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# Holy Saturday Cross Country is back!

*The 92nd Cross Country Cycling Classic returns this Holy Saturday*

by *Khaila Gentle*

BELIZE CITY, Tues. Apr. 12, 2022

After a much bemoaned two-year hiatus, the long-awaited return of the Holy Saturday Cross Country Cycling Classic is here

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## Churches have collected "13,000 plus" signatures

The churches' call for a marijuana referendum continues to gain steam, garnering support from the likes of Michael Ashcroft and former Prime Minister Rt. Hon. Dean Barrow, in addition to collecting a purported 13,000 plus petition signatures so far.



Rt. Hon. Dean Barrow

by *Kory Leslie, Freelance Writer*

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Over the past few days, the churches' anti-cannabis movement

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## Tragedy at female Cross Country race

The Belize cycling family is mourning the loss of Edison "Vintage" Usher and Kadeem Banks after a tragic motorcycle accident claimed their lives this past Sunday.

by *Khaila Gentle*

BELIZE CITY, Tues. Apr. 12, 2022

The long-awaited return of Cross Country cycling following a two-year hiatus, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, was marred, unfortunately, by tragedy when two men, both of whom have been long-time race officials, perished in a motorcycle accident just before the start of the 31st

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Edison "Vintage" Usher



Kadeem Banks

## BBA prez says bus fare increase necessary

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## Bloody weekend in the Belize district

Three men were gunned down in the Belize District over the past weekend in separate incidents. The three shootings—two in Belize City and one in Mahogany Heights—were just a portion of the bloodshed that was seen across the country in a span of four days.



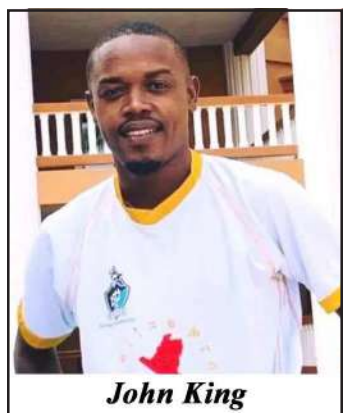
Carlton Gladden and Mark Anthony Lord

by *Charles Gladden*

BELIZE CITY, Mon. Apr. 11, 2022

A series of murders rocked the Belize District over this past weekend—each of which sent reverberations through the respective communities in which the victims belonged, with one of the shootings causing great sorrow within the community of local music artists and among football enthusiasts while another deeply grieved those who had benefited from the acts of a reputed Good Samaritan in the Mahogany Heights community.

The murder of that Mahogany Heights resident occurred on Friday night, April 8, at around 7:30 p.m. Police arrived at a Pine Street address in



John King

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# HAPPY EASTER!

From the management and staff of Amandala





# Human Rights Commission responds to MOFA

*“There is nothing unlawful or illegal about anyone entering Belize without proper papers and requesting asylum,” states a press release from the Human Rights Commission*



**HUMANRIGHTS**  
COMMISSION OF BELIZE

by *Khaila Gentle*

BELIZE CITY, Mon. Apr. 11, 2022

The Human Rights Commission of Belize (HRCB) issued a press release this past week addressing the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade, and Immigration’s recent comments regarding the influx of irregular Cuban migrants into the country. In the release, the Commission outlined its stance on the matter, stating that it remains committed to ensuring that the rights of all persons, migrants, and refugees included, are upheld under the law and noting that “there is nothing unlawful or illegal about anyone entering Belize without proper papers and requesting asylum.”

Last week, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, via a press release, stated that migrants, particularly those from Cuba, have been exploiting the country’s refugee program in order to use Belize as a transit point for reaching the US/Mexico border. That release was issued shortly after the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Hon. Eamon Courtenay, had stated during a Senate meeting that the Ministry would be doing all that it

could to reduce the flow of irregular migrants into Belize, adding that the country currently has a “serious migration problem.”

Hon. Courtenay’s promise to crack down on illegal immigration was made just as a group of nine Cuban nationals, including two minors,

narrowly escaped repatriation. After having been detained at the Belize Central Prison for approximately 50 days, those persons were scheduled to be placed on a flight back to Cuba. The Human Rights Commission, however, had stepped in, taking out a habeas corpus and demanding that the group be allowed a fair trial in court before any action was taken against them.

A similar scenario had emerged after the Supreme Court had ordered the release of a group of Cubans who had been detained after being denied the opportunity to apply for asylum. Shortly after, it was revealed that those persons had left the country without informing any authority. But the Human Rights Commission says that, in this case, the only law that those persons broke was leaving in contravention of immigration laws which require that persons leave through specified exit points.

“They were free to leave... We all have freedom of movement, and no restriction had been placed on them. Additionally, in our country we have unmanned, uncontrolled borders,” stated the Commission in reference to the matter.

In its release, the Commission further added that irregular migrants should not be charged for illegal entry nor should they be sent to prison with the general prison population—which includes actual convicted criminals—to await transportation out of the country.

During an interview this week, the Minister of Home Affairs, Hon. Kareem Musa, was asked by local reporters whether the situation

involving the Cuban nationals could “pose a threat” to the country. Hon. Musa, however, stated that it was a question he would have to direct to the Ministry of Immigration before he could give a response.

AMANDALA reached out to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for comment regarding the HRCB’s statement, but we received no response.

## Two bodies found over the weekend



*Yichao Li and Daniel Gutierrez, both deceased*

by *Charles Gladden*

BELIZE CITY, Mon. Apr. 11, 2022

Over the last few days, two bodies were found in separate locations in the country—one was that of a Chinese national who apparently drowned, while the other belonged to a victim of a stabbing.

On Friday, April 8, sometime after 9:30 a.m., the body of 64-year-old Yichao Li, a resident of 2nd Street South, Corozal Town, was found in the water on the shores of that town. Li was fully dressed and floating in a facedown position. He was later identified by his son, Daquan Li, 36, also of Corozal.

According to ASP Fitzroy Yearwood, Communications Director of the Belize Police Department, a post-mortem examination conducted on Li’s body revealed no sign of foul play. The cause of his death was listed as asphyxia due to inhalation of fluids as a consequence of drowning.

Later, on Sunday, April 10, the body of Daniel Gutierrez, 16, who had been reported missing a few days earlier, was found at around 7:42 a.m. somewhere near the Isidoro Beaton Football Stadium. There was a stab wound on the left side of Gutierrez’s chest, and his body was already showing early signs of decomposition. According to ASP Yearwood, Gutierrez had been reported missing by his aunt on Tuesday, April 5. Currently, police have 2 persons detained for questioning in connection with the murder of the Belmopan teen.

Oswaldo Gutierrez, Daniel’s father, told local media that the last time he

heard from his son was on Tuesday when the teen went to borrow a bike from his aunt.

“The last hour that they saw him was on Tuesday night when he went to borrow a bike from my sister; that was about 8 o’clock or 8:30, something like that. From there, he said he was going to buy at the shop or something he went to buy. But the thing is, he didn’t come back to my mother’s house, because he was supposed to sleep there that night, and that’s why I wasn’t expecting him to reach home,” he said.

Oswaldo believes that his son’s death might have been the result of some conflicts that the teen may have had.

“Well, I believe maybe he had problems with someone and didn’t tell anyone, so that’s why we can’t know anything more or less what happened to him because he didn’t tell anyone if he had an enemy or anything or there. So it’s kind of hard to know, because he didn’t tell anyone about anything,” he said.

According to Gutierrez, his son wasn’t a problem child, but he had been apprehended a few times by law enforcement personnel due to his habit of wandering on the streets.

“Police have taken him several times, because he [likes] to be out on the street, and they don’t want him on the street. Some police already know him and they don’t want him on the street, but he [didn’t] want to listen, but that was all the problem,” said Gutierrez.

Police have yet to establish any motive for the murder of Daniel Gutierrez.

## Teen dies in Gales Point motorcycle accident

*17-year-old Joshua Samuels was killed when the motorcycle he was driving, crashed into a lamppost near the Gales Point Manatee cemetery.*



*Joshua Samuels, deceased*

by *Charles Gladden*

BELIZE CITY, Mon. Apr. 11, 2022

A teenager from Gales Point Manatee in the Belize District lost his life when the motorcycle he was riding, crashed into a lamppost in the village on Saturday, April 9. According to initial police reports, at about 6:00 o’clock that evening, 17-

year-old Joshua Samuels was driving his motorcycle in the vicinity of the Gales Point Manatee Cemetery when the motorcycle reportedly rammed into the lamppost. He was transported to the Southern Regional Hospital (SRH) by family members, but unfortunately succumbed to the injuries that he received.

Samuels’ body remains at the morgue of the Southern Regional Hospital, where it will undergo a postmortem examination. Meanwhile, police are carrying out an investigation to determine whether the teenager had been licensed to drive the motorcycle.

“It’s unfortunate, and it happened to a youth, 17 years old, so I know that our officers will investigate this also to find out what was the cause of this accident. Anywhere a life is lost, we investigate until proven that it happened naturally, and then we leave it to the family to deal with their loss,” said ASP Fitzroy Yearwood, Communications Director for the Belize Police Department.



# Andre Vega wins appeal

*The son of former Deputy Prime Minister Gaspar Vega no longer has to repay the Government of Belize—and the people of the country—the \$400,000 he had been ordered to pay by Supreme Court judge Courtney Abel in a 2019 Supreme Court ruling, since that ruling was overturned at the Court of Appeal.*

by Kory Leslie, Freelance Writer

BELIZE CITY, Tues. Apr. 12, 2022

Almost six years ago, Belizeans became aware of what appeared to have been a sordid series of land transactions that enriched two persons, one of whom was the son of the Minister in charge of the Lands Department, Gaspar Vega, at the expense of Belizean taxpayers. Those two persons— attorney Sharon Pitts and Andre Vega (son of former UDP Minister Gaspar Vega) had purchased private land from an apparent middleman affiliated with Minister Vega, who had bought it from GoB for a few thousand dollars, and a short time after, when the private ownership of the land was “discovered”, they were each paid \$400,000 so that government could reacquire the land. The inappropriate nature of the series of transactions—the sheer obscenity of the process by which a young man gained hundreds of thousands of dollars as a result of a transaction orchestrated by a government department headed by his father—had prompted many Belizeans to call for justice. And it had appeared that the “justice” they had sought had been served when, in 2019, a Supreme Court judge had ordered Andre Vega

to pay back the money he had received from GoB. Vega had appealed that ruling, however, and last week, the Court of Appeal made the decision to throw out the 2019 Supreme Court ruling that required Vega to repay \$400,000 to the Government of Belize.

Readers may recollect that in October of 2016, it came to light that Vega’s father and then Deputy Prime Minister, Gaspar Vega, who was the Minister of Natural Resources at the time under the previous UDP administration, had, in January 2013, approved the sale of a little over an acre of land located near the Haulover Bridge to Hilmar Alamilla, who was an associate of Minister Vega. While the value of the 1.057-acre seafront parcel, located between the Caribbean Sea and the Philip Goldson Highway, was assessed at several thousand dollars, Gaspar Vega, who was also the Minister of Natural Resources, via a directive to former Lands Commissioner Wilbert Vallejos, approved the sale of the plot for a discounted \$2,500, notwithstanding the \$6,000 value assigned within the department. Alamilla received the title to the land in May 2013, and in December 2013, only months later, Alamilla would then sell the plot to the Deputy Prime Minister’s son at a

price of \$15,000. There was no acknowledgement at the highest levels of the Ministry that the land was privately owned, despite reports that there are documents which show that land surveyors in the ministry had indicated to their superiors that the land was privately owned. When GoB thus found itself having to reacquire the land, which already had a private owner, the Lands Department became liable to compensate Vega and Pitts a whopping market value of \$400,000 each in taxpayer monies.

When the transactions became known to the public, there was huge outcry, and the Barrow administration did not have much choice but to remove Gaspar Vega from his ministerial post, which was later followed by his resignation. While Andre Vega’s attorney maintained that the charges brought against him were unfair, since the error was made by the Lands Department and not due to any corrupt act of his client. Justice Courtney Abel ruled that Vega was “unduly enriched” and had to return the money received in 2016.

Pitts had also been ordered to pay back what she had received, and while it was reported in 2018 that she had headed into mediation in order (in the words of Solicitor General Nigel Hawke) to “arrive at an amicable solution”, Vega had opted instead, through his attorney, to file an appeal in 2020. The Court of Appeal in their ruling last week stated that the Supreme Court fell into error by “absolving the GOB from blame for the consequences of its wrong in



Andre Vega

issuing the Minister’s Fiat Grant 182 of 2013.” To that end they ruled that the blame for any wrongdoings in the matter was unjustly transferred to Andre Vega, “instead of laying it squarely at the feet of the GOB where it truly belonged”.

Notably, at the time of the scandal, it had been said that an audit of the Lands Department would be conducted to determine who was liable for what took place and to see whether a criminal investigation was necessary, but the Auditor General at the time, Dorothy Bradley, later indicated that the department’s records were not reliable enough to produce a substantial report of findings to the public. In March 2021, Auditor General Bradley had stated, “The truth is that we spent almost 2 and a half years at Lands, trying to gather information... And when we started to reconcile that information, we could not, because the information was terribly distorted... So, it wasn’t credible for us to put out there.”

**Easter Notice**

Our sellers, readers and advertisers are advised that next week for the Easter holidays, there will only be the Friday issue of the Amandala, which will hit the streets on **Wednesday morning, April 13, 2022.**

After the Easter holidays, there will be only the Friday issue of the Amandala which will hit the streets on **Friday, April 22, 2022.**

*Have a happy and safe Easter*

## Pre-Easter COVID-19 numbers low

by Khaila Gentle

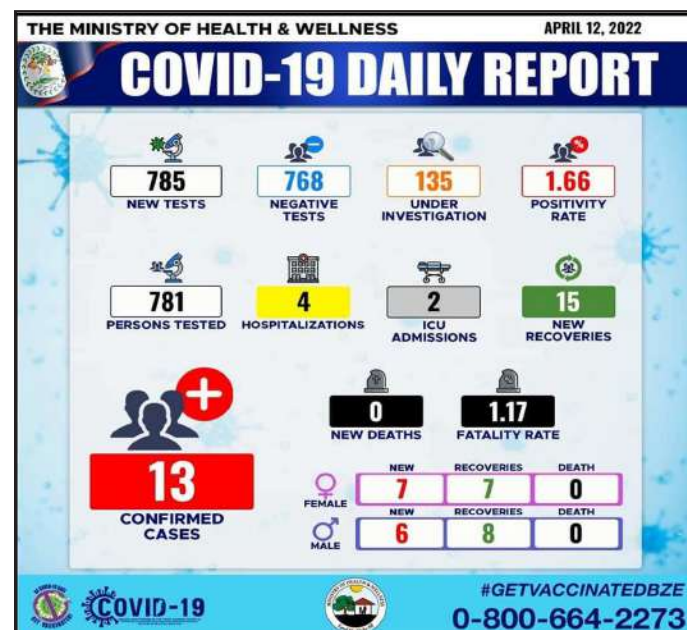
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As the Easter holiday quickly approaches, many Belizeans are looking forward to enjoying the first extended holiday since the lifting of all COVID-19 regulations. And while the number of COVID-19 cases

across the country remains low, there have still been a small number of reported cases.

The most recent COVID-19 update from the Ministry of Health and Wellness, for Tuesday, April 12, revealed a total of 13 confirmed cases along with 4 hospitalizations, but no new deaths. Ten of those new cases were from the Belize District, including one from San Pedro Town. The Cayo District reported two cases, while the Toledo District reported only one.

Meanwhile, cumulative data from the Health Ministry for April 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> indicated 14 confirmed cases, 11 new recoveries,



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# PC to answer for not intervening in bus terminal beatdown

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Tues. Apr. 12, 2022

A video recorded via cell phone that shows a mentally disturbed woman in the nude attacking another woman at the Novelo's Bus Terminal in Belize City has garnered much attention, particularly because the footage, which shows one woman throwing another into the closed shutters of a store at the front of the bus terminal and then stomping her, also revealed that a police officer was present during the altercation. The woman police officer can be seen hiding inside the terminal,

refusing to intervene, and, according to some onlookers, even giggling, while other onlookers asked for someone to stop the fight.

In Monday's police media briefing, Commissioner of Police, Chester Williams spoke on the matter and stated that the police officer will be asked to explain why she did nothing to stop the two women.

"Certainly the video was sent to me. I must express my extreme disappointment in the actions of the police in question. It shows that indeed these two females were having an altercation and a female police officer standing back, hiding,

and appeared to be laughing and I don't know if she was laughing [at] what was taking place. But whatever it may be, her actions certainly are a breach of discipline. A clear act of neglect of duty and that matter has been referred to PSB and they're dealing with the matter," stated Commissioner Williams.

The Commissioner also mentioned that it is the duty of police officers to serve and protect the public. He believes that if the officer was not capable of rendering assistance, she should have called for backup.

"As police officers, we do have a responsibility. We took an oath of

office to serve and to protect the public. In our oath it says, 'that we must do so fairly without -favor, affection and ill will' and it is expected that we uphold that oath. If it is that the officer in question felt that she was not in a position to adequately address the issue without being harmed, then at the very least she could've called for support to come so that the matter could have been addressed. So I'm not going to convict her, but she needs to explain what happened [and] why certain things were not done and that is what the investigation is going to reveal," he said.

## Bloody weekend in the Belize district

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the Mahogany Heights community, where they found a man's motionless body in a sitting position on the floor near the door of the home. The man, identified as Carlton Gladden, 52, also known as "Yankee", had sustained a gunshot wound to the body. Gladden was transported to the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital (KMH) where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

Marlon Dunn, a neighbour of Gladden, whom Gladden had often gifted with food, clothing and other necessities, told *7News*, "Earlier in the day, he came over to our house and he brought some stuff so we could eat, because we don't really have anything to eat, and he's the only one who's been helping us around here. So Friday night we were in the house, me and my son, and we were watching movies and we heard two gunshots. So I asked my son what that sounds like. He said, 'Dad, it's gunshots.' So I told him, 'Let's stay inside the house, so he stayed in the chair. I stayed on the floor and lie in my bed. Couple minutes after that, he come outside and he saw Mr. Yankee's burglar bar door open and his front door open, so when he looked across he saw Yankee on the ground in a sitting position with his head leaning on the door."

While the police are still investigating, the Communications Director of the Police Department, ASP Fitzroy Yearwood, told local reporters that they believe that the murder was possibly drug-related.

AMANDALA was able to speak with Karen Gladden, the sister of the deceased, who said that she only has fond memories of her brother.

"With him, Carlton was the type of person that was always good, and when he love, he loves hard. I remember he was in love with this girl and the girl broke his heart, and he cried. That boy was something else when he loves you; he'll love you hard. He had a dog and the dog got killed; he cried. That's just how he was. He was really, really sweet. It's kind of hard to talk about him, but my thing with him is he would give you the world... He had gotten in trouble one time, and the police brought him home because they said they wanted

nothing to happen to him because he was a good kid, so that's how sweet and good he was that he didn't do anything to him," she said.

Gladden was often regarded as somewhat of a hero in his community, since he had assisted many residents with food, money, and even clothing.

The second and third murders in the Belize District both took place in the city and occurred within an hour of each other on Saturday night. Sometime around 6:35 that night, police arrived on Jones Street in Belize City, where they found the body of Mark Anthony Lord, a 39-year-old construction worker, lying face-down on the street with gunshot wounds in his body.

According to police, Lord had been walking on Jones Street when he was approached by an unknown gunman who fired several shots at him, which caused his death. Due to swift police response, two male persons were apprehended, and a 9mm pistol—believed to be the murder weapon—was recovered. And on Tuesday, April 12, police arrested and charge Darbin Joel Romero, 21, for the murder.

Almost an hour later, at around 7:35 p.m., prominent Belizean semi-pro footballer and local reggae/rap artist, John King, was shot and killed. According to reports, 28-year-old King was sitting inside a residence located on Victoria Street, which was reportedly the home of a friend, where, incidentally, he had previously been wounded by gunshots in June of last year, when he heard someone outside the home shout "evil" several times. (It has been reported that "Evil" was reportedly the nickname of an associate of his). When King ventured outside the residence to see who it was, an unknown gunman opened fire on him. The 28-year old ran back into the home, and collapsed in the bathroom shortly after. He was then rushed to the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital (KMH), where he succumbed to his injuries moments later while receiving treatment.

John King is known throughout the country as a semipro-football player who last played for Caesar Ridge FC. As previously mentioned, in June of last year, King was shot at the very residence on Victoria Street where he

was killed on Saturday. However, that previous gunshot injury—a wound in the buttocks—had not been life-threatening. Thereafter, King had begun to perform on the local music scene, and his voice has been described by many as distinct and evocative.

Henry Gillet, manager of the Caesar Ridge FC, spoke with AMANDALA about his interaction with King, who according to police, was not a gang-member.

"I've [known] John King for a long period of time; I would say about 15 years. I know John King as a smooth, upcoming, young, talented, athlete, I didn't know he was a rapper. I know John King as a football player. John King played in almost all the semi-pro football clubs in Belize. John King is a cool, outgoing young man. He's not out there creating problems, creating violence. He just likes playing football, he likes to dance, and he likes to rap. So what happened to John King, it really touched me, as John King isn't that person that's in the streets. Yes, he grew, played ball and grew up in the Jungle area, but that doesn't mean because he's from that area he's a bad person," Gillett said. (King, who reportedly grew up in the Jungle area, played football at a young age with the Brown Bombers youth football club while he was a student at Hoy Redeemer primary school.)

Following King's death, there has been an outpouring of expressions of grief, as well as tributes, from both local artists and various football associations to which King had belonged. On Sunday, the Football Federation of Belize (FFB) posted the following statement on social media: "It's always a sad day when we have to make these types of posts, but it's even more heartbreaking when it's about an individual full of so much potential who lost his life to gun violence." The FFB further stated, in reference to the passing of King, who had played for a number of football teams, including the Belmopan Bandits, the Belize Defence Force FC, the San Pedro Pirates, Police United and Verdes, "Footballers and musicians from across the country are mourning this great loss."

"We will always remember you as

a happy team player," noted the San Pedro Pirates, who remarked that they were "saddened by the bad news of the passing of a former player."

The Caesar Ridge Football Club, with whom King had been playing this season, stated in a post that it "mourns the death of its current player" and remarked that "Belize football has lost a great, young and prominent talent who has represented Belize regionally and internationally."

During Monday's police press briefing, Commissioner of Police Chester Williams stated that while King himself was not a gang member, he may have been targeted for his affiliation with some members.

"From our investigation, Mr. King is not known to be a gang member; that's the truth. [Does] he hang out with gang members? Yes. He does have associates who are gang members, but he was not out there as a gang member. Perhaps he was targeted due to his affiliation with certain gang figures, and from the way the incident occurred, it certainly appeared as if he was indeed the target. It's hard—we're still trying to wrap our fingers around this one to ascertain a motive, and we're not been able to get one. Until we do get one, then we will be able to say definitively who is likely to retaliate," he stated.

The COMPOL then went on to highlight the fact that none of the weekend killings, including those that occurred outside the Belize District, are connected. He also noted that additional police personnel will be dispatched to the Mahogany Heights area as well as to Belize City.

"We are ramping up our police presence on the ground. We have put additional features to our Mahogany Heights operations as well as our operations in the City where we're now going again at these gang members with a view to see how we can stem any further retaliation. We have engaged the LIU, who will also be looking at intervention with those with whom we can do an intervention. But our primary objective is to make sure that we do what we can to solve them and [the ones] we're not to solve, we'll look at other measures to prevent any further retaliation in respect to these murders," he said.





## Questionable law sets up Belize for fleecing

In the novel *The Adventures of Oliver Twist*, by Charles Dickens, Mr. Bumble questioned the wisdom of "the law" when he was told in court that he had some responsibility for his wife's wicked doings. He, Mr. Bumble, did not have clean hands, and in fact the law had him dead in the crosshairs. Laws don't drop out of a hat; they are thoroughly thought out, so it's not surprising that Mr. Bumble was guilty as charged; however laws, like all things conceived or made by man, aren't perfect. Indeed, some laws and their workings befuddle us.

It's possible that in the coming days or weeks we'll be able to process what in the world is going on re: the recent news that we owe apologies and maybe hundreds of thousands of dollars to former government ministers who were interrogated about their handling of the people's assets. If that isn't puzzling enough, we also have to process an April 7 *Channel Seven News* report that the court had ruled in favor of a party we thought owed us \$400,000 for compensation he got from GoB, for land he got from GoB that GoB couldn't give him.

Our poor little brains — how can we wrap it around cases like these, and others that cost the people even more? So very often we are left flabbergasted by cases involving the government and land. Land sold by the government and people for a pittance, for hundreds or a few thousand dollars, is turned into winnings in the millions of dollars for some parties. It makes the *Lotto* look like child's play.

Starting at the beginning, the government, in the service of the people, sells land to citizens/businesses for those persons/entities to develop, either to construct houses to shelter their families, or to create farms or other businesses, activities that

serve to increase the wealth of the nation. Sometimes, because of poor planning or error, government sells land that it later needs for the expansion of roads or the construction of hospitals, clinics, schools or playgrounds. The government then moves to reacquire portions of the land it sold.

The process for GoB to acquire/reacquire land is very simple. The government and people have a need and the government's experts identify the most suitable parcel for the purpose and sets about acquiring it. The government's agents assess the value of the parcel and make an offer: cash or an alternative parcel. The landowner can challenge the government's offer. If the individual challenges the assessment, and they and the government can't come to an agreement, the matter ends up in court.

It's incredible. The government sells land to individuals and businesses at rock bottom prices. But when government needs to reacquire land, in the best interest of the people, the people's funds get raided.

Too many people want more than what the government offers. They want to go to court, to the law, to extract from the government and people of Belize cash based on the full market value of the land.

Understandably, people cold-bloodedly seek the best price they can get in a private transaction. But transactions between government and individuals, as evidenced by government never selling land at full market value, are not completely money-oriented. There is a fault in the law. It protects the rights of individuals to the max. Its protection of the rights of the government and people is feeble.

In its 2020-25 manifesto the UDP pledged that if it was returned to power it would address a valuation system that gave large sums to landowners when government needed "to correct a mistake or acquire land in the public interest." Although that pledge is not in the present government's manifesto, it has to, while its mandate is still fresh, make a move to address this problem.

All wealth is based on land. There are expeditions by the wealthy, powerful countries in the world to the moon and other far-off places, for the purpose of accessing more material wealth. They might be successful, as well as they might not; what is for sure is that what exists at this time is here, on earth. The land—developing it, trading it, strategically reserving portions of it—brings wealth to a nation. Gouging the government and people for reacquired land only enriches individuals.

The capitalist system is based on respect for private ownership, but that can't be to the detriment of our country. We are twiddling our fingers while our people descend deeper and deeper into poverty. While some take advantage of the national treasury, more than 50% of Belizeans are experiencing serious financial hardship. In their hopeless state, some desperate Belizeans turn to stealing, armed robbery, and other extremely violent activities, all for the purpose of surviving. The millions being legally plundered from the government and people are funds that could be used to bolster NHI, improve education, subsidize public transportation, and fix our roads.

It's either the government fixes the law, all weak laws, or Belizeans develop a conscience, start *asking what we can do for our country*. Every year during the September celebrations period, the government gives out awards to deserving citizens. There should be an award ceremony for citizens who had land taken away for a public purpose, and showed a conscience for the government and people of Belize.

The recent exposure of businesses that are charged with owing GST has given those enterprises a bad look, but those business persons will have their day in court to dispute the charges or explain how they fell into arrears. Those who owe GST pale beside those who are effectively "fleecing" the government and people over land reacquisition necessitated by poor government planning or error.

### Good Friday, Ride for the Garland, Our Triumphant Holy Day

We are primarily a Christian nation, and in Christian nations all across the globe, this is Holy Week. It began on Palm Sunday, the commemoration of the Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem. He rode in on a donkey, and the people spread their clothes and palm fronds in His path and sang, Hosanna in the Highest! When He dismounted, He went into the temple and chased out the moneychangers.

On Good Friday they scourged Him, placed a crown of thorns on His head, and nailed Him to the cross. As a symbolic gesture, on Good Friday almost everyone will have fish for dinner, and the bars will be closed until nightfall, except maybe in areas where we have visitors from abroad.

Holy Saturday is the day of our Annual Cross Country Cycling Race, and Belizeans across the length and breadth of the nation will pray that the first over the finish line will be someone with Belizean blood coursing through their veins. Nothing in sports captures the hearts and minds of Belizeans like the annual ride for the garland.

Most Christians believe that Jesus the Christ physically rose from the dead on Easter Sunday. Many believe it was a purely spiritual event, but no matter how they view the empty tomb, Sunday, for all Christians, is our Triumphant Holy Day. Hallelujah, He is risen! A safe and glorious Easter Weekend to all.



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**BELIZE PORT AUTHORITY**  
PUBLIC SAFETY NOTICE FOR THE EASTER HOLIDAY



On behalf of Honourable Michel Chebat, Ministry of Public Utilities, Energy, Logistics, and E-Governance, the Board of Directors, Ports Commissioner, and the Management and Staff of the Belize Port Authority would like to wish all members of the maritime communities a Safe and Blessed Easter Holiday.

**GOLDEN RULES:**

Mariners are reminded to practice proper Boating Safety by following the Golden Rules of Seamanship and by ensuring that their vessels are registered and licensed with the Belize Port Authority.

- Tell someone where you are going and when you will be back.
- Have sufficient lifejackets for everyone on board and show passengers how it works.
- Carry spare fuel, oars, a bailer, fire extinguisher and distress signal (flares) on board.
- Know the area you are operating in, or use a nautical chart.
- Check the marine forecast and adhere to the small craft warning. If in doubt, don't go out.
- Don't overload your vessel.
- Keep a good lookout at all times and know the "Rules of the Road".
- Don't drink alcohol on the boat.
- Anchor carefully so your boat does not drag or swing around.
- Communications –ensure that you have a VHF or cell phone onboard your vessel to communicate.

**Office Closure:** Holy Thursday, 14 April, 2022: 12:00 NOON

**Normal Working Hours:** Tuesday, 19 April, 2022: 8:00 AM -5:00 PM

Belize Port Authority  
**NATIONAL MARITIME COMMUNICATION CENTER**

Report navigation hazards, pollution or maritime incidents  
VHF Channel 16  
HF Frequency 2182  
NMCC Hotline: **966**  
**Manned 24 hours x 7 days**  
**Vessel Clearance Available**



Maritime Service, Security & Efficiency



**BELIZE PORT AUTHORITY**  
JOB VACANCY  
**INTERNAL LEGAL COUNSEL**

The Ports Commissioner is inviting applications to fill the post of "INTERNAL LEGAL COUNSEL" at Belize Port Authority. Work station: Belize City with duties countrywide.

**Internal Legal Counsel whose duties and responsibilities include but are not limited to:**

1. Litigate on behalf of the Belize Port Authority;
2. Assist the Ports Commissioner to develop the Authority's capability and compliance with the regulatory functions under the Belize Port Authority Act, the Harbours and Merchant Shipping Act, the Wrecks and Salvage Act, and any other applicable laws of Belize and Regulations made thereunder;
3. Maintain and direct an organized programme in relation to Maritime Legal Issues;
4. Advise the Authority with respect to any IMO regulations, and draft relevant Cabinet and legislative instructions for domestication of such, and submit for final approval of the Ports Commissioner;
5. Consolidate and modernize the Laws of the Authority to provide for better implementation of the IMO Conventions;
6. Coordinate and/or facilitate employee training on National Laws and IMO Instruments based on the organisation's needs, to ensure the Authority's growth and development;
7. Develop procedures and training manuals which are user friendly to encourage learning with respect to the laws and conventions;
8. Assist in the management of various projects designed to facilitate the functions of the Authority;
9. Discharge duties in a fashion that aligns responsibilities with the mandate and goals of the organization;
10. Perform related duties as may be assigned;

**Qualification and Experience:**

1. Minimum of Bachelor's Degree in Maritime Law; or
2. Associate Degree in Law with at minimum a Bachelor's Degree in a Maritime Field which integrates IMO Conventions;
3. Has the ability to practice Law in Belize;
4. Experience in legislative drafting, prosecutions and Office suite an asset;

Deadline for submission of application is **15 April, 2022**. Interested applicants are to submit a letter of application, Curriculum Vitae & two letters of reference to the attention of the:

Ports Commissioner  
Belize Port Authority  
Mile 4, George Price Highway, P.O Box 633  
Belize City, Belize  
Email: [bzportauth@btl.net](mailto:bzportauth@btl.net)



**BELMOPAN BAPTIST HIGH SCHOOL**

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PO Box 697  
Belmopan Belize  
Central America  
Tel.: (501) 832-7437  
[bbhs\\_accts@yahoo.com](mailto:bbhs_accts@yahoo.com)

The Board of Management of the Belmopan Baptist High School announces vacancy available for the post of **Part Time Integrated Science Teacher (3months)**

Qualifications: Applicants must have:

- a minimum a Bachelor's Degree in the subject area to be taught
- experience in teaching Secondary Level
- experience teaching third and fourth form at CXC level
- excellent communication and Interpersonal skills
- Must be willing to work extra hours with students.
- Must have a strong Christian background with high moral values and willing to lead by example.

Salary:

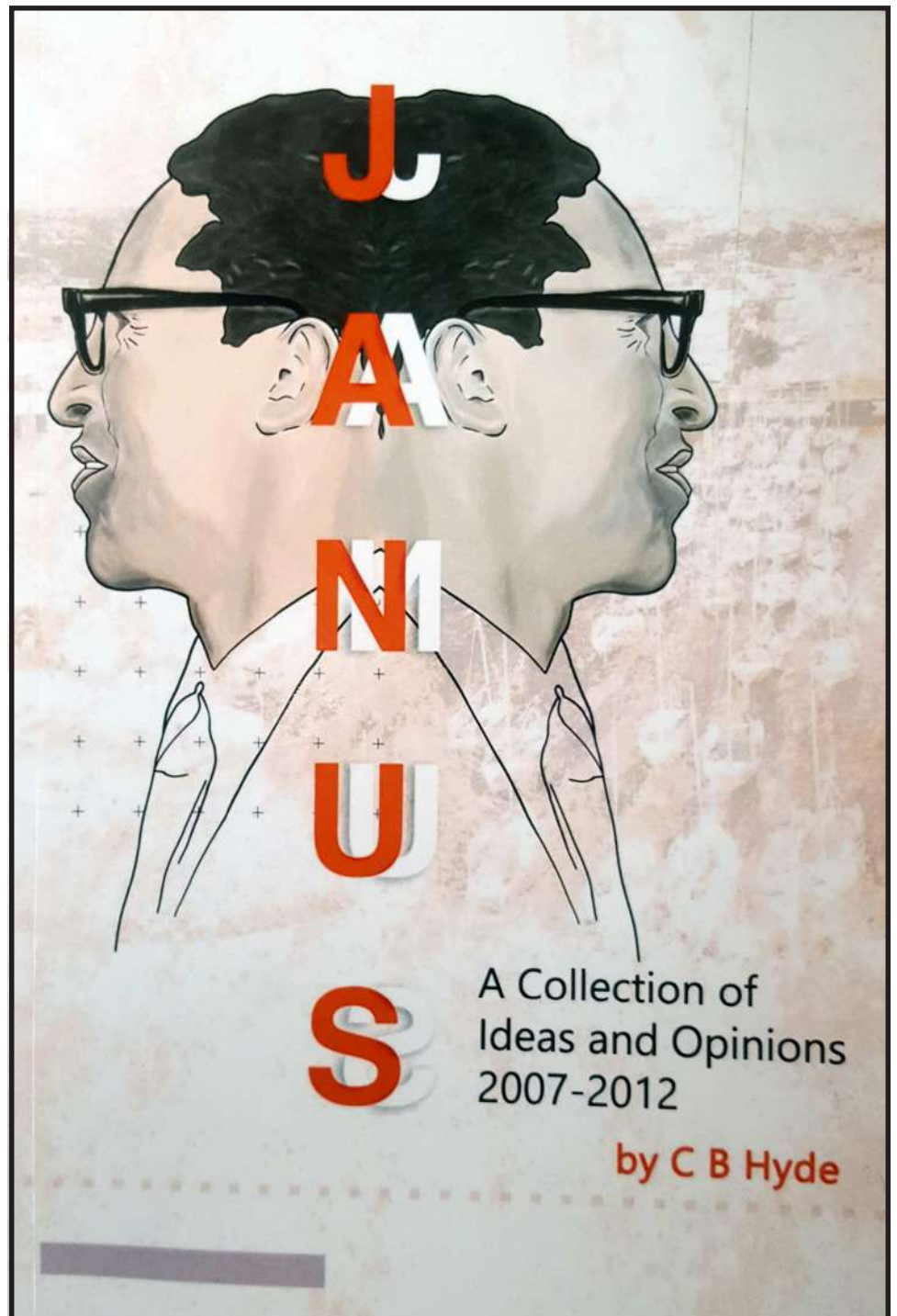
Commensurate with the Government Pay Scale based upon qualifications and experience.

Applicants must possess a Valid Teacher's License

Applicants for this post must submit: letter of application accompanied by Curriculum Vitae, Recent Police Record, Social Security Card, Birth Certificate, Credentials signed by Justice of the Peace along with two letters of recommendation to the address below.

Principal  
Belmopan Baptist High School  
P.O. Box 697  
The City of Belmopan  
Cayo District

**Deadline for Application is April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022**





**CAREER OPPORTUNITY  
FOR THE POST OF Account Receivable Officer**

**GRAND BELIZEAN ISLAND CO. LTD.** invites qualified candidates for a career opportunity of Junior Accountant.

**EDUCATION:**

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

**REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS:**

- Knowledge and experience in all fields in accounting,
- Excellent writing, communication, organizational and problem-solving skills
- Ability to be flexible, team player, make suggestion and adopt to change
- Creatively helping in seeking and finding solutions to make systems and procedures to make work more diligent.
- Experience in all Collections/Accounts Receivables area in accounting.
- Excellent Interpersonal Skills
- Must have professional demeanor, flexible, dependable, have a sound work ethic and mature attitude to work and be a good communicator and collaborator.

Send resume and photograph no later than 1<sup>ST</sup> May, 2022 to:

Human Resources  
Email: [eloyasa@grandbelizeanestates.com](mailto:eloyasa@grandbelizeanestates.com)



**VACANCY**

**VACANCY:** Employment opportunity within the agricultural sector/General Farm Employee. Interested candidates must possess a current Police Record and have a valid Social Security Card. Email [belizesouth@gmail.com](mailto:belizesouth@gmail.com).

**LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE**

**LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE:** Notice is hereby given that **Mrs. Myrna Harris** is applying for a Malt & Cider Liquor License to be operated at Belcove Hotel, #9 Regent Street West, Belize City, Belize, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

**LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE:** Notice is hereby given that **Lennox Stevens** is applying for a Publican Special License to be operated at Stephen's Place, 76 Jaguar Avenue Fabers Road Extension, Belize City, Belize, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

**LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE:** Notice is hereby given that **Isaias Orellano** is applying for a Publican Special License to be operated at Nayeli Family Restaurant, Belen Street, Maya Mopan, City of Belmopan, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

**LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE:** Notice is hereby given that **Sandra Stephenson and Ashlee Smith** is applying for a Malt & Cider License to be operated at River Bend Air BnB, 1 Keller's Road, Ladyville, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

**LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE:** Notice is hereby given that **Princess International Belize Ltd. (Casino)** is applying for a Night Club License to be operated at Princess International Belize Ltd. (Casino), 129 Newtown Barracks, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.



**Belize Solid Waste Management Authority**

of the

**Ministry of Natural Resources, Petroleum and Mining**

**Invitation to Quote (ITQ)**

The Government of Belize (GOB) has received financing from the *Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)*, towards the cost of the Solid Waste Management Project II and a Non - reimbursable Technical Cooperation- Innovation in the Solid Waste Management Sector in Belize an intends to apply part of the proceeds towards the **supply, delivery, and maintenance of two (2) vertical balers.**

The Belize Solid Waste Management Authority now invites eligible bidders to submit a sealed quotation for the Supply, Delivery and Maintenance of the following item:

ITEM	QUANTITY
Vertical Balers	2

The Invitation to Quote (ITQ) may be obtained, free of cost, by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the address below. Interested Bidders may obtain further information by writing to the email address given below.

All ITQs must be delivered to the address below no later than 10:00 a.m. (Belize local time) on Thursday, April 14, 2022. Electronic submission will not be permitted. Late ITQs will be rejected.

ITQs will be opened at 10:15 a.m. (Belize local time) on Thursday April 14, 2022, at the Conference Room of the Belize Solid Waste Management Authority at the address below, in the presence of Bidders' representatives who choose to attend.

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

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## Cuestionable ley deja abierto a Belize para ser desplumado

En la novela *Las aventuras de Oliver Twist*, de Charles Dickens, el Sr. Bumble cuestionó la sabiduría de "la ley" cuando le dijeron en la corte que tenía alguna responsabilidad por las malas acciones de su esposa. Él, el señor Bumble, no tenía las manos limpias, y de hecho la ley lo tenía cabal en el punto de mira. Las leyes no caen de un sombrero; están minuciosamente pensadas, por lo que no sorprende que el Sr. Bumble fuera culpable de los cargos; sin embargo, las leyes, como todas las cosas concebidas o hechas por el hombre, no son perfectas. De hecho, algunas leyes y su funcionamiento nos confunden.

Es posible que en los próximos días o semanas podamos procesar qué mundos está pasando con relación a la reciente noticia de que debemos disculpas y tal vez cientos de miles de dólares a ex ministros de gobierno que fueron interrogados sobre su manejo de los bienes de la gente. Si eso no es lo suficientemente desconcertante, también tenemos que procesar un informe de *Channel Seven News* del 7 de abril de que el tribunal falló a favor de una parte que pensamos que nos debía \$ 400,000 por compensación que recibió del Gobierno de Belize, por tierras que recibió del Gobierno que el Gobierno no le podía dar.

Nuestros pobres cerebros pequeños: ¿cómo podemos hacerlos entender casos como estos y otros que le cuestan aún más a la gente? Muy a menudo, los casos que involucran al gobierno y la tierra nos dejan estupefactos. La tierra vendida por el gobierno y la gente por una miseria, por cientos o unos pocos miles de dólares, se convierte en ganancias de millones de dólares para algunas partes. Hace que la lotería parezca un juego de niños.

Desde un principio, el gobierno, al servicio del pueblo, vende terrenos a ciudadanos/empresas para que esas personas/entidades desarrollen, ya sea para construir casas para albergar a sus familias, o para crear fincas u otros negocios, actividades que sirven para aumentar la riqueza de la nación. A veces, por mala planificación o error, el gobierno vende terrenos que luego necesita para la ampliación de caminos o la construcción de hospitales, clínicas, escuelas o parques infantiles. Luego, el gobierno toma medidas para readquirir porciones de la tierra que vendió.

El proceso para que el Gobierno adquiera o vuelva a adquirir tierras es muy simple. El gobierno y el pueblo tienen una necesidad y los expertos del gobierno identifican la parcela más adecuada para el propósito y se proponen adquirirla. Los agentes del gobierno evalúan el valor de la parcela y hacen una oferta: efectivo o una parcela alternativa. El propietario puede impugnar la oferta del gobierno. Si la persona impugna la evaluación y ellos y el gobierno no pueden llegar a un acuerdo, el asunto termina en los tribunales.

Es increíble. El gobierno vende tierras a particulares y empresas a precios bajísimos. Pero cuando el gobierno necesita readquirir tierras, en el mejor interés del pueblo, los fondos del pueblo son saqueados.

Demasiadas personas quieren más de lo que ofrece el gobierno. Quieren ir a los tribunales, a la ley, para extraer del gobierno y del pueblo de Belize dinero en efectivo basado en el valor total de mercado por la tierra. Comprensiblemente, las personas buscan a sangre fría el mejor precio que pueden obtener en una transacción privada. Pero las transacciones entre el gobierno y los individuos, como lo demuestra el hecho de que el gobierno nunca vende la tierra al valor total del mercado, no están completamente orientadas al dinero. Hay una falla en la ley. Protege los derechos de las personas al máximo. Su protección de los derechos del gobierno y del pueblo es débil.

En su manifiesto 2020-25, el UDP prometió que, si volvía al poder, abordaría un sistema de valoración que otorgaba grandes sumas de dinero a los terratenientes cuando el gobierno necesitaba "corregir un error o adquirir terrenos de interés público". Aunque ese compromiso no está en el manifiesto

del gobierno actual, tiene que, mientras su mandato aún está fresco, tomar cartas en el asunto para abordar este problema.

Toda la riqueza se basa en la tierra. Hay expediciones de los países ricos y poderosos del mundo a la luna y otros lugares lejanos, con el propósito de acceder a más riquezas materiales. Pueden tener éxito, así como también pueden no tenerlo; lo que es seguro es que lo que existe en este momento está aquí, en la tierra. La tierra, desarrollarla, comercializarla, reservar estratégicamente porciones de ella, trae riqueza a una nación. Extorsionar al gobierno y al pueblo por tierras readquiridas solo enriquece a los individuos.

El sistema capitalista se basa en el respeto a la propiedad privada, pero eso no puede ser en detrimento de nuestro país. Estamos jugueteando con los dedos mientras nuestro pueblo desciende cada vez más a la pobreza. Mientras que algunos se aprovechan del tesoro nacional, más del 50% de los beliceños están experimentando graves dificultades financieras. En su estado de desesperación, algunos beliceños desesperados recurren al robo, el robo a mano armada y otras actividades extremadamente violentas, todo con el propósito de sobrevivir. Los millones que se saquean legalmente del gobierno y la gente son fondos que podrían usarse para reforzar el Seguro Nacional de Salud, mejorar la educación, subsidiar el transporte público y reparar nuestras carreteras.

O el gobierno arregla la ley, todas las leyes débiles, o los beliceños desarrollan una conciencia, *comienzan a preguntarse qué podemos hacer por nuestro país*. Todos los años, durante el período de celebraciones de septiembre, el gobierno otorga premios a los ciudadanos que lo merecen. Debería haber una ceremonia de premiación para los ciudadanos a quienes se les quitaron tierras para un propósito público y mostraron una conciencia por el gobierno y el pueblo de Belize.

La reciente exposición de las empresas que están acusadas de adeudar impuestos sobre bienes y servicios les ha dado una mala imagen, pero esas personas de negocios tendrán su día en la corte para disputar los cargos o explicar cómo se atrasaron. Aquellos que deben tales impuestos palidecen al lado de aquellos que efectivamente están "desplumando" al gobierno y a la gente por la requerida readquisición de tierras por la mala planificación o el error del gobierno.

### Viernes Santo, Carrera por la Guimalda, Nuestro Triunfante Día Santo

Somos principalmente una nación cristiana, y en las naciones cristianas de todo el mundo, esta es la Semana Santa. Comenzó el Domingo de Ramos, conmemoración de la entrada triunfal de Cristo en Jerusalén. Entró montado en un burro, y la gente tendió sus ropas y hojas de palma en Su camino y cantó, ¡Hosanna en las alturas! Cuando desmontó, entró en el templo y echó a los cambistas.

El Viernes Santo lo azotaron, le colocaron una corona de espinas en la cabeza y lo clavaron en la cruz. Como gesto simbólico, el Viernes Santo casi todos cenarán pescado, y los bares permanecerán cerrados hasta el anochecer, excepto quizás en las zonas donde tenemos visitantes del extranjero.

El Sábado Santo es el día de nuestra Carrera anual de ciclismo de campo a través, y los beliceños a lo largo y ancho de la nación rezarán para que el primero en llegar a la meta sea alguien con sangre beliceña corriendo por sus venas. Nada en los deportes captura los corazones y las mentes de los beliceños como la carrera anual por la guimalda.

La mayoría de los cristianos creen que Jesús el Cristo resucitó físicamente de entre los muertos el Domingo de Pascua. Muchos creen que fue un evento puramente espiritual, pero no importa cómo vean la tumba vacía, el domingo, para todos los cristianos, es nuestro Triunfante Día Santo. ¡Aleluya, ha resucitado! Tengan todos un fin de semana de Pascua seguro y glorioso.



# From the Publisher



Evan X Hyde

Most of us adult Belizeans have spent varying amounts of time trying to figure out the contradictory psyche of Lord Michael Ashcroft. His business activities in Belize have enriched him massively and made us Belizeans very seriously indebted to him in several instances. But he has said, on more than one occasion, that he loves Belize.

Well, it is possible to love Belize, the country, and not have any real affection for the people, us human beings who call ourselves Belizeans. Lord Ashcroft does not love us Belizeans: he loves his own bank accounts.

Now the development philosophy of laissez-faire capitalism exalts the man who can rise to the top of the heap financially. In laissez-faire capitalism, anything goes, and by any means necessary. So insofar as Belize's development philosophy is concerned, Lord Ashcroft is the ultimate superstar. He demands our respect because of his business accomplishments, which have enriched him and impoverished Belize.

Personally, I don't dislike Lord Michael. But, I am certainly not his friend. I spend much time trying to understand him, because there is no way we Belizeans can survive this English predator without understanding what is driving him, apart from just pure money.

So then, the thing that jumps out at us is the fact that he lived in British Honduras as a child for three years - from late 1953 to late 1956. His father had been a British soldier, and

was posted here as a public officer in the colonial administration.

The most important and sensational episode in the young Michael Ashcroft's three years in the colony was the national election of April 1954, when the intensely anti-colonial People's United Party (PUP) defeated the pro-British National Party (NP) by a huge margin. There were nine electoral constituencies here at the time, and the NP won only one — in Toledo, where the patriarchal Sam Vernon's personal power propelled the NP candidate, Charles Westby, to victory in "The Forgotten District."

(There were four independent candidates in that election — Fred Westby in Belize West; John Smith in Belize North; Fred Hunter in Belize Rural; and William Gegg in Corozal.)

The eight victorious PUP candidates were described as "PUP-GWU" candidates in Myrtle Palacio's very valuable work, WHO AND WHAT IN BELIZEAN ELECTIONS 1954 to 1993. The PUP and the GWU (General Workers Union), in other words, were in a coalition in 1954. Their 1954 election victory was epic, and it was a victory for the roots people of Belize, the majority of whom were black in 1954, and it was a defeat for the imperial British, and for the Belize Estate and Produce Company (BEC), which had dominated the local economy from the nineteenth century.

The 1954 election was a very tense and emotional one in the capital city,

where a third of the colony's population lived at the time. Two of the PUP leaders and candidates, Leigh Richardson and Philip Goldson, had been jailed for sedition by the British and had served nine months in Her Majesty's Prison in 1951. So the 1954 election was great vindication for Leigh and Philip.

I was a child who turned seven on April 30 that year. It has always seemed to me that the most emotional contest in 1954 involved the fact that the very first PUP leader (the party was founded in 1950), Johnny Smith, had resigned from the PUP after Richardson and Goldson were jailed. The National Party did not offer a candidate in George Price's Belize North division. Johnny Smith ran against him as an Independent candidate, clearly supported by the NP, and bitterly reviled as a "coward" and "traitor" by the PUP-GWU members and supporters whom he had deserted. (Incidentally, Mr. Price beat Smith very badly, 3 to 1, and Smith soon went into exile in the United States. In 1954, Belizeans were extremely passionate about their post-devaluation politics.)

A little English boy like Michael Ashcroft, who was attending St. Catherine Academy primary school section for privileged children, was an absolute nobody in Belize in 1954. I repeat, he was nobody, nothing. Belizeans were excited about the PUP, and about Ludwig Lightburn, who was fighting his way to fame in Mexico and the United States. Well, needless to say, nobody in 1954 has become somebody today.

In 1955, Bob Turton, Belize's most powerful native businessman, who had first pushed his personal secretary, George Price, into Belize's politics in 1944, died. Turton had been the most serious enemy of BEC and the British, so that when he died in 1955, it was the year immediately after his greatest victory over his hated rivals -- BEC and the British. (Turton had major business connections in the United States, including the Wrigley chewing gum company in Chicago.)

On my father's side, I am descended from a Scotsman by the name of James Hyde way back in the late eighteenth century. Very few of us understand the complexities of what we know as the "United Kingdom" or as "Great Britain." As I understand it, the monarchy today consists of four different peoples — English, Scottish, Welsh, and Irish. (Ireland is an independent country, but Northern Ireland is a part of Great Britain.)

Lord Ashcroft is an Englishman, and the English people are the dominant force in the United Kingdom. It is a bit confusing to me, but there was a sensational episode in the history of the Scots and the English which you will find interesting. I ask your indulgence for this bit of historical aside.

In the sixteenth century, Scotland and England had two separate queens -- Mary Queen of Scots had become Queen of Scotland in 1542, while her cousin, Elizabeth I, became Queen of England in 1558. The problem at that time of violent hatred between Protestant (Anglican) England and Roman Catholic Spain was that Mary Queen of Scots was a Roman Catholic. English Catholics, who were being persecuted, considered Mary the legitimate Queen of England. Protestant English were terrified that Protestant Elizabeth, the daughter of Henry VIII, might be assassinated by Spanish agents and that Mary Queen of Scots would become Queen of England, as well as Scotland. (Mary was Elizabeth's cousin and heir to the English throne through her Tudor grandmother, Margaret, Henry VIII's older sister. Elizabeth was the granddaughter of Henry VII, and Mary was his great-granddaughter.)

It happened that Mary became involved in a major sex scandal, which ended up with her legal husband being killed. She had to run south to Elizabeth for protection. Elizabeth held Mary in captivity for eighteen and a half years, and then Mary Queen of Scots was beheaded in 1587 with the silent consent of Elizabeth I. Beheaded, Jack. We are talking about serious people, rough people.

## PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

### SHARES in Sibun Grain & Cattle Ltd. & Indian Creek Equestrian Center Ltd.

BY ORDER of the Supreme Court, Licensed Auctioneer **Fitzgerald A. Joseph** will sell the following Shares at the offices of **Barrow & Co. LLP**, 1440 Coney Drive, Belize City, Belize on **Wednesday the 20th April, 2022** starting at **10:30 a.m.**

**4,999 Shares in Sibun Grain & Cattle Limited**

**4,999 Shares in Indian Creek Equestrian Center Limited**

**TERMS: STRICTLY CASH**  
**FITZGERALD A. JOSEPH**  
**TELEPHONE: 601-2039**  
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*We are in search of a dynamic and competent **Program Coordinator - Fisheries** to join our Belize Team!*

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

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

#### Summary job description

- The successful candidate will be a motivated, proactive and highly organized individual, with an excellent working knowledge of the small-scale fisheries, marine conservation and development sectors. You will demonstrate a proven track record of project management, effective written and interpersonal communications, and partnership building.

#### Responsibilities

##### Governance and institutional strengthening

- Work closely with partner organizations to evaluate community and organization needs, facilitate strategic planning as required, and design work plans.
- Gather feedback from partners to guide efforts to improve performance

##### Fisheries knowledge management

- Facilitate and/or lead discussions around local fisheries management practices, drawing on best practice insights from similar contexts
- Deliver and/or facilitate training with partners in technical fisheries management concepts and data use as necessary

##### Communications Support

- Champion excellent communications with colleagues, communities and partners
- Develop executive summaries of technical reports to share with a variety of stakeholders across different platforms

#### Skills and experience

##### Required

- Fluency in written and spoken English and Spanish
- Undergraduate degree or equivalent experience in natural resource management, fisheries, marine conservation or related field

##### Desired

- Experience with participatory monitoring and social research
- Previous international organization or NGO experience
- At least 2 years' practical experience working in community-based conservation or development

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

Kindly submit applications online. Only applications submitted through our online system will be considered. **Deadline for submission: Sunday 17th April 2022, midnight local time.**

#### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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

**Position Name:** Mail Room Clerk  
**Vacancy number:** Belmopan-2022-09  
**Closing date:** April 23, 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.**

#### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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

**Position Name:** Supervisory General Services Assistant  
**Vacancy number:** Belmopan-2022-10  
**Closing date:** April 23, 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/>

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#### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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

**Position Name:** Supply Clerk  
**Vacancy number:** Belmopan-2022-11  
**Closing date:** April 23, 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>

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#### PUBLIC AUCTION SALE - APARTMENT COMPLEX

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

BY ORDER of the Receiver, Licensed Auctioneers Kevin A. Castillo and Christiana R. Castillo are selling ONLINE via [belizepropertyauctions.com](http://belizepropertyauctions.com) the following property. Sale currently running and will expire Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 10:30 am.



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Albert/Mesop	4	919

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

**TERMS: STRICTLY CASH**  
**KEVIN A. CASTILLO**  
**TELEPHONE 223-4488**  
 Website: [belizepropertyauctions.com](http://belizepropertyauctions.com)  
 E-mail: [kevinacas@yahoo.com](mailto:kevinacas@yahoo.com)  
 Facebook: [BelizeAuctions](https://www.facebook.com/BelizeAuctions)



# Random thoughts from a non-smoker

by Colin Hyde

It took a while for a slow person like me to catch on that all the crazy things reported on in the foreign news, about these people who have some fame in music, movies, and other arts, are done just to capture attention, keep them in the limelight. Somebody said bad publicity is better than no publicity at all. The popular people hire publicists, and their job is to keep the light spotting on the one who employs them. Bah, some of these stars are way over the hill, gone dim, and the things they do to capture attention runs from the outrageous to the indecent.

Exhibit A for politics-makes-strange-bedfellows could be Louis Wade for featuring on his social media page Ashcroft's endorsement of Dean Barrow's position on marijuana, which is similar to the churches. It would indeed be the case that those gentlemen are strange bedfellows due to politics if Wade wasn't so pro-SMART, which is reportedly 80% owned by Ashcroft, and if he didn't repeatedly diss the performance of BTL, which is owned by the people.

Whoa there, the biggest political news right now is weed, and it behooves us to see who is lining up with whom. Louis, who has his points, my, it is interesting that he and Lord A see eye to eye on more than weed.

In the category of things we should be grateful for, we should be so happy that Louis W only has a BA. I don't know who is biting on his claim that his negative position on weed is science-based. He says he's got Biology lessons to guide him. Sorry Bro, when it comes to science lessons about weed, we'll take our

guidance from the PhD, senior rankings. Dr. Sosa's arguments makes yours look like stuff from grade school. But you wouldn't be so far off-base if your science wasn't influenced by 100 years of bias.

You were brilliant on the Krem WUB, Ras Reuben, but I think yu buck when you say we must stop referring to cannabis as weed. Dear Sir, someone said *a rose by any other name would smell as sweet*. Marijuana is an object, and as objects go, *what's in a name?* Sure, we'll try, but the effort won't be nearly as great as we put in to satisfy other calls for political correctness. By the way, by definition a weed is any unwanted plant in our fields. Rice is a weed if it is growing in our corn. And tomato is a weed if it is growing among our, ehm, weed.

Marijuana the export industry does pose a separate question to those of us who have been pro-legalizing marijuana on the local scene. There are people who are big on export, and why not, people across the globe are competing in almost everything, so why not marijuana too. There's big money to be made, they say. But the strong support is for local use, not export.

Ah, a referendum. The sober church is saying, let's not get so excited, let's talk this thing out, and that's real clear thinking. I don't think some others have fully thought out the negative impact their all-out feverish attack on marijuana will have on their long-term credibility. At the base the blanket condemnation of the herb is going to hurt the overzealous churches. By the way, Belizeans have noticed that the churches have not supported the teaching of African and Mayan history in our schools. But largely the people have let that ride.

Some do not seem to care or realize that unregulated weed exposes Belizean smokers to adulterated products, some of them very dangerous. In prohibition times the US government poisoned industrial alcohols so that it became unusable for a high. People died because of what the US government did, and there were those who actually cheered the deaths of thirsty innocents. It's important for people to look at themselves in the mirror. Supporting prohibition of weed is endorsing the control of it by anyone brave enough to flaunt the law. You'll find some unscrupulous persons among those who disrespect the rules.

Staying with alcohol, you know that it is wished, in many quarters, that the COMPOL stay away from the Agriculture and Trade Show. The ComPol, to satisfy who knows who, did a very bad thing at the 2019 Agric Show, and just as we were getting set to speak out about our bitterness, along came Covid and shut us down in 2020. Hopefully we stay on course for the grandest show of the year in Belize, and if we'll have that, it will be because the teetotalers backed off.

The ComPol just wouldn't understand. It's a wavelength thing. He likes to gab. Farmers don't. Farmers live in alone spaces. Farmers don't talk much, unless they're drinking. It was tradition that at the most central spot on the show grounds there were the waterholes, places where farmers met, quenched their thirst, and talked about old and present times. And then along came ComPol. *Do Mister Chester...*

### Watch your step, Eamon

Both Dean Barrow and Sedi Elrington say they don't see our case

at the ICJ being hurt by our abstention on the UN vote to discipline Russia for its horrible invasion of its neighbor. I agree with them on that, and I also agree with them that Eamon was out of line to not say yes. Our foreign ministry's position on the war was strongly *against*; we do not support Russia, but it wasn't sufficient.

It's not hard to understand Eamon's thinking, but he didn't have the license to abstain. Our people fight in British and American uniforms. When the US and UK are under threat, we vote with them. Bah, Assad Shoman would have voted no to sanctioning Russia. I remember there were a few Nazi agents in Belize back in WWII. Meanwhile, our boys and girls were fighting alongside the Allies.

Talking war of the civilized kind, once again Holy Saturday is here, and I hope our Bel Am brothers are coming to help us defend the garland. Bel Am, Am Bel, Bel Brit, Brit Bel, Belizeans everywhere are only 800,000, and we absolutely embrace all. It is true that Belizeans living abroad have better opportunities than we have at home, so their position could be considered advantageous when we compete, but in an event that involves foreigners, we claim all our own.

### We need an elite traffic crew

On the matter of discipline, on Independence Day we threw out the baby with the bath water, and we've been off course since. Our murder rate is one of the worst in the world, and our conviction rate for this crime is just as woeful. The lawyers are among our smartest, but they can't or refuse to see the connection between the two. My, you don't have to go to university to recognize that failure to deliver justice leads to more murders. In the first book of the Bible we are told that the blood of a murdered person screams out of the earth for justice. Our failure to deliver justice is huge behind our becoming a killing field.

Death by road accident is far too common. Accidents will happen, but having so many accidents every week, many of them fatal, means we are daam well not doing everything right. The Traffic Department is working hard, but not hard enough.

On traffic accidents, it's all about results. When the pigs' corrupt leadership ran Animal Farm into the ground, Boxer's response was to work harder. What we need on the traffic scene is a bigger stick. This week I'll make a call for an elite motorcycle crew for the Traffic Department, a crew consisting of big guys with big hearts on big bikes. Their jobs will depend on the results they produce. Next week we'll look at the other tools they should get to make our highways safer.

## FOR SALE BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE

**The Development Finance Corporation of Bliss Parade, City of Belmopan, Cayo District hereby gives notice of its intention to exercise its power of sale as mortgagee under Deed of Mortgages or Charges between those hereinafter named and the said Corporation which mortgages or charges are recorded at the Land Titles Unit or the Lands Registry, respectively and that the said Development Finance Corporation will, at the expiration of two (2) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, sell the properties described in the Schedule hereto.**

**All offers to purchase the said properties must be made in writing to the said Corporation at its Headquarters Office or District Offices.**

### SCHEDULE

Parcel No. 446, Block 45, Queen Square Registration Section containing 452.11 Square Yards situate on Neal Pen Road, Belize City, Belize District held under a Land Certificate being the freehold interest of **PAUL DAWSON**.

Parcel No. 633, Block No. 45, Queen's Square Registration Section containing 721.41 Square yards situate on Supaul Street, Belize City, Belize District, Belize held under a Land Certificate being the freehold interest of **PAUL DAWSON**.

All that lot, piece or parcel of land situate on the left hand ascending on the Sibun River below Freetown Sibun known as Freetown Dawson Bank, Belize District containing 20 Acres held under a Deed of Gift being the freehold interest of **PAUL DAWSON**.

Parcel No. 2769, Block 1, Corozal North Registration Section containing 1852.73 Square Yards situate on No. 1 G Street, Corozal Town, Corozal District, held under a Land Certificate being the freehold interest of **GABRIEL BOCHNIA**

Parcel No. 7161, Block No. 16, Ladyville/Lord's Bank Registration Section containing 478.005 Square Meters situate in the Los Lagos Area, Ladyville Village, Belize District held under a Land Certificate being the freehold interest of **MICHELLE ELIZABETH TRAPP-ZUNIGA**

Parcel No. 937, Block No 4, Tower Hill Registration Section containing 30 Acres situate in Guinea Grass Village, Orange Walk District, Belize held under a Land Certificate being the freehold interest of **EUFEMIO FIDEL BUSTILLOS**.

DATED THIS 30TH DAY OF MARCH, 2022





## Belize Agricultural Health Authority

The Belize Agricultural Health Authority invites applications from suitably qualified candidates to fill the following positions:

### 1. QUARANTINE INSPECTOR

#### Minimum qualification and skills:

1. Associate Degree in Agricultural Science or related field;
2. Work experience in the Agriculture Sector is an asset;
3. Superior work ethics and practices;
4. Excellent public relations;
5. Bi-lingual (English and Spanish)
6. Very good written and verbal communication skills;
7. Computer Literate;
8. Valid class "A" driver's license;

The primary function of the position is to Safeguard Belize's Agricultural Health and Food Safety through inspection of imported commodities.

Salary: \$17,810.76 x 852.84 - \$34,014.72

**Station of Duty:** The quarantine inspector is subject to rotation throughout the country every two to three years.

### 2. FOOD SAFETY LABORATORY TECHNICIAN

#### Minimum qualification and skills:

1. Bachelor's degree in Biology and/or Chemistry with a minimum of one (1) year work experience in testing of food, feed, environmental or biological samples;
2. Strong work ethics and practices, honesty and integrity;
3. Capacity to achieve results through teamwork;
4. Strong inter-personal, organizational and communication skills;
5. Bi-lingual (ability to speak and write English and Spanish);
6. Knowledge and experience with laboratory equipment;
7. Knowledge or work experience in laboratory techniques;
8. Knowledge of sample handling principles ;
9. Computer literate;
10. Team player who is flexible, objective, highly motivated and takes initiative;
11. Valid class "A" driver's license;

The primary function of the position is to conduct analysis of foods and other matrices and perform other laboratory activities in support of food safety monitoring programmes.

Salary: \$20,665.92 x 927 - \$38,278.92

**Station of Duty:** Central Investigation Laboratory, Belize City

### 3. AGRONOMIST

1. A Bachelor's Degree in Agronomy with two (2) years work experience in plant protection activities;
2. Superior work ethics, honesty and integrity;
3. Superior written and verbal communication skills;
4. Superior planning, analytical, data collecting, and resource management skills;
5. Ability to lead a team;
6. Bi-lingual (ability to speak and write English and Spanish);
7. Computer Literate;
8. Team player who is highly motivated and takes initiative;
9. Valid class "A" driver's license;

The agronomist will be responsible to provide support to the Plant Health Department in all areas of Plant Protection. The post will be a middle management post and the successful candidate will be required to supervise staff.

Salary: \$26,351.52 x 1,137.12 - \$47,956.80

**Station of Duty:** Central Farm, Cayo District

### 4. MEDITERRANEAN FRUIT FLY TECHNICIAN

#### Minimum qualification and skills:

1. Associate Degree in Applied Science (Agriculture) or Agricultural Science with one (1) year work related experience;
2. Superior work ethics, honesty and integrity;
3. Superior written and verbal communication skills;

4. Computer Literate;
5. Team player who is highly motivated and takes initiative;
6. Valid class "A" driver's license.

The primary function of the Mediterranean fruit fly technician is to perform surveillance and inspection activities to ensure a medfly-free status of Belize.

Salary: \$17,810.76 x 852.84 - \$34,014.72

**Station of Duty:** Punta Gorda Town, Toledo District

### 5. FINANCE DIRECTOR

#### Minimum Qualification and Experience Requirements:

- Master's degree in Accounting and/or Business Administration with five (5) years financial management experience or a Bachelor's degree in Accounting and /or Business Administration with 10 years financial management experience; OR
- Professional Qualification in Accounting (CPA, ACCA, etc.) with five (5) years accounting and financial management experience;
- Thorough understanding of accrual accounting, International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS);

The primary function of the finance director is to provide oversight on the financial operations of the Authority; review and make recommendations on accounting policies, procedures, standards, and controls to ensure financial system(s) are accurate, efficient, and complies with professional accounting practices; and will be responsible to prepare the Authority for an annual financial audit.

Additionally, the finance director will be responsible for financial forecasting, budgeting, and cost recovery and reduction schemes as well as to provide timely financial reports to the Managing Director.

#### Key Job Responsibilities:

- Manage the preparation of the Organization budget in collaboration with the Management team;
- Maintain a documented system of accounting policies and procedures following International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) and/or other applicable accounting guidelines; ensures complete and up to date operating procedures for all accounting and financial controls;
- Forecast cash flow positions, related financing needs, and available funds for investment;
- Ensure maintenance of effective internal controls to assure safeguarding of assets; carryout annual inventory counts and implement replacement plans for vehicle and It Equipment;
- Update fixed asset register and schedule on a quarterly basis;
- Manage the accounts receivables portfolio; timely revenue collection, recording and processing of customers financial transactions;
- Manage the accounts payable portfolio; timely approval of expenditure per department within budget allocations and constraints.
- Prepare financial reports and carry out procurement processes for grant/ project funds received by the Organization;
- Prepare audit schedule for external auditor and acts as a liaison between the Organization and auditors;
- Participate in and provide support to the Finance Committee of the BAHA Board of Directors;

Management representative on BAHA Provident Fund Committee and BAHA Employee Provident Fund Board of Trustees.

Salary: \$35,460.84 x 1,433.76 - \$62,702.28

**Station:** BAHA Headquarters, Belmopan

**Kindly indicate the job position of interest on your application package.**

Interested persons may submit letter of application, résumé, proof of qualification, official transcript and two recent reference letters and a police record, no later than Thursday, April 21, 2022 to:

**Human Resource Director**  
**Belize Agricultural Health Authority**  
 P.O. Box 169, Cor. Hummingbird Hwy. & Forest Dr., Belmopan, Belize  
 Phone: 501-8220197, Fax: 501-8220271, e-mail: baha@btl.net, website:  
 www.baha.org.bz



# Installation of the friendship group Mexico-Russian Federation—Final Part

Permit me, our dear readers of this column, to present to you the following, entitled “En VIVO/ Instalación del Grupo de Amistad México - Federación de Rusia” (Installation of the friendship group Mexico-Russian Federation), which was published on Youtube on March 23, 2022. I find what the Ambassador of Russia to Mexico, His Excellency, Victor Coronel, said in the Honorable Chamber of Deputies in Mexico City to be of utmost importance. The final part is as follows:

The owner of the American company, Meta, of Facebook and Instagram, changed its rules and “temporarily” allowed hate messages against members of the Russian army, as well as blocked Russian media

accounts such as RT en Español, etc. In an act of censorship on YouTube, he also suspended the RT channel in Spanish. Russian culture and sports also turned out to be victims of this smear campaign. All over the world, concerts by our artists, the participation of our teams in sporting events, and even seminars dedicated to Russian literature are being cancelled. How can it be that recently, three weeks ago, the Russian team came to the Paralympics in China, in Beijing? The less valid athletes with physical defects who were preparing for these Paralympic games for four years, and when they arrived in China, the International Olympic Committee banned them from participating in the games.

And finally, two more things, there is a lot of speculation about the accession to Russia of the Crimean peninsula. Taking advantage of it, I mean, I never say annexation; it was accession, because many forget that this accession was the result of a popular vote by the population of the peninsula. Back then, in the year 2014, well I understand that they know something about history, they know a lot, and they know perfectly well that the Crimean peninsula was always an integral part of Russia since the time of Catherine the Great. In 2014, a popular referendum took place in Crimea. Almost 90% of the population of the Peninsula participated in that referendum. Of the participants, 98%



by Clinton Canul Luna

voted, more than 90 percent voted to join Russia. This was the result of the expression of the popular will. And self-determination of peoples, as you know, is one of the basic principles of the United Nations organization. I’m going to give it to you, well, there are many double standards. You know perfectly well that Argentina has been claiming its rights over the Malvinas Islands or, well, the Falkland Islands, for a long time. If I am not mistaken, 7 or 8 years ago, Great Britain installed a referendum in the Falkland Islands where 3,000 people live. The population voted to remain integrated, to remain part of Great Britain. There they respected that demonstration of the popular will. Because they don’t want to respect it with respect to Crimea, I ask.

And finally, we highly value the position, the position of the government of the United Mexican States in the face of the Ukrainian crisis. After the start of the special Russian military operation, we are in constant permanent contact with our colleagues from the Mexican Foreign Ministry, with colleagues from the secretariat of foreign delegations. And I want to assure you, we highly respect the position of demonstrating several times by the President of Mexico, Andrés Manuel López Obrador, by the Secretary of Foreign Affairs—Marcelo Ebrard, that Mexico will never unite with anti-Russian sanctions, and that it will never, despite requests from the Ukrainian government, ever supply Ukraine with weapons. I want to assure you that I have no doubt that what is happening these days will in no way affect Russia’s relations with Mexico, which continues to be one of our oldest and most important partners in the Latin American region. As an example, in the year 2021 alone, despite COVID, despite all the restrictions, our trade between our countries increased almost more than 2 times compared to the year 2020, reaching the record figure of 48 billion dollars.

I understand that everyone has their agendas. There is a certain time limit and to finish, once again, I want to thank Deputy Alberto Anaya Gutiérrez, and all the members of this friendship group. We respect him very much, we value him very much, his gesture in these difficult times, and I have no doubt that this friendship group will greatly support the relationship between our countries, the further development of our contacts, between our populations, between our parliamentarians, between our states and our governments. Thank you very much.

[fincasolan@gmail.com](mailto:fincasolan@gmail.com)  
 April 10, 2022  
 Finca Solana  
 Corozal Town




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

**BELIZE INTEGRAL SECURITY PROGRAMME (BISP)**

**INVITATION TO QUOTE**  
**No CABEI-G-005-2147/2022**

**April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

The Ministry of Finance, **Economic Development**, and Investment acting through the Belize Integral Security Programme (BISP), funded by the Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI) has allocated funds towards the cost of supply and delivery of Laboratory Equipment.

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

GOODS	QUANTITY
Exhibit Storage Refrigerator	1
Handheld Portable Fourier Transform Infrared Spectrometer	1

Interested bidders may obtain a complete set of bidding documents inclusive of Specifications free of cost through written request to the below physical address or via electronic mail (email) to [procurementofficer.bisp@med.gov.bz](mailto:procurementofficer.bisp@med.gov.bz) and copy to [projectcoordinator.bisp@med.gov.bz](mailto:projectcoordinator.bisp@med.gov.bz) or you can visit the Ministry of Economic Development’s webpage, [www.med.gov.bz](http://www.med.gov.bz) to download the bidding documents. Additionally, the Invitation to Quote can be found on the Belize Procurement Notice Board’s webpage <https://blz-cppnb.caricom.org/epps/home.do>

Deadline for submission of sealed bids is **Tuesday April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.**, via direct mail or hand delivered to the address indicated below.

**Late submissions will be rejected.**

**Project Coordinator**  
**Belize Integral Security Programme (BISP)**  
**Programme Executing Unit**  
**1904 Constitution Drive**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Unit #3**  
**Belmopan City, Belize C.A.**

**Ref: Invitation to Quote Supply and Delivery of Laboratory Equipment**  
**(CABEI-G-005-2147/2022)**

Belize Integral Security Programme, 1904 Constitution Drive, Belmopan – Phone number 822-0156



### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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

**Position Name:** Residential Security Equipment Technician  
**Vacancy number:** Belmopan-2022-08  
**Closing date:** April 15, 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>

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### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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

**Position Name:** Trades Helper  
**Vacancy number:** Belmopan-2022-07  
**Closing date:** April 14, 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>

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### Vacancy at Julian Cho Technical High School



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

#### 1 English Teacher – Temporary

##### Qualification for Teacher:

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

##### Application package must include:

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

**\*ALL COPIED DOCUMENTS MUST BE CERTIFIED BY A JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.**

##### Salary:

Salary will be in accordance with the government pay scale based on qualification.

Application packages must be addressed to:  
 Secretary  
 Board of Governors  
 Julian Cho Technical High School  
 P.O Box 171  
 Toledo District  
 Belize, Central America

**Deadline for applications is Tuesday April 19, 2022.**



### VACANCY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OPERATIONS SPECIALIST

The **BELIZE ELECTRIC COMPANY LIMITED (BECOL)** is accepting applications for the management post of **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OPERATIONS SPECIALIST**.

BECOL is the owner and operator of the Mollejon, Chalillo, and Vaca Hydroelectric Projects. The main function of the company is to provide clean and reliable energy to BEL and as an extension to the country of Belize. The company's foremost concern is the safety of its employees and the running of an environmentally sound operation by following the guidelines of the International Standards Organization, category ISO14001.

#### JOB DESCRIPTION:

Bring innovation and efficiencies to the IT department. Position will be responsible for delivering new and enhancing existing technology services by embracing automation and continual service improvement across the organization. Ensure execution of key IT operational processes such as service, incident and problem management. Lead project management Information Technology projects. Aid in the development, execution and continuous improvement of the Cyber Security strategy and controls of the company to ensure security of its assets and minimizing cyber risk.

#### JOB DUTIES:

- Drive operational efficiencies by adopting innovation and automation, including the owning the management of the underpinnings technologies
- Take ownership and manage key IT operational processes such as service, incident, and problem management, conduct reviews to minimize major incidents and make formal recommendations for solutions.
- Lead project management of information technology projects and provide regular project status reports to the company.
- Managing and maintaining the network infrastructure, including firewall, switches, wireless networking and any related components.
- Manage and administer the server infrastructure, active directory, and Office 365 environment.
- Aid in developing, implementing, and managing of the organizations Cyber Security strategy and controls to ensure security of its assets and minimizing cyber risk.
- Aid in developing, implementing and managing of the organizations Disaster Recovery and Business Continuity Plans and associated controls to ensure recovery of its critical business processes and IT systems in an efficient and timely manner in the event of a disaster.
- Aid in developing business case justifications, cost/benefit analyses, bid requirements for IT operations, upgrades, audit compliance and continuous improvement initiatives.
- Aid in formulating and deploying long-term information technology strategic plans to support the delivering of the company's targets and enable business efficiency and cost-effectiveness.
- Aid in benchmarking, auditing, analyzing, reporting, and making recommendations for the improvement of the IT infrastructure and IT systems.
- Aid in the deployment, monitoring, maintenance, development, and support of all IT assets (hardware and software) based on department needs.
- Aid in developing and implementing IT & Security policies and procedures, including those for architecture, operational process & standards, service provision, general security controls, disaster recovery, Data classification and access controls.

#### SALARY:

- Dependent on Qualifications and experience

#### QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- Diploma/Certifications in Computer / Network Support such A+, Network+ and Security+ or equivalent certifications would be an asset.
- Minimum of 5 years IT support experience with extensive experience in application support, Windows desktop and server operating system administration, printer management, active directory, and group policy administration Office 365 administration.
- Strong background in networking technologies LAN, WAN & WLAN  
 Problem Solving skills - Troubleshooting and solution research skills.

#### Competencies:

- Demonstrates professional written, verbal, and interpersonal communication skills.
- Strong analytical, reasoning, and problem-solving skills.
- Must maintain confidentiality.
- Should be able to work effectively in both a team and individual environment.
- Effective time management and organizational skills.
- The ability to manage multiple projects
- The ability to remain open-minded and objective
- Good health and physical fitness

The successful applicant must relocate and reside in the San Ignacio/Santa Elena Town area or Benque Viejo del Carmen Town. Application letters, accompanied by two (2) letters of reference, must be submitted by **April 14th, 2022** to: [Corporate@becol.com.bz](mailto:Corporate@becol.com.bz)



# PRESS PREDICTIONS

## The sports psychic speaks

### BOLEDO

**“Press” Predictions; 47-17-67  
Boledo stats thru 14<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2022**

In boledo news, 42 finally played after 1 year 5 days. These are my lucky numbers for this week: 47-17-67-21-53-36. These are my lucky jackpot numbers; 5703-1863-8625. These are my lucky PICK-3 numbers: 747-802-156-394-059. Get ready Belize, lots of money will be coming our way for the Easter Holidays. 55 refuses to play since the 14<sup>th</sup> of October 2020, that’s over 1 year and 6 months to day makes. Then 03 is still out since the 12<sup>th</sup> of February 2021, that’s over 1 year 2 months and 1 day now. 12 will complete 1 year this

same month if not play this week A lot of boledo buyers won on the 50 that took 1 year 8 months 2 weeks and 5 days to play. 50 will be out very soon again with 42. Keep your eyes open for 03 and 55. The twenties and the thirties series have 7 numbers left to play; 4 doubles left to play in 00-33-55 and 66. Good luck to all buyers, remember to read your Psalms 92-63 and 27. Next week more lucky numbers.

### CYCLING

**Team Valvoline’s Oscar Quiros will be the best Belizean to finish  
The 92<sup>nd</sup> Cross Country Classic Predictions**

In cycling action, this Saturday will be the 92<sup>nd</sup> Running of the Garland in

Cross Country History. There will be some very competitive cyclists from Guatemala, Mexico and the USA. Cory Williams will be in the line-up, but former 2-time champion, his older brother, has dislocated his shoulder in some workout sessions. Oscar Quiros from Team Valvoline BTB 501, alongside Giovanni Lovell of Team Digicell, will be 2 of Belize’s best hope to win this year’s Cross Country. Marlon Castillo, Sherwin Roca aka B-12, alongside Ernest “Peenie” Bradley will give a lot of trouble; Joshua Fuller and the 2 Chavarria brothers from Team Valvoline BTB 501 with Brandon Cattouse will also be dangerous. My favorite cyclist Fitzgerald “Palas” Joseph, aka the “Black Rocket”, will be in the Top 10 finish; this is his last Cross Country Classic, but he will win



by Gilroy “Press” Cadogan

the weekend Warriors Cross Country in May for his 55<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Next week the results from the biggest Cross Country Classic.

### NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

**There will be some first round upsets**

**NBA Results and Playoffs Predictions**




In NBA action, the playoffs play-in will get started this Tuesday through to Friday. The Brooklyn Nets will beat the Cleveland Cavaliers and will be seeded number 7 in the playoffs in the East; the Atlanta Hawks will beat the Charlotte Hornets. Then in the West, the Minnesota Timberwolves will prevail over the LA Clippers. Then the New Orleans Pelicans will edge out the San Antonio Spurs in the West. The play-offs get started on the 16<sup>th</sup>, the Saturday. The Dallas Mavericks will beat the Utah Jazz in 6 games. Then the Denver Nuggets will edge out Klay Thompson and the Warriors in 6 hard games, the Phoenix Suns will win their series against the Pelicans, then the Memphis Grizzlies will beat the Timberwolves. The East will be harder to predict, but the Miami Heat will advance as the number 1 seed. The Brooklyn Nets and the defending champs the Milwaukee-Bucks will go to 7 games again. Then the Boston Celtics will beat the Chicago Bulls in 5 games, the Toronto Raptors will edge out the Philadelphia 76ers in 7 hard games. There will be some upsets in the first round, next week some playoffs results.

### INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL

**Kareem Benzema had a hat trick again**

**International Football Results Predictions**

In international football action, the UEFA Champion of Champions League is down to the Elite 8 top teams; Real Madrid beat Chelsea 3 goals to 1. Kareem Benzema had a hat trick again, he now has 82 goals in UEFA history, ranking him at fourth all-time, Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi lead all time. Then Villarreal upset Bayern Munich 1-nil, Liverpool beat Benfica 3 goals to 1. Mani scored for Liverpool, then Manchester City edged Atletico Madrid 1-nil. Those 4 games’ return match will be in 2 weeks’ time. In the EPL, the top 2 teams face off against each other Sunday in a very exciting and competitive match.

**Belize Solid Waste Management Authority**

of the

**Ministry of Natural Resources, Petroleum and Mining**

**Invitation to Quote (ITQ)**

The Government of Belize (GOB) has received financing from the *Inter- American Development Bank (IDB)*, towards the cost of the Solid Waste Management Project II and a Non - reimbursable Technical Cooperation- Innovation in the Solid Waste Management Sector in Belize an intends to apply part of the proceeds towards the **supply, delivery, and customization of two (2) cargo tricycles.**

The Belize Solid Waste Management Authority now invites eligible bidders to submit a sealed quotation for the Supply, Delivery and Customization of the following item:

ITEM	QUANTITY
Cargo Tricycles	2

The Invitation to Quote (ITQ) may be obtained, free of cost, by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the address below. Interested Bidders may obtain further information and details about the requested customization by writing to the email address given below.

All ITQs must be delivered to the address below no later than 10:00 a.m. (Belize local time) on Thursday, April 14, 2022. Electronic submission will not be permitted. Late ITQs will be rejected.

ITQs will be opened at 10:15 a.m. (Belize local time) on Thursday April 14, 2022, at the Conference Room of the Belize Solid Waste Management Authority at the address below, in the presence of Bidders’ representatives who choose to attend.

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



# PUBLIC AUCTION SALES: PROPERTIES & VEHICLES

## Countrywide

BY ORDER of the Mortgagees, The Belize Bank Limited, Licensed Auctioneers Kevin A. Castillo and Christiana R. Castillo are selling ONLINE via [belizepropertyauctions.com](http://belizepropertyauctions.com) the below described properties and vehicles. Sale currently running and will expire on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at the times listed on the website:

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

1 Parcel No. 2125 Breadnut Street, Belama Phase 2, Belize City, Belize District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Caribbean Shores	16	2125
The freehold property of Mr. Arleigh Gough & Ms. Olga Urbina.		

2. Parcel No. 2871 1<sup>st</sup> subdivision south of Airstrip, west side, Placencia Road, Placencia Village, Stann Creek District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Placencia North	36	2871
The freehold property of Ms. Dawn Anderson & Mr. Hector Tut.		

3. Parcel No. 2891 1<sup>st</sup> subdivision south of Airstrip, west side, Placencia Road, Placencia Village, Stann Creek District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Placencia North	36	2891
The freehold property of Mr. Sidney Lopez & Ms. Valarie Godoy.		

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



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

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



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

6. Lot No. 400 Savannah Road, Independence Village, Stann Creek District:



ALL THAT piece or parcel of land being Lot No. 400 situate along Savannah Road, Independence Village, Stann Creek District TOGETHER with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon. The freehold property of Ms. Maria J. Rodriguez)

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



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

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



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

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



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

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



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

11. Parcel No. 2275 Seine Bight Village, Placencia Peninsula, Stann Creek District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Placencia North	36	2275
The freehold property of Mr. Lammey Alvarez.		

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



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

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



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

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



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

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



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

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



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

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



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

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



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

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



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

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



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

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



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

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



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

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



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

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



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

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



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

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



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

27. 200.35 Acres Eastern Side Southern Lagoon, Manatee Area, Belize District:



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

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



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

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



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

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



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

### VEHICLES:

2019 Geat Wall Wingle 5 1999 MCI 1 Door Bus 1999 Blue Bird Bus



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# Nazarene High School

Princess Margaret Drive  
 P.O. Box 539 - Tel: 203-2248 - Email: nhs@nazarenehighbz.org  
 Belize City, Belize, C.A. 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022

## VACANCIES

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons to fill the following teaching position for the 2021 – 2022 school year:

- Integrated Science Teacher

### Qualifications Requirement:

Bachelor's Degree in the respective subject area.

Flexibility in offering two or more subject areas will be considered a tremendous asset.

All completed application packages must include:

- 1) Application letter with Curriculum Vitae
- 2) Official Transcript/s
- 3) Copies of all certificates
- 4) Valid Teachers License
- 5) Three (3) reference letters, including one from last employer
- 6) Recent police record
- 7) Medical Certificate
- 8) Birth Certificate/Passport
- 9) Valid Social Security card

All copies **MUST** be certified

All applications should be hand delivered by **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2022** addressed to:

Chairperson  
 Nazarene High School  
 Princess Margaret Drive  
 Belize City, Belize

*Elisa Seguro*  
 Mrs. Elisa Seguro (Ed. D.)  
 Principal



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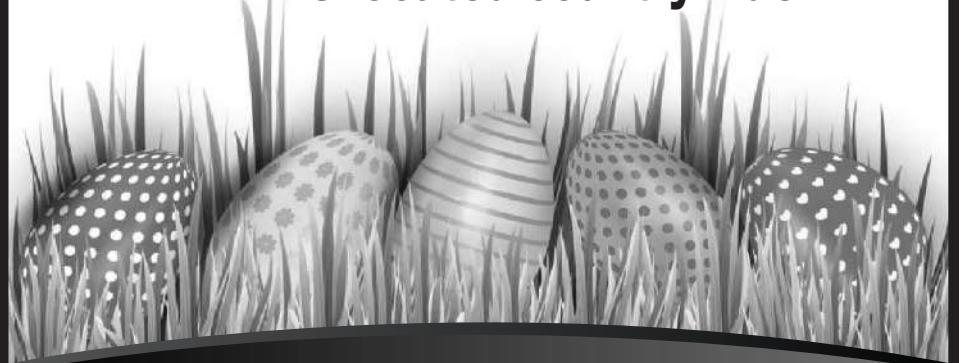
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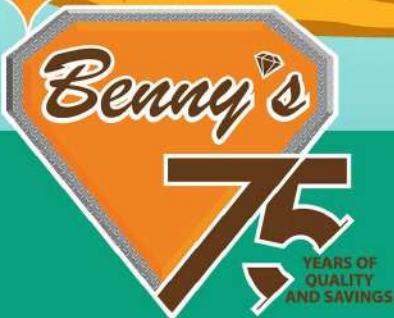
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## STRENGTHENING OF TAX ADMINISTRATION PROJECT

### REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

#### Consulting Services to design and implement an Internal Control Model including the implementation of a system to support internal control processes

**Institution:** The Ministry of Finance (MOF)

**Country:** Belize

**Project:** Strengthening of Tax Administration (STA)

**Abstract:** Consulting Services to design and implement an Internal Control Model including the implementation of a system to support internal control processes

**Loan No.:** 4839/OC-BL

**Deadline:** April 26, 2022, Belize Local Time

The Government of Belize (GOB) has received financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for the execution of a five-year tax modernization project entitled "Strengthening of Tax Administration" (BL-L1031). Through this project, the Belize Tax Service Department (BTSD) has procured a Modern Integrated Tax Administration System (the Revenue Management System (RMS)) and is presently in the implementation process. This new system will be used in the management of the Belize Tax Administration.

BTSD staff integrity is a concern for its management. The BTSD strategic plan indicates that: "Corruption has devastating effects on the integrity of any organization. At the BTSD the effects would be particularly harmful as corrupt activities could compromise the collection of revenue; impede tax compliance; negatively impact the image of the Agency and reduce the public's confidence in the Agency's ability to objectively administer taxes."

As such, an Internal Audit Division will be executed to conduct investigations into alleged employee misconduct and ensure that commensurate disciplinary actions are taken when staffers are found culpable. Additionally, a new Employee Code of Conduct will be drafted, which will be instructive on the standards of Professional Conduct. Given that partnerships with the public are important in combating corruption, Outreach Programs will be utilized to engage civil society and to aid in deterring and reporting immoral activities."

Management is also concerned about internal audit. They have identified the need for regular reviews the compliance with the department's regulations, operations, procedures, and controls and if they comply with the international goods practices and operate effectively.

So, BTSD is looking for reorganizing its Internal Audit Division into an Internal Control Division with the view of improving both, the control of staff integrity and the internal audit. This consultancy is intended to address this concern.

Consequently, the BTSD will explore the introduction of a Risk Management Plan (RMP) to properly respond to the risks identified on a timely basis, to minimize overall compliance burden for both the taxpayers and the tax administration. As an important aspect of the RMP, risk mitigating strategies will be proposed for application against potential and existing risks. The plan will highlight all areas of risks including risk-based assessments, risk-based audits, risk-based sector and taxpayer segmentation, compliance risks (registration, filing, reporting and payments) and international risks. Risk mitigation reduces the extent of exposure and ensures that the strategic objectives are achieved."

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The consulting services ("the services") includes the contracting of a Consulting Firm for a period of eight (8) months to design and implement an Internal Control Model including the implementation of a system to support internal control processes. The main activity of the consultancy includes:

- 1 Prepare the action plan for implementation of the new Internal Control function includes:
  - a. Detailed project, its outcomes and success indicators
  - b. Intended results and their justification
  - c. The consultancy risk assessment and mitigation
  - d. Cost and other detailed resource requirements, if necessary
  - e. Schedule for implementation
- 2 Carry out an assessment
  - a. Review BTSD current practices and recent events regarding Internal audit and integrity investigation
  - b. Review BTSD Internal Audit Division organization, staff, and legal framework
  - c. Review the BTSD current regulations, operations, procedures, and controls with a view to prepare internal audit and integrity investigation plans
  - d. Review BTSD compliance with the new ITAS procedures
  - e. Review recent cases of BTSD staff integrity issues

- f. Interview relevant stakeholders to determine the general perception on the BTSD staff integrity


- 3 Draft Internal Control Model
  - a. Outline the guidelines and policies to the implementation and operation of the BTSD Internal Control Model including internal audit and integrity investigations
  - b. Define the Internal Control procedures inclusive case selection and processing
  - c. Define the necessary changes in, or queries to ITAS to provide information on potential integrity deviations and for case selection
- 4 Design and implement the BTSD Internal Audit organizational structure
  - a. Propose the organizational structure of the BTSD Internal Division including the internal audit and integrity investigation units
  - b. Prepare the job descriptions, including competencies, for staff of the BTSD Internal Audit Division
  - c. Estimate the necessary HR for the unit
    - a. Define the required BTSD Internal Control staff skills, knowledge, and abilities,
    - b. Define the requirements for the Internal Control staff training
    - d. Train the Internal Control Division staff
- 5 Development of the Internal Control Manuals, handbooks, and Code of Conduct
  - a. Draft the Internal audit manual
  - b. Draft the integrity investigation manual
  - c. Draft the necessary handbooks for both areas
  - d. Draft the BTSD staff Code of Conduct
  - e. The **Internal Audit manual** should include at least:
    - i. The Internal Audit mission and strategies
    - ii. The Internal Audit procedures
    - iii. The Internal Audit organizational structure as part of the Internal Control Division
    - iv. The job descriptions for the Internal Audit staff
    - v. The estimation of Internal Audit staff by function
    - vi. The applications/software needs.
    - vii. The Internal Audit's performance indicators and targets
  - f. The **Integrity Investigation** manual should include at least:
    - i. The Integrity Investigation mission and strategies
    - ii. The Integrity investigation procedures
    - iii. The Integrity Investigation organizational structure as part of the Internal Control Division
    - iv. The job descriptions for the Integrity Investigation staff
    - v. The estimation of Integrity Investigation staff by function
    - vi. The Integrity Investigation applications/software needs.
    - vii. The Integrity Investigation's performance indicators and targets
- 6 Execute dissemination sensitization workshops on the Internal Control model and manuals, including Internal Audit and Integrity Investigations
  - a. Deliver seminar for the BRS managers
  - b. Deliver seminars for the Internal Control staff
  - c. Deliver seminars for the BTSD staff
  - d. Deliver seminars to other authorities
  - e. Deliver seminars for main stakeholders
  - f. Train the Internal Audit Staff
  - g. Train the Integrity Investigation Staff

The consulting firm should have a minimum of five (5) years' experience in similar assignment. In addition, the consulting firm should have a minimum of five (5) years specific experience in the following:

- Organizational development and design
- Development of internal audit and staff integrity investigation systems
- Development of internal audit and staff integrity investigation organizations
- Development of internal audit and staff integrity investigation procedures and manuals
- Job analysis and job evaluation
- Training needs analysis, and;
- Staff training capacity

The firm will need to have or demonstrate expertise in internal audit and integrity investigation, communication and interpersonal skills, business Strategy (supporting business and organizational goals), Presentation and facilitation skills, flexibility and adaptability, time management skills, fluency in written and spoken English is essential, and highly motivated and committed. As well as have knowledge and experience working in Belize and or the Caribbean environment in a similar assignment.

The Ministry of Finance now invites eligible Consulting Firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in

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#### Consulting Services to design and implement an Internal Control Model including the implementation of a system to support internal control processes

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providing the services. Interested eligible Consultants must submit an Expression of Interest providing information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services (description of similar assignments specifying start and end dates of assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills, etc.). *The term "consultant" means a legally established professional consulting firm or an entity that may provide the services.*

#### Expression of Interest package should contain:

- (i) Document explaining interest, experience, and competence of the consulting firm.
- (ii) Firms experience in the assignment of similar consultancy services during the past five years. Description of similar assignments specifying start and end dates of assignments.
- (iii) Firms evidence of past jobs. (These includes letters from the respective client on the job (s) carried out, or a copy of contract or agreement with the client including copy of the TOR).
- (iv) Two references
- (v) Proof of nationality: Copy of certificate of incorporation, information of shareholders of company specifying the shares owned by each respective shareholder of the company and a copy of documentation of nationality of the shareholders of the company.

#### Additional documentation required for National Consultants:

- (vi) Copy of Certificate of Good Standing from Belize Company Registry
- (vii) Copy of Certificate of Good Standing from the Social Security Board
- (viii) Copy of Certificate of Good Standing from the Belize Tax Service
- (ix) Copy of Current Trade License

The total estimated contract price for this consultancy inclusive of taxes is **US \$ 319,805.00**

Consultants will be selected in accordance with the with the Quality and Cost - Based Selection (QCBS) procurement method set out in the Inter-American Development Bank: *Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter-American Development Bank* (GN-2350-15, May 2019 edition) and is open to all eligible consultants as defined in the IDB policies. The selection of the successful firm will be based on a competitive process among short-listed firms that takes into account the quality of the proposal and the cost of the service. **Only the short-listed firms will be notified and will be asked to submit a technical and price proposal.**

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications. For the purpose of establishing the short list, the nationality of a firm is that of the country in which it is legally incorporated or constituted and in the case of Joint Venture, the nationality of the firm appointed to represent it.

**Further information** can be obtained at the address below during office hours Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Expressions of interest must be delivered via direct mail or e-mail at the address indicated below by 3:30 p.m. (Belize local time) on Tuesday April 26, 2022.

Interested consulting firms are asked to submit their expression of interest via e-mail to [Michelle.Longsworth@bts.gov.bz](mailto:Michelle.Longsworth@bts.gov.bz) marked **STAP- Consulting firm to design and implement an Internal Control Model including the implementation of a system to support internal control processes** in the subject header, or submit on or before 3:30 p.m. (Belize local time) on Tuesday April 26, 2022 to the following address:

**Director General  
Belize Tax Service  
Strengthening of Tax Administration  
Project  
Charles Bartlett Hyde Building  
Mahogany Street, Belize City  
Tel: 501-222-5114**

For clarifications kindly contact:

**Procurement Officer  
Project Executing Unit  
Strengthening of Tax Administration  
Project  
Charles Bartlett Hyde Building  
Mahogany Street, Belize City  
Tel: 501-222-5114/E-mail: [Ian.Ramirez@mof.gov.bz](mailto:Ian.Ramirez@mof.gov.bz)**



### VACANCY NOTICE – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR GOB ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT FUND, DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons to fill one (1) vacant post of Executive Director of the GOB Environmental Management Fund, Department of the Environment, Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management.

#### 1. INTRODUCTION:

The Environmental Management Fund was established through the Environmental Protection (Amendment) Act, (EPA) 2009, Chapter 328 of the Substantive Laws of Belize. Part VII of the EPA has provisions for the governance and general operations of the Fund. The main purpose of the Fund is to assist the Department of the Environment (DOE) to address environmental matters and enforce the legislation which also guides the DOE's roles and functions. The specific objectives of the EMF are to cover all costs associated with the response and clean-up of oil spills and other chemical spills, to carry out programmes to prevent and reduce pollution; to provide support for laboratory analysis of samples collected for environmental monitoring; to support its environmental monitoring and enforcement programs; to promote environmental public awareness and research; to encourage local environmental initiative; to publish reports and publications on the environment; to promote, support and encourage activities relating to the protection and management of the environment; and to plan and implement other initiatives important for the effective and efficient management of our natural and environment resources.

#### 2. PURPOSE OF POSITION:

This person will be tasked with the efficient management of the GOB Environmental Management Fund (EMF), as well as building the necessary capacity of the Fund for its long-term sustainability. He/ She is expected to apply results-based management techniques, provide operational oversight, create and maintain effective systems, and ensure appropriate staff capacity development to efficiently support goals and objectives of the Fund.

#### 3. ANALYSIS OF POSITION

This person will be required to handle several responsibilities associated under the Duties and responsibilities associated with the overall, management of the Fund, Management of Human and Financial Resources: and provision of advisory support to the Board of Directors. **(Details of these responsibilities of this post are listed in the Terms of Reference)**

#### 4. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS AND EXPERIENCE

- ✓ Master's Degree in Public Administration, Finance, Accounting, Business Administration, Management, or related field with 10 years of work experience in programme operations management, organizational management, public sector management
- ✓ 10 years of work experience in programme operations management, organizational management, public sector management.

**(Details of skills set required for this post are also listed in the Terms of Reference.)**

#### 5. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applicants can obtain a copy of the terms of reference at [www.doe.gov.bz](http://www.doe.gov.bz) or by requesting a copy from the Department via email: [emf@environment.gov.bz](mailto:emf@environment.gov.bz) or office number: 822-2548 or 822-2819.

Applicants are asked to submit a complete application package containing a cover letter, resume, and 2 reference letters, no later than 3:00 pm, April 27, 2022 addressed to:

**Chief Environmental Officer  
Department of the Environment  
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# FROM THE PUBLISHER en Español

La mayoría de nosotros, los beliceños adultos, hemos pasado distintas cantidades de tiempo tratando de descifrar la psique contradictoria de Lord Michael Ashcroft. Sus actividades comerciales en Belize lo han enriquecido enormemente y nos ha dejado a nosotros los beliceños seriamente endeudados con él en varios casos. Pero ha dicho, en más de una ocasión, que ama a Belize.

Bueno, es posible amar a Belize, el país, y no tener ningún afecto real por la gente, nosotros los seres humanos que nos llamamos beliceños. Lord Ashcroft no nos ama a los beliceños: ama sus propias cuentas bancarias.

Ahora, la filosofía del desarrollo del capitalismo de laissez-faire exalta al hombre que puede llegar a la cima financieramente. En el capitalismo de laissez-faire, todo vale, y por todos los medios necesarios. Así que en la medida en que al desarrollo de Belize se refiere, Lord Ashcroft es la superestrella definitiva. Exige nuestro respeto por sus logros empresariales, que lo han enriquecido a él y han empobrecido a Belize.

Personalmente, no me disgusta Lord Michael. Pero, ciertamente no soy su amigo. Paso mucho tiempo tratando de entenderlo, porque no hay forma de que nosotros, los beliceños, podamos

sobrevivir a este depredador inglés sin entender qué es lo que lo impulsa, aparte de puro dinero.

Entonces, lo que nos llama la atención es el hecho de que él vivió en Honduras Británica cuando era niño durante tres años, desde finales de 1953 hasta finales de 1956. Su padre había sido soldado británico y fue asignado aquí como funcionario público en la administración colonial.

El episodio más importante y sensacional en los tres años del joven Michael Ashcroft en la colonia fueron las elecciones nacionales de abril de 1954, cuando el Partido Unido del Pueblo (PUP), intensamente anticolonial, derrotó al Partido Nacional (NP por sus siglas en inglés) pro-británico por un amplio margen. Había nueve distritos electorales aquí en ese momento, y el NP ganó solo uno: en Toledo, donde el poder personal del patriarcal Sam Vernon impulsó al candidato del NP, Charles Westby a la victoria en el "Distrito olvidado."

(Hubo cuatro candidatos independientes en esa elección: Fred Westby en el Oeste de Belize; John Smith en el Norte de Belize; Fred Hunter en el Área Rural del Distrito de Belize; y William Gegg en Corozal).

Los ocho candidatos victoriosos del PUP fueron descritos como candidatos

"PUP-GWU" en el valiosísimo trabajo de Myrtle Palacio, WHO AND WHAT IN BELIZEAN ELECTIONS 1954 to 1993 [QUIÉN Y QUÉ EN LAS ELECCIONES BELICENAS 1954 a 1993]. El PUP y el GWU (Sindicato General de Trabajadores), en otras palabras, estaban en una coalición en 1954. Su victoria electoral de 1954 fue épica, y fue una victoria para la gente de la base de Belize, la mayoría de los cuales eran negros en 1954, y fue una derrota para los británicos imperiales y para Belize Estate and Produce Company (BEC), que había dominado la economía local desde el siglo XIX.

La elección de 1954 fue muy tensa y emotiva en la ciudad capital, donde vivía entonces un tercio de la población de la colonia. Dos de los líderes y candidatos del PUP, Leigh Richardson y Philip Goldson, habían sido encarcelados por sedición por los británicos y habían pasado nueve meses en la prisión de Su Majestad en 1951. Así que la elección de 1954 fue una gran reivindicación para Leigh y Philip.

Yo era un niño que había cumplido siete años el 30 de abril de ese año. Siempre me ha parecido que la contienda más emotiva en 1954 involucró el hecho de que el primer líder del PUP (el partido fue fundado

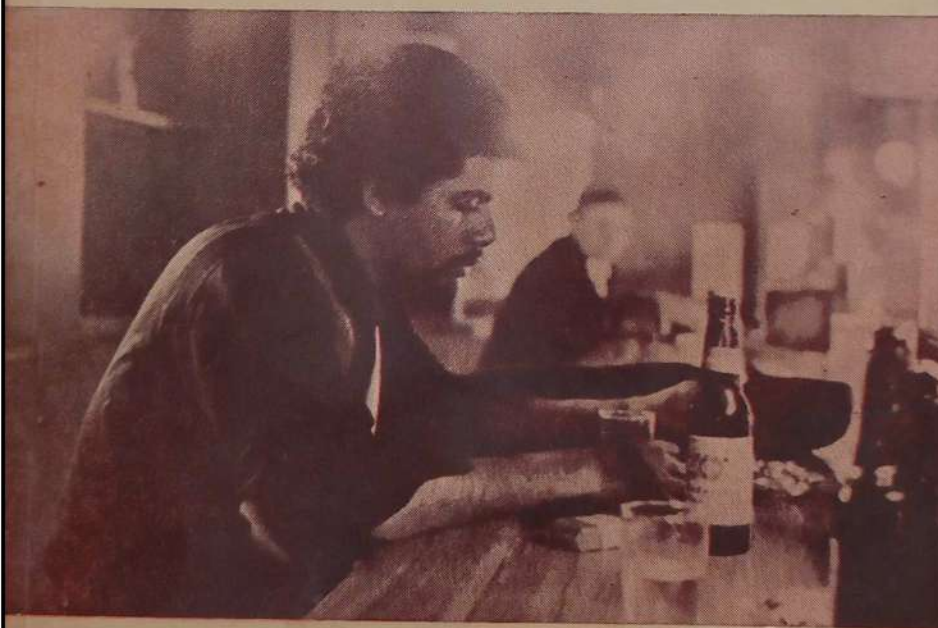
en 1950), Johnny Smith, renunció al PUP después de que Richardson y Goldson fueron encarcelados. El Partido Nacional no ofreció un candidato en la división del Norte de Belize de George Price. Johnny Smith se postuló contra él como candidato independiente, claramente apoyado por el NP, y fue vilipendiado amargamente como un "cobarde" y "traidor" por los miembros y simpatizantes del PUP-GWU a quienes había abandonado. (Por cierto, el Sr. Price venció a Smith abrumadoramente 3 a 1, y Smith pronto se exilió en los Estados Unidos. En 1954, los beliceños eran extremadamente apasionados por su política posterior a la devaluación).

Un niño inglés como Michael Ashcroft, que asistía a la sección de la escuela primaria de la Academia de Santa Catalina para niños privilegiados, era un absoluto don nadie en Belize en 1954. Repito, era nadie, nada. Los beliceños estaban entusiasmados con el PUP y con Ludwig Lightburn, quien luchaba por alcanzar la fama en México y los Estados Unidos. Bueno, no hace falta decir que nadie en 1954 se ha convertido en alguien hoy.

En 1955, murió Bob Turton, el

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## North Amerikkkan Blues



by Evan X Hyde

## SPORTS, SIN AND SUBVERSION



Evan X Hyde



## FIRST PUBLICATION

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

CLAIM NO 414 OF 2021

BETWEEN:

(LILLIAN LOCKWOOD

CLAIMANT

(AND-

(KEISHA CHRISTIAN

DEFENDANT

TO: Keisha Christian  
17 Miles Northern Highway  
Belize District

TAKE NOTICE that an action has been commenced against you in the Supreme Court of Belize, Claim No. 414 of 2021 by the Claimant Lillian Lockwood of 17 ½ Miles Northern Highway, Belize District, Belize in which the Claimant's claim is for the following reliefs:

1. A Declaration that the Claimant is the legal owner of an estate in fees simple of all that block, piece or parcel of land situate on both sides of the Northern Highway near Mile 17 ½ in the Village of Sandhill, Belize District, Belize and which contains 15 Acres as described in the Deed of Gift dated the 3rd day of September, 1992 ("the Property");
2. A Declaration that the Claimant is entitled to immediate possession of the Property;
3. An Order that the Defendant, whether by herself, her servants, agents or otherwise immediately delivers vacant possession of the Property to the Claimant;
4. A permanent injunction to prohibit and restrain the Defendant whether by herself, her servants, agents or otherwise howsoever, from taking possession, occupying, continuing occupation, trespassing, and/or entering upon the Property or any portion of the Property;
5. An Order that the Defendant pays the Claimant Damages, including General and Special damages for trespass and for damage to the Property, with such damages to be assessed;
6. An Order that the Defendant returns all documents and properties in her possession which belongs to the Claimant and that the Defendant pays the Claimant all rents collected from the Properties during her unlawful occupation;
7. An Order that Mesne profits are paid to the Claimant at the rate of \$3000.00 monthly from the date of occupation by the Defendant until vacant possession is delivered up to the Claimant;
8. Interest pursuant to section 166 and 167 of the Supreme Court of Judicature Act, 2011;
9. Cost;
10. Such further or other relief as this Honourable Court deems just in the circumstances.

AND that an Application for Interim Injunction has been filed in the said Claim No. 414 of 2021 Lillian Lockwood v Keisha Christian for the following relief:

1. That the Defendant is hereby restrained, whether by herself, her servants or agents or otherwise from entering upon or taking possession of the Property being 15 Acres on both sides of the Northern Highway near mile 17 ½ in the Village of Sandhill Belize District and described in Deeds Book Volume 20 of 1992 at folios 665-662 ("the Property").
2. That the Defendant shall pay the Applicant's costs of this Application


AND it has been ordered that service of the Fixed Date Claim Form and Statement of Claim dated 9th June 2021, and Amended Fixed Date Claim Form and Statement of Claim dated 30th November 2021 and Amended Urgent Notice of Application dated 10th December 2021, with draft order, be effected on you by this publication.

AND you are required to enter appearance at the Office of the Supreme Court, acknowledge service within 14 days of the second publication, and file a Defence within 28 days of the second publication.

TAKE NOTICE In default of your doing so, the said Claimant may proceed therein, and judgment may be entered against you in your absence.

You may enter appearance in person or by your attorney at the Office of the Registrar of the Supreme Court of Belize.

DATED the 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 2022.

  
MAGALIE PERDOMO  
Attorneys-at-Law for the Claimant

# Cruel Britannia

At the height of the British Empire, just after the First World War, an island smaller than Kansas controlled roughly a quarter of the world's population and landmass. To the architects of this colossus, the largest empire in history, each conquest was a moral achievement. Imperial tutelage, often imparted through the barrel of an Enfield, was delivering benighted peoples from the errors of their ways — child marriage, widow immolation, headhunting. Among the edifiers was a Devonshire-born rector's son named Henry Hugh Tudor. Hughie, as he was known to Winston Churchill and his other chums, pops up so reliably in colonial outposts with outsized body counts that his story can seem a "Where's Waldo?" of empire.

He's Churchill's garrison-mate in Bangalore in 1895 -- a time of "messes and barbarism," the future Prime Minister complained in a note to his mum. As the century turns, Tudor is battling Boers on the veldt; then

it's back to India, and on to occupied Egypt. Following a decorated stint as a smokescreen artist in the trenches of the First World War, he's in command of a gendarmerie, nicknamed Tudor's Toughs, that opens fire on a Dublin stadium in 1920 -- an assault during a search for I.R.A. assassins which leaves dozens of civilians dead or wounded. Prime Minister David Lloyd George delights in rumors that Tudor's Toughs were killing two Sinn Feiners for every murdered loyalist. Later, even the military's chief of staff marvelled at how nonchalantly the men spoke of those killings, tallying them up as though they were runs in a cricket match; Tudor and his "scallywags" were out of control. It didn't matter: Churchill, soon to be Secretary of State for the Colonies, had Tudor's back.

(— excerpted from an article by Junil Khilnani in THE NEW YORKER of April 4, 2022)

## "I feel shame": Pope apologizes to Indigenous people of Canada

VATICAN CITY - Pope Francis apologized on Friday for the Roman Catholic Church's involvement in a system of Canadian boarding schools that abused Indigenous children for 100 years, and said he would travel to Canada as part of a process of healing and reconciliation.

His apology comes after Canada was jolted last year by the discovery of evidence that more than 1,000 people, most of them children, were buried in unmarked graves on the grounds of some of the former schools.

"I feel shame -- sorrow and shame -- for the role" that Catholics played "in the abuses you suffered and in the lack of respect shown for your identity, your culture and even your spiritual values," Francis said.

Francis spoke during an audience at the Apostolic Palace with dozens of delegates from Canada's three

largest Indigenous groups, who had traveled to the Vatican in the hope that he would apologize to survivors in Canada. This was the first apology to the Indigenous people of Canada from a pope and was a reversal of Francis's earlier position.

"I ask for God's forgiveness and I want to say to you with all my heart: I am very sorry," Francis said, adding that he joined with Canadian bishops "in asking your pardon."

From the 1880s to the 1990s, the Canadian government ran a system of compulsory boarding schools that a National Truth and Reconciliation Commission called a form of "cultural genocide." The Catholic Church operated about 70 percent of the schools in the system.

(— excerpted from an article by Elisabetta Povoledo and Ian Austen in THE NEW YORK TIMES of Saturday, April 2, 2022)

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# UEF Mission Statement — March 10, 1996

1. We believe that the sovereignty, territorial integrity and national dignity of Belize are of paramount importance.

2. We believe that the single greatest challenge to the nationhood of Belize is distinction and discrimination among the ethnic groups of Belize.

3. We believe there are various types of racial discrimination in Belize, and that the racial discrimination against African people in Belize is part of a worldwide pattern which has existed for more than 500 years.

4. We believe that the working people of Belize, whatever their ethnic types, have lost ground and have lost rights in Belize over the last two decades.

5. We believe that there is a growing gap between the rich and the poor in Belize, a gap which will

lead to the types of conflicts which have caused wars in Central America.

6. We believe that there is an alarming discrepancy between the education offered on the Northside and the education available on the Southside of Belize, where the majority of African Belizeans live. The Southside education systems are outdated, irrelevant, unattractive, colonial, and racist.

7. The single greatest concern of the UBAD Educational Foundation (UEF) is the upgrading of the educational opportunities available to young African Belizeans, who have been the principal participants in the gang wars which have broken out in our urban areas.

8. The UBAD Educational Foundation will seek the accumulation of funds and resources to pursue its educational

programs, but the UEF is non-profit in nature.

9. We believe the discrepancy in the educational opportunities being offered to our children and young people cannot be addressed by the political parties, because that is not the job of political parties. There is the need for a private, community-based institution to upgrade the educational systems available for African Belizeans, hence the UBAD Educational Foundation, formed on Sunday, March 10, 1996.

10. The primary concern of the Foundation is the education of African Belizeans, but the UBAD Educational Foundation is not racist or discriminatory in nature. All Belizean young people may participate in systems and programs created by the UBAD Educational Foundation.

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hombre nativo de negocios más poderoso de Belize, quien fue el primero en impulsar a su secretario personal, George Price, a que entrara en la política de Belize en 1944. Turton había sido el enemigo más serio de BEC y los británicos, por lo que cuando murió en 1955, fue el año inmediatamente posterior a su mayor victoria sobre sus odiados rivales: BEC y los británicos. (Turton tenía importantes conexiones comerciales en los Estados Unidos, incluida la compañía de chicles Wrigley en Chicago).

Por parte de mi padre, soy descendiente de un escocés llamado James Hyde allá por finales del siglo XVIII. Muy pocos de nosotros comprendemos las complejidades de lo que conocemos como "Reino Unido" o "Gran Bretaña". Según tengo entendido, la monarquía actual consta de cuatro pueblos diferentes: inglés, escocés, galés e irlandés. (Irlanda es un país independiente, pero Irlanda del Norte es parte de Gran Bretaña).

Lord Ashcroft es inglés, y el pueblo inglés es la fuerza dominante en el Reino Unido. Es un poco confuso para mí, pero hubo un episodio sensacional en la historia de los escoceses y los ingleses que les resultará interesante. Pido su indulgencia por este pequeño aparte histórico.

En el siglo XVI, Escocia e Inglaterra tenían dos reinas diferentes: María, Reina de Escocia, se había convertido en Reina de Escocia en 1542, mientras que su prima, Isabel I, se convirtió en Reina de Inglaterra en 1558. El problema en ese momento del odio violento entre la Inglaterra Protestante (anglicana) y la España católica romana era que María, reina de Escocia, era católica romana. Los católicos ingleses, que estaban siendo perseguidos, consideraban a María la Reina legítima de Inglaterra. Los ingleses protestantes estaban aterrorizados de que la protestante Isabel, la hija de Enrique VIII, pudiera ser asesinada por agentes españoles y que María, reina de Escocia, se convirtiera en reina de Inglaterra y de Escocia. (María era prima de Isabel y heredera del trono inglés a través de su abuela Tudor, Margarita, hermana mayor de Enrique VIII. Isabel era nieta de Enrique VII y María era su bisnieta).

Sucedió que María se vio involucrada en un gran escándalo sexual, que terminó con la muerte de su esposo legal. Tuvo que huir hacia el sur hacia Elizabeth en busca de protección. Isabel mantuvo cautiva a María durante dieciocho años y medio, y luego María, reina de Escocia, fue decapitada en 1587 con el consentimiento silencioso de Isabel I. Decapitada, José. Estamos hablando de gente seria, gente severa.



## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

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

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

The Belize Compact Development Team will be led by a National Coordinator who will manage the team, engage key stakeholders across all sectors, and bear responsibility for the overall performance and work quality of the team. The Procurement Director will be a member of this team and will be responsible for the duties in close coordination and partnership with MCC's procurement lead.

### Vacant Post

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Subsequently the top 3 applicants for the post will be interviewed.

Deadline for application is **20 April 2022 at 4:00pm**. Application can be sent via email to: [econdev@med.gov.bz](mailto:econdev@med.gov.bz) or hand delivered to the address indicated below:

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

Any request for clarification should be sent via email no later than 11 April 2022. Responses will be provided within three days.



# DROP THE VICTIM CARD, NOBODY CARES

by Nuri Muhammad

Belize is truly fortunate that some of the racial hostility that exists between ethnic groups in other countries does not exist here, despite our ethnic diversity. However, we would be naive to pretend that no tension or prejudice exists between groups, but despite this, we should all do our part to keep Belize free of racial hostility.

While race as a basis for prejudice and discrimination is not prevalent in Belize, classism and the varied assumptions that go along with it is here. A friend told me recently that he witnessed an interesting incident where a Mestizo mother was telling her son to stop acting like “den Southside boy”; obviously her son’s mannerism and demeanor reminded

her of a behavior that she didn’t approve of and one she associated with certain youths from a certain section of Belize City. While this is not directly racism, it’s easy to see how it can get that interpretation if we don’t understand the context in which that mother spoke. This can even be more disconcerting, especially when we hear of government’s intention to “normalize” as much as 60,000 migrants, mostly from Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador, already living in the country illegally.

It’s becoming acceptable to see many young black males, and to a certain extent older black men, depend too much on the ‘victim card’ when trying to get a job, a loan, a scholarship, or just sympathy for their situation; in other words, “help me because I am a victim”. My point here is we have to

get off this welfare card because many people who come from more disadvantaged backgrounds take life as they find it and do what they have to do, legally, to survive; in other words, they refuse to play the ‘victim card’.

The use of the ‘victim card’ is nothing exclusive to young black males in Belize; in fact, it has become an established strategy for correcting perceived injustices within a system. A perfect example of this is the ‘Affirmative Action’ (AA) approach used in the US to correct years of unequal treatment of African Americans in that country. The rationale for AA was that African Americans should be given special consideration over whites in jobs, education, housing, etc., in order to correct the years that African Americans had been deprived of equal

justice in every aspect of civil rights in that country. So the Civil Rights Act of 1964 was a federal attempt to correct this systemic discrimination. As a result of the AA policy many African Americans have received a jumpstart, a kind of ‘skip to the front of the line’ support, to correct the built-in historical injustice.

Women in the US have also used the ‘victim card’ to highlight the fact that some kind of AA should also exist to address the injustices built into the system that deprives women of equal rights. So the Women’s Movement used the same Civil Rights Act to advance their agenda even more effectively than the African Americans for which the Act was originally enacted for. There are many other examples of where the ‘victim card’ was an appropriate strategy to correct systemic injustices.

The problem with using the ‘victim card’ comes when the victim perceives that he/she has a right over others by virtue of the fact that they have gone through what others have not. Clearly the statistics are revealing that many of our black male youths are falling through the cracks and need special interventions to address their peculiar socio-economic, psycho-spiritual traumas, but resorting to the ‘victim card’ as the basis for our intervention is not the correct approach.

There are many beggars in the city today. Some are clearly victims and need a helping hand to pull them through their temporary hard times till things get better. Some, however, have decided to turn begging into a daily profession while others have turned their misfortune into an opportunity to work their way out of their dilemma. Who do you think will get the most support — the perpetual victim, or one who is asking for help to help themselves?

It is almost becoming an accepted fact now that black men in Belize City are lazy and want everything for free. Despite its derogatory nature, this is a growing opinion, even among many black Belizeans who cite all kinds of examples to verify their viewpoint. They say, look how the Chinese, Indians and Arabs own all the stores that black Belizeans once owned on Albert Street. Look how the new Belizeans, from Central America, have established themselves over the last twenty-five years. They say, unlike these new Belizeans, if you offer a black man in the city a job he is more concerned about how much you will pay him, and if the price is not right, he would prefer to be without a job than to work for what he considers below his value.

This may sound like generalization, but you make your own anecdotal observations of these matters and see what we are dealing with. We have developed a culture of dependency in Belize City where to be a perpetual ‘victim’ is becoming commonplace for many young men.

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working smart is the key for survival, especially in this depressed pandemic-infected economy that we face in Belize today, but how many people are waiting for the “right” job before they will accept any job? How many are satisfied to stand on the sidelines and complain instead of getting out there and finding a job and, failing that, making a job? And yes, in regard to those who use their entrepreneurial skills to do illegal trade rather than sitting around and begging, Respect, for their effort to use their survival skills, especially when they have hungry mouths at home to feed; but we must equally warn them that that is a dead-end street with glitter in the front but death or jail at the back-end. Just look at those who went before you, bro. Crime, really don't pay in the long run.

The fact is there are many legal ways to generate an income, albeit small, but such jobs have no glitter attached to them; they may be dirty and backbreaking and pay below the minimum wage, but they can sustain you till you find something better. They say that ‘necessity is the mother of invention’ and that there are lights at the end of every dark tunnel, but if you don't live in a culture that encourages you to work with what you got and to not become dependent on someone to do for you what you can do for yourself, you will miss many opportunities to improve your situation.

Constantly crying about the half-empty glass and failing to acknowledge what assets you have to work with eventually kills creativity and renders you forever dependent. We've all heard the story of the man who prayed vehemently to God to bless him with shoes because he had none....he became vexed in spirit because his prayers went unanswered until one day he met a man who had no feet but was yet cheerful and productive; clearly he met a man who had learned to work with what he had.

It is the responsibility of government to stimulate an enabling environment where jobs are created both in the public as well as the private sector. A good government would have targeted the employment of its citizens as a top priority. But be that as it may, the individual citizen has no excuse to rely on the ‘victim card’ permanently; if jobs are not readily available, then one has to find his own way to avoid dependency. So, in response to the mother mentioned in the early part of this essay, being a ‘southside boy’ should be no more derogatory than being a ‘northside boy’; to paraphrase Dr. Martin Luther King: judge a boy not from what side of town he comes from but from the content of his character. (Comments welcomed at [innadynamics@gmail.com](mailto:innadynamics@gmail.com)).

## VACANCY NOTICE PROPOSAL WRITER AND NEGOTIATOR



### POSITION DETAILS

The Belize Livestock Producers Association is seeking candidates for the position of PROPOSAL WRITER AND NEGOTIATOR for its office located at Mile 47.5 George Price Highway in the City of Belmopan.

### BACKGROUND

Belize Livestock Producers Association (BLPA) is a non-profit organization established under the Meat and Livestock Act Chapter 214, revised edition 2000. The Livestock industry was organized in the late 1970's, when the Government of Belize passed the Meat and Livestock Act (1) which established an association of livestock producers known as the Belize Livestock Producers' Association (BLPA). The Association is managed by the Board of Directors elected by the membership at its Annual General Meeting on the last Saturday of February. BLPA, represents 5,200 livestock farmers nationwide with a little over 170,000 cattle population in the country of Belize.

### PURPOSE OF THE ROLE

The Proposal Writer and Negotiator will work as an integral part of the BLPA Team. The main role of the Proposal Writer and Negotiator is to research, develop strategies, design projects in line with the strategic plan of the BLPA, and write proposals in the areas of natural resource management and climate change with a focus on community adaptation, resilience and sustainable development - aiming at obtaining funding to expand the Belize Livestock Producers Association to assist farmers countrywide in promoting a greener industry.

### JOB SUMMARY

Department Partnership Office

Title / Position Proposal Writer and Negotiator

Location: Mile 47.5 George Price Highway, Belmopan, Cayo

Duration 1-year renewable

Reports to: General Manager

### DUTIES AND ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS Key responsibilities include but are not limited to:

1. Conduct research to identify available funding opportunities at the local, national, and international levels.
2. Gather primary information at the local and national level and based on that develop ideas – turn ideas into strategies and through negotiation pave the way for project applications.
3. Prepare conceptual notes for the preparation of funding proposals and documentation that includes the logical framework, performance indicators, monitoring and evaluation plan, budgets, among others as required by donors.
4. Search for potential local partners
5. Plan the production together with the rest of the team and reach the monthly, quarterly, and yearly goals
6. Participation in conferences and relevant workshops to network with potential partners
7. Follow up on agreements with potential partners
8. Write and submit project proposals in coordination with the General Manager and the implementation team and in compliance with deadlines associated with the proposal preparation process.
9. Identify potential partners, and assist with the organization and facilitation of meetings with donors, partners, key stakeholders.
10. Prepare and facilitate a solid handing over of successful applications to Grant Administrator, and BLPA Office, and provide support during the 3-month start-up phase.
11. Where needed, continue to provide support
12. Review and give inputs to project documents including training manuals, and Information, Education, and Communications.
13. Under the guidance of the General Manger and Board of Directors, communicate with donors to help resolve specific problems or respond to donor information requests;
14. Support the writing of narrative and financial reports for submission to donors.

### QUALIFICATIONS, EXPERIENCE, AND COMPETENCIES

- Minimum Bachelor degree and/or professional qualification in English, Journalism, Communications, Project Management, or related field;
- Knowledge within the area of livestock and climate change
- Previous experience in proposal writing or managing grants/contracts may be advantageous;
- English Language proficiency;
- Exceptional written and oral communication skills;
- Excellent computer and organizational skills including knowledge of Microsoft Office programs;
- Strong interpersonal and presentation skills;
- Ability to work on tight deadlines;
- Experience of working in a diverse team.
- Previously demonstrated ability to work as part of a team and interact with all levels of staff and management.

### APPLICATION PROCESS

To apply, submit a job application letter, CV/resume, and proof of educational qualifications to [adminblpa@belizelivestock.org](mailto:adminblpa@belizelivestock.org). Please write “Proposal Writer and Negotiator” in the subject line. APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 28, 2022. \*\* Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.



# BBA prez says bus fare increase necessary

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by *Khaila Gentle*

BELIZE CITY, Mon. Apr. 11, 2022

Last week the Government of Belize announced that an increase in public transport fares would come into effect on April 15<sup>th</sup> and that, to reduce the size of the increase in those fares, it had approved fuel subsidies for bus operators that amount, in total, to approximately \$1 million.

According to the Government's press release, the subsidies, which will be initially given to bus operators for a period of six months, have allowed the increase in bus fares to be capped at \$1.00, rather than the \$3.00 increase for one-way trips that had been proposed by bus operators.

"The Government of Belize will be providing a monthly fuel subsidy to bus operators traveling in excess

of 13 miles (one-way) for the number of gallons used. The fuel subsidy was approved for a six-month period with a cap on diesel at \$12.50 which will represent over \$1 million in savings to commuters," it stated. The decision was made during last Monday's Cabinet meeting following months of negotiations between the Belize Bus Association (BBA) and the Department of Transport, including Minister of Youth, Sport, and Transport, Hon. Rodwell Ferguson, and the CEO in that ministry, Marconi Leal.

Thomas Shaw, president of the Belize Bus Association, when speaking to local reporters about the government's recent decision, said that he applauds them for making such a bold move, especially in light of Government's previous reluctance to lower the cost of fuel, since fuel taxes



are one of its main sources of revenue.

"This is something that we've been clamoring for for years, but whenever we approach and we say

we're looking for subsidies, especially when it comes to fuel, they told us, from the other administration, they told us point blank that government isn't really gonna touch that dial, because that's where the government actually makes most of its money from, you know," said Shaw.

He also noted that while an increase in bus fares is long overdue and is needed to keep bus operators afloat, he is fully aware of the impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on Belizeans as well as the added strain that a large price hike would have on commuters.

"When we came in and we met for the first time, we had made a proposal whereas the Minister, the CEO, everybody was on board and we told them actually what the operators would be looking for or what the association would be looking for for its operators in order for them to actually stay afloat. But, you know, whenever we have consultations like that, it still has to go to Cabinet. But when it went to Cabinet, the Government, they were mindful that it would have been a bit burdensome to pass on all that hike in bus fares to the commuters. So when they took it to Cabinet, the decision was made that well, yes, they're going to give us half of what we had asked for in bus fares and the government would be taking the other half, so the commuters would be paying some and the Government would be taking a loss for the next six months," he explained.

According to Shaw, it remains to be seen what will transpire after GoB's six-month term for the distribution of subsidies comes to an end. But he says that he hopes to get some form of written agreement from the Government sometime soon; otherwise, in six months' time, the association would be back at square one.

"If the fuel drops, then there will be no subsidy. Then we have to go back to the table and then we go back to square one—initially what we had asked for," he said.

When asked whether he sees an increase in bus fares as necessary, Shaw responded without hesitation:

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## DEPARTMENT HEAD, HUMAN RESOURCES

**Location: BELMOPAN CITY**

### Job Summary:

The Department Head for the Human Resources (DH-HR) is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Human Resources Department of the Financial Services Commission (the "FSC"), which includes delivering Human Resources ("HR") support services required by the FSC, planning, administering, coordinating, controlling, and maintaining all HR needs and activities that seeks to facilitate the employees' quality contributions to achieving the corporate objectives. The DH-HR will lead and direct the routine functions of the Human Resources (HR) department including hiring and interviewing staff, overseeing special payroll functions, benefits, and leave, and enforcing company policies and practices.

### Education & Experience:

- Bachelor's degree in Human Resources Management, Business Administration, or a related subject from a recognised tertiary institution and/or over 5 years in related work experience, with at least 3 years' experience in management.
- Minimum of 3 years demonstrated professional experience in coordinating human resource activities in a company or government ministry or agency.
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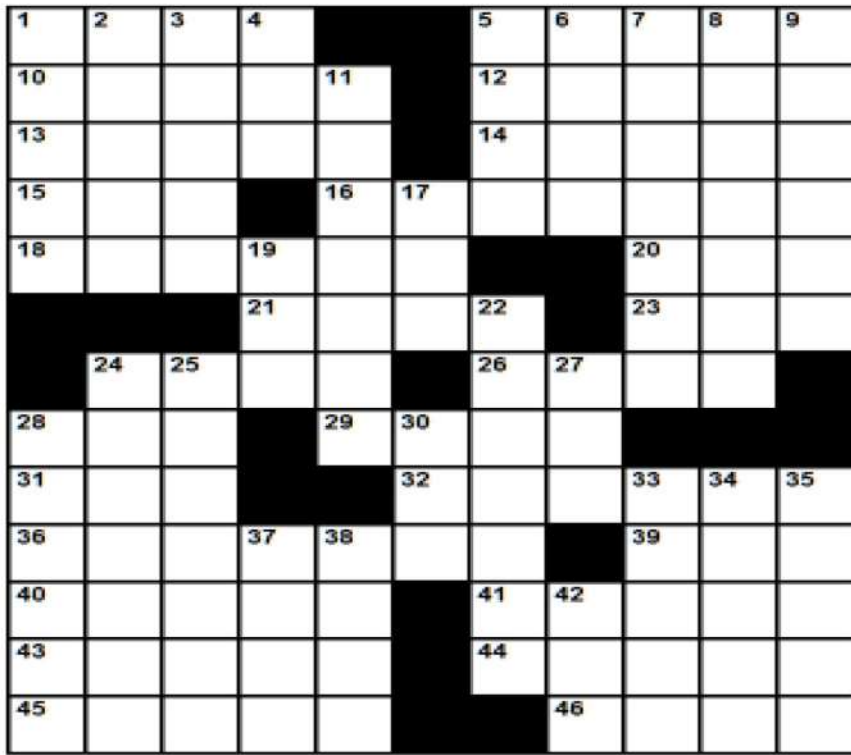
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NEW PUZZLE

Daily Crossword Puzzle for April 12, 2022



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**Across**

- 1. Big party
- 5. Hops a jet
- 10. Mexican pots
- 12. Androcles, e.g.
- 13. Clamoring
- 14. Full of zeal
- 15. Bubble maker
- 16. Sink by design
- 18. Black Sea port
- 20. Cooper's tool
- 21. Favor one leg
- 23. Bearing pivot
- 24. Top on a string
- 26. As previously given, abbr.
- 28. Copy, abbr.
- 29. Almost black
- 31. A Canadian export
- 32. Odes and sonnets
- 36. Publisher Cerf
- 39. Chinese river
- 40. Actor Underwood
- 41. By surprise
- 43. Choice cuts
- 44. Cyclist Armstrong
- 45. Heron's cousin
- 46. Becomes gray

**Down**

- 1. Large, striped antelope
- 2. For all to hear
- 3. Muck
- 4. Is down with
- 5. Lady of the haus
- 6. Hay holder
- 7. Do like
- 8. Noble domain
- 9. Allergy sign
- 11. Meeting
- 17. Car shaft
- 19. Conniving
- 22. Defining
- 24. Holiday item
- 25. Kind of market
- 27. Change the locks
- 28. Putter with
- 30. Astute
- 33. Nasality
- 34. Shortened reconnaissance
- 35. Startled cry
- 37. Baseball team
- 38. Formerly, once
- 42. Angora call

**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 - 04-06-2022 - Answers



**KREM Television Program Guide**

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

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Wednesday April 13, 2022 to Thursday April 21, 2022

**WEDNESDAY**

- 6:30 a.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (LIVE)**
- 9:00 a.m. **Morning Stew (LIVE)**
- 12:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**
- 1:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 2:00 p.m. Movie: Nightbooks
- 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 Zionist Story
- 9:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**

**THURSDAY**

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

**FRIDAY**

- 9:00 a.m. Movie: The Passion of Christ
- 11:06 p.m. Documentary: Life On Us - A Microscopic
- 12:47 p.m. Movie: Life of Jesus Christ
- 2:06 p.m. Documentary: Lost Civilization - Africa
- 2:56 p.m. Movie: The Ten Commandments
- 6:00 p.m. **Good Friday Cycling Classic Special (LIVE)**
- 8:00 p.m. Music Videos

**SATURDAY**

- 9:00 a.m. **92nd Holy Saturday Cross Country Race (LIVE)**
- 1:00 p.m. Movie: Noah
- 3:38 p.m. Documentary: Every Mother's Son
- 4:21 p.m. Movie: Son of God
- 6:39 p.m. Documentary: Internet Hackers
- 8:00 p.m. Music Videos

**SUNDAY**

- 9:00 a.m. Movie: Mary Magdalene
- 10:59 a.m. Documentary: Inside Job
- 12:48 p.m. Movie: The Book of Easter
- 5:17 p.m. Documentary: The Science of Manijunana
- 3:14 p.m. Movie: The Book of Revelation
- 4:25 p.m. Documentary: GMO OMG
- 5:50 p.m. Movie: The Greatest Story Ever Told
- 8:00 p.m. Music Videos

**MONDAY**

- 9:00 a.m. Movie: Exodus God and Kings
- 11:53 a.m. Documentary: 1804 - The Hidden History of Haiti
- 1:43 p.m. Movie: The Story of Ruth
- 3:55 p.m. Documentary: Inside Mecca
- 4:39 p.m. Movie: Exodus - Gods and Kings
- 8:00 p.m. Music Videos

**TUESDAY**

- 6:30 a.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (LIVE)**
- 9:00 a.m. **Morning Stew (LIVE)**
- 12:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**
- 1:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 2:00 p.m. Belizean Legend: Ras Indio
- 3:30 p.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (repeat)**
- 6:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (LIVE)**
- 7:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 8:00 p.m. Documentary: How Life Started on Earth
- 9:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**

**WEDNESDAY**

- 6:30 a.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (LIVE)**
- 9:00 a.m. **Morning Stew (LIVE)**
- 12:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**
- 1:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 2:00 p.m. Movie: The Tiger Rising
- 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: Gillnet
- 9:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**

**THURSDAY**

- 6:30 a.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (LIVE)**
- 9:00 a.m. **Morning Stew (LIVE)**
- 12:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**
- 1:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 2:00 p.m. Movie: 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: Q Leslie
- 9:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**





# Belize Male National Volleyball Championships 2022



2022 National Male Volleyball Champions, EA Warriors receiving Trophy



2022 BVA National Championship Silver Medalists, Toledo Assassins



2022 BVA National Championship Bronze Medalists, The 822

BELIZE CITY, Mon. Apr. 11, 2022  
 Volleyball is back!!! The Mexico Center was near capacity crowd this past Saturday and Sunday to watch 12 male volleyball teams from across the country compete in 30 matches for the male national championships. Teams and their fans from Corozal, Orange Walk, Cayo, Belmopan, Punta Gorda, San Pedro, Spanish Lookout, and Belize City enjoyed a weekend of competing, cheering, supporting their favorite teams. The Center was a buzz of energy with the noisemakers, horns, cheers, and screaming fans, with the excitement of the matches.

After 18 matches of pool play, the top 8 teams made the playoffs: Toledo Assassins, The 822, EA Warriors, OW Bad News, SE Jaguars, Eagles/Scorpions, Corozal Massives, and Rednex. In the first round, Toledo Assassins defeated Rednex, 25-21, 25-17; The 822 outlasted Corozal Massives, 25-21, 27-29, 15-8; EA Warriors won over Eagles Scorpions; and SE Jaguars won over OW Bad News, to set the stage for Sunday's matches. The winning teams qualified to the semi-finals, and the other teams play for ranking.

Sunday morning started with Eagles/Scorpions going to the deciding set to win over Corozal Massives, 25-21, 23-25, 15-11. Rednex also went 3 sets to overcome OW Bad News, 25-22, 12-25, 15-9. Corozal Massives then won over OW Bad news to place 7th and 8th, respectively. Rednex fought hard to win over Eagles Scorpions, 25-19, 25-19, and placed 5th and 6th.

The semi-finals lived up to its expectations with hard spikes, monster blocks, hard serves, and incredible defense plays and digs, as players left it all on the court with screaming, noisy fans on the edge of their seats with every point. Toledo Assassins out-defended SE Jaguars, 25-22, 25-22. EA Warriors needed to go to the deciding set to win over The 822, 25-22, 23-25, 15-9.

The bronze medal match was another nail-biter, with The 822 needing extra points to win in the first set, and having to go to the deciding set to beat SE Jaguars, 28-26, 19-25, 15-12.

The Gold Medal Match saw the same two teams from the last championship play for Gold. EA Warriors, same team with new name. Big hitting, blocking, digging at its best! EA Warriors, with the unstoppable attacking of Ernest Broaster, Jr. and leadership of Elton Anderson, won 25-17, 25-23, over the perpetually strong attacking and blocking Toledo Assassins, and repeat as National Champions.

The president expressed gratitude to the fans for their unwavering support, the teams for making the effort to participate, thanked those who worked countless hours to set up the Mexico Center for the tournament, and thanked the NSC for use of the facility. Special gratitude goes to BTL for internet, Bowen & Bowen Ltd. for beverage support, and Go Live Belize for live streaming of all the matches of the tournament.

- press release -

# Venom are Santa Elena & San Ignacio Basketball Champions



Venom - San Ignacio & Santa Elena Basketball Champions 2022



Assassins, 2nd Place

by Karim Juan

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo District, Sun. Apr. 10, 2022

The Santa Elena and San Ignacio 2022 Basketball Tournament came to an end this past weekend at Falcon Field in San Ignacio Town.

On Friday night, April 8, Assassins (#1 – Group A) defeated Coast Guard (#4 – Group B) in the first semi-final game by the score of 74 – 55. Assassins was led by Kyron “Tut” Molina who had the game high with 20 points, while Aaron Allison netted 13 pts and Jamie Carbajal and Robert Jeffries finished with 10 pts apiece. Coast Guard was led by Brandon “Puddy” Flowers who scored 13 pts, in limited minutes due to foul trouble, while Jason Ellis and Daniel “Buddy” Nolberto tallied 11 pts each. With the win, Assassins advanced to the championship game while Coast Guard will play for third place. In the second game of the night, Venom (#2 – Group A) handed Sacred Heart Junior College (SHJC) Scorpions (#1 – Group B) their first loss of the season, registering a 59 – 49 victory. Venom’s top scorer was Elvert “PG” Ariola who sank 18 pts, while Dominique Guzman and Joel Montero chipped in with 10 and 8 pts, respectively. In a losing effort, Kevon Laurie had the game high with 20 pts for SHJC Scorpions, and Tevaughn Lennen sank 10 pts. Venom (#2 – Group A) will now advance to

the championship game versus Assassins (#1 – Group A), while Coast Guard (#4 – Group B) and SHJC Scorpions (#1 – Group B) will battle for third place.

On Saturday night, April 9, Sacred Heart Junior College Scorpions defeated Coast Guard, 74 – 65, to claim third place and walk away with the \$500.00 cash prize. SHJC Scorpions was led by Ulrick Humes who finished with 18 pts, while Kevon Laurie netted 14 pts, Darnell Oden scored 13, and Karl Williams and Owen Kuylen finished with 12 pts each. Brandon “Puddy” Flowers from Coast Guard had the game high with 26 pts, while Jason Ellis tallied 11 pts, and Daniel “Buddy” Nolberto and Bryton Augustine netted 9 pts apiece. In the nightcap, Venom gained the huge 70 – 68 victory over Assassins to claim the championship. Elvert “PG” Ariola sank the winning jump shot to take the lead and seal the victory for his squad, giving Assassins their first loss of the season. Venom was led by Elvert “PG” Ariola who finished with 20 pts, while Joel Montejo and Dominique Guzman scored 16 and 13 pts, respectively. Kyron “Tut” Molina, from Assassins, had the game high with 26 pts, while Jaheim Ceigo tallied 16 pts, and Aaron Allison netted 9 pts. The champions, Venom, walked away with the \$1,500.00 cash





# Football family mourns passing of John King



**John King, deceased**

of John King, an indomitable little bundle of energy and bravado ever since he entered the football stage on a little high school team from the Tubal Institute in Ladyville. John King was excitement personified, and his flair for the dramatic always seemed to create attention wherever he played. A very small body with a light frame, the young man's drive and ambition to become a star was evident from his adventurous nature and eagerness to always try something spectacular on the football field. He was never a prolific scorer, but he did score some good goals, and his left foot shot had earned respect from a number of opponents' goalkeepers. As his career in football peaked and may have started to decline, the name of John King was just beginning to gain attention on the music scene as a DJ and rapper.

Another young brother has "gone too soon." From the sports desk, our sincere condolences to all his family and friends. Rest In Peace, brother John King!

Below we share a couple Facebook messages.

From The Belize Football Players' Association

Admin: Abdul-Waahid Ibn George  
• April 9 at 9:01 PM

The One Who Created our footballing brother, John King has called him back to Himself so I say what the Creator commands us to say when He recalls one of his creatures.

Inna lilaahi wa inna ilayhi raji'un (Verily from Allaah we come, and to Him we shall all surely return).

May the Most High make the transition of their loved one, John King, an easy affair for those he left behind.

The footballer family of Belize has one less warrior baller.

Football Federation of Belize - FFB  
Sun. Apr. 10, 2022

It's always a sad day when we have to make these types of posts, but it's even more heartbreaking when it's about an individual full of so much potential who lost his life to gun violence.

The Football Federation of Belize, President Sergio Chuc and the entire executive body send condolences to the family and friends of John King. John King played with the National Senior Men's Team, the National Beach Soccer Team as well as several semi-pro teams. He was very passionate about the sport and won several championships with his teams.

Footballers and musicians from across the country are mourning this great loss.

BELIZE CITY, Mon. Apr. 11, 2022

Anyone who has been around football circles in Belize City, and likely also other districts of the country where he has performed with different semipro teams over the past decade, are familiar with the name

# Caesar Ridge gains first "W" at Week 9 of Top League

BELIZE CITY, Mon. Apr. 11, 2022

If this were a relegation competition it would be mighty interesting, because in Week 9 of the Football Federation of Belize (FFB) Top League 2021-2022 Closing Season over the weekend, Belize City's 1st Division Amateur entrant, Caesar Ridge FC finally pulled out its first victory of the tournament; and with only 1 point now separating them from Wagiya SC (See latest standings below), their season-ending Week 10 encounter would be a very decisive affair. But, as far as we understand, this Top League is only an interlude to entertain fans until the Premier League of Belize (PLB) returns to action later this year. Nevertheless, after this weekend's Easter break, the match at the MCC next week Sunday will draw some attention from fans, as nobody wants to be the season's cellar dweller.

In Week 9 games, out west at the Marshalleck Stadium in Benque Viejo on Saturday night, Verdes FC managed to hold on to their undefeated record with a 1-nil victory over San Pedro Pirates FC through a late goal from Edwin Bernal (87').

On Sunday afternoon at the FFB Stadium, home standing Garden City FC got an early goal from rookie Wilfredo Galvez (2'); but the visiting Caesar Ridge FC responded before halftime with goals from Michael Palacio (23') and Gilroy "Bredda" Thurton (34') to take a 2-1 lead. And it stayed that way until the long whistle,

giving Caesar Ridge their first win of the season.

And on Sunday night at the M.A. Stadium in Independence, it was the home team, Altitude FC sending the visitors away empty handed, as they registered a 3-0 win over Wagiya SC, courtesy of a goal each from Marvin Tzalam (6'), Miguel Garcia (21') and Andres Orozco (90').

TEAM	W	D	L	GF	GA	Diff	Pts
Verdes FC	9	0	0	28	2	26	27
Altitude FC	5	2	2	15	8	7	17
San Pedro Pirates FC	4	2	3	9	7	2	14
Garden City FC	2	3	4	6	13	-7	9
Wagiya SC	1	2	6	4	15	-11	5
Caesar Ridge FC	1	1	7	5	23	-18	4

TEAM	PLAYER	Goals
Verdes FC	Juan Carlos Lopez	5
Verdes FC	Krisean Lopez	5
Altitude FC	Andres Orozco Sarabia	5
Verdes FC	Jovanun Ramos	4
Garden City FC	Shawn Young	3
Wagiya SC	Warren Moss	3
Verdes FC	Edwin Villeda Bernal	3
(Eight players have 2 goals apiece.)		

Week 10 schedule after Easter break:  
Saturday, April 23

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

7:30 p.m. – Altitude FC vs Verdes FC – M.A. Stadium in Independence

Sunday, April 24

4:00 p.m. – Caesar Ridge FC vs Wagiya SC – MCC Grounds

# Tragedy and heartbreak in 31st Women Cross Country Classic

Motorcycle videotaping duo perish; U.S. team sweeps Women Cross Country



**2022 Women Cross Country winners, (l to r) 2nd Morgan Stern, champion Katy Sorrell and 3rd Alicia Thompson**

BELIZE CITY, Mon. Apr. 11, 2022

Yesterday, April 10, turned out to be a day of double tragedies in Belizean cycling that will not soon be forgotten. With the 31st Women Cross Country due to take off from Columbus Park in San Ignacio, two male cycling stalwarts were on their way towards the twin towns to provide live video coverage of the race from their motorcycle. Sadly, neither the motorcycle driver, Kadeem Banks, nor his video-camera holding passenger, Edison "Vintage" Usher, would reach their destination, as reports were that the motorcycle experienced major difficulties and ran off the road in the vicinity of Cotton Tree Village, where the driver died on the spot, while his passenger passed away a few minutes after being transported to the Western Regional Hospital. The news of the

incident quickly engulfed the cycling community who were eagerly anticipating the live-streaming of the race, the way the same duo had voluntarily rendered a week earlier for the Junior Cross Country. A grief stricken cycling veteran, Andrew Ordonez, who had also previously done live-streaming of the races on the same motorcycle, said the news of his friends' tragic demise left him in a state of shock and at a loss for words; but he vowed to continue their legacy and their exemplary love for the sport by making a personal effort to do the live-streaming by motorcycle of the upcoming Holy Saturday Cross Country Classic in their memory.

And even as the cycling community was trying to recover from the shock





# OWFA 1st Division Amateur Week #3 results

by Ben Ramos, Jr. – OWFA Regional Administrator

ORANGE WALK TOWN, Tues. Apr. 12, 2022

The Orange Walk Football Association (OWFA) continued its

2021-2022 1st Division Amateur Closing Season over the weekend with Week #3 games at the Louisiana Football Field on Saturday and Sunday, April 9 and 10.

Below are the results. Saturday, April 9

## Venom are Santa Elena & San Ignacio Basketball Champions

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prize, while Assassins had to settle for the \$750.00 consolation prize.

Kyron "Tut" Molina from Assassins was named the Most Valuable Player (MVP) for the regular season, while Ruyan "Mentes" Carbajal, also from Assassins, stole the Best Defensive Player award; and to wrap up the individual regular season awards, Karim Juan of Assassins got Best

Coach. The Finals MVP was awarded to Elvert "PG" Ariola of Venom.

The organizing committee would like to thank the sponsors who made this tournament possible. Thanks to Madisco, BECOL, San Cas, Hode's, Matthew Preston, BNE, and the San Ignacio & Santa Elena Town Council. Special thanks to the players, referees and table officials, media who covered our games, and fans who came out to support their teams.

### Friday, April 8 – Semi-Final Games

#### GAME 1

	Score	Player	Pts
<b>Assassins (#1 – Group A)</b>	74	Kyron "Tut" Molina	20
		Aaron Allison	13
		Jamie Carbajal	10
		Robert Jeffries	10
<b>Coast Guard (#4 – Group B)</b>	55	Brandon Flowers	13
		Daniel "Buddy" Nolberto	11
		Jason Ellis	11

#### GAME 2

	Score	Player	Pts
<b>SHJC Scorpions (#1 – Group B)</b>	49	Kevon Laurie	20
		Tevaughn Lennen	10
		Raheem Crawford	7
<b>Venom (#2 – Group A)</b>	59	Elvert "PG" Ariola	18
		Dominique Guzman	10
		Joel Montejo	8

### Saturday, April 9 – Finals Games

#### GAME 1 – Third Place Game

	Score	Player	Pts
<b>SHJC Scorpions (#1 – Group B)</b>	74	Ulrick Humes	18
		Kevon Laurie	14
		Darnell Oden	13
		Karl Williams	12
		Owen Kuylen	12
<b>Coast Guard (#4 – Group B)</b>	65	Brandon "Puddy" Flowers	26
		Jason Ellis	11
		Bryton Augustine	9
		Daniel "Buddy" Nolberto	9

#### GAME 2 – Championship Game

	Score	Player	Pts
<b>Assassins (#1 – Group A)</b>	68	Kyron "Tut" Molina	26
		Jaheim Ceigo	16
		Aaron Allison	9
<b>Venom (#2 – Group A)</b>	70	Elvert "PG" Ariola	20
		Joel Montejo	16
		Dominique Guzman	13

In the opener at 7:00 on Saturday night, Progresso FC and Palmar FC played to a 2-2 draw. Ian Chi (7' & 10') gave Palmar the first half 2-nil lead, but Progresso replied in second half with a goal each from Adriel Novelo (48') and Rigoberto Cardenas (58').

And in the nightcap, Galacticos FC dropped Charlie's Cave Tubing FC, 6-2, with goals from Denixon Gonzalez (9'), Marlon Gutierrez (12'), Juan Cano (22'), Jorge Cawich (45' & 61') and Marvin Flowers (80'); while Cave Tubing got a goal each from Aldair Chan (PK 17') and Jesse Sedacey (25').

#### Sunday, April 10

The first of 5 games on Sunday was at 9:00 a.m. and saw San Antonio FC defeating Guinea Grass Lazio FC, 3-1, with goals from Darrol Lambey (33' & 56') and Liam Reyes (82'). The only score in favor of Guinea Grass was an auto goal by San Antonio's Edric Reyes (AG 88').

Game 2 was a real shelling, as Guinea Grass FC bombed San Francisco FC, 9-0, with 5 goals from Francisco Rivas (2', 24', 41', 71' & 82'), 2 from Dario Westby (65' & 87') and 1 apiece from Sergio Luna (44') and Erwin Betancourt (79').

In game 3 at 1:00 p.m., it was Carmelita Young Stars FC, 3-1, over

Trial Farm Jaguars. Carmelita got a goal each from Phillip Rhaburn (22') and Sylan Belisle (58') along with an auto-goal from Trial Farm's Michael Palacio (AG 3'), while the lone goal for Trial Farm came from Wilbert Uh (67').

Game 4 at 3:00 p.m. ended in a 0-0 draw between Young Ballers FC and Louisiana FC.

And game 5 to end the evening saw Caribbean Rum Boyz shutting out San Jose Pumas FC, 4-0, with a goal apiece from Raheem Eagan (8'), Russell Casanova (45'), Enrique Valdez (77') and Camilo Sanchez (85').

OWFA 1st Div. Group A Standings at Sun. Apr. 10, 2022

TEAMS	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Galacticos FC	3	2	1	0	11	5	6	7
Carmelita FC	3	2	1	0	7	3	4	7
Young Ballerz FC	3	2	1	0	4	0	4	7
San Antonio FC	3	2	0	1	6	4	2	6
Charlies Cave Tubing	3	2	0	1	8	7	1	6
Louisiana FC	3	0	1	2	0	6	-6	1
Guinea Grass Lazio FC	3	0	0	3	2	6	-4	0
Trial Farm Jaguars FC	3	0	0	3	2	9	-7	0

OWFA 1st Div. Group B Standings at Sun. Apr. 10, 2022

TEAMS	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Caribbean Rum Boyz FC	3	3	0	0	7	1	6	9
Guinea Grass FC	2	2	0	0	12	1	11	6
Progresso FC	3	1	1	1	5	3	2	4
Yo Creek La Ceiba FC	2	1	0	1	8	2	6	3
Palmar FC	2	0	2	0	3	3	0	2
San Francisco FC	3	0	1	2	1	17	-16	1
San Jose Pumas FC	3	0	0	3	1	10	-9	0

Games will resume on the weekend of April 23 and 24 after the Easter break.

## Tragedy and heartbreak in 31st Women Cross Country Classic

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of the devastating tragedy, out in San Ignacio at Columbus Park the Women Cross Country Classic nevertheless got under way with 11 female cyclists, eight (8) of whom would manage to complete the 73-mile journey to BTL Park in Belize City. And, while the chronicling of the station prize winners along the course of the race would normally give an idea of the ups and downs of the riders, where the breaks occurred and which cyclists were appearing stronger as the race wore on, this one was pretty straight forward, and decisively so. There were only two foreigners in this race, Americans Katy Sorrell and Morgan Stern, both of USA Team Cardinal, and they simply blew away the rest of the field. Indeed, all but 4 of the 47 station prizes along the route were taken by these two, who first seized control of the race at the Santa Elena roundabout, briefly relinquished leadership to 6-time champion Alicia Thompson at Galen University in Central Farm, and then re-asserted themselves to sweep all the remaining

station prizes on their way to Belize City, crossing the finish line at BTL Park with arms clasped for 1st and 2nd place. Meanwhile, the nearest group of four Belizean cyclists had not yet even approached Belize City limits at Burdon Canal bridge.

In the station prize tally, Kedisha Francis (unattached) took the first at Hawksworth Bridge. Gabriel Lovell (Lovell/Digi) took the next two at Public Works Santa Elena and Eden High School. The 4th station prize at Santa Elena Roundabout was grabbed by Morgan Stern (Cardinal), with teammate Kay Sorrell (Cardinal) stepping up to take the next two station prizes at Cayo Cargo and Running W Meats. Then our own Alicia Thompson asserted herself to grab the 7th station prize at Galen University; and Belizean fans would have thought we had a "horse" in this race to the finish. But a rude awakening it was, for the American duo proceeded to destroy the field, totally dominating the rest of the race, with the remaining station prizes all

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# 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 AT HUMMINGBIRD FURNISHINGS COMPOUND BELMOPAN CITY ON WEDNESDAY APRIL 20TH, 2022 AT 1:00PM.



**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.



**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 AT HUMMINGBIRD FURNISHINGS COMPOUND BELMOPAN CITY ON WEDNESDAY APRIL 20TH, 2022 AT 1:00PM.



**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.



**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 AT HUMMINGBIRD FURNISHINGS COMPOUND BELMOPAN CITY ON WEDNESDAY APRIL 20TH, 2022 AT 1:00PM.



**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.

## STANN CREEK PROPERTIES - TO BE AUCTIONED AT HUMMINGBIRD FURNISHINGS COMPOUND BELMOPAN CITY ON WEDNESDAY APRIL 20TH, 2022 AT 1:00PM.



**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.

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# Tragedy and heartbreak in 31st Women Cross Country Classic

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being shared between Katy and Morgan, who eventually opened almost a half hour gap between themselves and the rest of the peloton.

For Belize cycling fans it was another tragedy, not being able to at least see a Belizean in contention near the finish

of the race, as they would have anticipated, had defending champion Kaya Cattouse been involved along with arch-rival Alicia Thompson, in which case they both, currently the two most dominant Belizean female cyclists, would likely have teamed up to face the foreign challenge. Of course, when we contacted Kaya, who is

presently at a team training camp in California, her remark was, "I would have been able to take them both on myself." As it turned out, local cycling fans had to settle for a group of four Belizean women battling for third place at the finish.

In the end, it was Americans Kay Sorrell 1st and Morgan Stern 2nd, both

of Team Cardinal, crossing the finish line together in 3:23:17. (The record by Mexican Brenda Aguayo in 2003 is 3:07:29.) Taking 3rd place was Alicia Thompson (Bze. Bank Swoosh, 3:53:09); 4th Gabrielle Gabourel (C-Ray Cycling, 3:53:09); 5th Paulita Chavarria (Chavarria Cycling, 3:53:09); 6th Patricia Chavarria (Chavarria Cycling, 3:53:09); 7th Kedisha Francis (unattached, 4:01:47); and 8th Fiona Humes Castillo (BFSC, 4:02:20).

A special trophy for the youngest rider to complete the race was also awarded to Junior rider Gabrielle Gabourel.

## HOLY SATURDAY CROSS COUNTRY

Our prayers are for no more tragedies in the upcoming 92nd Holy Saturday Cross Country Classic, where already one of the brightest Belizean hopes, two-time champion Belizean/American Justin Williams has reportedly sustained a shoulder injury and will not be participating this year. However, his younger brother Cory will be riding. Our home based Belizean cycling hopes rest on recent strong race finishers including Oscar Quiros, Jr., Giovanni Lovell, Brandon Cattouse, Derrick Chavarria, Erick Trapp, Shawn Codd, Jafari Castro, Byron Pope, Ernesto Bradley, Sherwin Roca and a few others. But of course, on race day there are often surprises. It's Country time, guys!

A safe and blessed Easter, all!

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**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.



**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.



**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.

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## Job Vacancy

### Cashier/Accounting Clerk

**Key Outputs/Deliverables:**

- The Cashier will be responsible for the collection of all payments from Accounts Managers, Drivers, Customers and persons authorized to collect cash on the company's behalf.
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- General accounting support and any other ad hoc projects assigned by the Finance Manager

**Minimum Education and Experience:**

- An Associate's Degree in Business preferable, or
- High School Diploma with Cashier experience

**Key Competencies:**

- Good Customer Service Skills
- High level of honesty, integrity, trust, accountability, and work ethics
- Attention to detail and high degree of accuracy
- Strong communication skills
- Good organizational and time management skills
- Excellent teamwork skills
- Proficiency in the use of computers: MS Word, Excel, SAP application (an asset)

Interested persons are invited to submit applications by  
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## Job Vacancy

### Warehouse Assistant

**Job Objective:**

- The Warehouse Assistant must be able to work under supervision and be able to follow directions to complete daily responsibilities.

**Key Duties & Responsibilities:**

- Verify and accurate picking of customers order via pick ticket
- Assist in the loading/unloading of daily deliveries
- Ensure that goods are properly staged & labelled in the Warehouse
- Ability to interact in a professional manner with customers
- Maintain the warehouse in a clean, safe and orderly manner
- Familiarity with Belize routes
- Able to work flexible hours

**Minimum Requirements:**

- Must have a High School diploma or enrolled in a High School equivalency programme
- Experience in Warehousing/Inventory
- Basic literacy and numeracy skills
- Clean police record
- Able to move heavy items

**Key Competencies:**

- Able to work as part of a team
- Good customer service skills
- High level of honesty, integrity and trust.
- Attention to detail & accuracy
- Mature & reliable
- Strong communication & time management skills

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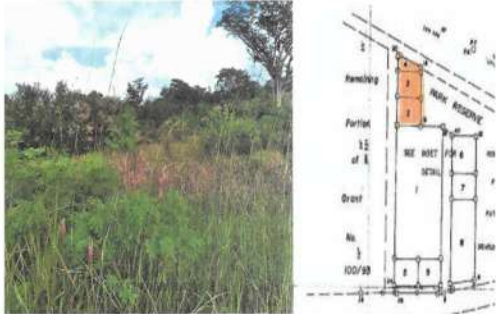
# PUBLIC AUCTION SALES: PROPERTIES

Orange Walk District: Orange Walk Town/ San Jose Palmar Village/ Douglas Village; Belize District; Maskall Village/ San Pedro, Ambergris Caye/ Belize City; Cayo District: Ontario Village; Stann Creek District: Dangriga; Toledo District: San Miguel Village/ Punta Gorda Town

BY ORDER of the Mortgagees, Messrs. Ascendancy Belize Limited, Licensed Auctioneers Kevin A. Castillo and Christiana R. Castillo are selling ONLINE via [belizepropertyauctions.com](http://belizepropertyauctions.com) the below described properties. Sales currently running and will expire Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at the times shown on the website.

**A: Orange Walk District: East Orange Walk Estate; Orange Walk Town; San Jose Palmar; Douglas Village**

1. **Parcels 514, 515 & 516 East Orange Walk Estate, One Mile from Town Center, Orange Walk District:**



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCELS
Indian Hill East	4	514, 515 & 516

(Being three (3) vacant lots [514 – 334.79 S.Y. or (279.926 S.M.); 515 – 832.86 S.Y. or (696.372 S.M.); 516 – 888.29 S.Y. or (742.715 S.M.)] situate in East Orange Walk Estate, one mile from Orange Walk Town Center, Orange Walk District, the freehold properties of Mr. Ishwar Mahubani)

2. **Parcel No. 3091/1 Savannah Street, Orange Walk Town:**



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Orange Walk Town	4	3091/1

(Being a concrete bungalow dwelling house [727 sq. ft.] containing 2 Bedrooms + 1 Bathroom + Living/Dining/Kitchen TOGETHER with Lot [555.56 sq. yds.] situate at Parcel No. 3091 Savannah Street, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District, the leasehold property of Mr. Kenis Garcia)

3. **Parcel No. 1236 Stadium Street, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District:**



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Orange Walk Town	4	1236

(Being an incomplete concrete & block structure [369 sq. ft.] + prefabricated structure [1,600 sq. ft.] TOGETHER with Lot [462 sq. yds.] situate at Parcel No. 1236 Stadium Street, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District, the freehold property of Mr. Richard Vellos)

4. **Parcel No. 808 San Jose Palmar Village, Orange Walk District:**



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
San Jose Palmar	4	808

(Being a vacant corner lot [1,250 sq. yds.] situate in San Jose Palmar Village, Orange Walk Town, the freehold property of Mr. Danny Duran.)

5. **28.91 Acres of land on the Douglas/San Pablo Road, 1.6 kilometers west of the Douglas Road/Phillip Goldson Highway, Orange Walk District:**



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Douglas Rural	4	118

(Being 28.91 acres of ruined cane fields and grassy patches situate 1.6 kilometers northwest of the intersection of the Douglas Road and the Phillip Goldson Highway and approximately 700 meters southeast of Nuevo San Juan Village, Orange Walk District, the freehold property of Messrs. Alfredo Samuel Cabrera and Josue Cabrera)

**B: Belize District: Maskall Village; San Pedro, Ambergris Caye; Belize City**

6. **Parcel No. 246/1 Maskall Village, Belize District:**



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Belize Rural North 1	11	246/1

(Being a concrete bungalow dwelling house [30 ft. X 45 ft.] and lot [676.302 S.M.] situate in the Village of Maskall in the Belize District, the leasehold property of Mr. Aamon Alex Brackett, surety for Ms. Sherett S. Brackett)

7. **2 Acres San Pedro, Ambergris Caye, Belize:**



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCELS
North San Pedro	7	5434 & 5435

(Being 2 Acres of vacant Caribbean Sea front land, situate west side of Ambergris Caye 3 miles north of the center of San Pedro Town, District, the freehold properties of Mr. Daniel Guerrero.)

8. **Parcel No. 2112 DFC Area, San Pedro, Ambergris Caye, Belize District:**



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
San Pedro	7	2112

(Being a 3-storey concrete structure with [6120 sq. ft.] – Ground Floor – Store + two – 1 Bedroom Apartments; First Floor – Three – 1 Bedroom Apartments; Second Floor – 2 Bedroom Apartment + Large Terrace and lot [533.33 sq. yds.] situated in D.F.C Housing Site, San Pedro, Ambergris Caye, the freehold property of Mr. Thomas Santos)

9. **Parcel No. 1406 Neal Pen Road, Belize City, Belize District:**



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Queen Square	45	1406

(Being a two-storey concrete/timber dwelling house [1568 sq. ft.] containing 3 Bedrooms + 1 Bathroom on each floor TOGETHER with Lot [340 sq. yds.] situate at Parcel No. 1406 Neal Pen Road, Belize City, the freehold property of Ms. Sharon Burgess)

**D: Cayo District: Ontario Village**

10. **Parcel No. 1323/1 Ontario Village, Cayo District:**



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Society Hall	24	1323

(Being two buildings - Building 'A' two-storey concrete/timber dwelling house [1969 sq. ft.] containing Ground Floor: bedroom + bathroom + Living/Dining/Kitchen + Storeroom; First Floor: 3 bedrooms [280 sq. ft.]; Building 'B' Laundry house [257 sq. ft.] TOGETHER with lot [1,165.67 sq. yds.] situate in Ontario Village, Cayo District, the leasehold property of Mr. Gilbert Rhaburn.)

**E: Stann Creek District: Dangriga**

11. **Parcel No. 1294 Canal Street, Dangriga, Stann Creek District**



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Dangriga South	31	1294

(Being two storey concrete dwelling house [3,185 sq. ft.] containing Ground Floor - 3 Bedrooms Apartment; First Floor - 2 Bedrooms + 1 Bathroom Apartment TOGETHER with Lot [512 sq. yds.] situate at Parcel No. 1294 Canal Street, Dangriga, Stann Creek District, the freehold property of Ms. Gretel Mariano)

**F: Toledo District: Big Falls/Golden Stream; Punta Gorda Town**

12. **Parcel No. 577 San Miguel Village, Big Falls/Golden Stream Area, Toledo District**



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Big Fall/Golden Stream	42	577

(Being a two-storey concrete dwelling house [1743 sq. ft.] containing Ground Floor: 3 Open Areas + Kitchen; First Floor: 3 bedrooms + 1 bathroom + living/dining/kitchen + porch [421 sq. ft.] + covered shed [280 sq. ft.] and lot 2,642.62 S.Y. or 0.546 acres) situate in San Miguel Village in the Big Falls/Golden Stream Area, Toledo District, the freehold property of Mr. Mariano Kus).

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# Churches have collected “13,000 plus” signatures

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and call for a referendum on the legalization of marijuana led by the National Evangelical Association of Belize (NEAB), the Belize Association of Evangelical Churches (BAEC), and the Belize Council of Churches, has gained traction,



Lord Michael Ashcroft

garnering the public support of the Belize Association of Principals of Secondary Schools (BAPSS), the United Democratic Party (UDP), and even the National Trade Union Congress of Belize (NTUCB). Most recently, a press release from the Churches Referendum Team sent via the NEAB claims that over 13,000 signatures have been placed on a petition to call for a referendum in just six days—approximately 70% of the number needed to trigger a national referendum.

One prominent figure that has shown support for the movement via the petition is former Prime Minister, Rt. Hon. Dean Barrow. The former UDP leader said that the petition came to him by way of his daughter’s school, St. Catherine Academy, following a parent-teacher meeting at which Principal Salome Tillett gave

a presentation on the matter and subsequently circulated the petition to the parents.

Barrow also indicated that, apart from wanting to support SCA’s principal in realizing her goal of gaining a certain number of signatures for the petition, he was already inclined to sign due to the banking implications for the country:

“It is clear to me that unless marijuana were to be legalized at the federal level in the United States of America, no correspondent bank offering their services to the commercial banks in Belize will be able to continue with those services if the commercial banks in Belize had anything to do with monies that are proceeds from the marijuana trade. I think in view of that, we absolutely should not pass or sign the bill into law at this stage,” he said.

He then went on to make his view clear, stating that not only would this make larger corporations “unbankable,” but it would also affect average Belizeans who consume marijuana recreationally.

“Remember now that, under the UDP, there was decriminalization, which allowed the small man to possess ten grams and smoke his ten grams. Now, under this bill the small man has to buy a license and enter into a register. In fact, all the licensees will be placed on a register, which the register will be publicly available. The small man, having placed himself on that register by way of the purchase of a license will, in my view, then also become ‘unbankable’. So, if he or she had an account at any of the commercial banks, the moment that they go on that register, in my view, the banks will cancel their accounts,” he said.

Minister of New Growth Industries, Hon. Kareem Musa, has previously stated that while the bill is still in its third round of changes, it has essentially already been passed, given that the majority of the members of both the current administration and the Opposition have approved it. During his interview, though, Hon. Dean Barrow also stated that it is not too late for the bill to be stopped, because while the referendum wouldn’t be binding, it would give the citizens who oppose the bill a chance to leverage the support they have received to convince the Government to repeal the law, adjust it and reintroduce it with what they believe to be more appropriate stipulations.

Also apparently in support of the churches’ push for a referendum is Lord Michael Ashcroft. The British politician and multibillionaire (who happens to own the majority of Belize’s banking sector) recently tweeted that he is in agreement with Belize’s former prime minister and claimed that he too will be signing the petition.

The National Evangelical Association of Belize (NEAB) has been vocal about their disapproval of the bill, and has stated that “the growth and distribution of marijuana creates and/or enhances societal and moral ills already plaguing our country”. They have also asserted that the Government of Belize had failed to meet with the Council of Churches to discuss the matter transparently.

“Let the voice of the people decide if the legacy we will leave our children and grandchildren will be a Belizean society polluted and crippled by drug culture,” wrote the Churches Referendum Team via a press release from the NEAB.



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**PUBLIC AUCTION**

By order of the Municipal Court, certified and licensed Auctioneer Troy Gabb Sr. will sell the following property:  
Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. ON SITE

**Property in Belize City**  
Parcel #2198 Guzman Crescent, Belama Phase 1  
Comprising of 50 feet x 75 feet  
Situated in Caribbean Shores  
Registration Section Block #16, Belize City

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# Delivery men charged for false robbery report

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Mon. Apr. 11, 2022

Two employees of a Santa Elena delivery company (Joseph Freight Limited) who reported that they were robbed were arraigned in the Belize City Magistrate Court on Monday, April 1, on a single charge of committing a mischievous act after it was discovered that they had lied to the police.

Delivery man Mark Anthony Umana, 22, and his assistant, Esvin Vernon, 31, reported to the police that while making deliveries on Friday, April 8 on Curl Thompson Street, three armed men approached them and held them at gunpoint, stealing a total of \$2,950 that belonged to the company for which the men worked. When police began investigating the reported crime, however, they quickly discovered that the duo had lied and that no such crime had occurred. They asked the personnel at a store in front of which the robbery occurred whether such an incident had taken place, and were told that no such crime had happened on the store's premises. Surveillance footage obtained from the area in which the purported robbery had taken place confirmed this, and soon after, the two men were arrested and charged.

According to 7News, the men subsequently took the police to the delivery van they had been using, which had been impounded at the Racoon Street Police Station as evidence, and they retrieved from the back of the van a waist bag, inside of which was \$2,950—the money that they said had been stolen.

Communications Director of the Belize Police Department, ASP Fitzroy Yearwood spoke about the incident at Monday's police press briefing. He noted that on Friday, the police had sent out a release asking those engaged in money collection or deliveries to reach out if they needed police assistance when making deliveries or collecting money in the city. A few hours later, Umana and Vernon would take advantage of that notice by police.

"We're taking these reports very seriously," said ASP Yearwood. "We sent out a general appeal to these cargo truck operators. We know everybody is expecting their little barrel and box from the States, and we saw an increase in it and now these two took that opportunity to try to mislead us, and we have to make them pay for what they're doing."

The men were taken to court, where they immediately pleaded guilty and were fined \$150 each in addition to a \$5 court fee, all of which must be paid by May 3—otherwise, the duo will face six months in jail.



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## PRESS RELEASE

The Belize Electric Company Limited (BECOL), in collaboration with the National Emergency Management Organization (NEMO), the Department of Environment (DOE), and the Ministry of Health (MOH) will host a virtual public discussion for communities downstream of the BECOL hydroelectric facilities and the general public on Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The virtual public meeting will take place from 2pm to 4:30pm and will be live-streamed on the Government of Belize Press Office Facebook page, the Love FM Facebook page, and on Love TV. This interactive discussion is aimed at educating and informing residents and stakeholders on issues such as the Early Warning System (EWS) and related emergency procedures, mercury-in-fish data, water quality of the Macal, and other topics that may be of concern to stakeholders.

This exercise is an ongoing effort by BECOL/NEMO/DOE/MOH to inform and educate the public and to safeguard the wellbeing of the communities along the Macal River. All stakeholders and the general public are encouraged to tune in to the live broadcast.

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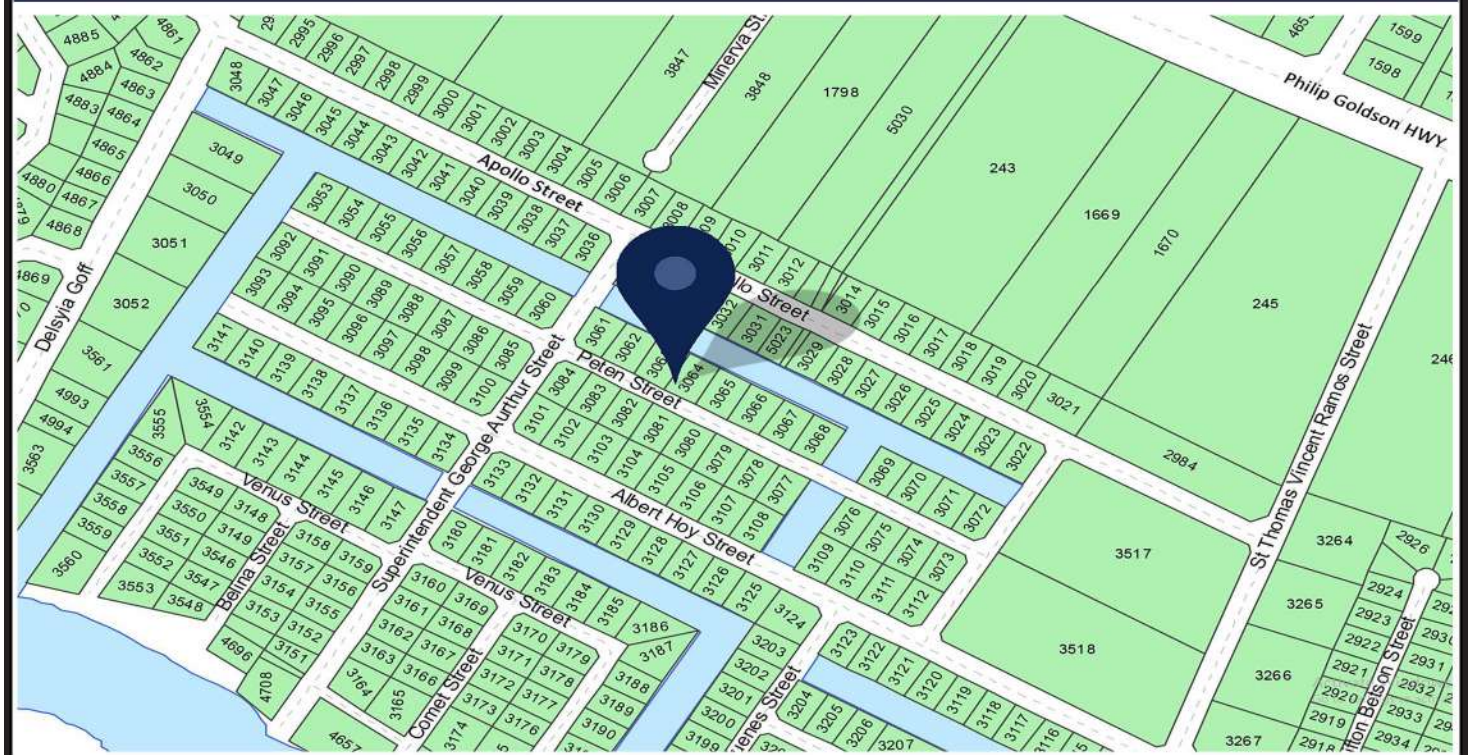
**Property in Belize City**  
Parcel #3064 Peten Street, Belama Phase 3  
Comprising of 55 feet x 75 feet  
Situating in Caribbean Shores  
Registration Section Block #16, Belize City

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# Tragedy at female Cross Country race

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Women's Cross Country Classic race this past Sunday. The early-morning race was set to be streamed live on social media, but an announcement made by the Cycling Federation of Belize a few minutes after 8:00 that morning revealed that the broadcast had to be canceled due to the tragic accident involving Edison Usher, a long-time commentator and broadcaster of the race also known as DJ Vintage, and Kadeem Banks.

Sometime around 7:10 a.m. on Sunday, Banks was driving his motorcycle, with Usher as a passenger, towards San Ignacio for the commencement of the Women's Cross Country Cycling Classic when, according to reports, the motorcycle's gas tank exploded somewhere in the Cotton Tree area.

Both men were thrown off the bike and severely injured, with Banks dying at the scene. Usher was rushed to the Western Regional Hospital for treatment but passed away less than an hour later.

Police Communications Director ASP Fitzroy Yearwood spoke about the tragic accident during a press briefing on Monday, informing local media that currently police are awaiting a report from the Motor Vehicle Inspector in order to determine what exactly had caused the motorcycle to explode.

At the conclusion of the Women's Cross Country Cycling Classic's awards ceremony, the vice president of the Cycling Federation of Belize, Dion Leslie, announced the passing of the two men, and shortly after, a moment of silence was observed in their honor. Leslie spoke briefly with local media about the huge

impact the loss of the two men has had on the Belize cycling family.

"Both Vintage, as he's lovingly known—Edison Usher—and Banks, as we know him as well, Kadeem Banks, are no strangers to the cycling family or anyone that's been around cycling. Vintage is an avid cyclist himself. I think he also is the president of the Weekend Warriors cycling club. Apart from that, he is a formal executive of the Cycling Federation and he's been around on various teams. I think the last position he held was coach at Westrac Cycling Club. And Kadeem, of course, is no stranger, the Banks family, to cycling. It's a tremendous loss, not only to the Federation but all its members, all the brothers and sisters that make up the federation and all the fans on a whole, it's really hard," he said.

According to Leslie, many of the

cyclists, most of whom were friends of the two men, only became aware of their deaths when it was announced at the awards ceremony. The shock and devastation, as he noted, was immediate, and palpable.

"When I got the news this morning, I was in complete shock. I'm still at a loss for words. I don't know what to say about it. What we understand is that there was an accident around Cotton Tree and both gentlemen flew off of the bike on their way to San Ignacio, where they would be bringing live coverage of the 31st Women's Cross Country Classic. They never made it, unfortunately. I know Mr. Banks succumbed to his injuries on site while Vintage was taken to the hospital, where he later succumbed to those injuries at the hospital. So to the cycling family, this is a great loss. Every single one of us, we feel it deeply. If you paid any attention you would see some of the women cyclists actually crying on stage when they heard the news, because we didn't tell them what happened. They weren't told until the race was completed, because they're good friends. We know Vintage's girlfriend or common-law, Nicole, was also an avid cyclist and traveled several times with the federation to compete internationally," added Leslie.

Leslie extended condolences to the family and friends of both men on behalf of the Cycling Federation, including its president, Orson Butler, the executive, and the extended cycling family.

"They brought cycling to hundreds of thousands of people across the globe. They did their jobs. But you know, I lost two great friends and a lot more cyclists lost two great friends," Leslie said.

Easter is the renewal of life and with it the hope of a better world.

Happy Easter!



From Hon. Henry Charles Usher, CEO Rolando Zetina and the staff of the Ministry of the Public Service, Constitutional and Political Reform and Religious Affairs

## Pre-Easter COVID-19 numbers low

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and 8 deaths. The Ministry has noted, however, that 7 of those 8 deaths are previously unreported deaths that have been reclassified by the Epidemiology Unit as being caused by COVID-19, with 1 death dating back to October 2021, 1 occurring in November 2021, and 3 occurring in February 2022.

"We expect to report more deaths in the coming days and weeks as we continue our review," stated the Ministry. In its latest update, the Ministry of Health and Wellness also noted that the most effective way to stop new COVID-19 variants is by limiting the spread of the virus. "Regardless of the variant, the same health measures protect us from getting COVID-19," added the Ministry.





## STRENGTHENING OF TAX ADMINISTRATION PROJECT REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

### Consulting Services for Consulting firm to Prepare, Implement and Execute a New Audit Model, making use of the wider range examination and risk-based techniques (to include analytical tools for audit)

**Institution:** The Ministry of Finance (MOF)

**Country:** Belize

**Project:** Strengthening of Tax Administration (STA)

**Abstract:** Consulting Services for Consulting Firm to Prepare, Implement and Execute a New Audit Model, making use of the wider range examination and risk-based techniques (to include analytical tools for audit).

**Loan No.:** 4839/OC-BL

**Deadline:** April 29, 2022, Belize Local Time

The Government of Belize (GOB) has received financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for the execution of a five-year tax modernization project entitled "Strengthening of Tax Administration" (BL-L1031). The main beneficiaries of the Project are: (a) the Government, which will have more revenues to implement its public policies; (b) taxpayers, who will have more support and a digital environment to fulfil their tax obligations; and (c) the population, from the government policies implemented. Through this project, the Belize Tax Service Department (BTSD) has procured a Modern Integrated Tax Administration System (the Revenue Management System (RMS)) and is presently in the implementation process. This new system will be used in the management of the Belize Tax Administration.

The BTSD management has identified the need for a modern audit approach based on risk analysis. The BTSD Strategic Plan states that:

*"BTSD will explore the introduction of a Risk Management Plan (RMP) to properly respond to the risks identified on a timely basis, to minimize overall compliance burden for both the taxpayers and the tax administration. As an important aspect of the RMP, risk mitigating strategies will be proposed for application against potential and existing risks. The plan will highlight all areas of risks including risk-based assessments, risk-based audits, risk-based sector and taxpayer segmentation, compliance risks (registration, filing, reporting and payments) and international risks. Risk mitigation reduces the extent of exposure and ensures that the strategic objectives are achieved."*

The consulting services ("the services") includes the contracting of a consulting firm for a period of ten (10) months to Prepare, Implement and Execute a New Audit Model, making use of the range examination and risk-based techniques (to include analytic tools for audit). The main activities of the consultancy include:

1. To assess the status of BTSD taxpayer audit strategies and operations for all tax type.
2. To review the Audit Division organization and resources, as well as the staff skills.
3. To suggest the strategy for centralization/decentralization of the audit.
4. To propose a new organization area (if required).
5. To propose the staff composition by area and by location.
6. To propose the different audit programs taking into consideration taxpayer segments and different audit locations (central, districts).
7. To propose a system of massive audit based on IT verification of returns against risk factors and third-party information. The selected cases should be resolved very quickly (4 cases a day) as they are based on firm verification.
8. To propose modern analytical tools for tax auditing suitable for Belize's environment by conducting a SWOT analysis to support the audit work.
9. Once the proposal of the modern analytical tools is approved, the consulting firm will procure the Analytical tools software for auditing with 50 licenses with subscription for 3 years, implement, and train auditors in its utilization for adoption.
10. To execute onsite Pilot audit (for at least one month in duration) with the audit team to plan, execute and report on randomly selected taxpayers.
11. To develop training materials and manuals in hard copies and digital copies in Microsoft Word format.

The consulting firm should have a minimum of five (5) years' experience in similar assignment. In addition, the consulting firm should have a minimum of three (3) years specific experience in the following areas (**\* are must**):

- **Tax administration taxpayer audit and risk analysis. (\*)**
- Conducting design of modern taxpayer audit programs. (\*)
- **Conducting design of risk-based audit programs. (\*)**
- Training tax administration staff in audit techniques (\*)
- **Using modern audit analytic tools. (\*)**
- Developing programs for organizational strengthening for tax administration.
- Developing modern taxpayer audit programs.
- Conducting design of modern information crosschecking programs.
- Business Strategy (supporting business and organization goals).

**The firm** should prove ability to identify strategic issues, opportunity and risks.

As well as have knowledge and experience working in Belize and or the Caribbean environment in a similar assignment.

The Ministry of Finance now invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested eligible Consultants must submit an Expression of Interest providing information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments specifying start and end dates of assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills, etc.). *The term "consultant" means a legally-established professional consulting firm or an entity that may provide the services.*

#### Expression of Interest package should contain:

- (i) Document explaining interest, experience, and competence of the consulting firm.
- (ii) Firms experience in the assignment of similar consultancy services during the past five years. Description of similar assignments specifying start and end dates of assignments.
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- (iv) Two references
- (v) Proof of nationality: Copy of certificate of incorporation, information of shareholders of company specifying the shares owned by each respective shareholder of the company and a copy of documentation of nationality of the shareholders of the company.

#### Additional documentation required for National Consultants:

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- (vii) Copy of Certificate of Good Standing from the Social Security Board
- (viii) Copy of Certificate of Good Standing from the Belize Tax Service
- (ix) Copy of Current Trade License

The total estimated contract price for this consultancy inclusive of taxes is **US \$ 451,328.00**.

Consulting firm will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost-Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Inter-American Development Bank: *Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter-American Development Bank* (GN-2350-15, May 2019 edition) and is open to all eligible consultants as defined in the IDB policies. The selection of the successful firm will be based on a competitive process among short-listed firms that takes into account the quality of the proposal and the cost of the service. **Only the short-listed firms will be notified and will be asked to submit a technical and price proposal.**

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications. For the purpose of establishing the short list, the nationality of a firm is that of the country in which it is legally incorporated or constituted and in the case of Joint Venture, the nationality of the firm appointed to represent it.

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**Belize Tax Service Department**  
**Strengthening of Tax Administration Project**  
**Charles Bartlett Hyde Building**  
**Mahogany Street, Belize City**  
**Tel: 501-222-5114**

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## STRENGTHENING OF TAX ADMINISTRATION PROJECT REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

### Consultancy Firm to prepare and implement the Belize Tax Service Department (BTSD) Enforcement Collection Model based on risk criteria

**Institution:** The Ministry of Finance (MOF)

**Country:** Belize

**Project:** Strengthening of Tax Administration (STA)

**Abstract:** Consulting Services – Consultancy Firm to prepare and implement the Belize Tax Service Department (BTSD) Enforcement Collection Model based on risk criteria

**Loan No.:** 4839/OC-BL

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The authorities’ concerns on the growth of the arrears balance are reflected in the BTSD strategic plan; “The stock of debt has been steadily increasing throughout the years, with the largest increase recorded between 2017 and 2018. The respective annual increases from 2016 to 2018 were 4%, 7% and 23%. There is a need to institute a mechanism to facilitate monitoring and timely enforcement actions to collect and recover revenues.”

The consulting services (“the services”) includes the contracting of a Consultancy Firm for a period of five (5) months. The main activity of the consultancy includes:

1. To assess the current situation of BTSD enforcement collection and review the organization and resources of the collection area as well as their skills
2. To assess the potential sources for information on taxpayer transactions and assets that could be used as arrears payments (Customs, social security, immovable property registration department, Bank accounts, City Council’s Traffic Departments, etc.)
3. Propose a strategy for enforcement collections and prioritization based on risk analysis, define risk parameters and relevant mitigation measures as well as special procedures according to taxpayer segments
4. Establish a system of payment by instalment via Internet, with parameters defined by BTSD with payments through automatic debit in the taxpayer bank account and to freeze delinquent taxpayers’ bank accounts via Internet
5. Establish rules for writing off uncollectable debts and modify ITAS to incorporate them
6. Update the BTSD Enforcement Collection manual defining the procedures to select the debts to be enforced, the task to collect the debt, the identification, and procedures to put a lien on debtors’ properties, the rules, and procedures for agreements for payment by instalment, etc.
7. Propose performance indicators for monitoring the enforcement collection
8. Deliver workshops and train the collection staff in the new procedures
9. Implement the new procedures
10. Conduct Pilot with the designated BTSD staff to plan, execute and report on randomly selected taxpayers.

The Consultancy Firm should have a minimum of five (5) years’ relevant working experience in the following areas:

- Organizational development and design;
- Enforced arrears collections;
- Tax administration training

As well as minimum of five (5) years relevant assistance to tax administrations, particularly in the arrears collection areas. In addition, the Consultant firm should have at least three (3) years of previous experience specifically in conducting programs on arrears collection with the use of risk analysis techniques or similar programs and consultancies between the calendar years 2015 to 2020, as well as experience in Belize, and Caribbean environment.

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The consulting services (“the services”) includes the contracting of a Consultancy Firm for a period of six (6) months. The main activity of the consultancy includes:

1. To assess the current situation of BTSDS taxpayer account in Integrated Tax Administration System (ITAS).
2. Develop a model for a new taxpayer account in ITAS. The model should specify the entities dealing with the taxpayer account, the information that flows to and from the account, and the transactions that will be allowed with the taxpayer account (e.g., debt from tax returns, debts from refunds, debts from adjustments, debts from audits, debts from payment by instalment agreements, credits from regular payment, credits for adjustments in appeals cases, credit from payments of payment by instalment agreements, etc.). The account will be organized by Taxpayer Identification Numbers (TIN), tax type and period
3. Define the procedures for taxpayer access to his account via Internet
4. Define which transactions taxpayers would be allowed to perform through the Internet
5. Define the changes to be made in ITAS for the introduction of the new model
6. Prepare the taxpayer account manual
7. Implement the new taxpayer centric current account
8. Train BTS staff in the new taxpayer account design and operation

The Consultancy Firm should have a minimum of five (5) years’ relevant working experience in the following areas:

- Designing modern taxpayer account
- Preparing taxpayer account procedures and manuals
- Training enforcement agents in taxpayer account;

As well as minimum of five (5) relevant working experience in enforcement of arrears payment and design of modern taxpayer current account. In addition, the Consulting firm should have at least three (3) years of previous experience conducting consultancies to countries implementing modern taxpayer accounts.

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# BBA prez says bus fare increase necessary

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“Absolutely,” he said. In fact, he believes that an increase in fares has been long overdue.

“What we’re getting right now is what we should have gotten twenty years ago. Because when we were asking for that, fuel was just like six or seven dollars a gallon. Where we are right now, fuel is like thirteen dollars a gallon, so basically it’s so hard, because it feels so hard to the commuters and the public. Due to the fact that they took so long to address the situation, whenever you want a raise right now, it’s like you’re going like a hundred, two hundred percent. But in reality, there is a need. There is a need, and the Government sees there is a need,” he responded.

The Minister of Transport, Hon. Rodwell Ferguson, told local media that a fuel subsidy was, ultimately, the best choice for easing the burden of

increased bus fares for commuters.

“I am trying to be reasonable with the commuters because we understand the crisis the country is in—the crisis the world is in—so if we pass on all the costs of the consumer, the commuter, then they will say nothing is there for me, and so from government level and government standpoint we had to come up with a subsidy. And Government agreed that they’re going to subsidize the bus industry for a period of six months. We are going to revisit it after six months to see if the price of fuel goes down, and we want to cap the price of diesel for them at \$12.50 a gallon with the subsidy. And so, while they would not get their [full] increase, they would get a subsidy. I think it comes up to \$1.1 million, and it varies based on the miles that they do, and it’s \$185,000 a month subsidy they are going to get from the Government of Belize to make sure that they can provide the services to the commuters

across this country,” said Minister Ferguson.

The fuel subsidies being provided by the Government will benefit all qualified bus operators—meaning any operator in possession of a valid road service permit.

The increase in bus fares taking effect this Friday will be as follows: a \$0.25 increase for any trip under 13 miles, a \$0.50 increase for trips between 13 and 24 miles and an increase of \$1 for any trip longer than 25 miles.

## Holy Saturday Cross Country is back!

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at last, and come Saturday, April 16, Belizeans from across the country will once again be lining the streets of their respective localities to support their favorite local cyclists, including Oscar Quiros, Jr., Giovanni Lovell, Brandon Cattouse, Derrick Chavarria, Erick Trapp, and a few others.

Last week, AMANDALA spoke with Santino “Santi” Castillo—renowned cyclist and long-time sponsor of a local Cycling Classic team—about his sentiments going into this weekend. Castillo told us that he can only describe the race, particularly the thought of seeing fans lining the streets for the running of the garland, in two words: COLD SEED.

“Everybody figured there would be a Cross Country this year, so man started to train. Even Marlon Castillo who last rode in 2015 is making a comeback. So everyone is excited to have the run of the roses, the garland back once again,” said Castillo.

Belizean/American Justin Williams has reportedly sustained a shoulder injury and will not be participating this year. However, his

younger brother Cory will be riding. Our home based

Belizean cycling hopes rest on recent strong race finishers including Oscar Quiros, Jr., Giovanni

Lovell, Brandon Cattouse, Derrick Chavarria, Erick Trapp, Shawn Codd, Jafari Castro, Byron

Pope, Ernesto Bradley, Sherwin Roca and a few others. But of course, on race day there are often

surprises. It’s Country time, guys!

The Holy Saturday Cross Country Cycling Classic was first held in 1928, and Elston Kerr took home the top prize that year. Described as the oldest and most unique cycling classic in this part of the world, the race covers approximately 140 miles—spanning from Belize City to San Ignacio Town and back—and usually has the participation of over 100 cyclists both from Belize and abroad. This year, it is expected that the current reigning champion, Guatemalan Julio Padilla who took first prize back in 2019, will be returning once more.

The years 1932, 2020, and 2021 were the only years when the Cycling Classic did not take place (with the 1932 cancellation being due to devastation caused by the 1931 hurricane).

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

CLAIM NO. 689 of 2021

BETWEEN (SONIA STAINE CLAIMANT  
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( DEFENDANT  
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NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that in compliance with the Supreme Court of Belize Practice Direction No. 2 of 2011, notice is hereby given that SONIA STAINE of Gales Point Manatee Village, Belize District, Belize has commenced Supreme Court Claim No. 689 of 2021 seeking, under the Law of Property Act Chapter 190 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition, 2011, a Declaration of Title in the Land referred to in Schedule A & B below, on the ground of long continuous and undisturbed possession;

AND THAT any person objecting to the application by SONIA STAINE as herein stated, must file notice and reason for such objection at the Supreme Court Registry within 45 days of the date of the second publication of this Notice or attend Court on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 2022 at 9:30 a.m., before the Honorable Chab, the date of the 1<sup>st</sup> hearing of the application.

SCHEDULE A

All that piece or parcel of land containing 376.767 m<sup>2</sup> situate on the Peninsula of Gales Point, Manatee, Belize District, bounded and described as follows: Commencing at a concrete pillar labelled A, at the northeast corner of the above-mentioned parcel with U.T.M coordinates 358,235.274 E; 1,900,345.056 N Thence on a grid bearing of 192°08'00" and a grid distance of 25.802 metres to a concrete pillar labelled A1. Thence on a grid bearing of 275° 44' 12" and a grid distance of 12.833 meters to a concrete pillar Thence on a grid bearing of 5° 36' 19" and a grid distance of 27.082 meters to a concrete pillar; Thence on a grid bearing of 100° 59' 14" and a grid distance of 15.735 meters back to the point of commencement, as shown on a plan recorded as Entry 19998 Register 25, surveyed by Licensed Surveyor Cecil W. Arnold and lodged at the offices of the Commissioner of Lands and Surveys in Belmopan, Cayo District; together with all buildings and erections thereon.

SCHEDULE B

All that piece and parcel of land comprising 407.310 m<sup>2</sup>, situate on the Peninsula of Gales Point, Manatee, Belize District; bounded and described as follows: Commencing at a concrete pillar labelled A2, at the southwest corner of the above-mentioned parcel with U.T.M coordinates 358,178.050 E; 1,900,325.035 N Thence on a grid bearing of 2°42'15" and a grid distance of 30.822 metres to a concrete pillar labelled A3.

Thence on a grid bearing of 100° 59' 14" and a distance of 31.892 meters to a concrete pillar;  
Thence on a grid bearing of 185° 49' 11" and a distance of 27.921 meters to a concrete pillar; TOGETHER with all buildings and erections thereon.

Dated the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April 2022

Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicant

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PUBLIC AUCTION SALE - PROPERTY

Teakettle Village, 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 following property. Sale currently running and will expire Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at the time shown on the website.



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCELS
Society Hall	24	4278 & 4279

(Being a concrete bungalow dwelling house [1,200 sq. ft.] containing 3 bedrooms + 2 bathrooms + living/dining/kitchen + Laundry room TOGETHER with Lot [23,800 sq. ft.] situate at Parcel Nos. 4278 & 4279 Teakettle Village, Cayo District, the freehold properties of Ms. Mishell McKenzie)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION - [www.belizebank.com](http://www.belizebank.com) (foreclosure listing)

TERMS: STRICTLY CASH

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NOTICE

BELIZE CITY, BELIZE

Estate of EDGAR PATRICK NEAL, Deceased

STATUTORY NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Pursuant to Section 36 of the Administration of Estates Act, Chapter 197 of the Laws of Belize, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all creditors and other persons having any claims or demands upon or against the Estate of EDGAR PATRICK NEAL, late of #29 Cor. Fairweather and Queen Charlotte Streets, Belize City, Belize are required to send particulars in writing of their claims or demands to the Administratrix of the said estate, ALTHEA NEAL of #29 Cor. Fairweather and Queen Charlotte Streets, Belize City, Belize, and to send such particulars no later than the 11<sup>th</sup> day of July 2022, AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that, at the expiration of the last mentioned date, the Administratrix will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Edgar Patrick Neal, deceased, amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims or demands of which particulars have been delivered, and the Administratrix will not be liable for the assets or any part thereof so distributed to any person or persons of whose claims or demands it shall not then have had notice.

DATED the 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022

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