mayo de 1972.

El tema que quiero abordar hoy es la Cumbre Negra de Belize de septiembre de 2003, un tema que un investigador tendría muchas más fuentes para explorar que si quisiera estudiar el levantamiento de mayo de 1972.

Si uno realmente quiere tratar de averiguar qué le sucedió a la comunidad negra de Belize entre 1972 y 2022, si realmente quiere identificar los fenómenos que han llevado a la guerra civil entre la juventud negra aquí, una guerra a tiros que ha durado más de tres décadas, entonces hay que repasar lo sucedido durante los tres días de la Cumbre Negra de Belize, celebrada en el Hotel Biltmore.

Los medios de comunicación y los académicos de Belize han ignorado por completo la Cumbre Negra de Belize, y tienen muchas menos excusas para hacerlo que cuando ignoran mayo de 1972.

Cuando observo dos áreas principales en las que sostuve opiniones firmes que se han demostrado erróneas de manera devastadora, estas dos áreas son el baloncesto semiprofesional (1992-1996) y la Cumbre Negra de Belize (2003), me siento tentado a pensar que hubo agentes al servicio de la estructura de poder de Belize que intentaron socavar ambos procesos. (Entonces, ¿quién es o son la estructura de poder aquí?)

En el caso de la idea de la cumbre negra, a fines de 1993 me obsesioné



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Main Duties and Responsibilities:

As the Factory Mechanical Administrator you will be expected to perform the following duties which will form the basis of your employment and provide the framework for subsequent job performance review.

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- Liaise closely with John Bean Technologies technicians on respective maintenance activities
- Assist in the development of Budgets.
- Carry out general aesthetic programs.
- Prepare and manage department shift rosters.
- Manage the mechanical department ISO engineering programs.
- Manage and maintain a well-documented database on maintenance carried out to factory equipment on a 'per equipment basis'
- Support or Assist with any civil engineering programs.
- Prepare weekly & Monthly mechanical engineering reports.
- Respond to emergency call out.
- Other duties that may be assigned by the Group Engineering Services Manager, Chief Executive Officer and/or Chief Administration Manager.

Qualifications and Experience:

- Minimum qualification is a Bachelors in Mechanical Engineering with three years' relevant experience or Associate Degree in Electrical or Mechanical Engineering with eight years' relevant experience.
- Experience in CIVL Engineering is an asset.
- Previous experience of agro-processing sector would be highly desirable.

Salary:

Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Please submit application with resume and two letters of references by **Friday, March 18th, 2022** to:

Chief Administration Manager
nusher@citrusproductsbelize.com
Citrus Products of Belize Ltd.
P.O. Box 25
Dangriga Town, Stann Creek District

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tanto con ella que arremetí contra dos íconos de la comunidad negra de mi generación, el finaso Bert Tucker y Nuri Muhammad. ¿Por qué les arremetí? Lo hice porque creía que el Partido Demócrata Unido (UDP por sus siglas en inglés), que había vuelto al poder en junio de 1993, no me permitiría organizar una cumbre negra, porque siempre había sido una sugerencia del UDP que el partido defendía a beliceños negros. Especulé que si comenzaba a trabajar en una cumbre negra de 1994 para las bodas de plata de UBAD (9 de febrero de 1969), el UDP usaría a Tucker o Muhammad en mi contra.

Esto fue muy injusto para estos dos señores, un terrible error de mi parte, pero es una prueba de lo desesperado que estaba. (Estos fueron los primeros años de las guerras de pandillas, que habían comenzado aquí a fines de la década de 1980).

Bueno, Kremandala tiene su propia estación de radio y su propia estación de televisión, y Kremandala tiene las grabaciones de la Cumbre Negra de Belize de 2003, pero nunca hemos sentido la necesidad de transmitir las grabaciones. ???

El orador destacado en esa cumbre de 2003 fue un profesor de la Universidad Temple de Filadelfia, Molefi Asante, quien era socio del legendario profesor de historia africana, el finado John Henrik Clarke.

Quizás aún más importante fue el hecho de que la cumbre concluyó con una sesión de micrófono abierto en la que, si no recuerdo mal, más de setenta beliceños dieron un paso al frente para expresar sus ideas o presentar sus sugerencias para un cambio positivo en la comunidad negra.

Creo que sería bueno que escucháramos hoy lo que decía nuestro pueblo hace casi dos décadas. No hace falta decir que soy parcial, porque el Dr. Ted Aranda, Virginia Echols y yo mismo fuimos los principales organizadores de la cumbre. Pero seguramente una transmisión de las grabaciones de la Cumbre Negra sería más valiosa que ese estribillo constante, con referencia al interminable derramamiento de sangre, "Esto tiene que parar". No se detiene, José: sigue empeorando.

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- Follow fuel management procedure when receiving fuel, verifying quantity and loading and offloading.
- Operate assorted equipment including indoor and outdoor forklifts, crane truck, small goods vehicles or other similar equipment.
- Adhere to the Company's safety and environmental practices.
- Ensure stores and compound is clean and materials are stocked neatly.

Education and Experience:

- Associate Degree in Business Administration or equivalent

Required Skills and Abilities:

- Basic proficiency using procurement, materials management, financial and requisition applications
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- Action and results oriented with excellent collaborative skills for pursuing shared goals
- Ability to take initiative, exercise sound judgement while maintaining high work quality
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- Possess good interpersonal skills
- Valid Class B driver's license

Salary: in accordance with Company Salary Structure.

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

Manager, Talent Acquisition & Development

Email: career.opportunity@bel.com.bz

In the email subject, please indicate the position:

Storekeeper I

**Only electronic applications are being accepted at this time.
For more information or queries, call 227-0954 Ext. 2901 or 1415**

Deadline: Friday, March 11, 2022

(SECOND PUBLICATION)

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BELIZE, A.D. 2021

CLAIM NO. 158 of 2021

BETWEEN:

(AMERICAN REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT LLC CLAIMANT
(AND
(EDDIE USHER DEFENDANT


TO: EDDIE USHER
Dangriga
Stann Creek District
Belize

Take Notice that on February 14th, 2022, the Supreme Court of Belize granted an Order:

- 1) The Hemp Crude Distillation, Isolation and Extractor System is the property of the Claimant and was in possession of the Defendant who has refused to deliver up the same to the Claimant;
- 2) The Defendant is to pay the Claimant the value of the Hemp Crude Distillation, Isolation and Extractor System being the sum of US\$2,550,000.00 (or BZ\$5,100,000.00 equivalent) as damages;
- 3) The Defendant is to pay to the Claimant interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the date of the judgment until paid in full;
- 4) The Defendant is to pay costs of \$1,500.00 BZE for this application; and
- 5) The Defendant is to pay 45% of the prescribed costs, that is, the sum of \$63,225.00 BZE as costs in this matter.

Further Take Notice that it was ordered that service of this Order be effected by publication in two successive editions of a local newspaper.

Dated the 28th day of February 2022


ESTEVAN PERERA & COMPANY LLP
Per: Rene A. Montero
Attorneys-at-Law for the Claimant



Daily Crossword Puzzle for March 2, 2022

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1. Fault, Lat.
6. Bias
11. Garlic's relative
12. Drop a hint
13. Endeavored
14. Dodge successfully
15. Bearing pivot
16. Violate
18. Not al fresco
20. Get a glimpse of
24. Dog bite
25. Also
26. Keyed in data
29. South American rodent
31. Antony's loan request
32. Swab
33. Berserk
35. Something or someone
39. Exhibit ennui
41. A relative
42. Cover in mist
45. Aida, for one
47. Winged
48. Abnormal tissue mass
49. Holy council
50. Ancient Hebrew

Down

1. Raccoon like carnivore
2. Consolidation
3. Sweetened the sod

4. "Annabel Lee" author
5. Sci-fi automation
6. Blow to a wrist
7. Dike
8. Did lunch
9. And also not
10. Blasting material
17. Dada leader
19. Indivisible
21. Farm abode
22. Balloon sound
23. Addressee
26. 1773 jetsam
27. Candied item
28. Anti anti
29. Signify
30. Elect to
32. Cat's cry
34. Japan's old capital
36. Agenda entries
37. Spasm
38. Feel longing
40. Added years
42. Coll. degrees
43. Actor Ron
44. Ardent follower
46. Infection indication

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 - 02-23-2022 - Answers

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by Wellington C. Ramos

Centuries ago, nations declared wars against other nations to expand their territories, and killed many human beings, destroyed their cities and annexed invaded nations to expand their empires. Despite the loss of many human lives that included those of innocent women, children and

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civilians, many of us have looked up to these invading nations of the past as Great Empires.

In many History curricula for colleges and universities, they are still teaching their students about these great empires, such as the Babylonian empire, Assyrian empire, Greek empire, Roman empire, Turkish empire, Egyptian empire, British empire, French empire, Spanish empire, Portuguese empire, Dutch empire, Indian empire and several others.

There is little discussion on the moral and legal justifications for these nations' invasion and colonization of other sovereign nations. Yet, the citizens of these nations and other students, would applaud these leaders and nations for



the unjustified genocidal acts that they committed against innocent fellow human beings like themselves. These actions continued into World War I in 1914, during which many nations of the world fought up until the ending of that war in 1918.

The total number of military and civilian casualties was about 40 million people. It is estimated that

there were about 20 million deaths and 21 million wounded. On January the 10th 1920 President Woodrow Wilson, the American president, was so angry over this war that he founded an organization by the name of the League of Nations to end future world wars.

Most nations became members of this international organization to participate in efforts to avoid future wars. The principal mission of this organization was to maintain world peace. After years of peace in the world, some nations that were not satisfied with the way they lost their territories in World War I, like Germany at the ending of the war, began to prepare for a new war. Germany began to build its military forces after the ending of that conflict. On September the 1st 1939 Germany invaded Poland and that started World War II. When Poland was invaded, the other countries appealed to Hitler to leave the Polish nation, but he refused to listen to their appeal. Great Britain and France then declared war against Germany three days after.

While Hitler was invading Poland, Japan was at war with China. From Poland, Hitler of Germany began invading other countries and was expanding his territories throughout most of Europe. Many nations on the European continent were afraid to engage Hitler's army. He continued his invasion of all the following countries in 1940: Denmark, Norway, Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxemburg, France, Yugoslavia and Greece in April of 1941. After Germany signed the Axis Alliance with Japan and Italy in 1940, Japan became emboldened and decided later to bomb the United States military bases in Pearl Harbor on December 7th 1941. The United States declared war against Japan and the Axis Alliance. As the war intensified, most colonial countries and their colonies were engaged in this war up until 1945.

When this war ended, it was estimated that between 70 and 80 million people perished. There were 15,000,000 battle deaths, 25,000,000 wounded, 45,000,000 civilian deaths, and 25,000,000 battle wounded. Like World War I, the effects of World War II were far more severe in terms of deaths of military personnel and innocent civilians. The nations of the world saw the need to build on the League of Nations and make the organization a more



CAREER OPPORTUNITY



Belize Sugar Industries Ltd.
Invites qualified and self-motivated individuals to submit applications for the post of:
Human Resources Representative
at Tower Hill, Orange Walk

The responsibility of the **Human Resources Representative** is to manage the day-to-day operations of the Human Resource office and assist with the administration of the human resources policies, procedures and programs.

Qualifications and Experience:

- Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration with at least 5 years experience in management or Human Resources field.
- Union Relations experience

Skills and Competencies:

*Self-motivated	*Ability to work well under pressure and meet deadlines
*Team oriented/ willing to learn	*Excellent planning and organizing skills
*Computer literate (Microsoft Suit)	*Ability to adapt well to changes in work environment
*Excellent analytical and interpersonal skills	*Excellent verbal and written communication skills

Roles and Responsibilities:

- Assists with the development and administration of programs, procedures, and guidelines to help align the workforce with the strategic goals of the Company
- Assist with developing department goals, objectives, and systems
- Assist with recruitment, interviews, testing, and selection of employees to fill vacant positions
- Plans and conducts new employee orientation to foster positive attitude towards Company goals
- Keeps records of benefits plans participation such as insurance and pension plan, personnel transactions such as hires, promotions, transfers, performance reviews, terminations, and employee statistics for government reporting

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 MARCH 16, 2022

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engaged and proactive institution. On October the 24th 1945 the United Nations was established in San Francisco, California, with 51 countries becoming members.

The United Nations Charter was drafted to guide the member nations on its structure, qualifications for admissions, its purpose, principles, the functions of the United Nations and all issues and matters related to the United Nations. The administrative headquarters was later built in New York City. The two main branches of the United Nations are the Security Council with twelve members— seven regional and five countries that possess veto powers, which are Great Britain, China, Russia, The United States and France.

These nations also possess nuclear weapons and are trying to prevent other nations from gaining this technology. If any of these five members exercise their veto powers on a UN Resolution, it is difficult to get any action on it. The General Assembly is comprised of all the 193 independent countries in the world. The Security Council has more powers than the General Assembly and the countries that possess veto powers all have a seat on this body. China, Russia, Great Britain, France and the United States have been

maximizing it to their full advantage over the years.

The US invasion of Grenada, Russian invasion of Ukraine, Georgia and other former USSR republics and China's invasion of some of its neighboring countries are examples of veto abuses by these countries. Some member states are calling on the United Nations to get rid of the veto power of these countries to make the United Nations more democratic. In 1945, when the United Nations was established, about 750 million people in the world lived in colonized countries. There was a resolution passed by the United Nations for all colonized countries to become independent. Since then, more than 80 countries in the world have gained their independence.

The right for citizens and their nations to be Self-Determined and to determine their own destiny, is a fundamental part of the United Nations Charter and International Law. Invading another country results in the taking away of this right from citizens and their nations. According to Article 2, paragraph 4, of the United Nations Charter, no country has the right to invade another country. This article reads that all members of the United Nations shall refrain from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state, or in any other manner inconsistent

with the Purposes of the United Nations. Nations who violate this act will be accused of committing an Act of Aggression under International Law.

Nations that violate this Act get punished by other member states of the United Nations General Assembly. Sanctions, suspensions from favorable actions, reprisals, expulsion from the United Nations and other punishments can be used by this body. The member nations of the United Nations have been able to stop some countries from using military force against other countries, but there are many countries who have and continue to engage in unlawful aggression, against some nations of the world for no justifiable reason or reasons. Putin and Russia's invasion of Ukraine is in violation of this article.

The United Nations General Assembly and the UN Security Council must convene an emergency meeting to deal with this issue. Individual countries all have the right to impose other punishments against Russia to isolate and punish them for their violation of International Law. History has proven that no matter how large and powerful a nation is, the actions taken by the United Nations against countries who violate the UN Charter rules and International Law, can have a catastrophic effect on the countries who violate the United Nations Charter and International Law.

In 2017 the United Nations went further to reactivate the Rome Statute for War Crimes; this is to bring criminal charges against countries and their leaders who unlawfully invade other countries and cause undue hardships to citizens and their nations. Many leaders of various countries have been placed on trial since then. In 2006 the United Nations passed a Resolution against Iran for its efforts in constructing nuclear missiles. Then, in 2017, they brought action against North Korea in an attempt to stop them from constructing additional nuclear missiles. Both nations failed to comply with the UN Resolutions and the UN imposed sanctions against them. Despite all the sanctions against North Korea, they continue to build and test new nuclear missiles. Many people and nations in the world, are frustrated with the way the United Nations functions due to their inability to enforce their rules against rogue nations. The developed nations, like Japan and Germany, who were punished and restricted from building their militaries after World War II, want all the restrictions lifted against them.

They are well off economically and can take care of themselves and do not want United States and NATO forces in their countries. Many nations in Europe still fear Japan and Germany and do not want the NATO countries to remove their troops from these two countries. Now, with Russia invading Ukraine, they will make a case for the restrictions

against them to be lifted.

Developing nations want the veto power given to the five countries, Russia, the United States, China, Great Britain and France, to be removed so that the institution can function under the one-nation, one-vote principle as equal nations. They contend that these countries violate the United Nations Charter rules and nothing is being done to them because they possess veto powers and sit on the Security Council, which is the enforcement body of the United Nations.

Another issue is the financing of the United Nations, which is done mostly by these five countries, because many of the other countries are not financially capable of financing the United Nations. Japan and Germany have the finances to assist in the financial obligations of the United Nations, but they are both demanding that some concessions be made to them before they do it. Due to all these troubling issues, there is now pressure building in the United Nations to punish Putin and Russia for the invasion of Ukraine.

My guess is that there will be calls from many nations in the world to do so. Weak and vulnerable nations need reassurance that what Russia did to Ukraine will not happen to them. This is the greatest challenge that the United Nations is experiencing in this 21st Century. History has convinced us that the invasion of a country and people might be easy, but to occupy a nation for a prolonged period of time is a greater challenge. It takes the world back to the Colonialism era, when today most people and nations want to be free and independent.

The people and nations of the world must pass a United Nations Resolution to give Putin and Russia an ultimatum to withdraw their troops from Ukraine immediately. Failure to withdraw their troops, shall result in the nations of the United Nations expelling Russia from the United Nations using all their resources to remove the Russian troops out of Ukraine. The nations of the world cannot afford to allow this to happen, because that will run the risk of other nations doing the same thing to many other weaker countries on this planet earth.

When this war is all over, Putin and Russia will face many consequences that will have a negative impact on their country in the international arena. This conflict cannot last for a long period of time, because the people and the nations of the world will not let it last. It is the responsibility of every living human being and nation on this planet earth, to demand that Putin and Russia leave Ukraine in the interest of world peace. I am very confident that this will happen sooner rather than later. Let us extend our love and care to all the human beings on our planet earth. As a Garifuna person whose people experienced colonialism and continued genocide, I ask that all human beings be allowed to enjoy their freedoms.

MINISTRY OF HEALTH & WELLNESS VACANCY NOTICE

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons to fill the post of **Assistant Procurement Manager, Central Medical Stores, Ministry of Health & Wellness.**

Principal Duties: Ensure assigning and delivery of requisitions within the CMS scheduled delivery to health facilities countrywide. Track stock levels and report none delivery of tender items to Procurement Manager for sourcing ensuring availability.

Salary Pay Scale: 11 of \$19,301 x 890 - \$36,211 per annum

Qualification: Associates Degree in Applied Science
Registered Pharmacist
Minimum 5years Experience in Hospital Pharmacy

Deadline: Deadline is March 14th, 2022
Application with two (2) references on professional experience and copies of qualifications and a Curriculum Vita are to be submitted to: -

Chief Executive Officer
Ministry of Health & Wellness
Belmopan
ceosecretary@health.gov.bz

Note: Please visit www.health.gov.bz to view the copy of the Terms of Reference for this vacant post.



Ordonez/C-Ray host Youth Cycling Races

by Kaya Cattouse

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Mar. 2, 2022
 The Ordonez Bike Shop Belize in collaboration with the C-Ray Cycling Club hosted our first, of what will continue monthly, Youth Cycling Races. The first day of races was held on Sunday, February 27, inside the Marion Jones Sports Complex. A total of 51 youths between the ages of 3 and 18 had the opportunity to participate in these cycling races across nine different categories: Tiny Mites 3-5 years, Girls; Tiny Mites 3-5 years, Boys; Tiny Mites 6-8 years, Girls; Tiny Mites 6-8 years, Boys; Girls 9-13 years; Girls 14-18 years; Boys 9-12 years; Boys 13-15 years; and Boys 16-18 years.

Prior to the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic, youth cycling events were a frequent practice of the C-Ray Cycling Club. Now, with the ease of restrictions, we were extremely excited to invite the youths back out for more fun filled afternoons of bike racing. These events continue to be geared towards populating the junior category at the highest level of cycling in the country with both male and female participants, as well as to introduce these young athletes to cycling and get them inducted into the sport.

The top five winners in each category were called to the podium and the top three received medals. All 51 registered youths received a token at the award ceremony for participating.

Special thanks to the other sponsors who made February's event possible: Ordonez Bike Shop Chicago, Project Jumpstart Belize, Aim Belize Freight, Bernard Sanchez, National Sports Council of Belize, C.A.N.O, Warren Coye, BTB, Philton aka Cracka, Bowen & Bowen: Powerade, Crystal.

The March edition of this event will be held on Sunday, March 27, inside the Marion Jones Sports Complex. Registration starts at 1:30 p.m. and the first race kicks off at 2:00 p.m. Registration is free. Admission is free. Snacks and drinks will be on sale.

Results for Sunday, February 27

Tiny Mites 3-5 years, Girls – 1st Maya Pitter; 2nd Shay Leslie.

Tiny Mites 3-5 years, Boys – 1st Frederick Sutherland.

Tiny Mites 6-8 years, Girls – 1st Ariya Belgrave.

Tiny Mites 6-8 years, Boys – 1st Drew Ordonez

Girls 9-13 years – 1st Ayesha Rowland; 2nd Tyler Robateau.

Girls 14-18 years – 1st Abby Leslie; 2nd Vinshae Martin.

Boys 9-12 years – 1st Kyron Staine; 2nd Jahmai Lewis; 3rd Jonathan Espinoza; 4th Arren Pope; 5th Anthony Miller.

Boys 13-15 years – 1st Steven Sylvester; 2nd Jaheem Lewis; 3rd Keith Enwright; 4th Hubert Grinage; 5th Jaylen Briceño.

Boys 16-18 years – 1st Elwin Humes; 2nd Mar Bowman; 3rd Travis Grinage; 4th Devontae Bennett; 5th Wayne Menzies.



Tiny Mites 3-5 Girls, (l to r) 2nd Shay Leslie, 1st Maya Pitter, Tiny Mites 3-5 Boys – Frederick Sutherland and Tiny Mites 6-8 Girls – Ariya Belgrave



(l-r) Tiny Mites 6-8 Boys – Drew Ordonez, Girls 9-13 - 2nd Tyler Robateau, 1st Ayesha Rowland, Girls 14-18 - 2nd Vinshae Martin, 1st Abby Leslie



Boys 9-12, (l to r) 4th Arren Pope, 2nd Jahmai Lewis, 1st Kyron Staine, 3rd Jonathan Espinoza and 5th Anthony Miller



Boys 13-15, (l to r) 4th Hubert Grinage, 2nd Jaheem Lewis, 1st Steven Sylvester, 3rd Keith Enwright and 5th Jaylen Briceño



Boys 16-18, (l to r) 4th Devontae Bennett, 2nd Mar Bowman, 1st Elwin Humes, 3rd Travis Grinage and 5th Wayne Menzies





All home teams lose 1-nil in Week 4 of Top League

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Mar. 2, 2022

Opening Season champions Verdes FC remain the only undefeated team at Week 4 of the Football Federation of Belize (FFB) Top League 2021-22 Closing Season, with all home teams losing by identical 1-nil scores over the weekend. One game was played on Saturday night, February 26, and two on Sunday, February 27.

At the Ambergris Stadium on Saturday night, a first half goal by

(34').

Meanwhile, at the Carl Ramos Stadium in Dangriga, it was the most dangerous long range shooter in the league, Luis "Baaka" Torres (43') blasting one from well outside the eighteen to give Altitude FC the 1-nil victory over home standing Wagiya SC, who remain along with Caesar Ridge as the only two winless teams so far in the tournament.

FFB Top League Closing Tournament 2021-22							
Week #4 Standings at Sun. Feb. 27, 2022							
TEAM	W	D	L	GF	GA	Diff	Pts
Verdes FC	4	0	0	15	1	14	12
San Pedro FC	3	0	1	3	1	2	9
Altitude FC	3	0	1	5	1	4	9
Garden City FC	1	1	2	2	7	-5	4
Wagiya SC	0	1	3	1	8	-7	1
Caesar Ridge FC	0	0	4	1	9	-8	0

Juan Carlos Lopez (16') stood up for the full ninety to give visiting Verdes FC a hard fought 1-nil victory over San Pedro Pirates FC, who suffered their first loss in the Closing Season.

At the MCC Grounds on Sunday afternoon, two teams were seeking their first win, and of special interest was the fact that visiting Garden City FC of Belmopan was now featuring former Caesar Ridge FC striker, Shawn Young, who would now be facing his former Caesar Ridge teammates. Shawn reportedly was not in the Garden City starting eleven, but shortly after entering the game in first half, he delivered for Garden City as he had done throughout the Opening Season for Caesar Ridge. Garden City, 1-nil, on a goal by Shawn Young

Upcoming Week 5 schedule:

Saturday, March 5

7:00 p.m. – Garden City FC vs San Pedro Pirates FC – Ambergris Stadium

Sunday, March 6

4:00 p.m. – Verdes FC vs Altitude FC – FFB Stadium

6:30 p.m. – Wagiya SC vs Caesar Ridge FC – FFB Stadium

Like the Opening Season, the Closing Season is a double round-robin affair. According to official sources, the FFB & National Sports Council sponsored tournament provides for each team to host two home games only, which means that Belize City fans will not be seeing Caesar Ridge at home again for the remainder of this season.

Semifinals Leg 1 results in National Elite Youth Football Championships

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Mar. 2, 2022

The first leg games in the home-and-away semifinals of the National Elite Youth Football Championships 2022 were played on Saturday, February 26, at 3 different venues across the country. There were a total of 8 semifinal games, featuring female and male players in U17 and U20 categories. Representative teams in the regular season were from the six districts of the country as well as from the "football districts" of Benque Viejo, Belmopan, San Pedro and Mid-South. The second and decisive leg of the semifinals come up this Saturday, March 5.

Below are the results of the semifinals first leg.

U17 Women Elite

With kickoff at 12:00 noon at the Carl Ramos Stadium in Dangriga, Stann Creek Elite bombed Corozal Elite, 5-0, with goals from Angie Delcid (17' & 63'), Shamika Lambey (61'), Ceneia Apolonio (82') and Noelia Martinez (89').

Meanwhile, at the Isidoro Beaton Stadium in Belmopan, it was Belmopan Elite, 4-1, over Belize Elite. Netting one apiece for Belmopan Elite were Alicia Coc (16'), Tory Ramirez (12'), Naila Moh (64') and Marjorie Sanchez (78'); while the lone goal for Belize Elite was by Premilie Hope (54').

Semifinal Leg 2 schedule:

Saturday, March 5

10:00 a.m. – Belize Elite vs Belmopan Elite – MCC Grounds

12:00 noon – Corozal Elite vs Stann Creek Elite – Ricalde Stadium

U17 Men Elite

The action started at 10:00 a.m. at the Carl Ramos Stadium, and at the final whistle it was Belize Elite edging Stann Creek Elite, 3-2, with the help of a Stann Creek own goal. Belize Elite took a 2-nil first half lead through Flayden Carter (17') and an own goal from Stann Creek's Elijah Pelayo (11' OG); but Stann Creek came back strong to tie things up at 2-2 early in second half with goals from Aaron Estero (49') and Dorian Pabon (54'). The game winner for Belize came from Keydenshay Bowen (63').

At 2:00 p.m. at the Isidoro Beaton Stadium in Belmopan, it ended in a 1-1 tie between Belmopan Elite and Mid-South Elite. Jahlique Lopez (21') gave Belmopan the first half lead, but Daniel Cadle (51') tied it up early in second half for Mid-South.

Semifinal Leg 2 schedule:

Saturday, March 5

12:00 noon – Belize Elite vs Stann Creek Elite – MCC Grounds

2:00 p.m. – Mid-South Elite vs Belmopan Elite – M.A. Stadium in Independence

U20 Women Elite

Kickoff time was 12:00 noon at the Norman Broaster Stadium, and the lone goal of the match came in the first half from Allyisha Bowman (34') of home standing Cayo Elite who prevailed 1-0 over San Pedro Elite.

Then at 2:00 p.m. at the Carl Ramos Stadium, it was tied at 1-1 in first half, Stann Creek Elite got two more goals in second half, to claim the 3-1 victory over Orange Walk Elite. Shaking the net for Stann Creek were Shendra Casimiro (5' & 61') and Taryn Arnold (63'); while Orange Walk's goal was by Daylah Herrera (12').

Semifinal Leg 2 schedule:

Saturday, March 5

11:30 a.m. – San Pedro Elite vs Cayo Elite – Ambergris Stadium

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

U20 Men Elite

With a 2:00 p.m. start at the Isidoro Beaton Stadium, a hat trick from Wilfredo Galvez, which included the injury time game winner, helped Belmopan Elite to come away with a 4-3 victory over a tough Benque Elite. Benque led 2-nil at the half with goals from Jaylen Lennon (10') and Dian Harris (17'); but Belmopan rebounded early in second half to tie and then take the lead with goals from Jahmani Hope (52') and Wilfredo Galvez (56' & 62'). But Benque came right back to knot things up at 3-3 through Owen Sosa (79'). It was into injury time before Galvez (90+1') struck again to clinch the victory for Belmopan.)

Then at 4:00 p.m. down south at the Carl Ramos Stadium, it was a tough sea-saw battle between Stann Creek Elite and Belize Elite that ended in a 3-3 draw. First half ended 2-2 after Belize Elite got 2 goals from Shemar Gillett (19' & 31'), and Stann Creek replied each time with goals from Leopold Vasquez (23') and Curtis Valerio (37'). In second half, Stann Creek took the 3-2 lead on another goal by Leopold Vasquez (61'); but Adrian Usher (70') replied for Belize Elite to tie it again at 3-3, and that's how it ended.

Semifinal Leg 2 schedule:

Saturday, March 5

2:00 p.m. – Belize Elite vs Stann Creek Elite – MCC Grounds

4:00 p.m. – Benque Viejo Elite vs Belmopan Elite – Marshalleck Stadium

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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

Position Name: Engineering Technician (Building Automated System)

Vacancy number: Belmopan-2022-04

Closing date: March 18, 2022

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

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

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

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

PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

LICENSED AND CERTIFIED AUCTIONEER, SHELDON N. C. ARNOLD WILL SELL THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES WITH RESERVE PRICES.

CAYO DISTRICT PROPERTIES - TO BE AUCTIONED ON SITE



Date & Time: Tuesday March 15th, 2022 at 11:00AM - Hummingbird Furnishing Compound, Belmopan City.
Location: Block - 24, Parcel - 3760 Being Registration Section - Society Hall, Cayo District
Description: land containing 8730 sqft. Vacant Lot being the freehold property of Larry R Leslie.



Date & Time: Thursday March 17th, 2022 at 9:00AM ON SITE.
Location: Block: 1, Lot No. 92 containing 1184.397 Sq. Yds. situate in St. Margaret's Village, Cayo District.
Description: The property is a concrete bungalow occupied as a single family residence. It comprises of three bedroom, one bathroom and kitchen, living and dining area, and a laundry room being the Freehold Property of Rueben A. Parham.

ORANGE WALK PROPERTIES

TO BE AUCTIONED ON WEDNESDAY MARCH 16TH, 2022 ON SITE



Time: 9:00AM
Location: Block 4, Parcel 625/1, Registration Section, Guinea Grass, Orange Walk District.
Description: All that piece or parcel of land containing 1023.519 SQM. Includes 1 concrete family home with 4 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, living, dining, kitchen and laundry rooms, being the Leasehold property of David R. Perrera and Maria G. Magana.



Time: 10:30AM
Location: Block 1, Parcel 126, Registration Section, Douglas Village, Orange Walk District.
Description: A concrete detached family home with 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, small front porch, fully fenced, with living, dining and kitchen being the freehold property of Roman F Nicholson.



COROZAL PROPERTIES

TO BE AUCTIONED ON WEDNESDAY MARCH 16TH, 2022 ON SITE



Time: 2:00PM
Location: Block 1, Parcel 715, Registration Section-Sarteneja Village, Corozal District.
Description: A concrete detached family home with 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, back porch, living and kitchen rooms, fenced being the freehold property of Graciliano Rivero.



Time: 2:30PM
Location: Block - 3, Parcel - 820, Registration Section - Sarteneja Village, Corozal District.
Description: All that piece or parcel of land containing 871.0 S.M. A concrete family home consisting of 3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, 2 entrance, living, dining, kitchen rooms being the freehold property of Hermina and Alejandro Gongora.



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God broke our hearts to prove to us
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Sadly missed by: parents, daughter,
siblings, family and friends.

No more testing at the land borders

Belizeans spending an overnight or more across the border are not required to be tested for COVID-19 upon their return.

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Mar. 3, 2022

There will be no more mandatory testing of Belizeans crossing the border to re-enter the country after having spent more than 24 hours in another country, as had been mandated when the borders were initially reopened for local residents. After that initial reopening, Belizeans who spent more than 24 hours across the border had to pay a mandatory fee of \$100 for a COVID-19 test.

However, Minister of Health and Wellness, Hon. Kevin Bernard, has announced that there will be no more testing at the land borders for vaccinated Belizeans.

“With the requirement, now only vaccinated people can leave the country, and if you’re vaccinated and coming back in, there’s no need to test. Therefore, the Belizeans going to

Chetumal for five, six days, can, a week if you like, there’s no need for you to test, so there’s no fee you’re paying for coming after an overnight stay or after a 72-hour stay. There’s no longer the need for them to pay that fee. The only persons that are required to pay the fee are those who are coming in unvaccinated that are tourists, because Belizeans who leave the country must be vaccinated to leave,” Minister Bernard said.

As for tourists, as long as they are fully vaccinated they won’t be

required to take a test to enter the country.

“If you are a tourist coming in; coming by land, sea, or air, you can come into the country once you are fully vaccinated and can prove that you are immunized for COVID, then you don’t need to test at the border or at the entry point. But if you are unvaccinated, you have to test at the airport, if you’re coming by air or at the land border; or at the seaports once you’re traveling through those means,” said Hon. Bernard.



Belize’s northern border and Belize’s western border

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STANN CREEK PROPERTIES

TO BE AUCTIONED ON THURSDAY MARCH 17TH, 2022 ON SITE



Time: Tuesday March 15th, 2022 at 11:00AM on Hummingbird Furnishings Compound in Belmopan City.
Location: All that piece or parcel of land containing 729.20 S.M being 292 Nurse Ceferina Gomboa Street Dangriga Town.
Description: A concrete bungalow structure with a gross floor area of 1,133 sft The same is occupied as a family home with 3 b rooms & 1 bathroom an complete with kitchen, dining, living and laundry room spaces. The structure is fully tiled, secured, plastered & painted being the freehold property of Joseph M Roaches.



Time: 10:00AM
Location: Block 31 Parcel – 635 Registration Section, Valley Community/ AltaVista, Stann Creek District.
Description: Land containing 1.209 Acres, Vacant lot being the freehold property of Frans L. Faux.



Time: 1:30PM
Location: Lot No. 80, containing 696.66 sq. m. situated in San Juan Village, Stann Creek District.
Description: A concrete family home consisting of 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, living, dining and kitchen room spaces, being the freehold property of Maria Maldonado.



Time: 2:30PM
Location: 242 Toucan Street, Mango Creek, Village, Stann Creek District.
Description: Lot - 679.437 square meters with an elevated bungalow of mixed construction, containing 4 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, living, dining, kitchen and porch areas, being the property of Jeanne R. Longworth.



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Baron Bliss Regatta postponed till May; La Ruta Maya River Challenge still on

BELIZE CITY, Tues. Mar. 1, 2022

Chairman of the Baron Bliss Harbor Regatta Committee, Collet "Bunas" Maheia has informed *Amandala* that the committee is planning a regatta in honor of Baron Bliss, "but unfortunately because of the COVID restrictions, we had to reschedule for Sunday, 1st of May."

The traditional holiday on March 9 was once called "Baron Bliss Day" in honor of the country's greatest benefactor, the seafaring baron who requested the holding of annual boat races on that day. The

day now encompasses other Belizean heroes and benefactors, and has been officially named National Heroes and Benefactors Day since 2008.

This year the national holiday is being celebrated on Monday, March 7, the day when the La Ruta Maya River Challenge is scheduled to culminate at the Belcan Bridge in Belize City, after a four-day trek, beginning on Thursday at the Hawksworth Bridge in San Ignacio, and with daily stops at riverbank locations along the way.

Stevedores' payments temporarily blocked

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injunction which froze the account for a period of 15 days, until March 16 at 5:00 p.m. The case is scheduled to be heard on that day, but this past Monday was the day the stevedores had a reasonable expectation to receive the payment. The principals of the union had been engaged in an intensive process over the past week and over the weekend to put everything in place to facilitate the payment on the date set out in the Memorandum of Association signed with the Government of Belize: February 28. The president of the CWU, Evan "Mose" Hyde, had even indicated in a press briefing two weeks ago, when he was responding to local reporters' questions about the agreement with GoB, that every effort was being made to put all the processes in place to ensure transparency and accountability in the disbursement process and to ensure that all documentation would be in place to indicate which persons had received those funds — in line

with a commitment they had made to GoB. During the hearing on Monday, however, attorneys for PBL posited to the court that the CWU's continuation of its efforts to issue payment to the stevedores was disrespectful — and the sitting Justice, Lisa Shoman, who, coincidentally, was closely affiliated with the PUP administration under which the privatization of PBL took place — appeared to concur.

However, what the attorney representing the CWU, Darrell Bradley, pointed out in a press briefing on Tuesday is that it is in fact the PBL's "urgent" injunction — filed several weeks after a well-publicized agreement with GoB was put into place and after a disbursement effort was set into motion — that was actually an act of disrespect.

"What I think is disrespectful is the fact that this was all done in public, so that the fact of the negotiations between the CWU, the government of Belize, and the Port Authority, that began in January of this year, if you look at the affidavits filed by the

FFB calls National Senior Women's Team to camp

BELMOPAN, Wed. Mar. 2, 2022

The Belize National Senior Women's team is continuing its training preparations for the CONCACAF Senior Women's Qualifiers to be played from the 6th to 12th April 2022. The Senior Women Team will play Aruba on the 6th April in Belize, and Barbados on the 12th April in the Dominican Republic.

The Football Federation of Belize (FFB) wishes the National Senior Women's team all the best as they report to camp on the 10th March 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

The national team training dates are as follows: 10th & 11th March; 16th to 18th March; 23rd to 25th March; and 1st to 14th April, 2022.

Players called to camp and their respective home clubs are: goalkeepers – Jasmine Armstrong (Verdes Rebels FC), Sharyn Enriquez (Rumberas FC); defenders – Mikhaila Bowden (FC Golden State, USA), Vaylene Lambert (Jewel Fury FC), Stephanie Barrientos (Rumberas FC),

Jesselle Conorque (Jewel Fury FC), Carlene Tillett (Rumberas FC), Beatrice Alfaro (Verdes Rebels FC), Shante Chacon (Jewel Fury FC); midfielders – Anijay Quiroz (Jewel Fury FC), Shendra Casimiro (Rumberas FC), Sabrina Eiley (Sagitun Girlz FC), Ashley Rodriguez Rumberas FC, Gisel Baeza (Jewel Fury FC), Roshany Narvaez (Rumberas FC), Kelsey Polanco (Rumberas FC), Reah Burgess (Sagitun Girlz FC), Alisha Terry (Corozal Bay FC), Tanya Teul (San Pedro Pirates); strikers – Jayda Brown (Jewel Fury FC), Kaite Jones (Rumberas FC), Khalydia Velasquez (Kulture Girlz).

Technical Staff: Head Coach - Wayne Casimiro; Assistant Coach - Joseph Waight, Sr.; Goalkeeper Coach - Miriam Villamil; Fitness Coach - Dennis Serano; Physical Therapist - Manuel Romero; Doctor - Dr. Shanna Pott; Equipment Manager - Herbert Trapp, Jr.; Manager - Corlan Galvez.

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claimant, it tracks the fact that they knew that these negotiations were happening from January." Bradley noted..

The affidavit of Arturo Vasquez, in the original notice of the interim injunction, confirmed that they had knowledge of the negotiations between the government of Belize and the stevedores since January 26, and also of the MOU entered into by the CWU and Port Authority on February 3, granting them 1.5 million payment to be paid "on or before the 28th of February 2022."

In reference to what had been taking place since the signing of that MOU, Bradley stated, "Since then, the entities have been meeting, they have been working out the logistics and so forth, and on Friday, there would have been an urgent injunction in relation to stopping the payment. Now when you use the court processes for urgency, that's because something is happening when you had no opportunity to act. When you are saying that something is urgent, you are saying that people are trying to do something behind closed doors, but that is furthest from the truth. These things were public; these things were done with press conferences and in the plain view of every single member of the public..."

Bradley, in addition to pointing to what appeared to be a bad-faith move of an entity that knew for weeks of the payment process that had been set into motion but chose to file an "urgent" injunction at the "last minute" (as part of an effort which bears some semblance to a legal ambush), also

mentioned that the CWU and its attorneys did not receive notice of the document, which was needed for them to prepare for the hearing until Saturday. This, Bradley said, was an act of disrespect. He said that at that very late juncture, they proceeded to work on preparing the affidavits for the hearing, which was scheduled for Monday.

"The only reason that is the case is because we received the documents involving our clients and seeking this injunction on Saturday, so that we had to be struggling to put in place what would be our response and so forth for a hearing that would have been on Monday, for something which they the claimants are saying is urgent, for something that was in the public domain since January and for a memorandum and payment, knowledge of which they had, when the memorandum was signed on the 3 of February 2022. In my view that is disrespectful," Bradley said.

Bradley went on to state that PBL and its attorneys are attempting to give the impression that some misdeed is taking place in the dark between the CWU and the government of Belize, when, in fact, the agreement and all subsequent processes have taken place openly, with full transparency. PBL and its attorneys have been insisting, however, that the monies paid out to the CWU did not receive the required parliamentary approval. When interviewed by local reporters on Monday, PBL's attorney Hector Guerra, said that if the requisite



Evan "Mose" Hyde – president, CWU and Darrell Bradley – attorney

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Specific Procurement Notice
Belize Defense Force Troop
Lifting Vehicles
Nº CABEL-G-004-2147/2022
One Stage-One Envelope



March 4th, 2022

1. SOURCE OF RESOURCES

The Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEL), as part of the services it provides to its beneficiary partner countries, is granting full financing for the Procurement of **ten (10) Troop Lifting Vehicles** within the framework of the Belize Integral Security Program.

2. EXECUTING AGENCY AND BUYER OF THE BIDDING PROCESS

2.1 Buyer's background

The Executing Body (EB) for the BISP is the Ministry of Finance, **Economic Development**, and Investment. The MED will be responsible for the execution of the Programme and all its components, reporting all progress to CABEL and ensure the execution of each component under the terms established for CABEL formulation and approval. The execution of BISP components will be carried out by the Co-Executors: Belize Police Department, Belize Defense Force, Belize Coast Guard and National Forensic Science Services.

2.2 The Ministry of Economic Development is responsible for the present Procurement process for which it invites suppliers of goods and services to submit bids for this procurement in a sealed envelope.

2.3 The Supplier will be selected and awarded in accordance with the procedures of the Central American Bank for Economic Integration as established in the Procurement Policy for Procurement of Goods, Works, Services and Consultancies with CABEL resources and its Regulations, (DI-52/2020 and PRE-40/2021) which can be found on the following web site: <https://www.bcie.org>.

3. PRESENTATION OF THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS

3.1 General Objectives of the Procurement: Acquisition of ten (10) Troop Lifting Vehicles for the Belize Defense Force.

3.2 The Buyer makes available to interested parties all the documentation related to this Procurement necessary for the preparation of bids.

Such information will be available free of charge:

a. For download on the Ministry of Economic Development's Website: www.med.gov.bz/bisp-tenders and the Ministry of Finance's Procurement Portal <https://blz-cppnb.caricom.org/epps/home.do>.

b. Additional information regarding the preparation of proposals can be communicated by emailed to: procurementofficer.bisp@med.gov.bz and copied to projectcoordinator.bisp@med.gov.bz.

Any cost to obtain printed documents are Non-Refundable. The nominal charge amounts needed are to cover printing and shipping costs.

3.3 Bids for this invitation to bid shall be received no later than April 11th, 2022 until 2:00p.m. at the following physical address below

3.4 Bids must be sent to the address below. Bids will not be permitted in electronic form and no late bids will be accepted. Bids shall be opened publicly, in the presence of the representatives designated by the Bidder, at the address listed below

3.5 All Bids must be accompanied by one "Bid Maintenance Declaration".

3.6 The address mentioned above is:

Project Coordinator
Belize Integral Security Programme
#1904 Constitution Drive, 2nd Floor, Unit 3
Belmopan City, Cayo District
Belize, Central America
Telephone: 501-826-6102

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Friday March 4, 2022 to Thursday March 10, 2022

FRIDAY

6:30 a.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (LIVE)**
 9:00 a.m. **Morning Stew (LIVE)**
 12:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**
 1:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
 2:00 p.m. Movie: The Watsons Go to Birmingham
 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: Harriet Tubman
 9:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**

SATURDAY

9:00 a.m. Documentary: Ronan Farrow: Who Were The Rioters on Jan 6?
 9:18 a.m. Movie: Just an Old Sweet Song
 10:00 a.m. UEF & Ministry of Health and Wellness Kevin Bernard Community Conversations
 11:23 a.m. Movie: The Rosa Parks Story
 12:57 p.m. Documentary: Madam C.J. Walker
 2:10 p.m. Movie: God Bless The Broken Road
 5:30 p.m. UEF & Ministry of Health and Wellness Kevin Bernard Community Conversations
 6:38 p.m. Movie: Concussion
 10:00 p.m. Music Videos

SUNDAY

10:30 a.m. **Sunday Review (LIVE)**
 12:00 p.m. Movie: Gary Wills
 1:03 p.m. Documentary: The Africans: A Triple Heritage - Program 1
 2:01 p.m. Movie: Fences
 4:20 p.m. Documentary: Hughes' Dream Harlem
 5:20 p.m. Documentary: NHD Katherine Johnson
 5:30 p.m. **Sunday Review (repeat)**
 7:00 p.m. Sunday Jazz
 8:00 p.m. Music Videos

MONDAY

9:00 a.m. Documentary: Lost Kingdoms of Africa (Nubia, Ethiopia, Great Zimbabwe and West Africa)
 12:37 p.m. Movie: Yesterday
 2:33 p.m. Documentary: Inside Job
 4:14 p.m. Movie: LUV
 5:41 p.m. Documentary: Whales
 6:38 p.m. Movie: Fences
 8:00 p.m. Music Videos

TUESDAY

6:30 a.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (LIVE) Reef Week 2021**
 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: Doctor Dolittle
 3:30 p.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (repeat)**
 6:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (LIVE)**
 7:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
 8:00 p.m. Belizean Legend: Johnny Lindo - Speaking for the record
 9:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**

WEDNESDAY

6:30 a.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (LIVE) Reef Week 2021**
 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: King Tut - Life and Death
 3:30 p.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (repeat)**
 6:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (LIVE)**
 7:00 p.m. Jazz Session
 7:30 p.m. **You and The Law (LIVE)**
 9:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**

THURSDAY

6:30 a.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (LIVE) Reef Week 2021**
 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: Tigertail
 3:30 p.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (repeat)**
 6:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (LIVE)**
 7:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
 8:00 p.m. Documentary: The Difference between not racist and antiracist
 9:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**



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March 2022.

PUBLICAUCTIONSALE: PROPERTY

Melhado Estate, Mount Pleasant, Cayo District

BY ORDER of the Mortgagees, Messrs. The Belize Bank Limited, Licensed Auctioneers Kevin A. Castillo and Christiana R. Castillo are selling ONLINE via belizepropertyauctions.com the below described property. Sale currently running and will expire on Wednesday 9th March 2022 at 2:00 pm:

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.		

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Lot No. 88 La Milpa Area, Ladyville Village, Belize District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Ladyville/Lord's Bank	16	5981

(Being a concrete bungalow dwelling house [735 sq. ft.] containing 3 bedrooms + 2 bathrooms + living/dining/kitchen situate in La Milpa Area, Ladyville, Belize District, the freehold property of Ms. Lorna Oyerinde)

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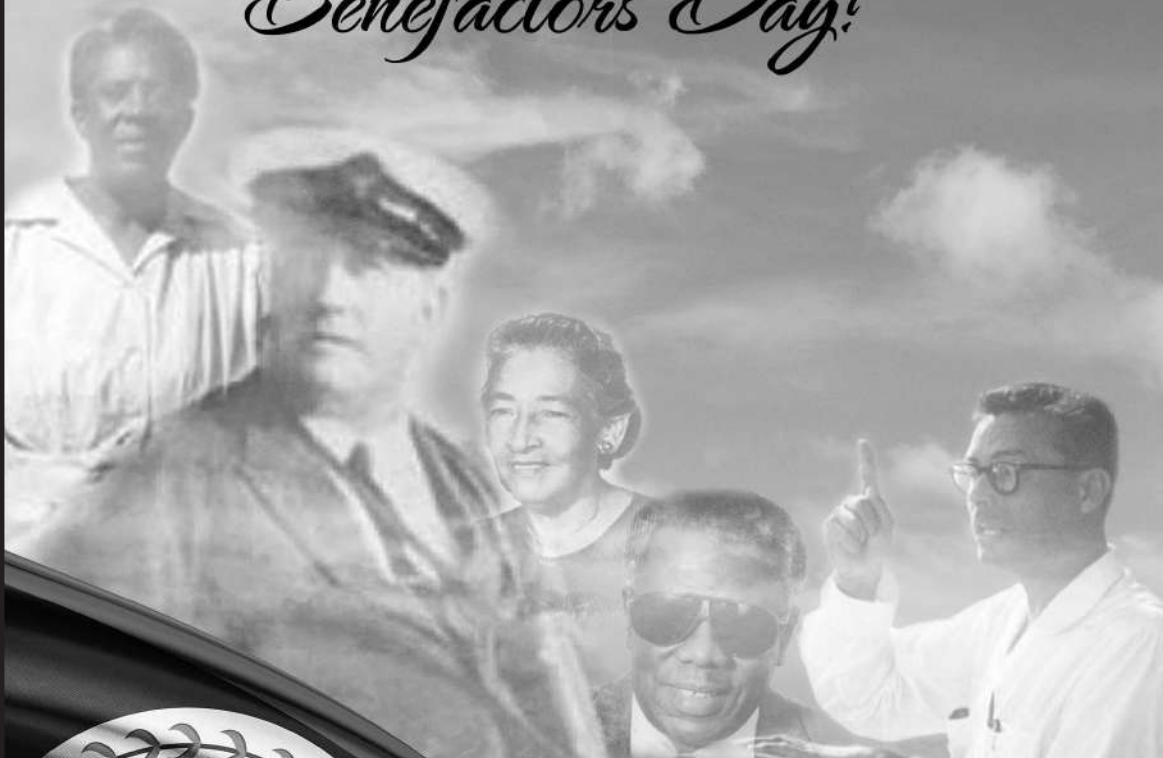
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Letters to the Editor

Deon Sutherland responds

Dear Editor,

I want to clarify three important points in your editorial article.

1. We have always invited and welcomed foreign athletes and coaches to participate in the work of the BAA and represent Belize at athletics events for which they are eligible and qualify. As a matter of fact, we have been criticised by this same entity, AMANDALA, of using more foreigners than Belizeans to represent us in international competition. Now we are criticised for not engaging foreigners. Make up your minds and not be blown around by winds of hearsay or ear-tickling persons.

2. Kaina Martinez was never and has never been given a cold shoulder. In 2016 Ms. Martinez was our first choice to represent us at the 2016 Olympics in Rio; it was a lack of her being responsible that caused that scenario. She has made the decision that she will not represent Belize or work with the BAA until such time as she desires. The BAA has not gone anywhere, so Ms. Martinez, we are still here.

3. In response to Mr. Greg Meyers, the only communication I received from Mr. Meyers was an email sent on February 5, 2022 to the BAA official email address, which I do not check. I was never contacted by Mr. Meyers until I personally responded to his email after seeing this article. Obviously, this was his first email, since this is where he introduced himself and stated his request. He seemingly was in communication with one Alvin Tillett (coach) and Jaheed Smith. The only question that was asked by me was done by Jaheed Smith, saying that one Mr. Meyers was asking if his children can represent Belize at CARIFTA in Jamaica. My simple answer was 'yes, do they have Belize passport?'

I had no knowledge of Mr. Meyers coming to Belize to conduct any training. Unfortunately, that weekend I led a delegation of athletes and officials to the Central American Cross Country in Athletics that was hosted in San Salvador, El Salvador. I left on Thursday, February 17 and returned on Tuesday, February 22, 2022. If I had knowledge that Mr. Meyers was going to be at the MJSC to conduct training, or I would have ensured that someone

from the BAA executive was present to meet the athletes we have agreed to represent us. Please note that it was on the 14th February, 2022 that we officially registered Mr. Meyer's three (3) children to represent Belize and the BAA at the CARIFTA Games to be held in April of this year.

I must reiterate that the BAA has always welcomed foreign athletes and coaches to assist in the development of the sport of athletics. We have sought many ways to better the performance of our athletes, but while we do that, we try to ensure that the athletes of the BAA will [not] be taken advantage of in the process. Many have tried to do such. We will always aim to make BAA one of the best sporting associations and ensure our athletes have the enabling environment to perform their best. This will always be our number one priority. I have contacted Mr. Meyers via email and have welcomed him to share his knowledge and sporting expertise with us at the BAA. He has agreed to work with us for future programs.

The executive of the BAA are aware that many people have knowledge that the BAA elections are in the pipeline, and therefore the level of mischief will be up, but I hope that before this paper listens to hearsay and tickle-ears falsities, they will get the facts on any important matter or issue. If one desires to see the sport develop and progress, don't be a person who tears down, but lend a hand and an idea to assist and build and make better and stronger.

Don't say it. Show it.

Thanks.

(AMANDALA Editorial Note: Mr. Sutherland's response to our editorial of Tuesday, February 22, is self-explanatory to any keen observer, so we won't engage further at this time. Hopefully, as implied in his letter, this represents a new and better phase in the attitude of the Belize Athletic Association toward those eminently qualified and experienced Belizean coaches and athletes both at home and abroad who have previously felt unwelcome in their effort to contribute in uplifting the level of Belize athletics and our representation in international competition.)



Specific Procurement Notice Six (6), 4x4 Diesel Pickup Trucks Nº CABEI-G-001-2147/2022 One Stage-One Envelope



March 4, 2022.

1. SOURCE OF RESOURCES

The Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI), as part of the services it provides to its beneficiary partner countries, is granting total funding for the Procurement of **Six (6) 4x4 Diesel Pickup Trucks** for the Belize Police Department within the framework of the **Belize Integral Security Programme (BISP)**.

2. EXECUTING AGENCY AND BUYER OF THE BIDDING PROCESS

2.1 Buyer's background

The Executing Body (EB) for the BISP is the Ministry of Finance, **Economic Development**, and Investment. The Ministry of Economic Development will be responsible for the execution of the Programme and all its components, reporting all progress to CABEI and ensure the execution of each component under the terms established for CABEI formulation and approval. The execution of BISP components will be carried out by the Co-Executors: Belize Police Department, Belize Defense Force, Belize Coast Guard and National Forensic Science Services.

2.2 The **Ministry of Economic Development** is responsible for the present Procurement process for which it invites suppliers of goods and services to submit bids for this procurement in a sealed envelope.

2.3 The Supplier will be selected and awarded in accordance with the procedures of the Central American Bank for Economic Integration as established in the Procurement Policy for Procurement of Goods, Works, Services and Consultancies with CABEI resources and its Regulations, (DI-52/2020 and PRE-40/2021) which can be found on the following web site: <https://www.bcie.org>.

3. PRESENTATION OF THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS

3.1 General Objectives of the Procurement: acquisition of **6 (six) 4x4 Diesel Pickup Trucks for the Belize Police Department**.

3.2 The Buyer makes available to interested parties all the documentation related to this Procurement necessary for the preparation of bids.

Such information will be available free of charge:

a. For download on the Ministry of Economic Development's Website: www.med.gov.bz/bisp-tenders and the Ministry of Finance's Procurement Portal <https://blz-cppnb.caricom.org/epps/home.do>.

b. Additional information regarding the preparation of proposals can be communicated by emailed to: procurementofficer.bisp@med.gov.bz and copied to projectcoordinator.bisp@med.gov.bz.

Any cost to obtain the documents are Non-Refundable. The nominal charge amounts needed are to cover printing and shipping costs.

3.3 Bids for this invitation to bid shall be received no later than **April 4th, 2022**, until **2:00 p.m.** at the following physical address below:

3.4 Bids must be sent to the address below and bids will not be permitted in electronic form. **No late bids will be accepted.** Bids shall be opened publicly, in the presence of the representatives designated by the Bidder, at the address listed below.

3.5 All Bids must be accompanied by one "Bid Maintenance Declaration".

3.6 The address referred to above is:

Project Coordinator
Belize Integral Security Programme
#1904 Constitution Drive, 2nd Floor, Unit 3
Belmopan City, Cayo District
Belize, Central America
Telephone Number (822-4728)

Ref: Belize Integral Security Programme (Nº CABEI-G-001-2147/2022)

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, March 6, 2022 Time: 10:30 a.m. to noon

Guest: Sista Esther Standford-Xosei/Reparations Legal Expert/
Scholar-Activist

Sunday Review will be repeated at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 6, 2022

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Members of the Belizean Diaspora Donate Laptops to Secondary School Children

Wednesday, March 2, 2022 – The Ministry of Tourism and Diaspora Relations (MTDR) has received a donation of 130 laptops and accessories from Belizeans living at home and abroad that will be distributed to secondary school children by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Science, and Technology (MoECST).

Build Belize Inc, which is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, organized the "Donate to Educate" program in collaboration with MTDR and MoECST. Present at the handing over ceremony were Ambassador Sandhya Murphy on behalf of Build Belize Inc., Hon. Anthony Mahler, Minister of Tourism and Diaspora Relations; Hon. Francis Fonseca, Minister of Education, Culture, Science, and Technology; CEO Nicole Solano; CEO Dian Maheia and other representatives from both MTDR and MoECST.

The donation, valued at over \$150,000.00, includes laptops of various brands such as Lenovo, HP, Asus, Gateway, Samsung and Acer. Student recipients will be required to demonstrate responsibility, and a certain level of accountability for the devices. As a part of the distribution process, the MoECST will work with schools to establish a community service arrangement, and a tracking app will be utilized to ensure the security of the devices.

The mission of Build Belize Inc. is to empower and improve the lives of Belizeans through education, health, and community service. The organization supports the Belizean diaspora by coordinating efforts and assisting them to make contributions to the overall socio-economic development of Belize.

The Belizean diaspora and local Belizeans are encouraged to continue supporting children of Belize. More information on the program, including the donor list, FAQs and other information regarding the "Donate to Educate" campaign, can be found at buildbelizeinc.org

The MTDR, MoECST and Build Belize wish to thank all generous donors for investing in education and for supporting Belizean secondary-school children.

For more information, please contact the MTDR Diaspora Relations Unit at 227-2591 or email diaspora.relations@tourism.gov.bz



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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BELIZE A.D. 2021

CLAIM NO. 343 OF 2021

BETWEEN THE BELIZE BANK LIMITED CLAIMANT

AND

GUSTAVO CARDENAS DEFENDANT

TO: GUSTAVO CARDENAS of 13 San Andres Street, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District, Belize

Take Notice that an action has been commenced against you in the Supreme Court, Claim No. 343 of 2021, by The Belize Bank Limited of 60 Market Square, Belize City, Belize, in which the Claimant's claim is for payment of the total sum of \$94,694.10 inclusive of interest at the rate of 12 percent per annum as well as bank charges and expenses being the total sum due as of the 20th day of March, 2019 in respect of a loan extended by the Claimant to the Defendant pursuant to the terms of a written loan note dated 27th November, 2017 and for continuing interest and costs.

And that it has been ordered that service of the said claim in the said action on you be effected by this advertisement. If you desire to defend the said action you must within 14 days from the second publication of this advertisement, inclusive of the day of such publication, enter an acknowledgement of service at the office of the Supreme Court. In default of such, judgment may be entered against you.

DATED the 2nd day of February, 2022.

Barrow & CO. LLP
Attorneys-at-Law for the Claimant

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Reparations sub-committee drafts letter from CARICOM to European countries

(From page 1)

by Marco Lopez

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Mar. 3, 2022

During the press conference at the conclusion of the 33rd Inter-sessional Meeting of the Conference of CARICOM Heads of Government,



**Hon. Mia Mottley –
Prime Minister of Barbados**

Prime Minister of Barbados, Hon. Mia Mottley announced that the Prime Ministerial Sub-Committee of Reparations, which she chairs, has drafted a letter to reengage European nations on the unresolved issue of reparations for the region. The countries in the Caribbean region were subjected to generations of resource-extraction and dehumanization of their people in order to fund the economic growth of European countries which colonized those nations. As PM Mottley stated, this is not the first such letter to be sent out to the European nations, but it seeks to rekindle a conversation that has been downplayed by those European countries.

“I chair the Prime Ministerial sub-committee on reparations. Last year we took a decision that we would write to the African Union before we wrote to the European nations who were responsible for colonizing our

territories and for the enslavement of our forefathers. Today, we share a draft letter that will go to the heads of different European nations, and we will weigh the comments of our colleague heads with respect to that actual draft letter,” said PM Mottley.

She noted that this is not the first letter sent from the region to the European nations, but said that this most recent letter is being sent at this juncture in an attempt to start a more mature engagement on the topic.

PM Mottley added, “I think a predecessor of mine sent a letter in 2016, and there was a response to it, and while it was noted that it was a dark period in the history of our countries and theirs, there was not an acknowledgment of the need for reparations. Since then, however, we’ve had the George Floyd and Black Lives Matter, we’ve had a recognition by the global population, especially

younger people, that there is a need for climate justice, and I think that we are dealing with a world that is generally intolerant of the kind of inequity, and poverty and discrimination that has come to characterize too much of the last three to four decades in particular of global activity and development.”

She noted that while almost 47 million pounds was paid to former slave owners, no development compact was given to Caribbean nations when they received independence, and this has led to the systemic shortfalls we see commonly across CARICOM nations.

“We had no development compact given to us at the point of independence, but there was a compensatory package for those who were slave owners, and there was a further package for the apprenticeship system, I think that my officials and advisors count it at about 20 million pounds for the British planters who had slaves and another 27 million pounds as a result of the apprenticeship system, so that 47 million pounds was given in the middle of the 19th century. Fast forward now, 130 years to Jamaica becoming independent, Trinidad becoming independent, Guyana becoming independent, Barbados and we go down the line, none of us were given a development compact. We had to start providing for our people without the benefit of any sort of development funding; we had to deal with lack of housing, lack of educational opportunities, lack of healthcare facilities, and we had to do this in spite of the fact that substantial wealth were extracted from our countries, for centuries, in spite of the fact that substantial wealth was extracted not only by the governments but also by the private players who were the owners of the plantations of the owners of the enterprises doing business and trade in our part of the world, and whether we like it or not it is regrettable that the region to which we belong effectively was the modern crucible for racism in the Americas and in the Western world,” PM Mottley said.

The issue of reparatory justice ties into that of climate justice. It is widely known that the capital acquired from the extraction of resources in the Caribbean funded the Industrial Revolution in European countries; it is equally widely accepted that the period marks the start of the increase in global temperature, which began around 150 years ago at the height of the said Industrial Revolution. This creates a direct nexus between the profits gained from the enslavement of the ancestors of those currently living in the Caribbean and the impacts of uncontrollable emission of greenhouse gases that continues to fuel the climate crisis.

PM Mottley said it is no different from any conversation in respect to persons doing wrong: “In private law, you can do wrong through breach of contract, or tortious interference. In development there has been an act regrettably that has left us suffering, and we hope that we can engage with the European countries to ensure that there is an appropriate framework to fuel our development in this difficult time in history,” she said.

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As a result, our account number for online banking has changed. You are advised to take note of these changes and update as soon as possible in order to minimize any disruption.

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We apologise for any inconvenience caused as we make the transition.



Mayors Association hosts She4She World Summit

(From page 1)

Organized by Mayor Sharon Palacio, the She4She Summit will feature women politicians, entrepreneurs, diplomats, and other professionals from various countries.



Mayor Sheran "Sharon" Palacio and Vice President of Liberia, Chief Dr. Jewel Howard-Taylor

by Khaila Gentle

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Mar. 2, 2022

In celebration of International Women's Month, the She4She Champions World Summit, organized by the Belize Mayors Association, in collaboration with the Belmopan City Council, will take place this week from March 4-6 at the Belize Best Western Biltmore Plaza. The summit, which is the first of its kind and the brainchild of Belmopan mayor Sheran "Sharon" Palacio, will be held under the theme "Towards Inclusive Leadership in Governance and Political Affairs" and will feature discussions surrounding women's leadership.

According to Mayor Palacio, the She4She Summit has received overwhelming support from women (and men) leaders from various countries. AMANDALA had a chance to sit with Mayor Palacio, along with one of the summit's guest speakers, H.E. Chief Dr. Jewel Howard-Taylor, vice president of the Republic of Liberia. Mayor Palacio spoke about what motivated her to organize the summit and the role she hopes it will play in empowering women of all ages to pursue positions in politics.

"She4She came about when I attended a summit in Atlanta last year. I was invited by the African Women in Leadership Organization leader. His name is Dr. Atai, and he invited me to be a guest speaker at the event. Several prominent leaders were there, and majority of the females who spoke as to their involvement in politics, in different aspects of development that they were engaged in, it was always a 'he' who gave them that motivation, that encouragement to get involved," she said. Mayor Palacio further stated that, after constantly hearing the term, "He 4 She," she asked herself, "Why not She 4 She?" This question, first posed in the summer of 2021, is what led her to organize the summit, which places a large amount of focus on motivating and mentoring women to strive for excellence.

Mayor Palacio said that she reached out to Dr. Jewel Howard-Taylor, who is Liberia's first female vice president, and asked her to be a guest speaker at the summit back in November. Vice President Howard-Taylor told AMANDALA that she believes the most important thing for women to remember when faced with challenges is to be steadfast even in the

face of adversity.

"Challenges will be everywhere, but if you are determined in your soul that this is what you want to do, you should be willing to face the music, but keep focused on what you want to do," she said, also highlighting how important it is for women to come together and support one another. At the She4She Summit, Dr. Howard-Taylor will be speaking on why representation of women matters.

"I want to say to Belizean women, whether you are young or middle age or aging, there are still opportunities for women to come together, more so for the younger women, because they are the next generation, and those of us who are on the stage now must begin to prepare those who are coming after us so that this struggle for equality isn't lost," added the vice president. She cited Madame Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, who made history as the first elected female head of state in all of Africa, noting that thanks to her and women like her, the journey for other women is much easier.

The program for the three-day summit will include talks on Women's Participation in Public and Political Affairs, Facilitating Women Inclusion in Political Governance, Building and Enabling an Environment for Women's Participation in Public and Political Affairs, Women in Solidarity, and most notably "Her Story," which will see several speakers share stories about their own journeys to success. Speakers will include Belize's Special Envoy for the Development of Families and Children, H.E. Mrs. Rosanna Briceño; Madam Mayor Nicole Jackson of Rice, Texas; and the Permanent Representative to the UN at the Government of Sierra Leone, Ambassador Victoria Sulimani.

According to Mayor Palacio, the She4She Summit is set to take place in the Republic of Liberia next year. Dr. Howard-Taylor also said that she hopes Belizeans, regardless of gender, will attend the event, learn, and then go on to mentor others using what they have learned.

Court strikes out Stake Bank v AG claim

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leave for judicial review of GoB's approval of the Port of Magical Belize project. Today, however, Justice Lisa Shoman struck out the case, on the grounds that the attorneys for the claimant, Senior Counsel Glenn Godfrey and William Michael Lindo, Jr., failed to file the claim within the mandated 14-day period.

The parties made submissions yesterday, and an oral decision was reserved for this morning, when Justice Shoman ruled in favor of the Attorney General's Ministry, the first defendant in the matter. In her ruling, she outlined that the rules of the court do not grant the bench powers to extend the fixed 14-day period in a judicial review action not filed within the mandated time.

The attorney for Stake Bank, William Michael Lindo, did not deny the legal requirement that there must be strict compliance with the 14-day mandated period, but maintained that they filed the claim within the stipulated time period. He noted that they uploaded the file to the Apex Court system and received acknowledgment of receipt prior to the end of that period. This was ruled to be not sufficient by Justice Shoman, who asserted that until a party receives a stamped court document, whether hardcopy or electronic, a claim is not considered filed.

In an interview subsequent to the hearing, Hector Guerra, attorney for Waterloo Investments Holdings, which is an interested party in the case, said, "The court today ruled that a document is not filed, or at least it's deemed to be filed until a party received back a stamped copy of that electronic document, saying, look, it's been filed, and it has the date."

The judicial review action brought by Stake Bank hinged on the geographical proximity of the two ports, which, it has

asserted, would reduce the financial viability of both projects, which would share a limited market. Those two locations, Port Coral and Port of Magical Belize, are located about 12 miles from each other, and somewhere in the middle of that would have been the proposed Waterloo port, which was denied environmental approval, but would have resulted in a three-way apportioning of market share, and further reduction in returns on investments.

Last year, Waterloo Investments joined the case after being denied environmental clearance by the Department of the Environment, following expressions of alarm, both by environmental groups and the country's Belize Water Services Limited, about the adverse potential environmental impact of the project. Those environmental concerns were not cited when the approval was denied, and the company seemed to ignore those concerns when it issued a scathing letter accusing unnamed members of the National Environmental Appraisal Committee of attempting to seek bribes — a claim that they failed to substantiate with any evidence or further details, according to the Minister of Sustainable Development, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management, Hon. Orlando Habet.

Stake Bank Enterprise Limited may have an opportunity to appeal the decision, said Guerra.

"There is a possibility that it may be an appeal. Of course, any litigant has that at its disposal. Now, in terms of whether a fresh claim can be brought, we have our reservation about that. We do not believe that a fresh claim can be brought as a result of the way the law stands at the moment," Guerra said.

So for now, the battle of the ports continues, and Stake Bank's Port Coral continues its construction of facilities to accommodate cruise tourists on the island. We will continue to follow.

CARICOM-SICA Summit commences

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in over a decade. At the last such Central American-Caribbean gathering, the heads of the two regions committed to increasing cooperation and engagement, but the efforts made since then, noted Hon. Briceño, have been less than satisfactory.

"Clearly, much has happened in the world since 2011. The global and regional landscape has changed significantly. Our partnership, therefore, must be strategic. It must deliver more for the peoples of our shared neighbourhood. As nations we are clawing our way back from a severe economic downturn, occasioned by a devastating COVID-19 pandemic," he stated. In addition to having similar challenges, expressed Hon. Briceño, the nations of the two sub-regions also share similar commitments—to achieving sustainable development, to multilateralism, and to maintaining democratic governance.

The president of Costa Rica, Carlos Alvarado Quesada, also delivered opening remarks in which he noted Belize's unique position as a bridge between the two regions. Quesada proposed that the Heads of State work

together on a SICA-CARICOM action plan that focuses on increased connectivity between nations, particularly in the form of language and intra-regional transportation. He highlighted the fact that Central America and the Caribbean are two of the most vulnerable regions when it comes to the climate crisis and emphasized that achieving true progress requires a unified voice.

President of Panama and Pro-tempore President of SICA, H.E. Laurentino Cortizo was unable to attend the Summit due to COVID-19. In his stead, Erika Mouynes, Panama's Minister of Foreign Affairs, spoke on the significance of the collaboration between the two sub-regions.

"The fact that 22 countries are coming together cannot be lost on us, and the power, and the message that that sends is also extremely important. And so we need to embrace it and understand," Mouynes said.

H.E. Antonio Gutierrez, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, was in attendance at the Summit, albeit virtually, due to the ongoing invasion of Ukraine by Russian forces and the key role he is playing as the United Nations attempts to address this crisis as an international body.

Two murders in less than an hour

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after being shot in the northern part of the country.

The first fatal shooting that occurred on Wednesday night, took place shortly after 7:00 p.m. in the Japan area of Ladyville Village. At about 7:40 p.m., police went to a residence on Myrtle Wade Crescent, where that initial shooting occurred. The alleged shooter, who resides at the home, was, according to police, in a nervous state, and when he was questioned by police, he explained that someone came to his home and tried to kill him. After police searched the yard of the home and found the motionless body of 27-year-old Dijon Kenrick Foreman and a .40 caliber pistol, which is believed to be the murder weapon used to kill Foreman, in the yard, they arrested the resident of the home.

“Based on the information gathered so far by investigators, they’re saying it was only the person who lives at the house and the victim which was there. The victim lives not too far from where he was killed, and we don’t want to make any presumptions. We’re just sticking to the facts. What I can tell you is that for investigators right now, this is looking pretty good, and we’re hoping to gather more information from neighbors,” said Communications Director of the Belize Police Department, ASP Fitzroy

Yearwood today at a press briefing.

No clear motive has yet been established for the shooting, but according to police, initial reports indicated that Foreman had gone to the home, where he was shot, for an unknown purpose.

The second murder of the night occurred at about 8:30 p.m. on Wilson Street in front of the WASA water tank in Belize City. When police arrived at the scene, they found the motionless body of 55-year-old Edward Reubin Saldano, Sr., also known as ‘Scrubboard’, a Belizean stevedore, lying on the ground with apparent gunshot injuries to his body. According to the police’s initial report, at about 8:25 p.m., Saldano was riding his bicycle on Wilson Street, when a dark-colored Nissan Murano drew close to him and the occupants of the car exited the vehicle and fired a barrage of bullets in his direction, which caused his death. On February 9, the son of Edward Saldano, Sr., Edward Saldano, Jr., escaped from police custody while at the Belize Magistrate Court, and since that day police have been on the hunt for Saldano. ASP Yearwood speculated that Saldano, Sr., was an innocent target, and was killed unjustly—possibly in retaliation for the unlawful actions of his son.

“I wouldn’t want to say that, because he’s on the run from the law, and I

don’t believe any law enforcement officer may have had anything to do with what took place to Mr. Saladano last night. I just want to make it very clear, Edward Saldano, Sr., and Edward Saldano, Jr., are two different persons, and as much as I know about the father is that he is a hardworking person and have been that way from I can’t remember how long, knowing him for so many years. What his son may have done in the street could be elements, but I still wouldn’t want to lean towards that, and I honestly believe that someone took advantage of Edward Saldano, Sr., and took away his life unjustly,” noted ASP Yearwood.

Police have no clear motive for the second murder, but ASP Yearwood mentioned that the gunmen might have been sending a message, based on the number of bullets fired. “So far, we haven’t established motive, but what we can say is that with that excess amount of bullets fired at him, they wanted to make sure that he died,” Yearwood noted. Police are in search of two individuals in connection with Saldano’s murder and are pleading with the residents of the area to come forward with any information they might have on this recent murder.

“When it comes to murder, it is very difficult, because the way our laws are set, we don’t want to identify anyone before that person is detained, because

then could prejudice the case. So we only have our officers tasked with finding these persons, and hopefully through our investigative tactics we can come to a conclusive arrest when it comes to that. But it wouldn’t hurt if members of the public know the identity of these persons without us having to tell them who these people are. If they could call 922, 911 [or] come in and visit your nearest police station. Any way you prefer to give us that information, it would be very helpful for us,” said ASP Yearwood.

While Foreman and Saldano died due to gunshots, an eighteen-year-old teenager from Corozal is fighting for his life at the Corozal Community Hospital after being shot multiple times. According to initial reports, at around 10:30 p.m., Andre Sanker of Corozal Town was socializing on a veranda on F & D street along with two other persons, Ainsworth Matura, 18, and Leonardo Acosta, 19, when a gunman approached them from behind the house and fired a barrage of bullets, which wounded Sanker.

Police believe that Sanker was the intended target, based on the number of times he was hit, but no clear motive has yet been established.

So far, one person has been detained and is in police custody. Sanker is listed as being in a critical condition at the Corozal Community Hospital.

Stevedores’ payments temporarily blocked

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parliamentary approval is granted, they would have to “reconsider the matter,” but that they have their own view as to “whether that would cure the misstep that has happened”.

(It is worth noting that PBL, while attempting to portray itself as an advocate of compliance with law and proper procedures, had, up until last week, not complied with the rulings of the government-appointed Essential Services Arbitration Tribunal — even though the stevedores had ended an 8-day strike with the hope that they would. The Belize Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI), when expressing disapproval of the stevedores’ industrial action in January, had pointed to this tribunal as the appropriate mechanism for resolving differences between the parties. However, it remains to be seen how this mechanism can effectively address these concerns, in light of what appears, at least at this point, to be PBL’s disregard of that tribunal’s orders.)

Prime Minister John Briceno had informed local media that the payment was made by special warrant and would be approved at the next budget presentation in the National Assembly, and Darrel Bradley also noted that section 114 of the Constitution provides for payments by means of a special warrant, with a period of 90 days without immediate parliamentary approval, which is one of the grounds of the claimant’s case, or so it seems.

The preamble of the Memorandum of Understanding sets out overarching reasoning for the decision to issue payment to the stevedores.

“Whereas the Port of Belize Limited was privatized on or about 18 day of January 2002; And Whereas the Government of Belize recognizes that the Stevedores may have been prejudiced by the said privatization or the Port; And Whereas the Government of Belize, without accepting any liabilities for any prejudices that may have been suffered by the Stevedores, desires to provide the stevedores with an ex-gratia payment to offset any such prejudice that may have arisen,” the MOU signed by the CWU and government states.

While the government itself assumes no liability for any harm to the stevedores that may have been caused by privatization, they do recognize that stevedores “may have been prejudiced by said privatization or the Port”. This assertion seemingly transfers some level of implied culpability to the receivership which oversees the Port of Belize, a major service provider that has been operating with a transitional management team for 20 years, and which has been in a volatile relationship with its workers over the past two decades.

The effort of the CWU to provide some relief for their aggrieved members has been interrupted by their employer in a manner that seems to many Belizeans to be spiteful — and that, in some quarters, is viewed as an effort to cause economic pain to the stevedores, some of whom have been physically injured while on the job. The president of CWU, Evan “Mose” Hyde, told local media that the stevedores had a reasonable expectation that they would be receiving payment on the date designated by the

memorandum of understanding they signed with the government, since they fully complied with the requests within the MOU.

For now, since that process has been stalled, the union is unable to access its online account to check its account balance to determine what amount has been withdrawn, and many stevedores, unable to access funds from local banks — particularly the bank associated with the entity which controls PBL — have had to pay incredibly high fees to third party agencies to cash their checks. And it in fact appears that the union is in fact unable to access any of its funds — even those funds completely unrelated to GoB’s disbursement and which are needed to pay the union’s expenses.

“Our advice to our members today is that they need to remove their accounts from those institutions that are related to the employer forthwith. If they have any loan arrangement, of course, they have to keep with those, but you cannot do business with people who have acted this way to you. Because ultimately that is what we have, the situation that we are faced with is that unfortunately people who have deposited their checks to various financial institutions are now being told that they are unable to get any access to their funds, that’s going on. But it’s even broader than that; what happens at CWU, is we have independent financial institutions not honoring our check, which is not related to the account in question, not even the same bank.” Hyde said.

He went on to state, “But it just shows the end product of a very

...unkind, I’m trying to be pleasant... very unkind intentions from the employer to do its best to make things as messy, to make things as hard, to make things as unpleasant as they have become, and we have to put that on the record. “

Attorney Bradley said that the injunction, to which there might have been an excessive reaction by local banks, only legally restrains the CWU from paying the stevedores for a period of 15 days, but any monies paid out by check or otherwise are not frozen by the interim order.

“We just want to be very clear in relation to what the order speaks about. The order speaks about the payment of the fund and the order specifies the \$1.5 million, and what the order does is temporarily for a period of 15 days, what the order does is it restrains the CWU and its officers, president, general secretary from making the payment to the members, so if the payment has already been made previous to the granting of the injunction, that can’t be caught by the order,” Bradley said.

Concerning the difficulties being faced with the other domestic bank accounts, he said, “Just by way of the court order, the court order only deals with a particular sum of money which was paid into a particular account, so this doesn’t deal with any other account or any other monies. It’s a particular thing, and what it does is that there is no holding of that; what it does is prevents me, from your, those proceeds, but every other thing is not caught by the injunction.” Bradley explained.



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