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FECTAB "ballistic" over proposed Southern Cruise expansion

David Almendarez, president of FECTAB, says the "further development" of cruise tourism in southern Belize through a GoB partnership with Belize Island Holdings spells bad news for Belize City's tourism dollar.

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. May 12, 2022

Today, representatives of the Federation of Cruise Tourism Associations of Belize (FECTAB) hosted a press conference at which the president David Almendarez, went to great lengths to condemn the Government of Belize's current attempts to "explore the possibilities of expansion of cruise port possibilities down south." Almendarez expressed his view that any such possible move



David Almendarez — president, FECTAB

would result in a diversion of cruise

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Embattled ex-ambassador remains Co-agent at ICJ

by Marco Lopez

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Yesterday, Prime Minister Hon. John Briceño confirmed the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' decision to retain Alexis Rosado as Co-agent in the preparation of Belize's legal response to Guatemala's claim to Belizean territory that is currently before the International Court of Justice (ICJ), due to his in-depth knowledge of the claim and



Alexis Rosado - Co-agent at ICJ for Belize-Guatemala Territorial Dispute/ Charged with Rape

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IMF: Fuel price stabilization measures should be temporary

by Khaila Gentle

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On Tuesday, May 10, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) issued an official report on Belize's financial standing



following the release of its preliminary findings back in February. While the report highlighted Belize's strong economic recovery, citing the increase of GDP by almost 10% in 2021, it also pointed out that the country's primary

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COVID-19 uptick in Belize and Cayo



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Last night a total of 58 new COVID-19 cases were identified by the Ministry of Health and Wellness—lifting the positivity rate in the country to 5.58%. Of the 25 positive cases in the Belize District, 19 cases were identified in Belize City yesterday, and 20 new cases were recorded in the Cayo District. In response to the increasing number of cases, the Health Ministry released a statement yesterday reminding the public of the importance of adhering to prevention measures, despite the removal of the requirement that

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Belize City centenarian Leonora Patnett dies at 108

by Khaila Gentle

BELIZE CITY, Mon. May 9, 2022

AMANDALA is saddened to inform its readers that on Monday, May 9, Belize City resident Leonora Patnett passed away at the age of 108. Patnett was born on December 13, 1913, making her one of the few Belizeans to have lived to see their centennial years.

When asked what she believed contributed to her enjoying so many years of life, Patnett often attributed it to her faith.

"Only God could tell you. Only God could tell you. He's keeping me up. I pray that I live to see it and anytime God say 'well, I ready for you', then I am ready too, because it is a long time that I live,"

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Leonora Patnett on her 108th birthday