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# Bakers denied price increase, for now

**While Cabinet has rejected bakers' request for an increase in the controlled price of bread, bakeries and stores have already rolled out new prices to the general public.**

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Apr. 27, 2022

Cabinet has announced that there will be no increase in the controlled price of bread at this time. The decision was made after a Cabinet meeting at which proposed price adjustments submitted by local bakers were tabled by Minister of Agriculture and Food Security, Jose Mai.

Over the last few weeks, there had been indications that an increase in the price of bread was imminent, as a result of the increased prices

16-oz sliced bread



of various ingredients used by bakers in the preparation of their dough as [Please turn to Page 38](#)

## PM in breach of office, says PSU



Dean Flowers, president, PSU

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Apr. 28, 2022

The Prime Minister, Hon. John Briceño, and Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Jose Mai, who by their own admission took steps to facilitate the entry of some imported plants that are reportedly invasive and/or endangered species, on behalf of a local plant seller, are being accused by the president of the Public Service Union (PSU) of a breach of their

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## Application to strike out redistricting case fails

*The Belize Peace Movement's redistricting case continues after the Elections and Boundaries Commission's application to strike out the case failed.*

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Acting Chief Justice Michelle Arana, in a judgment handed down this week, refused to grant the application brought by the Elections and Boundaries Commission to strike out the Belize Peace Movement's redistricting case. The application was based on assertions by the commission that the Belize Peace Movement failed to file certain documents within agreed timelines, which was a breach of the Civil Procedure Rules. CJ Arana, however, after reviewing the submission from the parties, determined that the case was of "fundamental constitutional importance" and that it would be

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## Bar Association says referendum results are non-binding

**Even if the majority of voters vote against a bill that has been passed, the Government of Belize has no obligation to abide by the results of a referendum, stated the Bar Association of Belize.**



Cannabis referendum won't be binding

by Khaila Gentle

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Apr. 28, 2022

In the midst of efforts by the churches of Belize to collect signatures from registered voters in an attempt to trigger a referendum [Please turn to Page 37](#)

## Revelers "back pan di road" this September



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Belize Carnival Association on Facebook



# Education Ministry to overhaul “absolutely overloaded” curriculum

Come August, Belize’s education system is expected to undergo a major overhaul. Minister of Education, Hon. Francis Fonseca says that it’s critical that students are learning “what matters.”

by Khaila Gentle

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Apr. 27, 2022

The Minister of Education, Culture, Science, and Technology, Hon. Francis Fonseca, has stated that the Ministry’s plan for curriculum reform in the country’s education system will be put into motion this August. That plan will be focused on what he calls “fundamental reform.”

“The curriculum is absolutely overloaded. It’s absolutely overloaded, and we intend to reduce what they call learning outcomes. We have talked about this already, and make sure that our students are learning what matters—it’s critical,” stated the Minister.

In a country like Belize, says Fonseca, it is imperative to remember

that education has to be tied to national, and economic, development.

“So we have to be educating our people to be a part of growing Belize, of developing Belize, and equipping them with the skills, the knowledge, the information, the values, the attitudes they need to be effective participants in the development of Belize,” he remarked.

Along with its plan for curriculum reform, one of the main challenges facing the Ministry currently is recovering the years of learning that students have lost due to the pandemic.

“Our students have been effectively out of the classroom for two years. Yes, we’ve tried to do learning packages and we’ve done some virtual learning, but there’s no replacement for the classroom. And so there has been a loss of learning. And so we have specific plans aimed at addressing those gaps that have been created over the last two years,” he stated.

When asked whether that recovery will affect the curriculum reform plan in any way, Minister Fonseca said that the two initiatives will be taking place side by side:

“They are two separate things, but the

whole idea behind curriculum reform is to provide, you know, a more, a better quality education to our students. So the two things will run together, parallel. We intend to unveil the new curriculum, again, in August as well. And that new curriculum, I think, will be a much more effective curriculum, a much more focused, much more targeted curriculum. And so that as well will provide us with an opportunity to focus more on recovery. So I see the two things as being parallel, working together,” he said.

Hon. Fonseca also noted that the Ministry is feeling confident about the countrywide return to full-time face-to-face learning. He stated that another of their main priorities at the moment is getting those students who have not yet returned to the classroom in some form to do so, as the number varies from district to district. While over 80% of students in the northern part of the country returned to school, other communities have only seen around 60% of their students returning.

“We have a lot of work to do in that regard—making sure that everybody feels safe and that people understand and appreciate the importance and the



Minister of Education, Hon. Francis Fonseca

urgency of getting their children back into the classroom,” he stated.

At present, students have not been having classes on Fridays—a part of the agreement that the Government had made with the unions after negotiating the terms of public officers’ 10% salary cut. But according to Hon. Francis Fonseca, that will change come August, since public workers will have their salaries fully reinstated on July 1st. As a result, the new school year will see students returning to a full five-day school week.

## PM visits Cuba

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Apr. 27, 2022

Today, the Prime Minister of Belize, Hon. John Briceño, and officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Cuba are holding talks as a part of the activities scheduled for the PM’s official visit to the island nation. The PM left the country yesterday accompanied by a 5-person delegation consisting of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Hon. Eamon Courtenay; Minister of Health and Wellness, Hon. Kevin Bernard; Minister of Home Affairs and New Growth Industries, Hon. Kareem Musa; Minister of Tourism and Diaspora Relations, Hon. Anthony Mahler; and C.E.O. in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, Ambassador Amalia Mai. He is scheduled to return on April 30, 2022.

A number of other activities are scheduled to take place during the Prime Minister’s visit, but, according to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, one issue that has emerged as a priority area for the two nations is an upsurge in the number of Cuban migrants irregularly entering the country. Currently, there is a case before the Supreme Court of

Belize that was brought by the Human Rights Commission on behalf of Cuban nationals who were facing deportation from Belize. The Human Rights Commission is claiming that those persons’ constitutional rights were denied by Belizean authorities following the imposition of fines and a removal order to return those persons back to Cuba, despite the fact that those persons indicated that they did not want to return to their home country.

The allegation against the government of Belize is that they were denied the right to seek asylum. However, many Cuban nationals are utilizing the refugee programs in the country to avoid repatriation to Cuba and instead are being handed over to Help for Progress, through which assistance is provided to them. Sixteen Cuban nationals were apprehended in early April by the Mobile



(L-R Hon. Anthony Mahler, Ambassador Amalia Mai, Prime Minister John Briceño, Hon. Kareem Musa, Hon. Kevin Bernard, Hon. Eamon Courtenay) Belize delegation in Cuba

Interdiction Unit. That case has been adjourned until May 6, 2022.

While the nature of the talks which will be held between the high-level Belizean delegation and officials from Cuba is still not clear, the ever-present problem of migration in the region continues to be a pressing matter, and fears are that more Cuban nationals may be using the country as a transit point to enter Mexico and ultimately the United States of America.

Belize, in an agreement with Cuba, has committed to sending back any Cuban seeking to enter Belizean via irregular means.

This visit to Cuba is taking place just before Cuba’s International Workers Day celebrations, which are to be held on May 1, but the Prime Minister is expected to return home before that date. The Cuban Institute of Friendship with the Peoples has said that over 800 foreign delegates will be in the country from April 30 (the last day of the PM’s trip) to May 2, to participate in forums designed to explain the impact of the over 60+ years US embargo, or *El bloqueo*, still imposed against the country.

Sources say that groups will participate in a protest march on May 2 and also a debate event in Havana.

## National Women’s Commission calls for end to stigma attached to domestic abuse

by Khaila Gentle

BELIZE CITY, Tues. Apr. 26, 2022

A press release issued by the National Women’s Commission this week strongly condemns the recent spate of gender-based violence that has been seen in the country, noting that at least one of those incidents resulted in the death of a woman, Ms. Tracy Thompson.

Thompson, who had been a long-time

victim of abuse at the hands of her ex-common law husband, was brutally murdered in her Calcutta home by her abuser. Shortly after Thompson’s death was reported by local media, Vanessa Reyes, who had also been a victim of abuse at the hands of her former partner, Christon Rocha, shared her own story. Over the Easter weekend, Reyes narrowly escaped being killed during a brutal knife attack by Rocha, who

stabbed her in the face and who currently is still wanted by police.

In its press release, the National Women’s Commission has called not only for the stigma surrounding gender-based violence to be addressed but also for the implementation of programs that engage and empower women as well as programs that engage and rehabilitate perpetrators of violence against women. The Commission has sworn to increase

awareness on the issue and to embark on educational campaigns that make victims know how to get help, as well as to continue its educational intervention program to challenge discriminatory attitudes and beliefs, and to re-socialize the Gender-based Referral Pathway for GBV frontline responders.

According to the National Women’s Commission, one in three women, or 736 million worldwide, experience physical or sexual abuse at the hands of an intimate partner. The Commission has called for Government authorities to exercise a zero-tolerance approach to violence against women.



# Belize's primary caregivers attend mental health workshops

by *Khaila Gentle*

*“Belize has a population of about 410,000 people, but only 16 psychiatric nurse practitioners, five psychiatrists, and one psychotherapist. This means that mental health care is not readily available to the general population,” – Dr. Fidel Cuéllar, Ministry of Health and Wellness*

BELIZE CITY, Tues. Apr. 26, 2022

Around fifty of Belize's primary care physicians and nurses will be attending a series of training workshops on the Mental Health Gap Action Programme Intervention Guide (mhGAP-IG) between now and June 2022 in an effort to improve the quality of mental health services available in the country. The workshops, made possible by the Ministry of Health and Wellness in partnership with the Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) and with funding from the European Union (EU), are aimed at addressing the stigma and lack of public awareness surrounding mental health issues in the country as well as addressing the current shortage of

psychiatrists and mental health care providers in Belize—especially in light of the increased demand for better mental health services.

According to a press release from the Ministry of Health, the program will enable all four health regions (Central, Southern, Northern, and Western) to integrate mental health services into their primary care, thus increasing access to mental health services across the country.

The Mental Health Gap Action Programme, created by the World Health Organization in 2008, was designed to improve primary care services for mental, neurological, and substance use (MNS) disorders in low and middle-income countries. Particularly, the programme focuses on depression, psychosis, suicidal ideation, behavioural disorders, and disorders due to alcohol and psychoactive substances.

“Successful scaling up [of mental health services] is the joint responsibility of governments, health professionals,



**Dr. Fidel Cuéllar, Deputy Director of Public Health and Wellness of the Health Ministry**

civil society, communities, and families, with support from the international community. The essence of mhGAP is building partnerships for collective action,” stated the WHO.

The intervention guide, mhGAP-IG, provides non-specialists—including doctors, nurses, managers, planners, and other health workers—with the necessary tools and information needed to make adequate clinical decisions. In addition to promoting improved listening and communication skills, it will enable them to detect and treat common MNS disorders and to know when to make the proper referrals for specialized services.

“Belize has a population of about 410,000 people but only 16 psychiatric

nurse practitioners, five psychiatrists, and one psychotherapist,” stated Dr. Fidel Cuéllar, the Deputy Director of Public Health and Wellness of the Ministry of Health at the launch of the workshops.

What that means, said the Director, is that mental health care is not readily available to the general population of Belize—a gap that the Ministry is attempting to close with this new program. Dr. Cuéllar also pointed out that as many as one in four persons has suffered or will suffer from a mental health condition such as anxiety or depression.

“The delivery of mental health services in primary care is cost-effective and efficient. Assuring person-centred mental health services that are integrated into primary care services helps achieve our collective goal of achieving universal health access and coverage,” noted Dr. Edwin Bolastig, the Health Systems and Services Advisor at PAHO/WHO.

Since the induction of the WHO Mental Health Gap Action Programme, over 100 countries have benefitted from it, with persons being treated for issues like depression, schizophrenia, and suicidal ideation even in places with limited resources.

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“ill-suited” for the claim to be struck out due to a procedural error.

CJ Arana's judgment states, “It is a claim of fundamental constitutional importance which calls for the court to fulfill its role as the vigilant and fearless watchdog of the constitutional rights of the citizenry.”

She further noted in her judgment that striking out the application “is a draconian measure of last resort.”

While the Elections and Boundaries Commission's attempt to squash the legal proceedings brought by the BPM failed, the judge decided not to adjudicate on matters 4 and 6 of the original Fixed Date Claim form, which are now considered moot in her view. Those sections of the claim contained a request that the electoral divisions be altered or redivided and that elections scheduled for the year 2020 be stayed until the Commission complied with section 90(1) (a) of the Constitution, both of which, Chief Justice Arana pointed out in her judgment, “has been overtaken by events”, since the general elections which led to the replacement of the UDP government that was in place at that time with a new PUP administration occurred almost one year five months ago, and the administration has fast-tracked the redistricting process with the funding and establishment of the Redistricting Task Force.

In regards to further proceedings related to the current redistricting case, the attorneys for both parties agreed on the timelines for submission, and a perfected order setting out timelines was handed down by the presiding judge.

The attorney for the Belize Peace



**Chief Justice Michelle Arana (Ag)**

Movement, in his oral submission, articulated that this case in question goes to the heart of democracy in Belize, and highlights vital questions that need to be answered by the court.

“Has there been compliance by the Election and Boundaries Commission with the ‘one man, one vote’ principle as mandated by the Consitution of Belize....? Is there malapportionment of electoral constituencies and is there a proposal laid before Parliament as expressly required by the mandatory language used in section 9 of the Constitution to remedy that malapportionment?” he stated.

The Belize Peace Movement's redistricting case continues with case management, as the salient matter of equal representation remains on the table.



## Notice

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# PM in breach of office, says PSU

**“I want to make a request of the Prime Minister, to kindly start respecting his office and respecting the office of public officers...,” said PSU president, Dean Flowers.**

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office and outright disrespect to the professionals within the public service. Some of the flowers that were brought into the country as a result of the intervention of both Cabinet Ministers, who made calls to public officers within the Customs and Forestry department to facilitate the clearance of the plants at the border and to abort an attempt to inspect and possibly confiscate them, are reportedly listed as endangered and **invasive species** by the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES), to which Belize became a signatory.

While concerns about the potential impact of the possible presence of such species in the country and the lack of compliance with the CITES treaty

remain front and center, the PSU president has been particularly focused on the brazen admission by the PM that he used his political office to issue a directive to public officers—something that Flowers finds stunning.

“If there is any intervention to be made, where any matter is concerned, that intervention ought to come through the proper authorities, which in my view would be a supervisor or a head of department!” Flowers said.

In regard to the derailment of the processes for inspecting and possibly confiscating certain plant species, the PM admitted to using his office to facilitate the importation of the questionable plants at two separate points in the process. “Again, Minister Mai called me, the Minister responsible — the people at the Customs

Department to ask them to please process that permits, or that order, or else if it stays on the other side, it is going to spoil,” Hon. Briceño said in reference to the first call he made.

That call was made to the Customs Department so that the plants could enter the country. After what Flowers described as an overnight operation (at the end of the working day on April 11) to release the plants and hand them to the plant seller, Diani Chan, there was an attempt by Forestry Department personnel to inspect and confiscate some of the plants at Chan’s private premises. It was at that point that a second call was made by the PM—a call that he again admits to making.

“I said that I am asking you as Prime Minister to please allow them to come in, and then, we can deal with the facts afterward.” This is what the Prime Minister said he told the Forestry officer during that second call after the Forestry officers reportedly

sought police assistance to confiscate the flowers.

During this telephone exchange, the Forestry officer reportedly told the Prime Minister that the only person who could call him with a directive was his supervisor; then the officer, according to PM Briceño, hung up the phone. The Prime Minister said the person was very rude, and according to Flowers, they received reports that the PM was forceful in his request to the officer—an undertone he personally classifies as intimidation.

“So, I will be speaking with the Minister. I’m not shying away from that,” Prime Minister Briceño said when telling local reporters how he would address the rude response of the Forestry officer. Although he was not explicit about what would be done to address the purported insubordination of the officer, it is anticipated that some disciplinary action might be forthcoming for the public servant, although Flowers fails to see any grounds for such a course of action.

“Essentially that is what this has come down to—a public officer who simply was carrying out the instruction of his superiors. He was carrying out the legal instructions of his superiors to look at what was being imported and to confiscate and destroy what was not authorized or legal to be in the country,” Flowers stated.

In regard to the issue of the importation of the plants themselves, and the potential harm that could be caused to our local flora, the Prime Minister had told the Forestry officer that those facts could be addressed later.

“I said that I am asking you as Prime Minister to please allow them to come in, and then, we can deal with the facts afterward!” PM Briceño said he told the officer.

Flowers said he was not surprised.

“I’m not surprised that the Prime Minister pretty much threw good governance out the window when he said ‘deal with it afterward—mek they come in’. Clearly, he was not concerned as to whether or not these species were invasive, whether or not they were harmful, would be harmful to the local flora of the country. He wasn’t concerned with that, he was more concerned in doing a political favor and throwing the public officer under the bus,” Flowers remarked.

We reached out to Diani Chan, who said she has sought legal advice on the matter and would say nothing more at this time.

Late this evening, a leaked correspondence from the Ministry of Sustainable Development; Climate Change, and Disaster Risk Management confirmed that the public servant in question has been placed on a 5-day administrative leave effective tomorrow April 28, 2022, to May 5, 2022.

The letter signed and sealed by the CEO of the Ministry, Dr. Kenrick Williams, states, “The purpose of this Administrative Leave is as a result of your failure to act in a professional manner in accordance with the Belize Constitution (Public Service) Regulation, 2014, Part 7, Code of Conduct, 4(1)(2)(a) and (b).”

As a nation we recognize and stand in solidarity with all Belizean workers. We salute the thousands who toil each day to keep us safe on the frontlines. Today, we wake up and work so that tomorrow the triumph of our sacrifices and dedication will shine on our nation and people forever.



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## Together we can and must win this battle against murder

Since we got our independence in 1981 it has been as consistent as the sun rising and setting every day that the main opposition party, after spurts in violent incidents, charges that the government is impotent in dealing with violent crime, and makes calls for the Minister of Home Affairs to resign. Already, at least twice since the PUP took office in November 2020, the main opposition, the UDP, has called out the government for its failing management of violent crime.

UDP chairman, Senator Hon. Michael Peyrefitte, recently stated at a press conference that "the crime situation has gotten completely out of control", and that the government and people must "make some serious changes before the situation becomes irredeemable." In fact, our murder rate last year wasn't more horrific than it was in other years in the last two decades, and the statistics for the first three months of this year puts us on course for a rate lower than our worst years. However, our worst years being some of the worst in the world, we need to see a dramatic reduction in murders before we can be listed among the most peaceful nations, as we were prior to independence.

Since the turn of the century Belize has been averaging well over a hundred murders per year: Between the seven-year period 2015 to 2021 we averaged 129 murders per year, with a low of 102 in 2020, the year Covid-19 visited our country and forced us into a lockdown. A hundred murders in a year means more than a hundred lives lost. It also means a hundred murderers out there, a hundred souls lost, twisted in ways that are hard to comprehend; a hundred families and many friends who mourn, or are consumed by revenge because our country has completely fallen down on

delivering justice; and hundreds of children and other dependents who have lost a major source of financial support.

Belize and three other countries in Central America – Guatemala, El Salvador, and Honduras – are among the most murderous nations in the world. Much blame for the extremely high number of murders in our region is put on the transshipment of drugs, particularly cocaine, but not all of the countries in Central America have become so homicidal. While Belize and the aforementioned countries shockingly average over 30 murders per 100,000 persons per year, Panama and Costa Rica average a far less barbarian 11 murders per year, and Nicaragua, with its socialist government, averages less than 7.

Most social scientists say that poverty is at the root of violent crime in our country. Battered by Covid-19, corruption in government, and failing agro-industries, Belize has never been so poor. The poverty alleviation programs by the previous government were insufficient. The initiatives the present government has introduced should bear some fruit, but they are too limited

to have the impact we desperately need.

There are other major contributors to our disastrous state. Unequal wealth distribution, gangs and turf wars, a miserable justice system, a revenge culture that has been cultivated by the failed justice system, all figure in the loss of love and respect for human life.

The past two decades have been terrible. Many have grown despondent, accepting that violent crime will always be with us. Some turn away from the local newscasts, unable to cope with the endless spilling of the blood of our brothers and sisters. We did not nip violent crime in time and now we reap the bitter harvest for that failure. How could we have arrived at a place where some of us find glory in killing our Belizean brother or sister?

Our country is crushed under the weight of murders, and we don't have forever to right our ship. Our pain is great, and as the UDP Chairman said, our problem is too much for any single government to solve. The UDP Chairman said government, the Opposition, AND people (social partners and community organizations) will have to get involved to halt this scourge in our nation. We came together to fight Covid-19, and a similar effort we must make to significantly reduce murders. It is the most important battle we have to fight. It is a battle we must win, now.

### CSSPAR said GOB forgot Labor

Belize's foremost think tank, CSSPAR (Centre For Strategic Studies, Policy Analysis And Research), led by former Ambassador and CEO in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr. David Gibson, in a paper sent to the Prime Minister charged that the PM and his government are ignoring Labor. In the paper, "Recognizing the Role of Labour as an Equal Partner in Belize's Development", CSSPAR said that if government recognized the value of Labor in the development of this country, it would have been included in the recent Belize Investment Summit, which was held in San Pedro last year. Foreign investors and prominent local business persons were seated at the summit hosted by the GOB, but our labor leaders weren't at the table.

CSSPAR says that the economic model we have been following since independence has yielded steady growth, but not enough, as the more than 50% of our people who are living in poverty attest. CSSPAR says Government and Business falsely assume that subduing Labor will yield a better outcome for our people, when it is the opposite, when it is the unleashing of Labor's potential that will see our country rise out of poverty.

CSSPAR says the last time the minimum wage was increased was in 2012, when the rate was set at \$BZ3.30 per hour, and that in 2003, when the minimum wage was \$3.00 per hour, private interests had advocated for it to be fixed at BZ\$2.00 per hour. Looking at the present initiative to raise the minimum wage to BZ\$5.00 per hour, CSSPAR says that in the period 2005-2008 expert studies had shown that the minimum living wage was between BZ\$4.50 and \$6.58 per hour. CSSPAR says that by today's measure, Belizeans earning less than BZ\$8-\$10 per hour are living in poverty.

We don't need to look back very far to prove what CSSPAR is saying. The disdain for Labor in Belize was at its boldest during the recent impasse between the Port of Belize Ltd. and the stevedores, generational workers at the port. Local private business interests unabashedly sided with foreign business interests to put Labor in its place. In fact, local private business interests continue to side with foreign business interests that have gone to court with their high-priced lawyers in their agenda to show Labor that it has no place at the table.

The GOB, to its credit, did show some support to Labor on this one, but overall, as CSSPAR noted, Labor is an afterthought in the economic development of our country, and if that isn't righted our poverty issues will persist.



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# Ruben Campos, Sr. passes at 70

**Former UDP Orange Walk area rep, Ruben Campos, dies after a battle with prostate cancer.**



**Ruben Campos, former Orange Walk North and South area rep, deceased**

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Apr. 28, 2022

Former UDP Orange Walk South and North area representative, 70-year-old Ruben Campos, Sr., who also was a Cabinet Minister during two past UDP administrations, passed away on Friday, April 22 after a long battle with prostate cancer.

Campos served two terms as a government minister—first as a Minister of Health and Sports, and later as a Minister of State in the Ministry of Education. He held the first ministerial post under the first UDP administration

headed by Manuel Esquivel, from 1984 to 1989, and later held a ministerial post during a subsequent Esquivel administration, which lasted from 1993 to 1998.

After losing his bid to be the area representative for the Orange Walk Central division in the 1998 general elections, Campos remained active in public life and in the party that he loved so dearly.

On Saturday, April 23, Leader of the Opposition, Hon. Moses “Shyne” Barrow, recalled in a social media post the moments the two spent together during the House of Representative sittings.

“Minister Campos would give me a copy of the House orders of the day as we sat in the gallery, me studying the art of the debate and parliamentary procedures and him mentoring me during the breaks to focus on the youth, music, and sports as the key factors for national development and a successful political career,” stated Barrow in the post.

The Leader of the Opposition ended his social media post by praising Campos for his dedication to the UDP and the country.

“Your selfless dedication to Party [and] for Country will forever be celebrated as the benchmark for a political life of service,” said Barrow.

Notably, Campos is the fourth member of Manuel Esquivel’s 1993-1998 UDP administration to pass away this year. Manuel Esquivel died in February, Elito Urbina in March, and earlier this month Melvin Hulse passed away after a battle with colon cancer.

The former Orange Walk area representative was laid to rest on Wednesday, April 27, in Orange Walk Town.

# Three men charged for sexually abusing minors

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Apr. 28, 2022

This week, three isolated but equally gut-wrenching incidents of sexual abuse against minors were reported across the country. In connection with those incidents, three men, all over the age of 40, have been arrested and charged, and a police investigation continues into each of the acts of abuse.

One of the persons who has been charged is a 64-year-old man who is accused of inappropriately touching a 7-year-old girl, who is said to be his step-granddaughter. It was also reported that on another occasion, he attempted to have sexual intercourse with the child. After the incidents were reported, the child was medically examined. The results of that examination indicated that she had been carnally known, and her injuries were classified as grievous harm.

The second incident involved a 42-year-old farmer who had reportedly

been living, and having sexual intercourse, with two sisters, one of whom is reportedly a 15-year-old minor. The 15-year-old, who made the report to the police, informed them that they have lived with the man in Orange Walk since October 2021. Again, a medical examination confirmed that the teenager was carnally known.

And finally, on April 12, a 28-year-old woman and her 6-year-old daughter reported to police that on the previous day the child was taken to a bedroom by her 45-year-old uncle, who touched her inappropriately. Her injuries were classified as grievous harm, and it was determined that she was carnally known.

All three men have since been charged with assault of a child by penetration, and rape of a child. The farmer from Orange Walk was additionally charged with 7 counts of unlawful sexual intercourse.

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**LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE:** Notice is hereby given that **Candice Buller** is applying for a Restaurant Liquor License to be operated at Snak Shop BZE, 7 St. Vincent Street, Dangriga Town, Stann Creek District, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

### IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BELIZE A.D 2022

CLAIM NO. 1 OF 2022

ASCENDANCY BELIZE LTD.

CLAIMANT

AND

GIOVANNI FOSTER

DEFENDANT

**TO:** GIOVANNI FOSTER of Main Middle Street, Punta Gorda Town, Toledo District, Belize

**TAKE NOTICE** that Claim No. 1 of 2022 has been commenced against you in the Supreme Court of Belize, by **ASCENDANCY BELIZE LTD.** a company duly incorporated under the Laws of Belize with registered office situate at 84 Albert Street, Belize City, Belize in which the CLAIMANT’S claim is for monies owing by the Defendant to the Claimant, being principal and interest due and payable on account of a loan advanced to the Defendant under and by virtue of a Charge and Memorandum Accompanying Charge executed by the Defendant inclusive of legal fees:

**AND** it has been ordered that service of the Fixed Date Claim Form of 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 on you be effected by this advertisement.

**AND** you are required to enter an appearance within fourteen (14) days of the second publication of this Notice of the Fixed Date Claim Form by causing an appearance to be entered for you at the Office of the Registrar of the Supreme Court of Belize.

**AND** you are required to attend court on Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. before the Honorable Madam Justice Lisa Shoman at the Supreme Court of Belize to defend the said Claim.

**TAKE NOTICE** that in default of your so doing, the said Claimant may proceed therein, and Judgment may be given in your absence.

You may appear to the said Claim by entering an appearance in person or by your attorney at the Office of the Registrar of the Supreme Court of Belize.

DATED the 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022.

CAVE LOCHAN WATSON LLP  
Attorneys-at-Law for the Claimant  
Cor. Landivar & 4<sup>th</sup> Streets, Kings Park  
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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders of:  
Heritage Bank Limited

#### Qualified Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Heritage Bank Limited (the Bank), which comprise the statements of financial position as at December 31, 2021 and 2020, and the statements of profit and other comprehensive income, statements of changes in equity and statements of cash flows for the years then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matters described in the *Basis for Qualified Opinion* section of our report, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Bank as at December 31, 2021 and 2020, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs).

#### Basis for Qualified Opinion

At December 31, 2021, the Bank has not adopted IFRS 9 - Financial Instruments as explained in Note 2a to the financial statements. The Bank does not classify its financial instruments nor impair its financial instruments in accordance with IFRS 9.

The Bank currently uses standards that has been superseded by IFRS 9 to classify, measure and present financial instruments.

The Bank currently uses the incurred loss model prescribed by the Central of Belize in the Domestic Banks and Financial Institutions Act, Circular No. 2 of 2020.

In the absence of sufficient and appropriate audit evidence to evaluate the impact compliance with IFRS 9 would have on the financial statements, we are unable to assess whether the current positions would be materially different.

#### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Bank in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (IESBA Code), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified opinion.

#### Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with IFRSs, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Bank's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Bank or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Bank's financial reporting process.

#### Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the unconsolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error; to design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks; and to obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors' report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the entity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements including the disclosures, and whether the unconsolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identified during the audit.

#### HERITAGE BANK LIMITED

#### STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020 (IN BELIZE DOLLARS)

ASSETS	Notes	2021	2020
Cash and cash equivalents	2g. 2h. 4.	\$ 129,066,697	\$ 100,351,193
Debt instrument investments	2g. 5.	46,452,646	56,473,243
Other assets	2g. 6.	4,128,122	3,736,369
Loans receivable	2g. 7.	366,448,276	337,097,390
Less: specific loan loss reserve	2i. 7.	(9,593,732)	(8,013,865)
Property and equipment - net	2j. 2k. 8.	35,559,827	33,966,069
Total assets		572,061,836	523,610,399
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Customers' deposits	2g. 2l. 9.	488,654,174	447,839,445
Due to other banks	2g. 10.	11,962,083	10,694,350
Other liabilities	2g. 11.	5,275,711	6,247,461
Severance payable	2m. 2n. 12.	1,290,595	1,139,808
Total liabilities		507,182,563	465,921,064
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		\$ 64,879,273	\$ 57,689,335
<b>SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>			
Share capital	13.	\$ 42,100,000	\$ 42,100,000
Share premium	14.	490,000	490,000
Statutory reserves	2p.	11,802,268	10,004,783
General loan loss reserve	2o.	3,763,945	3,293,071
Retained earnings		6,723,060	1,801,481
<b>SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		\$ 64,879,273	\$ 57,689,335

The financial statements on pages 4 to 7 were approved and authorized for issue by the Board of Directors on April 25, 2022 and are signed on its behalf by:

  
Director

  
Director

#### HERITAGE BANK LIMITED

#### STATEMENTS OF PROFIT AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020 (IN BELIZE DOLLARS)

	Notes	2021	2020
<b>Continuing Operations</b>	2q.		
Net interest income	15.	\$ 24,571,523	\$ 20,213,565
Net fee and commission income	16.	3,730,237	3,638,907
<b>NET REVENUES</b>		28,301,760	23,852,472
<b>OTHER INCOME AND EXPENSES:</b>			
Provision for impairment losses	2n. 6.	(1,627,230)	(1,330,000)
Personnel expense	19.	(9,051,732)	(8,340,355)
Other operating expenses	20.	(7,857,660)	(7,849,577)
Net trading income	17.	1,893,483	1,715,029
Other operating income	18.	3,246,898	3,328,401
Depreciation	8.	(2,703,696)	(1,641,413)
		(16,099,937)	(14,117,915)
<b>PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION</b>		12,201,823	9,734,557
Business Tax	21.	(5,011,885)	(4,302,528)
<b>PROFIT FOR THE YEAR</b>		7,189,938	5,432,029
Other comprehensive income		-	-
<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR</b>		\$ 7,189,938	\$ 5,432,029
<b>EARNINGS PER SHARE:</b>	22.		
From continuing operations			
Basic (\$ per share)		\$ 0.18	\$ 0.14
Diluted (\$ per share)		\$ 0.18	\$ 0.14

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Richard Sutton (Chairman)  
Julieta Sanchez Sutton  
Karen Weir  
Aldo Reyes  
Stephen Duncan (Managing Director/Secretary)

  
Chartered Accountants  
Belize City, Belize  
April 25, 2022





## Juntos podemos y debemos ganar esta batalla contra el asesinato

Desde que conseguimos nuestra independencia en 1981, ha sido tan constante como que el sol sale y se pone todos los días que el principal partido opositor, después de rachas de incidentes violentos, acusa que el gobierno es impotente para hacer frente a los delitos violentos y pide al Ministro de Interior que dimita. Ya, al menos dos veces desde que el PUP asumió el cargo en noviembre de 2020, la principal oposición, el UDP, ha criticado al gobierno por su manejo fallido de los delitos violentos.

El presidente del UDP, el Honorable Senador Michael Peyrefitte, declaró recientemente en una conferencia de prensa que "la situación del crimen se ha salido completamente de control", y que el gobierno y el pueblo deben "hacer algunos cambios serios antes de que la situación se vuelva irreparable". De hecho, nuestra tasa de homicidios el año pasado no fue más horrible que en otros años en las últimas dos décadas, y las estadísticas de los primeros tres meses de este año nos ponen en camino a una tasa más baja que nuestros peores años. Sin embargo, nuestros peores años siendo algunos de los peores del mundo, necesitamos ver una reducción dramática en los asesinatos antes de que podamos figurar entre las naciones más pacíficas, como lo éramos antes de la independencia.

Desde el cambio de siglo, Belize ha tenido un promedio de más de cien asesinatos por año: entre el período de siete años de 2015 a 2021, promediamos 129 asesinatos por año, con un mínimo de 102 en 2020, el año en que Covid-19 visitó nuestro país y nos obligó a un cierre. Cien asesinatos en un año significan más de cien vidas perdidas. También significa cien asesinatos por ahí, cien almas perdidas, retorcidas de maneras que son difíciles de comprender; cien familias y muchos amigos que lloran, o se consumen en la venganza porque nuestro país ha fallado completamente en hacer justicia; y cientos de niños y otros dependientes que han perdido una importante fuente de apoyo económico.

Belize y otros tres países de América Central, Guatemala, El Salvador y Honduras, se encuentran entre las naciones más asesinas del mundo. Gran parte de la culpa del altísimo número de asesinatos en nuestra región se le atribuye al trasbordo de drogas, particularmente de cocaína, pero no todos los países de Centroamérica se han vuelto tan homicidas. Mientras que Belize y los países antes mencionados promedian sorprendentemente más de 30 asesinatos por cada 100.000 personas por año, Panamá y Costa Rica promedian 11 asesinatos mucho menos bárbaros por año, y Nicaragua, con su gobierno socialista, promedia menos de 7.

La mayoría de los científicos sociales dicen que la pobreza está en la raíz de los delitos violentos en nuestro país. Golpeado por el covid-19, la corrupción en el gobierno y las agroindustrias en quiebra, Belize nunca ha sido tan pobre. Los programas de alivio de la pobreza del gobierno anterior fueron insuficientes. Las iniciativas que ha introducido el gobierno actual deberían dar algún fruto, pero son demasiado limitadas para tener el impacto que necesitamos desesperadamente.

Hay otros contribuyentes importantes a nuestro estado desastroso. La distribución desigual de la riqueza, las pandillas y las guerras territoriales, un miserable sistema de justicia, una cultura de venganza que ha sido cultivada por el fallido sistema de justicia, todo figura en la pérdida del amor y el respeto por la vida humana.

Las últimas dos décadas han sido terribles. Muchos se han desanimado, aceptando que el crimen violento siempre estará con nosotros. Algunos se rehusan a mirar los noticieros locales, incapaces de hacer frente al interminable derramamiento de la sangre de nuestros hermanos y hermanas. No cortamos el crimen violento a tiempo y ahora cosechamos la amarga cosecha de ese fracaso. ¿Cómo pudimos haber llegado a un lugar donde algunos de nosotros encontremos gloria al matar a nuestro hermano o hermana beliceño@?

Nuestro país está aplastado bajo el peso de los asesinatos, y no tenemos para siempre para enderezar nuestro barco. Nuestro dolor es grande y, como dijo el presidente del UDP, nuestro problema es demasiado para que lo resuelva un solo gobierno. El presidente del UDP dijo que el gobierno, la oposición Y el pueblo (interlocutores sociales y organizaciones comunitarias) tendrán

que involucrarse para detener este flagelo en nuestra nación. Nos unimos para luchar contra el Covid-19, y un esfuerzo similar debemos hacer para reducir significativamente los asesinatos. Es la batalla más importante que tenemos que pelear. Es una batalla que debemos ganar, ahora.

### CSSPAR dijo que el Gobierno se olvidó de la fuerza laboral

El grupo de expertos más importante de Belize, el Centro de Estudios Estratégicos, Análisis de Políticas e Investigación (CSSPAR por sus siglas en inglés), dirigido por el ex Embajador y Director Ejecutivo en el Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, el Sr. David Gibson, en un documento enviado al Primer Ministro acusó que el Primer Ministro y el gobierno está ignorando a la fuerza laboral. En el documento, "Reconociendo el papel de la fuerza laboral como socio igualitario en el desarrollo de Belize", CSSPAR dijo que si el gobierno reconociera el valor de la fuerza laboral en el desarrollo de este país, habría sido incluido en la reciente Cumbre de Inversión de Belize, que fue celebrada en San Pedro el año pasado. Inversionistas extranjeros y destacados empresarios locales estaban sentados en la cumbre organizada por el Gobierno de Belize, pero nuestros líderes sindicales no estaban en la mesa.

CSSPAR dice que el modelo económico que venimos siguiendo desde la independencia ha arrojado un crecimiento constante, pero no suficiente, como lo atestiguan más del 50% de nuestra población que vive en la pobreza. CSSPAR dice que el gobierno y las empresas asumen falsamente que someter a la fuerza laboral producirá un mejor resultado para nuestra gente, cuando es lo contrario, cuando es la liberación del potencial de la fuerza laboral lo que hará que nuestro país salga de la pobreza.

CSSPAR dice que la última vez que se aumentó el salario mínimo fue en 2012, cuando la tarifa se fijó en \$BZ3,30 por hora, y que en 2003, cuando el salario mínimo era de \$3,00 por hora, los intereses privados habían abogado por que se fijara a BZ\$2,00 por hora. En cuanto a la iniciativa actual de aumentar el salario mínimo a BZ\$5,00 por hora, CSSPAR dice que en el período 2005-2008 estudios de expertos habían demostrado que el salario mínimo vital estaba entre BZ\$4,50 y \$6,58 por hora. CSSPAR dice que según la medida actual, los beliceños que ganan menos de BZ\$8-\$10 por hora viven en la pobreza.

No necesitamos mirar hacia atrás muy lejos para probar lo que dice CSSPAR. El desdén por la fuerza laboral en Belize fue más audaz durante el reciente estancamiento entre Port of Belize Ltd. y los estibadores, trabajadores generacionales en el puerto. Intereses comerciales privados locales se pusieron descaradamente del lado de los intereses comerciales extranjeros para poner a la fuerza laboral en su lugar. De hecho, los intereses comerciales privados locales continúan alineándose con los intereses comerciales extranjeros que han ido a los tribunales con sus abogados de alto precio en su agenda para demostrarles a la fuerza laboral que no tienen lugar en la mesa.

El Gobierno de Belize, para su crédito, mostró algo de apoyo a la fuerza laboral en este caso, pero en general, como señaló CSSPAR, la fuerza laboral es una ocurrencia tardía en el desarrollo económico de nuestro país, y si eso no se corrige, nuestros problemas de pobreza persistirán.

## Sunday Review News Review Talk Show

On Krem TV & Krem Radio  
Live-streaming on Krem Television Face Book Page

Host: YaYa Marin Coleman

Date: Sunday, May 1, 2022 Time: 10:30 a.m. to noon

Guest: Sista Penelope Casasola our discussion will be about Belizean Workers Rights

Sunday Review will be repeated at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 1, 2022



# Break The Bias!

by Rudolph A. Neal

This past week leading up to the weekend was a very eventful one. Having just recently celebrated Women's Month and getting ready to celebrate Mother's Day, we once again find ourselves at the precipitous place where once again, abuse and issues relating to women are being brought to the forefront in our society. Useless of me to rename the issues that were brought to the forefront of late, as they are all plastered over the news and have been shared tens of thousands of times on various social media platforms. But what particularly stood out to me in these various instances of purported abuse and alleged violence against women is the wanton bias that is being proliferated and how the victims are being callously and ruthlessly revictimized, and it is imperative that we break the bias!

The first thing that struck me was how many people in open conversations and candidly on social media were repudiating the victims. The victims' statements to the

police alleging abuse were being staunchly criticized and brought into question. But more than that, our society is questioning the timing of the report in contrast to the period during which the alleged abuse took place. This is heartbreaking to witness, and it is painful to think that in the event of a report of abuse, we seek to blame and further question the victim and bring them into disrepute instead of supporting them during this difficult time and allowing due course to take place through the legal system.

This (bad) style that we have to question the validity of the victim's statement or motives and seek to suggest some form of anomaly on the part of the victim is not only callous, but it is biased! The way that society reacts to these very heinous acts of violence against women is of grave concern, because it appears that we are condoning the alleged acts of violence on the part of the perpetrators. It is as if we as a society are granting them impunity for their alleged actions while blaming the victim before the matter

has been properly examined through the court system. And to further compound this, adding salt to an already open wound, it has been observed that women are quick to condemn other women who are victims of violence as opposed to being empathetic towards their fellow women and supporting them through their plight.

This past weekend revealed how messed up we are as a society and it shed light as to why many women who are subjected to violence and abuse prefer to suffer in silence. They suffer in silence because this quick-to-judge society condemns them for speaking up, for staying too long, for loving the wrong man, and the list goes on. Yes! We condemn them for not knowing better and not being able to lick back. Oh what an atrocity it is that we blame the victims for everything imaginable in the books except to stand with them, denounce violence and call out the perpetrators for the egregious acts of abuse against our precious women.

Maan, I tell you, I was utterly disgusted

to see on full display how our little society is such a biased and callous little place. It's an utter disgrace to see that, with all our education and development, we are still backward to think that the victim is the reason why what happened to them, happened. It's sad to see that grown men and women alike condone the heinous acts of violence and abuse by questioning the victims and casting aspersions on their statements and reports. Maan, I tell you, we are a sad set, I swear! And the sad truth is that when we behave in such a careless and abhorrent manner, we don't make it conducive for victims to speak out. But more so, these callous actions and gaslighting statements that we make will cause these type of acts to continue to recur in our society. I say we get off the fence, call it out for what it is and take a bold and indignant stance against all forms of violence and abuse against women! It's half past time we break the bias!

Unchained Reflections Of A Liberal Pragmatist.

## FULL TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

### Job Title: Director of Governance

**Summary:** A licensed international financial services company is seeking a high-level professional in general management and regulatory relations to become a member of the managing board of the Company. This critical role requires strategic liaison between the board and management. The Director of Governance will act as the governance facilitator who will ensure the effective delivery of strategic governance, legal and regulatory compliance, record management and government relations of the Company.

#### Key Responsibilities and Duties:

- Leading an effective and high-quality executive support and secretariat function (organization of board of directors meetings and strategic sessions - virtual and face to face, fixing strategic imperatives and informing all key stakeholders about decisions);
- Co-ordinating all relevant organizational activities in relation to strategic planning and performance assessment processes;
- Representing the Company before relevant authorities;
- Management client complaints and inquiries;
- Managing and executing compliance monitoring program, identifying compliance risks associated with the business activities and changes in regulators' policies;
- Staying abreast of legislative, regulatory and corporate governance developments relevant to the Company's business.

#### Qualifications:

- Master's degree in finance related field
- At least 3 years' experience in a bank or finance services business and in general management and GR (ability to demonstrate success stories)
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**Belize Managing Agents Ltd.**  
New Horizon Building  
3½ Miles Phillip S. W. Goldson Highway  
Belize City, Belize



### VACANCIES at OCEAN ACADEMY

Caye Caulker Ocean Academy (OA) is a unique, award-winning secondary school that links academics to the real world and emphasizes social enterprise, innovation, technology, and research-based education to lead students along a path of being mindful, identifying one's passion, making money, and creating legacy. OA is committed to universal education and our school motto is "Preserving our Heritage, Creating our Future." If you are creative, flexible, patient, and driven to empower youth, we invite you to apply for the following positions:

#### Immediate:

- 1) TEACHING VICE PRINCIPAL / ENGLISH & LITERATURE TEACHER
- 2) SCIENCE / MARINE BIOLOGY / P.E. TEACHER
- 3) BUSINESS / ACCOUNTING / QUICK BOOKS TEACHER

#### 2022-2023 School Year:

- 1) ENGLISH TEACHER
- 2) SPANISH TEACHER

Candidates must possess the following qualifications:

- Teacher training and/or experience
- Possession of a valid Teacher's License
- Bachelor's or Master's Degree
- Experience with Virtual Learning Platforms (Google Ed Suite preferred)

Interest and ability to:

- Inspire passion to develop skills within the content area(s)
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- Teach at the CXC level;
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**Application deadline:** For Immediate Positions: Wednesday, May 4, 2022. For 2022-2023 Positions:

Until positions are filled. Kindly email application letter, ID, transcript(s), diploma(s), police record check, resume with supporting documents, and two letters of reference to: [admin@oaseatide.com](mailto:admin@oaseatide.com).

Ocean Academy SEaTIDE, Caye Caulker, Belize District, Belize,

[www.oceanacademy.education](http://www.oceanacademy.education), 226-0321 / 613-0276



# PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

## BELIZE CITY

**BY ORDER** of the **Government of Belize**, Licensed Auctioneer **Mr. Fitzgerald A. Joseph** will auction the following unserviceable vehicles & motorcycles on site at the **Customs Bonded Warehouse**, located at Caesar Ridge Road, Belize City, Belize on **Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022**, commencing at **9:00 a.m.**

NUMBER	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	COLOR	VIN
1	2008	Isuzu D-Max	Pickup	Red	BZB-1712
2	2007	Chevy Suburban	SUV	Blue	BZB-1815
3	2009	Hyundia Tucon	SUV	White	BZB-2028
4	2015	Sang korando	SUV	Blue	CZLB-2028
5	2006	Mazda B2500	Pickup	White	CZLB-148BZB-1
6	2004	Honda Pilot	Pickup	Silver	BZB-1816
7	2015	Isuzu D-Max	Pickup	Silver	BZB-1996
8	2008	Toyota Hilux	SUV	White	BZB-1621
9	2006	Ranger	SUV	Grey	CYB-3360
10		Isuzu D-Max	Pickup	Blue	BMPB-0202
11		Mazda	BT50	Silver	CYB-3310
12		Greatwall Wingle	Pickup	Silver	CYB-3201
13		Greatwall Wingle	Pickup	White	CYB-3045
14		Toyota	SUV	Black	BMPB-0102
15		Isuzu D-Max	Pickup	Blue	CYB-3158
16		Jeep Cherokee	SUV	Black	BZB-1929
17		Meilum	M/C	Green	CYMC-0018
18		Meilum	M/C	Green	CYMC-0019
19		Meilum	M/C	Green	CYMC-0021
20		Meilum	M/C	Green	CYMC-0022
21		Meilum	M/C	Green	CYMC-0023
22		Meilum	M/C	Green	CYMC-0019
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34	2000	Isuzu Trooper	Pickup	White	CYB-1703
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# At 18-years old, marijuana use should be a choice

by Colin Hyde

I had my entire column set to support my suggestion for an elite motorcycle crew to force some discipline into drivers on our highways, until more of the sour from the move by the vocal church to kill marijuana spilled over onto my tongue, and I read Clinton's piece on Tuesday, an excerpt with this major miscalculation of the love out there for our good friends and former colonial brothers up north between Mexico and Canada.

My, and I can't believe that Brother Clinton, much of whose views I share, also finds himself suffocating over the freeing up of weed. I'm no Mr. Vocab, but I have the definition of ridiculous. Púchica, we give the franchise to 18-year-olds, give them the right to vote on who, which party will lead this country, and give them the right to vote on whether or not to go to the ICJ, but then we say they are not mature enough to decide on smoking weed. Heck no, after 18 years of educating them, through childhood and youth to young adulthood, it is wrong to deny them that right!

This 21-year-old thing is only to appease the vocal church. That crowd

has overplayed their hand. It is preposterous to insist on weed prohibition. Okay, no one should encourage marijuana smoking, or alcohol drinking either. Bah, weed doesn't share the same place in our culture that alcohol does. Smoking a little weed is just something non-alcohol-loving people do. Give them a lee break.

## Really Clinton, 15%? What about Belize?

Yes, I wrote under a pen name when I first appeared in the pages of the *Amandala*, and my novelettes and poetry, they were also under a pen name. It was supposed to remain that way, if somebody cared enough about my, ehm, art to join me, and if I didn't start sticking my nose into the wikid business of our nation's political leaders.

Hey, I'm the one who wrote that I'm far more interested in what is said than who said it, but, but when people start bashing, you have to check their past. What's the name of the Guatemalan who said Arturo O'Neill was an Irishman, not a Spaniard? I don't remember. Ah, Assad Shoman can't find any good in the British. He has a Palestinian beef. Yes, I'm saying we have to understand that when he writes or speaks, he's

bringing a beef with him. Ah, O Nigel Bolland. That name, it sounds like he's an Irishman. I find that interesting.

I read Clinton Canul Luna's Tuesday piece and I have to ask who this Chris Sanders he quoted is. So, he's an American. Clinton knows there are Russian Americans. They're very like us, a very mix-up mix-up country.

Since Clinton didn't help us, I did some library work myself. The first Chris Sanders that came up is an animator who did a lot of work for Disney. I guessed right that I had the wrong man. When I put in the name and the title of the Youtube piece, "Putin bombs 1,260 military locations in the Ukraine today! Russian minister discusses nuclear", I got the right philistine. If the story in a book is connected in any way to its cover, I say our boy Sanders' grampa knew Stalin. I say, it's absolutely nada that the man lives in the USA.

My dear brother, please tell Mr. Sanders it's a lot more than 15% of the world that's with the USA. Starting small, it's 15%, plus Belize.

## We have to deal with serial speedsters

I've written so many stories in these near 20 years that I don't recall if I told you about my paternal uncle, JV, and the time he approached Grampa Jim — my grampa, his dad — for a loan to buy a motorbike. At the time, JV was a junior surveyor working in the Corozal District, and he wanted a bike so he could commute to Belize City on the weekends. My maternal uncle, RB, had one of those big 750 monsters, and man those big bikes are beautiful, and Uncle JV, who cared about how he looked, had his eyes set that way.

Grampa knew all about the big bikes, and he hated speeding, for its dangers and its fuel wastage. He advised JV that a small bike, a tuk-tuk, was much more suitable for his purpose. The thought of riding a tuk-tuk floored JV. "Me? Ride a tuk-tuk? I'd rather die," he told Grampa. My grampa was very wise, but on this one I daresay he came up short. If you're

going to commute between Belize City and Corozal Town, you need a bike a whole lot bigger than a tuk-tuk.

There's an ego story as big as a cruise ship behind speeding. These guys who roar through villages, especially the ones on the big bikes, it's a power thing, just like the boss show *Brom Bones* ran on IChabod Crane. If the authorities are serious about cutting down accidents, they have to put the cramp on them. See, it is our nature to respond to challenges. Allow speeding in populated areas and you'll have more speedsters on the highway. If you want to show off on your bike, organize a bike show, at a location outside of populated areas.

Ahem, no sailor worth his salt ever runs their boat on a reef, or turns it over, unless it's a sailing dory; but if you ride horses, one day you're going to get thrown; and if you ride motorbikes, one day both you and the bike will be on the asphalt.

The Ministry of Transport must make it mandatory that all bike riders wear appropriate protective gear. Oh, the girls in shorty shorts riding pillion are a sight to behold, but sorry, it can't be allowed. Everyone on a motorbike must have Umbraland-type shoes on their feet, knee and elbow pads, and proper helmets.

Our fatalism religion makes the task for our authorities that much more difficult. Ms. Sandra pointed out on the WuB that we are an unruly people. We are that, and to compound the felony we're into this fatalism. How do you deal with people who believe that what happens *mi fu happen*. That "faith" is wonderful for coping, but it is at the root of carelessness and total disrespect for safety measures.

Kudos to the Transport Department for doing a lot of work to improve the safety of bikers, but it's all about results, and the weekend numbers keep getting worse. It's obvious that we have to step up our game, and I suggest the way to do that is by establishing an elite motorcycle road patrol, with a big stick.

Those speed boys will only respond to power. We want to end the carnage, so we're reaching for heavier tools. We'll get the job done with an elite motorcycle crew patrolling our highways, a crew made of big, strong, big-hearted guys. When our ego boys see the crew they must get timid. Our crew must be the unchallenged stars, like George P. Diki Bradley said in his day no one dared pass the George Price slow coach Rover, except Mista Bucknor.

The crew must have whips and Billy clubs. They'll need the whip to brush off flies and the batons to chase away tapirs when they are lurking in the bushes to observe drivers. Of course they'll also be equipped with speed guns, breathalyzers, speed tickets, high-powered cameras, and communication equipment.

The penalties for speeding have to be stiff. Years ago I read of a guy who was serving a life sentence in Florida (or Texas) because he was guilty of three felonies for which in total the fines added up to less than a hundred dollars. The justification for the major penalty was that the guy was serial. That's drastic, but that's the type of cure for serial speedsters.

### 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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## Contract title: Supply for energy efficiency in public buildings

### PN-2022-000116 Supply for energy efficiency

European Commission intends to award a supply contract for the installation of energy efficient equipment in selected public buildings in Belize with financial assistance from the Belize Sustainable Energy Roadmap funded under the 11th EDF. The tender dossier is available from EU Technical office, 3358 Floral Park, Belmopan, Belize.

[BELIZE-TENDERS@ceas.europa.eu](mailto:BELIZE-TENDERS@ceas.europa.eu)

The deadline for submission of tenders is **3 June 2022**.

Possible additional information or clarifications/questions shall be published in "Amandala Newspaper".







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

### Consultancy Firm to prepare and implement a Taxpayer Account Model to allow for fast taxpayer centric overview

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

**Country:** Belize

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

**Abstract:** Consulting Services – Consultancy Firm to prepare and implement a Taxpayer Account Model to allow for fast taxpayer centric overview

**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). 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 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.

The Ministry of Finance now invites eligible Consultancy 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 (description of similar assignments specifying start and end dates of assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills, etc.).

**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 \$133,555.00.**

A Consulting firm will be selected in accordance 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 4:00 p.m. (Belize local time) on Friday April 29, 2022.

Interested eligible Consultants 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- Consultancy Firm to prepare and implement a Taxpayer Account Model to allow for fast taxpayer centric overview** in the subject header, or submit on or before 4:00 p.m. (Belize local time) on Friday April 29, 2022 to the following address:

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Belize Tax Service  
Strengthening of Tax Administration Project  
Charles Bartlett Hyde Building  
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Tel: 501-222-5114**

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# OW fire station gets renovated

by Charles Gladden

ORANGE WALK TOWN, Mon. Apr. 25, 2022

A ceremony was held in Orange Walk Town on Saturday, April 23, to mark the completion of the renovation of the only fire station in the district.

During his remarks at the ceremony, the Prime Minister of Belize, Hon. John Briceño, said that the substandard conditions at the fire station should have been addressed by previous administrations.

“It is unfortunate that the previous government blew away a billion-dollars-plus... A lot of that money was squandered for them to try to get re-elected. But yet, they forgot the basic necessities that our people require and that our people deserve. The Fire Service is a... I want to say a wonderful, but it's a bad example of that neglect,” remarked Hon. Briceño.

Minister of Sustainable Development, Climate Change and Disaster Risk

Management, Hon. Orlando Habet, spoke about how the renovation process began.

“First thing when we got into office was to do a complete run-through all of our departments and units, and one of the ones that we spend a lot of time with was with the Fire Department, looking from Corozal down to Toledo. Indeed, it is fitting to say now at that time we found out that most of our fire stations were in a deplorable condition.... And when we brought this up in Cabinet and subsequently in the House of Representatives, we found that the fire station, the headquarters in Belize City, had been sold during the time of the previous administration without having an alternative to put our Fire Department to have a headquarters, and of course, not only to have a headquarters itself as a building, but the important people who drive the department forward. And so Cabinet was very supportive and instead of constructing one only national headquarters with the monies, we decided, with the support of Cabinet, we will



construct six new fire stations and refurbish seven fire stations throughout the country,” stated Minister Habet.

Following the ceremony, during an encounter with local reporters, Minister Habet further noted, “We have 2.8 million dollars—monies that were acquired from the sale of the headquarters in Belize City. And from our resources and whatever government can provide, we’re looking at three million dollars to do the six new fire

stations, the seven refurbishments. I think we’re purchasing two new vehicles and amenities such as a fridge,” he said.

## British Virgin Islands Premier arrested in DEA cocaine sting



by Khaila Gentle

MIAMI, United States, Thurs. Apr. 28, 2022

The Premier of the British Virgin Islands (BVI), Andrew Alturo Fahie, and the BVI's Director of Port Authority, Oleanvine Maynard, have been detained in Miami by the United States' Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) on charges of money laundering and conspiracy to import cocaine into the United States. Also arrested was Kadeem Maynard, the son of the port authority director, although he was not in Miami.

According to the *Miami Herald*, Fahie and Maynard were detained at Miami-Opa-Locka Executive Airport after meeting with undercover DEA agents posing as drug traffickers belonging to the Mexican Sinaloa Cartel to check out a shipment of \$700,000 in cash on an airplane destined for the British Virgin Islands.

United States authorities told the *Herald* that the duo had been in Miami for a cruise convention but visited the airport after the agents informed them about the money—telling them that it was a payoff for allowing the future passage of cocaine loads through the British Virgin Islands into the United States.

Both government officials are expected to appear in a Miami federal court on Friday afternoon.

Andrew Fahie has been serving as the BVI Premier since February 2019. Thursday's drug bust is not the first time that the Premier has been at the center of controversy. In 2003, reports surfaced that he was being investigated for money laundering. Additionally, the UK is currently conducting an unrelated corruption investigation of Fahie's government.

The British Virgin Islands has been a major transshipment point for cocaine bound for the United States since the 1980s. And Fahie is not the first head of state to have been charged with violating US drug laws.



## FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE UNIT (FIU)



### VACANCY FOR SENIOR COMPLIANCE OFFICER

The Senior Compliance Officer, under the direction of the Director and Deputy Director, will be responsible for the implementation and management of the Unit's anti-money laundering, countering the financing of terrorism, and countering the financing of proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (AML/CFT/CFP), risk-based supervision of Designated Non-Financial Businesses and Professions (DNFBPs) in accordance with the Money Laundering and Terrorism Prevention Act (MLTPA) and the Financial Action Task Force's Recommendations.

#### Qualifications/Experience/Skills:

1. Master's or Bachelor's Degree in Business Management, Accounting, Finance or related discipline;
2. Certification in AML/CFT/CFP compliance (ACAMS / FIBA) preferable; Knowledge of the domestic legal and regulatory framework related to anti-money laundering, terrorist financing, and financing of the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (ML/TF/PF);
3. Ability to conduct complete, efficient, thorough and ethical AML/CFT/CPF compliance examinations;
4. Three to five years professional work experience in the financial services industry;
5. In-depth knowledge of the FATF 40 Recommendations;
6. Report writing skills;
7. Strategic planning skills;
8. Managerial and supervisory skills;
9. Ability to develop and deliver training activities;
10. Good interpersonal, multi-tasking, organizational, analytical and research skills;
11. Knowledge of Microsoft Office suite;
12. Audit experience would be an asset.

#### Core Duties:

- Lead the implementation and ongoing development of a sound risk-based supervisory framework for DNFBPs;
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- Monitor the evolving ML/TF/PF risk environment, identify emerging risks and respond promptly with appropriate supervisory actions to mitigate risks as it relates to the DNFBP sectors;
- Implement a supervisory strategy that effectively directs supervisory focus to higher or emerging ML/TF/PF risks.
- Supervise the examination of entities in the DNFBP sectors to ensure that they have effective AML/CFT/CFP policies in place and where issues are identified, provide targeted guidance and feedback;
- Review and sign off on inspection reports and remedial action plans, and ensure the ongoing monitoring of deficiencies identified;
- Direct/and or oversee remedial actions and exercise of enforcement powers in a dissuasive and proportionate manner, based on the results of examination of DNFBPs;
- Prepare reports and decision papers to be presented to the Director including but not limited to progress reports based on agreed targets;
- Maintain statistics for example as it relates to measures adopted and sanctions imposed in the context of enforcing compliance guidelines for the DNFBP sectors;
- Supervise the pool of Compliance Officers and provide them with on-going training;
- Develop and execute training workshops and programs geared towards increasing the awareness of AML/CFT/CFP obligations amongst the DNFBP sectors;
- Provide advice and support to the Director on matters relating to the supervision of DNFBPs;
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# PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

## Punta Gorda Town

BY ORDER of the Government of Belize, Licensed Auctioneer **Mr. Fitzgerald A. Joseph** will auction the following unserviceable vehicles, farm and office equipment on site at the **Toledo Agriculture Station**, located in Punta Gorda Town, Toledo District, Belize on Friday the **6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022**, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

No.	Type/ Name/Brand	Specification	Machine VIN No. or ID
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4	PIKUP Toyota	TOL-158 (Only the frame)	LN166L-PRMDS
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8	Combine Harvester	NEW HOLLAND TC57	0017-ZCS82
9	Combine Harvester	NEW HOLLAND TC57	0018-ZE847
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11	Combine Harvester	Combine harvester header	0004
12	Massey Ferguson Tractor	Cyb-834	Lf31275 US78819E, ENG:115512200
13	Water Tank	Metal type of Frame	00030
14	Metal Trailer	Wagon Shape type on frame	00029
15	Seed Planter/Drill	Massey Ferguson	MF 30-W 2148
16	Seed Planter/Drill	John Deere	8000-049040N
17	Seed Planter/Drill	TATU MARCHESAN PST3	040015781
18	Boggi-Trailer	Star-fri Boggi	0001
19	Motorcycle-Honda	CYMC-0014	ML-200GY.5
20	Motorcycle-Melium	CYCMC-0014	ML-200 GY.5
21	Chemical Bowser	Round-Blue Colored Frame	00038
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23	Cannon	Fax Phone Printer	CSJ04598
24	HP Desk Kit	Printer-Scanner	CN28D2107J
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26	ACER	Monitor	ETL3409004502025FIPQ10
27	ACER	Monitor	ETL340900450202645PQ10
28	HP	Monitor	3CQ8272PBM
29	DELL	Monitor	CNOKU789-7161878LBF9E
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37	FORZA	UPS Battery	31750031
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39	DURABLE PRO 500	CPU	0041000000415
40	Electronic Calculator	MONROE6120	NN020371
41	Electronic Calculator	Texas Instrument	0000182
42	HUGHES	Modem	HKA77GOFZ03809078
43	OVISLINK	Internet Modems	16D9030366
44	PORT	Internet Modems	11127083100132
45	Miscellaneous	Computer parts, cables, port shub	Assorted

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**POSITION TITLE:** Administrative Officer  
**ANTICIPATED START DATE:** 15 May 2022  
**REPORTS TO:** Technical Officer  
**LOCATION:** Dangriga Town, Stann Creek District



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

#### Description:

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

#### Key Responsibilities

The Administrative Officer shall hold the following responsibilities:

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

#### Experience & Knowledge Requirements:

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

#### Remuneration:

Based on qualifications

#### Applications:

To apply, candidates should send a Cover Letter and Curriculum Vitae to the Assistant General Secretary of the Football Federation of Belize Headquarters by 4:00 p.m. May 5, 2022 to: Email: [luis\\_pena@footballfederationbelize.bz](mailto:luis_pena@footballfederationbelize.bz)



# PRESS PREDICTIONS

The sports psychic speaks

## BOLEDO

“Press” Predictions: 65-36-54  
Boledo stats thru April 29 to May 6, 2022

In boledo news, the thirties series has not played for 49 days now. These are my lucky numbers for this week: 54-36-65-00-26-83. These are my lucky jackpot numbers: 1725-9800-6834. These are my lucky PICK-3 numbers: 821-653-780-119-003-462. Get ready Belize some dinero will be coming our way. 55 is still out for over 1 year 6 months and 2 weeks exact, 03 refuses to play since the 12<sup>th</sup> of February last year, that’s over 1 year 2 months and 2 days now, 12 just joined the crowd. The other 2 hard numbers are 26 and 38. The ending 2 ball is very hot, played some 16 times already. The ending 9 ball played

some 14 times already, the hottest leading series is the teens, played some 13 times now. Keep your eyes open for 36 and 65, last year 36 played some 8 times, 65 played some 7 times. They are both long overdue. A lot of low numbers will be out this week. Remember to read your Psalms: 91-92&63. Good luck to all buyers, next week more lucky numbers.

## LOCAL FOOTBALL

### Belize Hosts U-19 Tournament in Belmopan

**Local Football Results Predictions**  
In local football action, the regular season last weekend of football, the defending champions, Verdes FC won the tournament back to back unbeaten and undefeated; they won 45 games in the last

47 games they played with one draw. The manager of the year will be Mr. Lorin Frager again, that’s his fifth award as manager. That’s a new record in that department. Then Wagiya FC beat Caesar Ridge 2 to 1, San Pedro Pirates then edged Garden City 3 to 2. Altitude FC came in second place again. The next season will have at



Sergio Chuc

least 8 teams, Orange Walk and the Benque Boys with Shamir Pacheco and Najib Guerra, Mr. Makin will be the manager. The FFB is



by Gilroy “Press” Cadogan

hosting the U-19 Tournament for all Central American countries for 6 days. The Belize Team will play all the last games at 7 p.m. Enuff respect to the FFB President Sergio Chuc and his vice president Cruz Gamez. They are doing a very splendid job for FIFA, Next week more stats.

## NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

The Boston Celtics will edge the champions, the Milwaukee Bucks, in 6 games

### NBA Play-offs Results and Predictions

In NBA Playoffs action, the Boston Celtics will beat the Brooklyn Nets in 5 games, Jason Tatum and the Celtics are the best defensive team in the playoffs. Then the Miami Heat will crush the Atlanta Hawks and Trae Young in 5 games. Jimmy Butler had 45 points in game 2 win in Miami. The Philadelphia 76ers will beat the Raptors in 5 games also, Joel Embiid won game 3 at the buzzer for the 76ers.



Giannis Antetokounmpo

James Harden had 21 points and 6 assists. Giannis Antetokounmpo and the champions, the Milwaukee Bucks, will dispose of the Chicago Bulls in 5 games also; all of the East Coast series will go to 5 games. In the West, the Dallas Mavericks and Luka Dončić will edge the Utah Jazz in 7 hard games. Then the Golden State Warriors and Steph Curry will win 5 easy games. Nikola Jokic, the MVP, is well defended by the Warriors. The Phoenix Suns’ hands are very full with a young and upstate New Orleans Pelicans team. Devin Booker will be out for at least 2 weeks; that series will go to 7 games, -upsets will be around. The Memphis Grizzlies and Ja Morant will survive the Minnesota Timberwolves in 6 hard games. Next week some predictions on the next series.

## INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL

Manchester City and Liverpool are the top

### International Football Results

In international football action, the EPL is the most exciting/entertaining league in



## Invitation for Bids

### BELIZE

### SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND

**Contract Title:** Supply and Delivery of one (1) pick-up truck and one (1) passenger van for BSIF, Belmopan City, Cayo District, Belize

**Reference No:** 6000/26

- The **Belize Social Investment Fund**, an implementing agency for the Government of Belize through the Ministry of Finance, Economic Development and Investment intends to apply proceeds toward payments under the contract for **Supply and Delivery of one (1) pick-up truck and one (1) passenger van for BSIF, Belmopan.**
- The Belize Social Investment Fund now invites sealed bids from bidders for the following items:

Lot No.	Description of Goods	Quantity	Physical Unit	Final (Project Site) Destination
1	4 X 4 diesel automatic transmission pick-up truck	1	No.	<b>Belize Social Investment Fund, 1902 Constitution Drive, Belmopan</b>
2	Automatic transmission high roof passenger van	1	No.	

- Bidding will be conducted through open competition and is open to all bidders.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information (Technical Specifications) from Belize Social Investment Fund, Sr. Procurement Officer at [ruby.pascascio@sifbelize.org](mailto:ruby.pascascio@sifbelize.org) or [submissions@sifbelize.org](mailto:submissions@sifbelize.org).
- Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before **11:00 a.m. on Friday, May 13, 2022**. Electronic bids will not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the bidders’ designated representatives and anyone who choose to attend at the address below, on **Friday, May 13, 2022 at 11:15 a.m.**
- The address referred to above is:

Belize Social Investment Fund  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 1902 Constitution Drive  
Belmopan, Belize  
Attn: Sr. Procurement Officer  
Tel: 501-822-0239  
Fax: 501-822-0279  
Website: [www.sifbelize.org](http://www.sifbelize.org)





**THE UNITED NATIONS POPULATION FUND**

Sub-regional Office for the Caribbean invites applications from suitably **qualified nationals of Belize and Caribbean nationals residing in Belize**

**This is not an international post**

JOB ID NO.: 41697  
 CLOSING DATE: May 9, 2022  
 POST TITLE: Programme Assistant  
 POST LEVEL: GS-5  
 CATEGORY: Fixed Term  
 POST NUMBER: 00108545  
 POST TYPE: Non-rotational  
 DUTY STATION: UNFPA Sub-regional Office, Belize  
 DURATION: One year (renewable)  
 ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: UNFPA Sub-regional Office for the Caribbean

**Organizational Setting and Location**

Under the overall supervision of the Director of the Sub-Regional Office for the Caribbean, based in Jamaica, and direct supervision of the Belize Liaison Officer, the Programme Assistant supports the design, planning, execution and management of UNFPA's programme by providing administrative, programmatic and operational support, including supply chain and logistical support in humanitarian contexts.

**Job Purpose**

The Programme Assistant will provide support to ensure that the business processes are followed in the processing of financial transactions related to office management and operations. He/she is instrumental in facilitating administrative support and office management/operations using and developing appropriate mechanisms and systems - particularly Atlas ERP- and ensuring compliance with established procedures

**Duties & Responsibilities, *Inter alia*:**

- Provides substantive programmatic and logistical support for UNFPA programmatic interventions, workshops, capacity building activities, commemoration of International Days, review meetings with stakeholders, advocacy and public information events, and other initiatives, including those within the joint UN framework.
- Ensures timely and efficient support to office financial and administration tasks including payment of vouchers, bills, travel tickets, per diem for meeting participants, consultancies, vendor creation, raising of requisitions, purchase orders, procurement of goods and services and other related processes.
- Maintains petty cash and effects payments when authorized by the appropriate official of the SRO.
- Assists the Liaison Officer in compiling data relevant for the conduct of advocacy and policy support activities, establishing and implementing mechanisms to systematically assess the achievement of results, participating in review meetings and evaluation missions and preparing regular inputs to status and progress reports, including analysis of data from Atlas ERP.
- Supports advocacy and resource mobilization efforts of the Sub-regional Office by compiling and synthesizing relevant background material for use in discussions and public events. Assists in establishing and maintaining networks of donor and public information contacts and provides assistance in organizing and conducting donor meetings. Supports posting of relevant material on social media pages as per internal communication mechanisms.
- Represents UNFPA in joint UN mechanisms as required including for joint security and duty of care efforts, implementation of the Business Operation Strategy, and contributes to enhancing UNFPA visibility through internal and external communications and social media engagement and monitoring with UN and partners.

**Requirements:**

To apply please go to: <https://bit.ly/UNFPASPC> for the detailed Job Description and instructions. **Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.**

**Note:**

- There is no application, processing or other fee at any stage of the application process.
- UNFPA does not solicit or screen for information in respect of HIV or AIDS and does not discriminate on the basis of HIV/AIDS status.
- UNFPA provides a work environment that reflects the values of gender equality, teamwork, respect for diversity, integrity and a healthy balance of work and life. We are committed to maintaining our balanced gender distribution and therefore encourage women to apply.

# Invitation for Bids

## Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Immigration

The Government of Belize (GOB), through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Immigration (the "Ministry") has decided to conduct an Amnesty Program for irregular migrants who have been living in Belize. The Program is scheduled to begin August 2, 2022. The GOB has set aside funds to meet related expenses and has earmarked the purchase of the below listed equipment as necessary to carry out an effective amnesty program:

**57 Desktop Computers**  
**57 Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS)**  
**57 Web Cameras**  
**40 Signature Pads**  
**40 Scanners**  
**14 File Server Hard Drives**  
**40 Photocopiers**  
**20 Printers**  
**1 Year Subscription – Online Appointment System**

The Ministry now invites tenders for the supply of the above listed equipment. Bidding for the equipment is to be made by lot(s) or the entire package. Interested tenderers can obtain the bidding document commencing on April 25, 2022 from the address below between the hours of 8:00 am to 4:00 pm on Mondays to Thursdays and 8:00 am to 3:30 pm on Fridays. The deadline for clarifications is May 2, 2022 at 4:00 pm. The deadline to submit tenders is May 11, 2022 at 2:00 pm. Sealed bids are to be delivered to the Ministry at the address below. Late bids will be rejected and returned unopened.

The requisite to participate in this bidding includes, but is not limited to, the presentation of Certificates of Good Standing from the Belize Companies Registry, the Belize Tax Service and the Belize Social Security Board or proof of Incorporation and Financial Audited Statements for the last 3 years. Qualification requirements are as specified in Instructions to Bidders, Clause 14, Documents "Establishing the Eligibility and Qualifications of the Bidder", and in the Bid Data Sheet. All bids shall be accompanied by a **Bid Securing Declaration** as specified in the Instructions to Bidders.

This advertisement can also be seen on the Ministry of Immigration's web page at <https://immigration.gov.bz>.

The address referred to above is the address for the (i) collection of Bidding Documents; (ii) submission of Bid Documents; and (iii) opening of bids, as stated below:

**Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Immigration**  
**Mountain View Blvd.**  
**Belmopan City, Belize, C.A.**  
**Tel: 822-3860**  
**Email: [ceo@immigration.gov.bz](mailto:ceo@immigration.gov.bz)**

The Bidders are requested to submit as part of the bid the "Statement of Ethical Conduct and Fraud and Corruption". In case of misleading information or non-adherence to the Fraud and Corruption provisions of the Bidding Documents, the Bidder shall be pursued by the GoB.



# Despertar Politico: The US goes crazy



by Clinton Canul Luna

After the Russian Ambassador to Mexico, Imran Khan, met at the Chamber of Federal Deputies in Mexico, giving his speech about the situation in Donbass. Shortly after, a US Congressman presented a list with 25 names of the Mexican deputies that participated, to be sanctioned through the cancellation of their visas for entry into the US. However, our dear readers of this column, permit me to share with you, the following information which was published on a Youtube channel by the name “Despertar Político” on April 6, 2022. The video is entitled “Cometen Error. EEUU se desquicia, inician cacería contra diputados PRO AMLO. Noroña involucrado”. Part 2 is as follows:

“Following the mass killings by the Russians in Bucha, politicians who oppose supplying Ukraine with necessary weapons or imposing new sanctions will be held morally responsible for all subsequent casualties. Had qualified that devastating sanctions should be applied to Russia, an embargo on Russian oil, gas and coal, closing all ports to Russian ships and merchandise and more”. (Fátima Ramírez read the above in Spanish from LaJornada dated April 4, 2022)

What flavor do you want in your ice-cream?! So they come and use the representative, the president of Canada, Justin Trudeau, who had a meeting with President Obrador and no, not mainly

to talk about our economic relations, but rather to talk about the issue of Ukraine. Do me a favor! “On the phone today, President Obrador and I shared our concerns about the humanitarian impact of the war in Ukraine — and I invited him to take part in this week’s #StandUpForUkraine event in support of Ukrainian refugees and others who have been displaced”. [Tweeted President Justin Trudeau on April 5, 2022] And I will point out that it was our country that put the issue of humanitarian aid on the table at the UN, due to the conflict between the two nations. As if they want to get the credit. We continue with the tweet. “We also

spoke about the relationship between Canada and Mexico, the trade and economic ties between our two countries, and the work we are doing together to advance shared priorities”. Well, there you have it, using other nations, putting the hook. Meanwhile, a Texan legislator asks that they take away their visas as people, who cannot see them in the US for having done their job in the union congress. We had friendship meetings with different nations and there they saw how we met with the Russian ambassador. Well, that’s why they want to remove them. “US congressmen asks to revoke the entry of 25 ‘pro-Russian’ Mexican politicians”. Among them is Fernandez Noroña. “The congressman is from the United States of Mexican origin, or Vicente González, from the 15th district of Texas, asked the Secretaries of State, Anthony Blinken, and National Security, Alejandro Mayorkas, to revoke the visas and entry and stay permits of 25 politicians of Mexico who participated in the Mexico-Russia friendship committee... According to the congressman, although President Obrador publicly maintains a neutral position in the face of the conflict, the actions of members of his party show the opposite, due — he pointed out — to those who have expressed their support for Russian President Vladimir Putin”. [Extracted from Expansion Política dated March 5, 2022]

Where did you see it? We have condemned the conflict, we have condemned the use of force against humanity, against someone who wants to put us to fight and let us take sides and defend the US theory, well, where did you see it? Is that the ice-cream they wanted? “If these individuals refuse to condemn Russia, and instead choose to support tyranny, we should not allow the privilege of travel or residence in the US”. [Expansion Política] But what madness! The spokeswoman for the Gringos, Dolia Estévez, said, “The US denies or revokes visas to people they consider enemies or undesirable. After the invasion of Ukraine, it revoked visas to Russian oligarchs and apparatchiks. Fernández Noroña, Alberto Anaya, heads the list of the 25 Mexicans that the US no longer wants”. How do you see it?

To our representative, Fernández Noroña, they want to remove him and take away his visa. “They lack the truth. I asked the representative of the Chamber of Deputies, Sergio Luna, to intervene.” (Fernández Noroña tweeted) What Deputy Fernández Noroña said, “The Board of Directors has to ensure constitutional jurisdiction, an American legislator is asking that the visas of

### 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: [eloysa@grandbelizeanestates.com](mailto:eloysa@grandbelizeanestates.com)



SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD

## Public Notice of Investment

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Social Security Act, Chapter 44 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011, that the Social Security Board, as per its Investment Framework, Section 49, has proposed to lend the amount of **One Million Dollars (BZ\$1,000,000.00)** to Marie Sharp’s Fine Foods Limited for capital expenditures. The new loan facility will be consolidated for a term of six (6) years. Principal and interest payments will be paid quarterly on the declining balance.



# PM steps in for importer of invasive plants

*PM Hon. John Briceño and Agriculture Minister Hon. Jose Mai have both admitted to making personal calls to allow the release of quarantined plants being brought into the country by plant seller Diani Chan. Questions have been raised, however, about whether the importation of some of those plants, which are said to be invasive/ endangered, violates the CITES convention.*



Plants for sale

by *Khaila Gentle*

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Apr. 27, 2022

Prime Minister John Briceño has admitted to local media that he did in fact make a call to expedite the clearance process for a number of quarantined plants belonging to a local plant seller. Since the public became aware of the apparent preferential treatment that enabled one businesswoman to bring in the reportedly prohibited species, some have been wondering about the potential impact that the presence of potentially invasive plant species could have on the country's local flora and fauna, as well as the effects that a possible blacklisting of some local exports due to the apparent violation of the CITES convention, could have on the country. According to Hon. Briceño, however, his call to the Forestry Department was just an effort to get officials who tend to purposely drag their feet to promptly get the job done for the Belizean public.

Corozal plant seller Diani Chan had been in the process of clearing her imported plants when that process was brought to a halt by officers of the Forestry Department—reportedly because they became aware that some of those plants are considered invasive or endangered under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) regulations.

Chan, who is the owner of Botanical Garden by Roselynn, had reportedly received several permits from the Belize Agricultural Health Authority (BAHA) to import several thousand plants. Had some of those plants been listed under CITES, however, additional documentation would have been needed to allow for their clearance; without them, the plants would have to be confiscated by the Forestry Department and destroyed. And it appears that this is what the Forestry Department sought to do. It reportedly called BAHA and the

Customs Department to inform them that Forestry Department personnel would come on the following day, April 12, to inspect the plants (which arrived at the border on April 11) and possibly confiscate any prohibited species. That enforcement process was aborted, however, and Chan was eventually able to get her plants out of quarantine as a result of the intervention of Prime Minister John Briceño, who said he stepped in after receiving calls from Minister of Agriculture Hon. Jose Mai. It was at that point that an initial call was made by the PM to the Customs Department so that the plants could be handed over to Chan.

When asked about the matter last week—including about whether this “special treatment” could potentially affect Belize's CITES standing—the Prime Minister said that he merely provided help to a small business owner who has struggled to get her plants across the border on several occasions.

“I think what's important here is to be able to get the entire picture as to what had happened. I was called by the Minister of Agriculture. Very frustrated, he was saying that Miss Chan—I don't know Miss Chan—is a young entrepreneur trying her best to start a new business that has done everything possible to be able to import her plants to Belize,” he said.

According to the Prime Minister, Chan, despite supposedly having all her permits, was stopped at the border on April 11 and prevented from bringing in her plants. Minister Mai had called Prime Minister Briceño and asked him to request that the Customs Department let Chan through.

In regards to why he felt it necessary to take steps to speed up the clearance process, the Prime Minister said, “If it stays on the other side, it is going to be, ehm, they're going to spoil—they're going to die. And so I had to



**Ministry of Rural Transformation**  
Community Development, Labour and Local Government

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www.mlgrd.gov.bz

## CALL FOR PROPOSALS:

**Consultancy services for research and formulation of a plan for the Gradual Implementation of the Government's Commitment to reaching A Five-Dollar National Minimum Wage**

### PURPOSE:

The Ministry of Rural Transformation, Community Development, Labour and Local Government is launching a call for proposals from interested professionals to conduct background research and formulate a plan for the gradual implementation of the Government's commitment to reaching a Five-Dollar National Minimum Wage.

### OBJECTIVES OF THE CONSULTANCY:

The main objective of the Consultancy is to formulate a Plan for the gradual implementation of Government's commitment to reaching a Five-Dollar national minimum wage.

### MAIN ACTIVITIES:

**Phase (I) – Situational Analysis:** A thorough assessment of the political, economic, social, business and institutional factors in order to understand the current and future national context of the wage's dynamics.

**Phase (II) – Gap Analysis:** The Consultant will identify specific wages and productivity issues for traditional and non-traditional forms of work – against the backdrop of significant challenges and opportunities for Belize's labour market.

**Phase (III) – Drafting of Plan:** The Consultant will produce a Plan in plain, actionable language while grouping topics and provisions in a logical structure addressing scope of implementation, and supplementary and legal provisions.

**Phase (IV) - Implementation:** The Consultant will prepare an operational and monitoring and evaluation framework.

### QUALIFICATIONS AND COMPETENCIES:

Candidates seeking to undertake this consultancy should possess the following minimum qualifications:

- Master's Degree in Public Policy, Labour Economics, Development Studies, Industrial Relations or any related fields from a recognized university or institution with ten years of relevant professional experience;
- Exposure to and familiarity with local labour markets' conditions, policies, programs and Pre and Post COVID-19 situations;
- Strong practical understanding of macro and micro economic policies and conditions;
- Strong practical knowledge and implementation of wages legislation and policies;
- Strong practical knowledge of government processes, legislations, regulations, and policies;

### SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS AND SELECTION PROCESS:

Each proposal should consist of:

1. A short cover letter (2 pages maximum) with exact references to the consultant's experience with similar undertakings specifying – in detail – (i) experience with wages policies, action plans or similar documents; (ii) experience with policy research, development, and implementation skill; and (iii) knowledge of Belize labour markets' conditions, policies, programs and Pre and Post COVID-19 situations;
2. Relevant samples of work and/or hyperlinks to published material;
3. Tentative calendar for carrying out the various phases of the process (see section 7, paragraphs (i) to (iv) of the Terms of Reference). With regards to the calendar of activities, please note:
  - a. The consultant is expected to start working during the month of April 2022 and conclude the exercise at least, by October 2022.
  - b. The full stakeholders' consultation schedule and modality will be jointly determined after selection of the candidates in line with the stakeholders' availability, COVID-19 health situation/regulation and available resources.
4. Curriculum vitae and current affiliation of relevant consultants, if any;
5. A price proposal that includes all consultant fees and related expenses. Meetings and workshop costs will be covered by the Ministry.
6. Incomplete proposals will not be considered.
7. The full Terms of Reference may be requested from [lambcl@gobmail.gov.bz](mailto:lambcl@gobmail.gov.bz)

### Proposals must be submitted to:

Post:  
Chief Executive Officer  
Ministry of Rural Transformation, Community Development, Labour and Local Government 5163 University Boulevard  
Belmopan City, CAYO

And

Email: [lambcl@gobmail.gov.bz](mailto:lambcl@gobmail.gov.bz)

All submissions must be made by 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2022 at 4:00pm





## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

### Development of Maintenance Plans and Manuals for Recreation Infrastructure in the MPR

**Institution:** MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND DIASPORA RELATIONS (MTDR)  
**Country:** BELIZE  
**Project:** SUSTAINABLE TOURISM PROGRAM II (STPII)  
**Sector:** SUSTAINABLE TOURISM  
**Operation No.:** 3566/OC-BL  
**Project ID No.:** CS-42  
**Deadline:** Wednesday, May 4, 2022, at 4:00 pm, local Belize time

The Government of Belize has received financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) toward the cost of the "Sustainable Tourism Program II" (STPII), and intends to apply part of the proceeds for this consulting service.

The purpose of this consultancy is to develop maintenance plans for the recreation infrastructure implemented at the Rio Frio Cave Complex and Rio On Pools, in the Mountain Pine Ridge Forest Reserve. Also, to develop maintenance manuals and training of staff.

This consultancy should not exceed a period of ten weeks.

Candidates must demonstrate successful experience with the development and implementation of maintenance plans, including aspects related to training and capacity building. The Consultant must have experience in developing maintenance plans for Protected Areas or other types of recreation natural areas.

The Consultant must possess the following qualification and experience necessary to complete this consultancy:

- Language: English (Oral and Written)
- Education: Minimum of Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering or other related Engineering degrees.
- General Experience: Minimum of 5 years from obtaining the academic title.
- Specific Experience1: Minimum of three years working experience corrective, preventive and predictive maintenance of different type of facilities especially recreational facilities or related field.
- Specific Experience2: Demonstrated experienced in the development of maintenance plans or guidelines for maintaining facilities.
- Specific Experience3: Demonstrated experience working on projects with both virtual and onsite modes of training and capacity building.
- Course or Training - training, capacity building, management, facility maintenance, or other related field would be a plus.
- Knowledgeable of Belize's laws, regulations, and policies.

The individual consultant will be selected based on the Comparison of Qualification for Individual Consultants procurement method in accordance with the procedures set out in the Inter-American Development Bank: *Policies for the selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter- American Development Bank* (GN-2350-15).

The Ministry of Tourism and Diaspora Relations, now invites eligible individuals to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested persons should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services.

Interested individual consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours of 09:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday to Friday, local Belize time. Expressions of interest must be delivered via direct mail or e-mail at the address indicated below by 4:00 pm on Wednesday, May 4, 2022, local Belize time.

Ministry of Tourism and Diaspora Relations  
 Attn: Tamara Tingling-Cano  
 Procurement Specialist, STPII  
 106 South Street, Belize City,  
 Tel: 501-227-1760  
 E-mail: [tamara.cano@tourism.gov.bz](mailto:tamara.cano@tourism.gov.bz), [ceo@tourism.gov.bz](mailto:ceo@tourism.gov.bz)

## CAREER OPPORTUNITY FOR THE POST OF CORPORATE OFFICER

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

### EDUCATION:

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

### REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS:

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

Send application along with resume and photograph no later than 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022 to:

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



## VACANCY MARKET ECONOMY RESEARCH ANALYST

*Interested applicants must possess the following skills and qualifications:*

### REQUIREMENTS AND PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

#### Education and Experience:

- Bachelor's Degree in Economics, Business Administration, Accounting or Finance with five years' experience in banking and in the collection, analysis, presentation, and preparation of reports on qualitative and quantitative data.
- Experience in financial analysis and credit administration and analysis.

#### Knowledge, Skills and Competencies:

- Excellent analytical skills, time management and organizational skills
- Ability to conduct in depth financial analysis and draft concise reports.
- Highly dedicated and motivated and work well under pressure.
- Proactive and takes initiative while exercising good judgment.
- Uphold the Bank's standards and values and maintain strict confidentiality.

#### General Responsibilities:

- Conduct quantitative and qualitative research on relative industries and market trends.
- Collect useful economic data from relevant organizations and or/agencies.
- Produce reports, presentations, analysis, and executive summaries of the macro and micro economy.
- Engage in meeting with local and/or international organizations and business agencies to determine macro and micro economic statistics.
- Identify commercial opportunities for potential investments for the bank.
- Create clear and useful reports and recommendations for internal use.
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# PM steps in for importer of invasive plants

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call and ask, and it was done.”

According to the president of the Public Service Union, Dean Flowers, the plants were brought across the border “during closing hours” between the end of the working day on April 11 and the morning of April 12—the day on which the Forestry personnel were to have inspected and possibly confiscated the plants. Upon going to

make that inspection on April 12 and finding that the plants had already been handed over to Chan, Forestry officers reportedly went to Chan’s private premises, where they reportedly met some resistance. According to PSU president Dean Flowers, “they were jeered at for their enforcement attempts.” Forestry officers then reportedly went to get the assistance of police so that they could proceed with confiscating and destroying any prohibited plants. This was the point at which Minister Mai once again reached out to the Prime Minister and requested that he intervene.

“This time around, I was in the middle of a meeting again, and Minister Mai called me again, very frustrated again. He said the same person is having the very same problem and was saying that now BAHA had approved...and that everything was in place. I think he even said that Forestry had approved a permit for them to bring in these. And now that there was a staff member from the Forestry Department that was now attempting to take away these plants,” he said. (However, according to 7News, which reportedly did a follow-up query, sources have indicated that “no such permit from Forestry exists”.)

Prime Minister Briceño told local media that he quickly called the officer in charge at the department, who reportedly responded rudely and then hung up on him.

“The officer in charge was very rude in the way he behaved. He said only his boss can call him. And I said that I

am asking you as Prime Minister to please allow them to come in, and then, we can deal with the facts afterwards since it was already here,” Hon. Briceño said.

Whether or not those “facts” were dealt with, however, remains to be seen. The Prime Minister also further explained that the officer he spoke with mentioned nothing about CITES.

When speaking to reporters about his decision to intervene, Prime Minister Briceño made an effort to underscore what he sees as a huge problem in many government departments.

“One of the biggest problems that we have in government, and the Forestry Department is no exception—is not the only one, sorry: All of the other departments, they all have their rules, and sometimes they drag their feet. We have the problem with DOE, with Geology, with Lands Department, and you have people that want to provide a service to our citizens; you have people that invested a lot of money; you have small businesses like this individual, like Miss Chan who di put her life savings trying to get a permit and to try and open a business and when we drag our feet we create serious problems. In this instance, I simply got involved simply because Minister Mai was trying to get it done and could not get it resolved, and I called, yes I called,” he said.

The Prime Minister then went on to insinuate that the bigger problem at hand is that certain government workers purposely drag their feet when addressing

matters that need to be resolved because they want compensation (additional to the salary they receive from GoB) for what they do.

Notably, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Jose Mai has objected to public claims that government departments must prevent the importation of plant species that are deemed endangered or invasive under CITES regulations, in order to avoid the blacklisting of exports such as seafood and lumber from the country.

“Those CITES... have to be converted into a law that authorizes the ministry to issue permits or to confiscate or to destroy. Now that is still in committee and committee stage, so you cannot act before the law is passed. So that was where the technical people from BAHA and Forestry were having a problem,” he said.

He then explained, in regard to what occurred when Chan attempted to import her plants, “When she got to the border, there seemed to be some kind of controversy with BAHA and Forestry. was saying that they needed to give a import permit and then my BAHA technical group was saying, ‘Minister, BAHA is the only competent authority that can authorize this.’ Forestry has said that we are signatories to CITES, which are multi-lateral conventions for the protection of endangered species, animal and plant and so on. But these are CITES, but they are not yet law. As a matter of fact, that CITES bill is still in at the committee stage.”

## Despertar Politico: The US goes crazy

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those of us who participated in the installation of the Mexico-Russia friendship group be withdrawn, I ask that they look at the situation of the legislators who are threatened, I don’t care if they take away my United States visa, but it is a violation of our rights and guarantees, of free expression, and of an institutional task of the Chamber, which is the installation of groups of friendship”. But there we see the way in which they want to pressure, the way in which they want to point out that Mexico is no longer a friend, but imposes sanctions on Russia, the pressures that are in the background.

(To Be Continued)

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April 23, 2022

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Deadline for receipt of applications: **May 15, 2022**

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## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

### Development of Maintenance Plans and Manuals for Recreation Infrastructure in the MPR

**Institution:** MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND DIASPORA RELATIONS (MTDR)  
**Country:** BELIZE  
**Project:** SUSTAINABLE TOURISM PROGRAM II (STPII)  
**Sector:** SUSTAINABLE TOURISM  
**Operation No.:** 3566/OC-BL  
**Project ID No.:** CS-42  
**Deadline:** Wednesday, May 4, 2022, at 4:00 pm, local Belize time

The Government of Belize has received financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) toward the cost of the "Sustainable Tourism Program II" (STPII), and intends to apply part of the proceeds for this consulting service.

The purpose of this consultancy is to develop maintenance plans for the recreation infrastructure implemented at the Rio Frio Cave Complex and Rio On Pools, in the Mountain Pine Ridge Forest Reserve. Also, to develop maintenance manuals and training of staff.

This consultancy should not exceed a period of ten weeks.

Candidates must demonstrate successful experience with the development and implementation of maintenance plans, including aspects related to training and capacity building. The Consultant must have experience in developing maintenance plans for Protected Areas or other types of recreation natural areas.

The Consultant must possess the following qualification and experience necessary to complete this consultancy:

- Language: English (Oral and Written)
- Education: Minimum of Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering or other related Engineering degrees.
- General Experience: Minimum of 5 years from obtaining the academic title.
- Specific Experience1: Minimum of three years working experience corrective, preventive and predictive maintenance of different type of facilities especially recreational facilities or related field.
- Specific Experience2: Demonstrated experienced in the development of maintenance plans or guidelines for maintaining facilities.
- Specific Experience3: Demonstrated experience working on projects with both virtual and onsite modes of training and capacity building.
- Course or Training - training, capacity building, management, facility maintenance, or other related field would be a plus.
- Knowledgeable of Belize's laws, regulations, and policies.

The individual consultant will be selected based on the Comparison of Qualification for Individual Consultants procurement method in accordance with the procedures set out in the Inter-American Development Bank: *Policies for the selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter- American Development Bank* (GN-2350-15).

The Ministry of Tourism and Diaspora Relations, now invites eligible individuals to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested persons should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services.

Interested individual consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours of 09:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday to Friday, local Belize time. Expressions of interest must be delivered via direct mail or e-mail at the address indicated below by 4:00 pm on Wednesday, May 4, 2022, local Belize time.

Ministry of Tourism and Diaspora Relations  
 Attn: Tamara Tingling-Cano  
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## Abandoned building gutted by fire on Cran Street



**Fire on Cran Street**

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Apr. 27, 2022

An abandoned building on Cran Street in Belize City which was said to be frequented by drug users and the homeless was destroyed by a fire on Tuesday night. The National Fire Service reported that they got the distress call around 9:30 p.m., and when they arrived on the scene a raging fire fueled by strong winds presented some challenges to firefighters. The building was set to be demolished, according to Station Supervisor, Kenneth Mortis, who identified the owner of the property as Delia Williams, a Belizean living in America.

"We extinguished that fire not before facing some of the minor challenges of the nature and the wind and what not. That fire had us shifting our tactics; the wind played a little role and almost had us a bit bamboozled; however, we were successful. We learned that the building had been abandoned for some time. The owner, one Ms. Delia Williams who resides

in the U.S., had left the building, and we gathered that when she did return to Belize it would have been for demolishing and the construction of a new establishment on the property," Mortis reported.

The building was reportedly vacant for almost 5 years, and there was no electrical connection in the structure, which led neighbors to believe that the fire was set by a group of persons who use the building for illicit activities. Members of the National Fire Service, while acknowledging that they've received reports of such activities, including the smoking of crack, have said that they are unable to confirm definitively if those persons contributed to the fire.

"That is a possibility, however; if that is a concrete factor towards the cause of the fire, then the possibility to determine that would be next to slim. [Whatever] means or whatever source they used to acquire

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# KREM Television Program Guide

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**Friday, April 29 to Thursday, May 5, 2022**

**FRIDAY**

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

**SATURDAY**

- 9:00 a.m. Documentary: Belize's SocioPolitical challenge: Farrakhan addressed inmates at Belize Central Prison
- 12:37 p.m. Movie: Black or White
- 2:33 p.m. Documentary: Money, Happiness and Eternal Life — Greed (director's cut) DW Documentary
- 4:14 p.m. Movie: The Last Song
- 5:41 p.m. Documentary: Are You Taking Steam Daily?
- 8:00 p.m. Music Videos

**MONDAY**

- 9:00 a.m. Documentary: Biography Lewis Latimer
- 9:04 a.m. Movie: Riverbend
- 10:40 a.m. Documentary: Ida B. Wells: Her Great Passion For Justice
- 11:34 a.m. Movie: Separados Mas Iguais — Separate But Equal
- 2:47 p.m. Documentary: Muhammad Ali
- 5:23 p.m. Movie: Thornwell
- 6:52 p.m. Documentary: Homicide — Life On The Street
- 8:20 p.m. Movie: Mahogany
- 10:00 p.m. Music Videos

**TUESDAY**

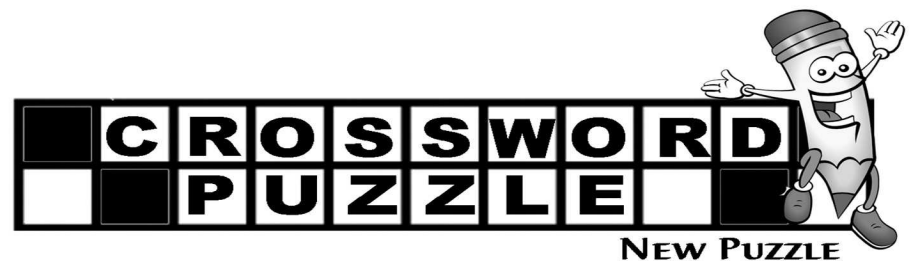
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- 1:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 2:00 p.m. Movie: Black or White
- 3:30 p.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (repeat)**
- 6:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (LIVE)**
- 7:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 8:00 p.m. Documentary: Ronan Farrow: Who Were the Rioters?
- 9:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**

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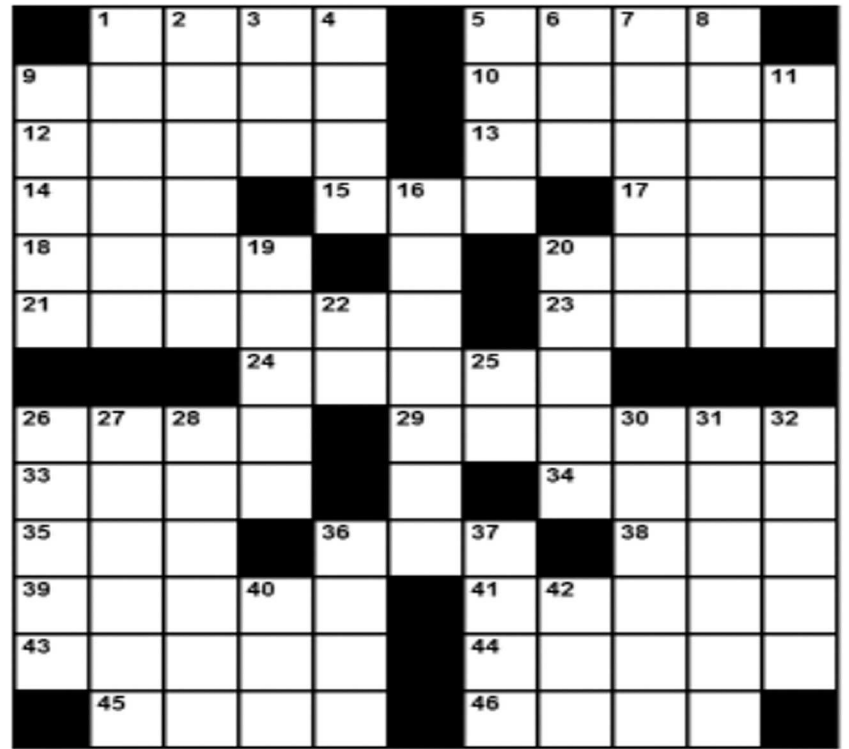
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- 2:00 p.m. Movie: Aladdin
- 3:30 p.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (repeat)**
- 6:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (LIVE)**
- 7:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 8:00 p.m. Documentary: The Africans: A Triple Heritage — Program 2: A Legacy of Lifestyles
- 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: Gary Wills
- 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: Talita Long
- 9:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**



*Daily Crossword Puzzle for April 28, 2022*



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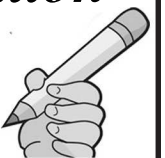
- 1. Besides
- 5. Super enthusiastic
- 9. Basketry willow
- 10. Be flexible
- 12. Radii neighbors
- 13. Basketry fiber
- 14. Behold
- 15. Alibi
- 17. 1 billion years
- 18. Bluewing
- 20. Flat hats
- 21. Begin to grow
- 23. Mr. Goldberg
- 24. Aerosol output
- 26. Advocate forcefully
- 29. Worry free place
- 33. Baylor mascot
- 34. Bar follower
- 35. Be master of
- 36. A little resistance
- 38. Belonging to us
- 39. Helped
- 41. Madagascar lemur
- 43. Part of a tire
- 44. Free for all
- 45. Botches up
- 46. Cote residents

**Down**

- 1. Inattentive
- 2. In a row
- 3. Aegean, for one
- 4. Sandwich snack
- 5. Gallop, for one
- 6. Billboards
- 7. Rich elaborate cake
- 8. Poise
- 9. Gives the boot to
- 11. Future, e.g.
- 16. Falsehood
- 19. Bested one
- 20. Check the fit of
- 22. Batting
- 25. On the spot
- 26. Das Boot craft
- 27. Play the electrician
- 28. Goose's mate
- 30. French dog
- 31. Habituates
- 32. Cliff hanger
- 36. Bookie terms
- 37. Act without talking
- 40. Anvil setting
- 42. Contemporary

*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 - 04-21-2022 - Answers





# August Pine Ridge farmer dies in road accident

**Marlin Nadir Hernandez, 34, a laborer of San Estevan Village, died when his motorcycle collided with a pickup truck.**

by Charles Gladden

SANESTEVAN VILLAGE, Orange Walk District, Wed. Apr. 27, 2022

A 34-year-old laborer of San Estevan Village, Orange Walk District, was killed on Monday, April 25, when his motorcycle collided with a pickup truck on the San Estevan Road.

The pickup, which was coming from the opposite direction and was being driven by Hilmer Torres, a 35-year-old farmer of August Pine Ridge, reportedly collided with the victim, Marlin Nadir Hernandez, at about 7:00 p.m. that evening, and Hernandez died shortly after on the scene.

Rebecca Chan, Hernandez' sister, a Spanish speaker, told local reporters about the information they have so far received about the incident. Her comments, translated into English, are as follows: "Right now, we don't know what happened. The version they told us is that he had the fault, but we don't know anything else, only what the police told us. Until right now, we don't know anything. I haven't seen them or know what will happen. The only thing we heard was that he wanted to overtake another car, but we don't know if there was any witness and if anyone saw it or know something so they can inform us, because I don't think that someone would like the same thing to happen their loved one,"



**Marlin Nadir Hernandez, deceased**

said Chan.

Chan said that she does not believe that her brother was under the influence of alcohol at the time of the accident because he works at night and was heading to his job when he left home.

"He was okay! He worked the night before and the following day he stayed here all day and was acting normal with everybody, and suddenly he said he was going to Orange Walk and we didn't see him again... The only thing that my mother told him was to be careful and to come back home," Chan said.

"He has been very careful when driving,

especially with a motorcycle. He wasn't that person that will ride around the village fast; he would drive carefully," continued Chan.

Chan commented on the type of person that her brother was.

"He was my only brother, and we're

all girls. He was a good worker and always working and always willing to help others who weren't his family members. He had a lot of friends. I didn't want him to die," said Chan.

Torres was detained by police pending investigation.

## Abandoned building gutted

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heat in that building, that's up for grabs. We've established that the building wasn't furnished; as we rightly mentioned it was abandoned. We learned that the building had no electricity. So your guess is as good as mine indeed. Did these alleged street peddlers use that building? I'm gonna say street peddlers for lack of a better word. Were they the actual illegal occupants of that building? Did they contribute to the cause of that fire? Unfortunately, those questions will not be answered, as we tried our best to at least have an identifiable person to, well he was occupying this building, or she was occupying this building," Mortis said.

Neighbors say the quick response by firefighters, with the assistance of members of the community, helped to avert what could have been greater losses. Houses adjacent to the intense fire had also caught fire, which led to partial heat damage to a few neighboring homes and damage to a nearby vehicle.

"That particular structure that sits on the eastern portion of the building received

fire damage to the eaves and fascia board. There was a structure that sits across the street. That tells you that the heat was so intense last night that that building, fortunately, only suffered a loss to the plastic gutters. Unfortunately, the vehicle, which was an 01 Isuzu Rodeo, suffered more heat damage to various parts of the front of the vehicle not limited to — but including the windshield, the two rear-view mirrors, the bumper, and the 2 indicator lights, all located at the front. We noticed that the eastern side of the building, which housed the San Cas warehouse suffered heat [damage] at the top of the building, where the zinc is located. We noticed that a few of the cameras at the front were damaged by the heat as well," explained Mortis to local media.

It has additionally been reported that some of BEL's power lines in the area were damaged by the fire, and an assessment was ongoing to determine the extent of any damage that was possibly caused to cables and power lines belonging to local cable companies and DIGI.



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VACANCY exists for the following post at the Belmopan Comprehensive School, for the period 1<sup>st</sup> September – 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

- |                                  |   |                      |
|----------------------------------|---|----------------------|
| 1 Business Teacher               | - | Temporary (3 Months) |
| 1 Social Studies/History Teacher | - | Temporary (3 Months) |
| 1 English/Literature             | - | Temporary (3 Months) |

**Teaching Qualifications:** A Bachelor's Degree in the subject area with educational component. An Associates Degree with teaching experience may be considered.

**Applicants should submit:**

- Letter of application, Curriculum Vitae,
- Certified copy of qualifications,
- Certified copy of teaching license,
- **Original** transcript,
- Copy of social security card,
- Copy of birth certificate,
- **Original** police record,
- Medical form
- Two letters of recommendation from most recent employer (must be from within the last year)

**Deadline: Wednesday May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Applications must be addressed to:**

Secretary  
Board of Management  
Belmopan Comprehensive School  
South Ring Road  
Belmopan



### BELMOPAN COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL

VACANCY exists for the following posts at the Belmopan Comprehensive School:

- |                                       |   |           |
|---------------------------------------|---|-----------|
| 1 Assistant Bursar                    | - | Full Time |
| 5 Security Guards (1 female, 4 males) | - | Full Time |
| 1 Janitor                             | - | Full Time |

**Assistant Bursar Qualifications:** A High School Diploma in Business or related field. The applicant must portray a knowledge of basic accounting, cashier experience and excellent public relations skills. Knowledge in QuickBooks is an asset. Should have an aptitude for working with figures and must be able to maintain confidentiality.

**Applicants for the post of Assistant Bursar should submit:**

- Letter of application
- Curriculum Vitae
- Certified copy of Qualifications
- **Original** Transcript
- Certified copy of Social Security
- Certified copy of Birth Certificate
- **Original** Police Record – from within the last 3 months.
- Two letters of recommendation from most recent supervisor and/or colleague – from within the last year
- Certified medical report - a medical examination completed within the last two months.

**Security Guard Qualifications:** A Primary School certificate with experience in the security field.

**Applicants for Security Guard post should submit:**

- Letter of application
- Curriculum Vitae
- **Certified** copy of Primary School Certificate
- **Certified** Copy of Social Security Card
- **Certified** Copy of Birth Certificate
- **Original** Police Record
- Two letters of recommendation from most recent supervisor and/or colleague – from within the last year
- Certified medical report - a medical examination completed within the last two months.

**Janitor Qualifications:** A High School Diploma is preferred but a Primary School Certificate may be considered along with skill and experience.

**\*Note that job may require heavy lifting and operation of some machinery. Must have a class 'E' (All) Driver's License.**

Applicants for the post of Janitor can pick up an application form from the main office.

**Deadline: Wednesday May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

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## Request for Expression of Interest

### GENDER AND SOCIAL INCLUSION STRENGTHENING FOR 30 TARGETED PRODUCERS' ORGANIZATIONS

**Institution:** Ministry of Economic Development  
**Country:** Belize  
**Project:** Resilient Rural Belize Programme  
**Loan No.:** 2000002301  
**Deadline for Submission of Proposals:** May 13, 2022 at 10:00 AM.

#### Background of programme:

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

#### Background of the assignment:

The programme aims to provide investments and interventions to a minimum of 30 producer organizations, which are distributed all over the country. However, the participation of women and youth as full members of the POs has been limited, which restrains their access to decision making and key program investments. This scenario does not enable both women and youth to participate in and benefit from profitable economic activities and program benefits. It is key for the success of the programme that each PO understands the benefits of allowing new members and move towards gender equality and women empowerment and participation.

The Resilient Rural Belize Programme is committed to mainstreaming gender equality and social inclusion (GESI), to ensure that young people, women and men have equal access to, and control over, resources for development, benefits, and decision-making at all stages of development processes, projects, programs, and policies within the agriculture sector.

#### Deliverables:

The Individual Consultant shall provide the following deliverables:

- An Inception report, which will include the consultancy approach, training methodology and workplan, the draft of the proposed GESI capacity building programme for the different groups (PMU staff and CSAEO, POs and DOC/MOA staff) and an outline of the training sessions.
- A training completion report for each group, which shall include the presentations and training methodologies used, attendance register, photographs, issues identified during training and the commitments made by the different groups trained, as well as recommendations for future training (electronic and one original).
- Develop a small booklet or handout (not a training manual) to share with the POs and Implementing partners on gender equality, women empowerment and

social inclusion with specific reference to ways for promoting these in RRB intervention. The booklet should also list the specific opportunities/affirmative actions that the Programme provides for these vulnerable groups. This could be developed from the information used to conduct the trainings (electronic and one original).

- Consultancy Completion Report (electronic and one original), which shall include results, issues faced during the assignment, lessons learnt, commitments achieved, as well as recommendations & affirmative actions for the inclusion of youth and women in the whole project and of how to assure women and youth are benefited from project services.
- The report will also include recommendations relevant for the Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) System.

#### Consultant's qualifications and experience:

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

#### Specific Experience:

- Minimum five (5) years of experience in conducting GESI investigations, analysis of gender gaps in rural areas, facilitation of training processes with the government as well as community actors, and/or socio-economic surveys with a gender and social inclusion approach.
- Minimum five (5) years of experience with the use of participatory methodologies for trainings as well as women and young people empowerment.
- A minimum of three (3) years' experience conducting training sessions on topics related to Youth, Gender Equity and Social Inclusion.
- Consultant must be fluent in English and Spanish language both written and verbal.

Individual Consultants interested in receiving the **Request for Expression of Interest (REOI)** document for this consultancy should register their interest by sending an e-mail (with subject: **Request for REOI - Gender Equality and Social Inclusion Strengthening for 30 Targeted Producers' Organizations**) to the Procurement Officer at [nvernon.RRB@med.gov.bz](mailto:nvernon.RRB@med.gov.bz) giving full contact details of the Consultant. This will ensure that the Consultants receive updates regarding this consultancy.

The REOI must be delivered to the following address on or before May 13, 2022, at 10:00 AM (Local time). Consultants also have the option of submitting their REOI electronically using the File Request Link: <https://bit.ly/3Kd46zX>

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





## 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

**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). 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 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.

The Ministry of Finance now invites eligible Consultancy 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 (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 \$133,555.00.**

A Consulting firm will be selected in accordance 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 4:00 p.m. (Belize local time) on Friday April 29, 2022.

Interested eligible Consultants 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- Consultancy Firm to prepare and implement the Belize Tax Service Department (BTSD) Enforcement Collection Model based on risk criteria** in the subject header, or submit on or before 4:00 p.m. (Belize local time) Friday April 29, 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)**



# The Incas

The Incas have the double distinction of presiding over the largest empire of the ancient Americas and one of the shortest-lived. Sprawling along the Pacific Coast and across the Andes Mountains to the edge of the Amazon rainforest, their domain took in parts of present-day Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Chile and Argentina, encompassing nearly 800,000 square miles and perhaps 12 million people. Yet the empire endured only from about A.D. 1400 to 1532. In *The Inca*, Kevin Lane, a researcher at the University of Buenos Aires, offers a concise and well-illustrated introduction to this bygone realm, describing its history and culture and chronicling its rise and fall.

The technology of the Incas was formidable. They smelted minerals such

as copper, tin, lead, bronze, gold and silver. They were expert engineers, building hundreds of rope suspension bridges and thousands of miles of roads, which were used by relays of runners and caravans of llamas to connect all corners of the empire. They transformed the landscape with irrigation canals and mountainside terraces for raising crops, most notably the potato. They also constructed finely detailed stone buildings, many of which still stand, most famously at Machu Pichu, the 600-year-old royal mountain retreat in the mountains of Peru.

(excerpted from a review of Kevin Lane's "The Inca" by Gerard Helferich in the April 9-10, 2022 issue of THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.)



**MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE**  
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Phone # 227-7164, 7392 Fax #227-6268

## VACANCY NOTICE

Suitable qualified applicants are invited to fill positions of:

### MAGISTRATES

#### Applicants must:

- be in possession of Bachelor's in Law (LLB)
- be in possession of Continuing Legal Education (CLE)

#### Salary: Pay Scale 23 (LLB and CLE)

**\$40,615 x 1,644 - \$71,851**

#### Age Limit: 25-49

#### Analysis of the position:

- Tries persons charged with committing summary offences;
- Conducts preliminary inquiries into indictable charges;
- Hears and determines applications made under the Domestic Violence Act;
- Hears and determines applications made under the Family and Children's Act;
- Hears applications made by the Belize Tax Service and Fisheries Department;
- Hears applications for Liquor Licenses;
- Serves as Coroner and conducts inquests into unnatural deaths;
- Can be assigned to any judicial district within Belize;
- Attends conferences, workshops and training in relation to capacity building of the Magistracy;
- Prepare Memorandum of Reasons for Decisions in a timely manner;
- Assists with the training needs of the department as required;
- Prepares appeals as required;
- Prepares statistics and reports as required;
- Must be computer literate with word processing proficiency;
- Is accountable to the Chief Justice, Chief Magistrate and the Judicial and Legal Services Commission.

Interested persons are asked to apply in writing to:

**The Secretary**  
**Judicial and Legal Services Commission**  
**Treasury Lane**  
**P.O. Box 399**  
**Belize City**  
**Belize**

Deadline for receipt of applications: May 15, 2022

Note: Only suitable qualified applicants will be acknowledged.

## IGNACIO RAMONET: The Cuban intervention in Africa that's best known was in Angola. Do you recall how that started?

FIDEL CASTRO: Yes, I remember perfectly. After what was called the "Carnation Revolution" in Lisbon in April 1974, Portugal's colonial empire began to fall apart. The country had already been weakened by a long reactionary, pro-Fascist, pro-Yankee government, by economic ruin and the ravages of the patriotic war that made the empire unsustainable and finally topped it.

I remember earlier that in 1973, when the colonial government fell, most of Portugal's African colonies — Guinea-Bissau, Cape Verde, Sao Tome and Mozambique — gained their complete independence and were recognized by the progressive government that was in power at the time in Lisbon.

But in the case of Angola, which was the largest and richest of Portugal's colonies in Africa, the situation was different. The government of the United States implemented a covert plan -- this plan has been revealed now; until just a short time ago, Washington was "innocent," it "had nothing to do with what happened there" to crush the legitimate interests of the Angolan people and impose a puppet government. A key point was a

(US) alliance with South Africa to train and equip certain organizations created by the Portuguese colonial regime to frustrate Angola's independence and turn it into virtually a condominium for Mobutu, the corrupt dictator of Zaire, the former Belgian Congo.

This Mobutu was one of the biggest thieves that's ever lived — no one knows where the \$40 billion he stole is now, what banks it may be in, or what government helped him to collect those tens of billions of dollars in a country where there was practically nothing left -- no uranium, no copper, no supplies of lots of other products -- because it had been one of the major European colonies in Africa.

But so anyway, the plan was to turn Angola into a condominium for corrupt Mobutu and South African Fascism — a South Africa whose troops Washington didn't hesitate to use to invade Angola. Dictators, terrorists, thieves and confessed racists were constantly, and without the slightest scruple, incorporated into the ranks of the so-called "free world," and not many years later, US president Ronald Reagan called them, in an incredibly cynical phrase, "freedom fighters."

## "Jungle" residents save man who set himself on fire

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Apr. 27, 2022

Quick response from residents of the hutment in the Pickstock area commonly known as "the Jungle" saved the life of a 21-year-old who reportedly set himself on fire sometime after 9:30 on Tuesday night. The National Fire Service was called to the scene, but when firefighters arrived, they found no trace of fire. They later discovered that the young man had set himself ablaze in one of the rooms in an apartment in the hutment.

"We've learned that just after midnight, we received another distress call for a potential fire in the Jungle

area, and upon our arrival, we actually did not see, we did not find any fire, but we did learn that the fire was extinguished prior to our arrival. This gentleman, 21-year-old Idelfonso Ku, had reportedly made an attempt to set himself ablaze inside one of the rooms in the building. Up to this point in time, I cannot tell you the degree of burns that he did sustain on his body; however, kudos to the quick response of the other occupants in the building and the neighborhood. They managed to extinguish that fire, and I was made to understand that he was rushed to the medical facility for treatment and, as I said, the degree of burns is not forthcoming to us as yet," Station Supervisor of the National Fire Service, Kenneth Mortis, said.

Reports are that the incident took place in the home of John King, a much-respected Belizean artist and semi-pro football player from the area who was fatally shot in the community just two weeks ago while visiting a friend of his who resides in the area.

While there is no indication what led Ku to try to set himself ablaze, he is lucky to have been found in time by the other residents of the area.

"What would drive somebody to try to literally set themselves ablaze? That's a question that only Mr. Ku could answer. I don't even know if any of the other family members could answer why he would do such a thing. Again, it's unfortunate. Let's hope that he has a speedy recovery and that the damages aren't as severe as it may seem," Kenneth Mortis said.



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the world. Manchester City leads Liverpool by just one point at the moment with 6 games remaining in the tournament. Chelsea is at the third spot, then Tottenham Hotspurs at the fourth spot. Arsenal, Manchester United and Westham are at fifth spot. Mohamed Salah leads the EPL with 21 goals for Liverpool. In the La Liga, Real Madrid has a 10-point lead on FC Barcelona, Sevilla is in the third spot. Kareem Benzema is the hottest striker in the world right now. The UEFA Champion of Champions League has 2 semi-final matchups. Real Madrid will edge Manchester City 2 goals to 1. Benzema will score again. Then Liverpool will beat Villarreal 3 goals to 1. Salah and Mané will score for Liverpool. The final will be one game. Next week more results and predictions.

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# CAREER OPPORTUNITY



**Belize Sugar Industries Ltd.**  
Invites qualified and self-motivated individuals  
to submit applications for the post of:  
**Sustainability Manager, Mill & Agriculture**  
Tower Hill, Orange Walk

## OVERVIEW

The person in this role will be responsible for supporting the ESG / Sustainability Framework and executing on it to show progress in sustainability metrics including environmental goals and social responsibilities commitments. The focus will be on inculcating a culture of sustainability in the organization in collaboration with and support from multi-disciplinary and department teams including operations, supply chain, human resources & legal. The position will also aid in internal and external communications with stakeholders, while developing and advancing corporate social responsibilities and employees' engagement and awareness programs. The **Sustainability Manager** may be called upon to lead interactions and communications with community interest groups, contractors, and consultants, at the direction of Senior Management, the Sr. Director, Sustainability, the VP of CSR, and other Sustainability / ESG leadership members.

## DETAILED ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

- Support the development, maintenance, and implementation of ASR's Sustainability / ESG framework, roadmaps and site specific Sustainability Plans in both Mill Operations and Agricultural Activities. Roadmap activities shall include but not be limited to: System Optimization in Climate Change, Water usage, solid waste generation, and green chemistry programs; Regenerative Agriculture, Biodiversity, and Agroforestry Programs; Ethical and Responsible Social Programs.
- Support site leadership through facilitation of ongoing projects and initiatives related to Sustainability / ESG
- Coordinate with site operations teams, sustainability project leaders and corporate resources to develop and maintain site-specific training and signage as part of a continuous effort to raise the visibility of ASR's commitment to sustainable development.
- Tracking and validation of all sustainability / ESG data to ensure accurate reporting.
- Analyse collected data and identifying opportunities for improvements, while ensuring validity of the outcomes and potential communication pathways that may result.
- Support ESG and Site Leadership in creating project scope and justify capital investment needs.
- Interact with personnel to ensure related sustainability training and competency requirements are performed and properly recorded.
- Assist with the development and publication of ASR / facility level Sustainability Reporting efforts, as they develop in conjunction with company approved messaging.
- Coordinate with sales, marketing, customer service & CSR teams as needed to report work, progress and site-specific sustainability data.
- Participate in corporate efforts to identify and reduce post-consumer end of life impacts caused by material production and disposal.
- Support Corporate and site level management system reporting within authorized web-based survey system, while ensuring corrective action tracking and rectification of findings.
- Coordinate with site and corporate public relations or international relations departments for tracking community social engagement and local donations.
- Assist as needed with any third-party sustainability audits and validation programs.
- Be proactive and committed to continuous improvement efforts. Perform other duties as assigned.

## WORK EXPERIENCES

- Minimum of 4 years of experience supporting sustainable development efforts (Environmental and Social Governance; ESG), preferably in an industrial, manufacturing, and/or agricultural setting.
- Experience with third-party validation and auditing relative to sustainable development activities.
- Experience with management system-based risk analysis/ Materiality Assessments and target/objective setting.
- Experience with multi-site sustainability-based project management.

## EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

- Bachelor Degree in Environmental and Social Sustainability (ESS), Environmental Science, Engineering, Communication or related field from an accredited university is required.

## ESSENTIAL CAPABILITIES (KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES)

- Knowledge of Sustainability / ESG in industrial / manufacturing organization.
- Experience with operational and facility improvements to meet energy, water, and waste objectives.
- Demonstrated ability to prioritize and balance short and long-term objectives.
- Strong verbal and written communication skills and the ability to represent business interests to internal team and 3rd parties.
- Proactive, self-directed, highly organized, and committed to continuous improvement.
- Proficient in Microsoft Office products (PPT, Excel, Word)

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

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



**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FORM AND ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS IS MAY 6, 2022.**





## NSC Recreation & Wellness Basketball Tournament Week 4 results

BELIZE CITY, Mon. Apr. 25, 2022

The National Sports Council (NSC) 2022 Sports Competition for Recreation and Wellness Basketball Tournament, which tipped off on March 18, continued with Week 4 games on Friday, April 22, at the Marion Jones Sports Complex in Belize City.

There are 12 teams in the tournament, 6 in Group A and 6 in Group B; and the only condition for player eligibility is that the person must be working at the place that the team represents. Another stipulation for this tournament is that no merging of companies/departments was allowed.

Below are the results from the 3 Group-B games played on Friday night, April 22:

National Sports Council "Valley" defeated Central Bank, 77-38. NSC "Valley" - Elvis Olivera 15 pts;

Central Bank - Leon Lord 12 pts.

Bowen & Bowen "Belikin Bruwers" defeated Department of Youth Services, 57-49. B&B "Belikin Bruwers"

- Everal Tablada 18 pts; Dept. of Youth Services - Raheem Thurton 22 pts.

BWS defeated KMH "Injectors", 57-48. BWS - Alejandro Baptist 18 pts; KMH "Injectors" - Karl Smith 23 pts.

GROUP-A	GP	W	L
Belize Healthcare "Shooting Stars"	2	1	1
Belize Tax Services "Kollectaz"	2	1	1
Belize Defence Force "Snipers"	2	0	2
Digi	2	1	1
Belize City Council "Dragons"	2	2	0
Customs & Exercise Department	2	1	1

GROUP-B	GP	W	L
Department of Youth Services	2	0	2
KMH "INJECTORS"	2	1	1
National Sports Council "Valley"	2	1	1
Central Bank	2	0	2
BWS	2	2	0
Bowen & Bowen "Belikin Bruwers"	2	2	0

Upcoming Week 5 games in Group-A:

Friday, April 29

6:00 p.m. - Customs & Excise Department vs Digi

7:15 p.m. - Belize Tax Services "Kollectaz" vs Belize Defence Force "Snipers"

8:30 p.m. - Belize Healthcare "Shooting Stars" vs Belize City Council "Dragons"

## Ahmadiyya Basketball League All Star 2022 results

by Rodvern Lino - ABL Commissioner

BELIZE CITY, Mon. Apr. 25, 2022

The Ahmadiyya Basketball League (ABL) held its 2022 All Star event on Sunday, April 24, at the Mexico Center, where players in the different categories matched their abilities in various individual competitions - Skills Competition, 3-Point Shootout and Slam Dunk - after which there were the All Star games played in each category - U15, U18, U22 and Open.

Here are the results:

Skills Competition Champions

U15 - Amari Rhys (Los Lagos Defenders)

U18 - Demetri Augustin (Vipers)

U22 - Ulrick Humes (One Shot)

Open - Ashawn Castro (Caye Caulker

Stingrayz)

3-Point Shoot-out Champions

U15 - Keron Burgess (Young Ballers)

U18 - Eliel Landero (Cayo Dream Chasers)

U22 - Lyndon Gentle (501 Gators)

Open - Gregory Rudon (Truckers Posse)

Slam Dunk Champion

Ryan Duran of Cayo Black Rose

Dunk Off Champion\*

Ryan Duran of Cayo Black Rose received \$1,000.00 courtesy Hon. Anthony Mahler and Hon. Rodwell Ferguson.

U15 All Star Game

Team White over Team Black, 31 - 30. Team White - Shakur Gordon 8pts; Wilburn Forbes 7pts. Team Black - Thomas Garcia 13pts; Michael Pipersburgh 6pts.

## Women's League football returns with Week 3 games

BELIZE CITY, Mon. Apr. 25, 2022

The National Amateur Women's League (NAWL) returned from the Easter break with Week 3 games over the weekend in its 2022 Opening Season. Three games were played on Saturday and one on Sunday.

The 10 teams in the tournament are divided into Division A and Division B based on rankings in the previous NAWL tournament; and at the end of this Opening Season, the plan is for the first place team in Division B to be advanced to Division A, and the last place team in Division A to be relegated to Division B for the NAWL 2022 Closing Season.

Here are the results from Week 3 games:

Saturday, April 23

In Division A at the Norman Broaster Stadium in San Ignacio, it was scoreless, 0-0, between Verdes Rebels and Rumberas from Mango Creek, Independence.

Also in Division A, out at the Ambergris Stadium, the visiting Sagitun Girlz from Independence came away with the 4-2 win over San Pedro Pirates. Shaking the net for Sagitun Girlz were Surma Alfaro (17'), Karisha Coe (60' & 73') and Sabrina Eiley (84'); while both San Pedro goals came from Iamara Baptist (53' & 61').

And in Division B at the Carl Ramos Stadium in Dangriga, it was the home team, Wagiya United SC sweeping the Santa Elena Strikers, 9-0, with goals from Shadette Lino (34' & 80'), Jaelin Cacho (49'), Maria Ical (60'), Erin Elijo (61'), Jessie McLaughlin (69'), Chelsia Velasquez (76'), Leah Velasquez (79') and Rainelle Moss (82').

Sunday, April 24

The only NAWL game on Sunday was in Division B at the Norman Broaster Stadium, and saw visiting Bay City FC from Corozal scoring 5 unanswered goals against Cayo Dreamers for the 5-0 victory. Goal scorers for Bay City were Darina Tzul (27'), Anahie Blanco (30' & 72'), Alisha Terry (66') and Shante Chacon (88').

NAWL 2022 Opening Season							
Week #3 Standings at Sunday, April 24, 2022							
DIVISION-A	W	D	L	GF	GA	Diff	Pts
Sagitun Girlz	2	0	1	6	5	1	6
Rumberas	1	1	0	2	0	2	4
San Pedro Pirates	1	1	1	3	4	-1	4
Jewel Fury	0	1	1	1	2	-1	1
Verdes Rebels	0	1	1	0	1	-1	1
DIVISION-B	W	D	L	GF	GA	Diff	Pts
Bay City FC	3	0	0	22	0	22	9
Wagiya United SC	1	0	1	9	4	5	3
Cayo Dreamers	1	0	1	3	5	-2	3
Corozal United Warriors	0	0	1	0	3	-3	0
Santa Elena Strikers	0	0	2	0	22	-22	0

Upcoming NAWL Week 4 schedule:

Saturday, April 30

3:00 p.m. - (A) Rumberas vs San Pedro Pirates - M.A. Stadium, Independence

3:00 p.m. - (A) Verdes Rebels vs Jewel Fury FC - Norman Broaster Stadium

Sunday, May 1

3:00 p.m. - (B) Corozal United Warriors vs Wagiya United SC - Ricalde Stadium

3:00 p.m. - (B) Santa Elena Strikers vs Cayo Dreamers - Norman Broaster Stadium (Resting - Sagitun Girlz and Bay City FC)

Winning Coach - Mr. Linbert Moody

U15 MVP - Shakur Gordon

U18 All Star Game

Team Black over Team White, 48 - 38. Team Black - Shane Pratt 17pts; Michael Caseras 8pts. Team White - Devin Moody 10pts; Delheart Dominguez 9pts.

Winning Coach - Mr. Clinton "Pulu" Lightburn

U18 MVP - Shane Pratt

U22 All Star Game

Team White over Team Black, 48 - 44. Team White - Jahiem Martinez 11pts; Jahiem Ciego 9pts. Team Black - Greg Fisher 13pts; Kevin Jones 12pts.

Winning Coach - Mr. Denrick Walton

U22 MVP - Jahiem Martinez

Open All Star Game

Team White over Team Black, 46 - 44. Team White - Glency Lopez 14pts; Ryan Michael and Raheem Zuniga 6pts each. Team Black - Brandon Flowers 10pts; Kyle Young 8pts.

Winning Coach - Fenton Ross

Open MVP - Glency Lopez

\*ADDITIONAL NOTE: The Slam Dunk contest was over, and the Minister of Tourism, being a judge, wanted more of it... so he decided with the Minister of Sports to put up \$1,000.00 for 2 more rounds of dunking between the top 2 finalists, namely Lindsay Young and Ryan Duran. Duran won that also by a couple points when Young, being the fan favorite, had an unwanted/incomplete dunk drop into the basket.



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## Advice to Customers of The Belize Bank Limited

As required under Section 120 of The Domestic Banks and Financial Institutions Act 2012, we are publishing the names of those customers whose accounts have been dormant for 10 years and over. Please call the Belize Bank Branch at which your account is located to claim your funds. If the fund is not claimed by May 13, 2022, the funds will be transferred to the Central Bank of Belize.

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 Diaz, Lucille A.  
 Downing, Christopher  
 -Nathan  
 Dueck, George L.  
 Elkins, Frederick  
 Flores, Sinclair  
 Gill, Adrienne  
 Justice, Larry Bruce  
 Lane, Harold  
 Marin, Zevaughn R.  
 Martinez, Thomas  
 Mes, Gianni M.A.  
 Milbrandt, Vicki E. &/Or  
 -Cross, Philip M.  
 Miranda, Alfonso E.  
 Mixon, Candis Jane  
 Palacio, Deshawn P.  
 Pascasio, Adriel C.  
 Pascasio, Loris N.  
 Ramirez, Marlyn  
 Ramos, Omique Naseem  
 &/Or Linton, Joyce M.  
 Reynolds, Maurice H.

Rosado, Mia A.  
 Smith, Trinity  
 Teul, Mateo  
 Teul, Razlyn R.  
 Teul, Rianne R.

### Corozal

Alamilla, Alba  
 Arana, Carlos S.  
 Benavides, Orlando  
 Castillo, Jose F. / Maricela  
 Chable, Florentino  
 Edwards, Aaron A. Jr / Isabel  
 / Phillips, Rita  
 Fabro, Miguel Angel  
 Grupo De Oracion San Andres  
 Guerrero, Alfredo / Or Trapp,  
 -Elorine  
 Loria, Delner Y.  
 Mangos, Jeimy M.  
 Pech, Amanda E.

### Placencia

Lemus, Luis Alberto  
 Luzny, Shirley Marlene

### Punta Gorda

Castro, Felipa Or Lionel  
 Coc, Joah E.  
 Deshield, Phyllis Or Baptistse,  
 -Helen  
 Duncan, Dean L.  
 Gabourel, Vernon Rosenda  
 Galvez Jr., Martin E.  
 Galvez, Aidan Martin  
 Hughes, John Richard  
 Lewis, Max  
 Stenseth, Aage  
 Thomas, Gabriel / Rojelia  
 Tzac, Lola Leticia  
 Vernon, Benjamin Allan

### Orange Walk

Acuna, Betsy Valerie  
 Alvarez, Miria Linet  
 Cowo, Fernando

Douglas 7th Day Adventist  
 Gillett, Adrien  
 Hillbank Agricultural Co.  
 -Limited  
 Ical, Petrona  
 Ical, Sebastian  
 Jamieson, Nancy L. / Amor,  
 -Frederick  
 Nah, Abigail A.  
 Nah, Tanairy J.  
 Neal, Calvin E.S.  
 Neal, Corin Aster  
 Nicholson, Huberto  
 Novelo, Alejandra / Eduardo  
 Rodriguez Jr., Freddie  
 St. Peter's Project Account  
 Thomas, George W. /  
 -Thomas, Roy T.  
 Velasquez, Rene Antonio  
 Villatoro, Vince I.  
 Wei, Fang Chih  
 Zetina, Lionel Ceferino

### Belmopan

Valencia, Liliana For  
 Edewardo  
 Aguilar, Joaquin R.  
 Aguirre, Alida  
 Alberto, Lucas Antonio  
 Alvarenga, Natividad De  
 -Mercedes For "G G C"  
 Belize River Bamboo  
 Association  
 Belmopan Methodist Church  
 -Youth  
 Blondell, Mary J.  
 Botzoc, Domingo  
 Caribbean Agriculture  
 -Corporation  
 Chung, Chen W.  
 Flores, Arianne D.  
 Huang, Chung Yo  
 Li, Huo Xiu  
 Manzaneres, Lydia Leticia  
 Mendoza, Domingo / Julia /  
 -Domingo Jr.  
 Min. Of Health  
 -S.O.B.M.R.(HIV)  
 Nurses Association Of

Belize-B  
 Sanabria, Zachary M.  
 Sho, Nazario  
 The Belize Bank Limited  
 -For Peter Lacey Jr.  
 Tsai, Kuo-Hui  
 Williams, Eric A.  
 Wu, Xiaolan

### San Ignacio

Aguilar, Perla Vanessa  
 Andrews, Maria Aurora  
 Barbutti, Patricia H.  
 Canto, Karim Martino  
 Cayo Sport Shooting Club  
 Chrysler, Ronald Duane /  
 -Kimberly Ann  
 Coleman, Zari Jestine  
 Cucul, Honoratus  
 Devassy, Dennis Jose  
 Flowers, Shance A.  
 Glatkowski, Alvin / Cynthia  
 Hernandez, Salvador  
 Howe, Secundino  
 Hunter, Adolphus  
 Jones, Jared Ericson  
 Lopez, Deylin  
 Martinez, Encarnacion  
 Mattes, Dianne Rochelle  
 Mejia, Amy  
 Mendoza, Jose For Haydee  
 Montepeque, Amilcar  
 -Yobany/Celestino  
 Pate, James / Lisette  
 Popper Jr., John  
 Quintana, Eduardo  
 Ramirez, Michael F.  
 Robateau, Marie E.  
 Rodriguez, Hayedon A.  
 Schacke, Mirko  
 Smith, Kendall Michae  
 Thomas, Heide Kamika  
 Thompson, Selia L.  
 Yohira, Karina Estrada  
**San Pedro**  
 Alexander, Vicki  
 Alfaro, Manuel De Jesus  
 Audinett, Martha Maria

Bennett, John Vincent/  
 -Krista-Lynne  
 Cruz Reyes, Aleyda Patricia  
 -& Vega, Antonio  
 -For Peter Lacey Jr.  
 Deaton, Wesley Lane  
 Drummond, Steven C.  
 Gembe, Fernanda Del Socorro  
 Gillet, Casey A.  
 Gvara, Michael Anthony  
 Huang, Huanzhen  
 Huested, Mary  
 Irwin, Jennifer Marie  
 Jaakkola, John E. &/Or  
 -Barbara  
 Langois, Carol  
 Lupo, Thomas Bernard  
 Morris, Roberts / Patricia /  
 -Horton, Jumoke  
 Nesmith, Trent  
 Palm Beach Limited Db  
 -La Perla Del Caribe  
 Vander Kamp, Kent Alexander

### North Side

Bethel Communications  
 -And Marketing Enterprises  
 Chien, Sharon  
 Corzo De La Cerda, Carlos  
 -/Cuellar, Juan Dussan  
 Hildebrand, Gordon J.  
 Husle, Norman  
 Lopez, Janine  
 Matus, Adonis G.  
 Metzken, Ezra Zion  
 Montero, Daniel  
 Montero, Diane  
 Montero, Justin O.  
 Popper, Tiffany Rashawn  
 Pott, Joshua A.  
 Williams, Michael

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### Punta Gorda

Statistical Institute of  
 Belize

### Corozal

Levy, Joyce

### Belize City

BATSUB  
 Budrani, Sapna

Duce, Jovani  
 Figueroa, Zarsha S.  
 Mcgregor, Rose

Singh, Gurminder  
 St. Johns College  
 Vasquez, Sandra

Williams, Elsa  
 Zuniga, Stanley

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As required under Section 120 of The Domestic Banks and Financial Institutions Act 2012, we are publishing the names of those customers whose accounts have been dormant for 10 years and over. Please call the Belize Bank Branch at which your account is located to claim your funds. If the fund is not claimed by May 13, 2022, the funds will be transferred to the Central Bank of Belize.

### Dangriga

Buller, Mark A.  
 Flores, Zaid A.  
 Kindig, Jonathan K.  
 Mes, Ofelia  
 Nicascio, Philip  
 Oblon, Robert F.  
 Parks, Allana R.  
 Parks, Neosha C.  
 Pate, Peters John Max  
 Ramirez, Gregoria C.  
 Saum, Philip C.  
 Valerio, Josephine J.

### Punta Gorda

Big Up We Self Belize  
 Deshield, Phyllis L.  
 Saggars, John M.  
 Saggars, Susan / John

### Corozal

Belize Cancer Society  
 Butler, Daniel / Suzann  
 Chan Chen Gov School PTA  
 Coughran Jr., Walter W.  
 Freezone Fuel Dis. Ltd.  
 Gonzalez, Ismael C.  
 Our Lady Of Guadalupe  
 PTA  
 Perez, Gloria  
 Sosa, Crisologo  
 Tsai, Henry

### Orange Walk

Cardinez, Shanel Iva  
 Fowles, Eulah / Nathan  
 Liu, Hsin-Chang  
 Novelo, Gregoria  
 Pentecostal Ladies Auxiliary  
 -North

### Belmopan

Adeoye, Adebowale D.  
 Andy Palacio Foundation  
 Bennett, Norma J.  
 Bryan, Robin C.  
 Garbutt, Charles A.  
 Gladden, Winnifred  
 Keong Kuong, Loi  
 Kumar, Bhasham  
 Mansur, Mariana  
 Maskall, Louis  
 Wiltshire, Ann P.  
 Yuan, Zi / Guo

### San Ignacio

Boese, Gilbert Karyle  
 Canchan, Juanito  
 Chapleau, Oscar  
 Flores, Alma Angelita  
 Garcia, Argelio

Guillen, Sandra  
 Harris, Lenton  
 Hegar, Teresita  
 Huff, Danny  
 Lowenthal, Elizabeth  
 Mcree, William F.  
 Sanchez, Angeliq L.  
 Teck, Ana C.

### San Pedro

Cruz, Vilma O.  
 Gvara, Michael  
 Listwin, Donald John  
 Rosado, Maximiliano  
 Tabaka, Douglas Scot

### Belama

A Roseville Stay  
 Barrow, Dean  
 Caal, Kristy A.  
 Chen, Youqilang

Dewhurst, Ronald B.  
 He, Xiao Hong / Zee  
 Mejia, Vicente De Jes  
 Rivero, Lizanne Odes  
 Williams, Derick

### Belize City

Austin, Sarita  
 Betson, Leroy  
 Caribbean - Canada Emerging  
 -Leaders' Dialogue  
 District Grand Lodge NO. 4 of  
 -Belize  
 Dunn, Mavis  
 Eck, Kristine S.  
 Forman, Enid L.  
 Fraser, John  
 Gentle, Gentle S.  
 Godfrey, Justin  
 Hargrove, Gregory  
 Jenkins, Micah S.

Martinez Jr., Ian S.  
 Melma Limited  
 New & Selective  
 Palonek, Samantha E.  
 Pasos, Lupa  
 Peterson, Frederick  
 Pharmacy Express Limited  
 Pinkard, Kyle  
 Ramesh Buxani Company  
 Reneau, John  
 Rogers, Noble N.  
 Rose, Vaishya  
 Wackell, Robert / Jane  
 Wade, Dorette M.





## 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.
- (iii) Firms evidence of past jobs. (This 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 \$ 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.

**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 4:00 p.m. (Belize local time) on Friday, April 29, 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 Prepare, Implement and Execute a New Audit Model** in the subject header, or submit on or before 4:00 p.m. (Belize local time) on Friday, April 29, 2022 to the following address:

**Director General**  
**Belize Tax Service Department**  
**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**





## BELIZE CREDIT UNION LEAGUE LIMITED VACANCY

The Belize Credit Union League (BCUL) invites suitably qualified individuals to apply for the post of Information Technology Support Officer. The main areas of responsibility for the Information Technology Support Officer are to provide information and communication technology support services, install and configure hardware and software components, and to trouble shoot hardware and software issues for BCUL and its affiliates.

#### Education and Experience:

- A minimum of an associate degree in Information technology, Computer Science, or a related field.
- A minimum of two years of experience in computer networking and system maintenance or a similar information technology support or resource role.

#### Required Skills and Abilities:

- Ability to communicate properly in verbal and written English
- Ability to function successfully in both team and independent work environments
- Ability to multi-task
- Ability to analyse and write reports

#### Proficiency in the following is a plus:

- Synology NAS devices and applications
- Cisco FMC and Cisco network devices
- Web development with WordPress
- Operations of Payment Systems

Applicants should send a letter of application, by email, with the caption reference **“IT Support Officer Application”** along with their resume and two letters of recommendation no later than **13<sup>th</sup> of May 2022** to:

**The Executive Director  
Belize Credit Union League  
88 Victoria Street, P.O. Box 397  
Belize City, Belize  
Telephone: 223-0495/6  
Email: g.babb@bcublz.org**

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**Interested applicants send resume , recommendation letters, academic transcripts & a copy of a photo ID to:**  
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(501)610-3011 OR (501)670-3011



## EUROPEAN UNION

**Local publication for a call for proposals:**

### Civil Society Organizations as Actors of Governance and Development

**Reference: EuropeAid/174072/DD/ACT/Multi**

The Delegation of the European Union is inviting proposals for Actions that enhance efforts to promote a conducive environment for civil society organizations in **Jamaica and Belize** to meaningfully participate in matters of governance and domestic policy, and increase CSOs capacity to perform their role as independent development actors, with financial assistance from the CSO thematic budget line.

The full Guidelines for Applicants are available on the website of DG International Partnerships at <https://bit.ly/3rPGASo>

The deadline for submission of concept notes via **PROSPECT** is **10/06/2022 at 24:00** (Brussels date and time). A **virtual information session on this call for proposals will be held on 12/05/2022 at 10:00 a.m.** (Jamaica time).

**Prior registration by emailing [delegation-jamaica-csogrants@eeas.europa.eu](mailto:delegation-jamaica-csogrants@eeas.europa.eu) is required by 10/05/2022 for attendance and further information on the required links to access the session.**





# Christobal Mayen, football legend

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Apr. 27, 2022  
 Belize City fans first took notice of footballer Christobal Mayen when he visited the MCC during its heyday in the late 1960s-early 1970s as a wing forward on the then Belize City champions San Joaquin, who were back-to-back champions in 1969-70 and 1970-71. The 1971-72 season was incomplete due to a controversy that erupted late in the season when it appeared that the Spurs football team was on the verge of claiming the championship.

According to another 1970s football great, goalkeeper Rupert "Canalete" Anderson, R.I.P., Christobal had previously played some senior football with him on a declining Brodies team probably around 1967-68, and also the following year on a team named Belize Global, which achieved a big upset victory over the then highly rated Rocking-R team out of Cayo that featured many of the later Avenger stars. Migrating from southern Belize, as did his brother, the legendary Locario "Malanga" Mayen, Stobal had later moved further north to join his elder brother in San Joaquin.

At some point over the next couple years, 'Stobal came to reside in Belize City, and was involved with a young group of players from the Lake Independence area, who had entered the senior division competition as Berger Lakers in the 1973-74 season, in which they placed 3rd. The team was at the

time being managed by popular market butcher, Lester "Bailar" Smith, but it is not yet clear if he actually recruited Stobal from San Joaquin to join his bunch of youths. What is certain is that his football abilities and natural leadership skills saw Stobal quickly become a major force on the team, and he soon assumed the role of player/coach. Having once been with a championship team, Stobal obviously knew what it took to become a champion.

As his former teammate with San Joaquin, Stobal at some point lured another legend, Raymond "Lee Mole" Alvarez to join him with the Laker boys, now with the sponsorship of Berger 404, and that duo remained steadfast through a number of years.

With Stobal's leadership, Berger 404 won back-to-back Belize City championships in 1974-75 and 1975-76.

That success was soon thwarted, as the team essentially split in half, with some players following manager Bailar with a new team, Chito's Rangers, sponsored by Chito Mai of Orange Walk. The rest stayed with Stobal and Berger 404, who also eventually had some changes of sponsor, thus the team name change in ensuing years to Witz All Stars, Haig Dimple and Belikin; while Bailar's group also later changed a few sponsors and team names, including Royal Rental, BTA Lakers and Duurly's. Eventually, in the latter



Legends at the MCC in July of 2019, (l to r) Rudolph "Peru" Olivera, Christobal "Stobal" Mayen, Wayne "Hogman" Olivera

80s, the two camps reconciled, and the team out of the Lake was named Duurly's Belikin or Belikin Duurly's with Christobal Mayen as head coach. Except for the 1983-84 and 1985-86 city competitions won by Milpros teams from the Plaza (sponsored by Parra's and Coca Cola, respectively), all the Belize City championships from 1977-78 until 1990-91, after which the semipro league was launched, were shared between the two teams from the Lake, and Stobal figured prominently as player, player/coach and finally as coach. (Note: Although Bailar was manager, Chito's consisted of players

from various districts, but mainly Belize City and Orange Walk.)

Aside from his many championships over two decades, among the highlights of Christobal's sterling football career in Belize before migrating to the US sometime in the 1990s, was leading his team, then named Belikin, to the first national club competition championship in the 1981-82 season to commemorate Belize's Independence in 1981. And before that, in 1978 Stobal was player/coach of a Belize selection accompanied by then BFA vice-

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# FFB hosts four 1970s football legends



(l to r) FFB exec. Marlon Kuylen; Reesho; Ricky; Erwin; Hogman; Stobal; FFB prez. Sergio Chuc



Legends, (l to r) Reesho, Hogman, Ricky, Stobal, watching the Belize vs El Salvador game

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Apr. 27, 2022  
 Last night at the FFB Stadium in Belmopan, four football stars of the 1970s donned Jaguars jerseys and were hosted at the Belize vs El Salvador game by executives of the Football Federation of Belize (FFB).

Legendary player and coach,

Christobal "Stobal" Mayen is currently on a brief visit home from the U.S., and he, along with three other 1970s football greats, Enrique "Ricky" Gongora, Wayne "Hogman" Olivera and Maurice "Reesho" Jones were escorted from Belize City to the game in Belmopan by FFB executive member

Marlon Kuylen. After the game, which the men watched from the VIP Lounge, they were hosted for supper in Belmopan before returning to Belize City. The group also met and were heartily greeted at the game by another legend, 1980s star striker and former government minister, Erwin Contreras.

(AMANDALA Sports Ed. Note: Kuylen said he had hoped to also take another legend, Rudolph "Peru" Olivera to the game last night; but unfortunately, Peru is still bedridden and unable to travel. Unfortunately also, Belize was trounced, 5-1, by El Salvador.)





# OWFA 1st Division Amateur Tournament Week 4 results

by Alex Palacio

ORANGE WALK TOWN, Mon. Apr. 25, 2022

After a break for the Easter holidays, the Orange Walk Football Association (OWFA) resumed its 2021-2022 1st Division Amateur Closing Season tournament with Week 4 games on Saturday and Sunday at the Louisiana Football Field. Below are the results.

Saturday, April 23

In the opener at 7:00 p.m., San Antonio FC shut out Louisiana FC, 3-0, with goals from Nigel Tillett (33') and Darrol Lambey (87' & 89').

And in the nightcap it was Caribbean Rum Boys, 4-0, over Guinea Grass FC, with goals coming from Raheim Eagan (22' & 45'), Camilo Sanchez (13') and Enrique Valdez (86').

Sunday, April 24

In game 1 at 9:00 in the morning, Progresso FC blanked San Francisco FC, 5-0, with goals coming from Richard Omoruyi (57' & 64'), Rigoberto Cardenas (62'), Esmir Patt (72') and Nestor Heredia (75').

Game 2 was a 4-1 win for Palmar FC over Yo Creek La Ceiba. Scoring for Palmar were Ian Chi (9' & 75' PK) and Marcos Alvarez (50' & 58'), while Yo Creek's lone goal was by Zamir Bonilla (25').

In game 3, first half goals from Phillip Rhaburn (6') and Kieron Miranda (35') gave Carmelita FC the 2-0 win over Charles Cave Tubing FC.

Game 4 saw Young Ballers FC gaining the 1-0 victory over Galacticos FC with a goal from Rodolfo Argueta (50').

And in the final game of the afternoon, it was Trial Farm Jaguars FC prevailing, 5-2, over Guinea Grass Lazio FC. Shaking the net for Trial Farm were Mark Hemsley (35' & 43'), Vance Waight (51'), Jilmer Cansino (79') and Jahil Novelo (80'); Guinea Grass goals were by Jason Vanegas (78') and Deyni Batun (90').

Upcoming Week 5 schedule at Louisiana Field:

Saturday, April 30

7:00 p.m. - Guinea Grass FC vs Yo Creek La Ceiba FC

9:00 p.m. - Trial Farm Jaguars FC vs Louisiana FC

Sunday, May 1

9:00 a.m. - Carmelita FC vs San Antonio FC

11:00 a.m. - Young Ballers FC vs Charles Cave Tubing FC

1:00 p.m. - San Jose Pumas FC vs Palmar FC

3:00 p.m. - Caribbean Rum Boys FC vs San Francisco FC

5:00 p.m. - Guinea Grass Lazio FC vs Galacticos FC

# Christobal Mayen, football legend

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chairman Evan X Hyde that went undefeated through 5 games played in Mexico. Featured on page 94 in the X's book, "Sports, Sin And Subversion," many fans have considered that team one of the best Belize selections ever. Of course, not all the players on the team were necessarily the best in Belize City or the country at the time, but the enormous talent assembled and the cohesion and chemistry the team enjoyed resulted in success on their international tour that has not since been duplicated.

This is by no means a complete documentary of the football career of Belizean football legend, Christobal Mayen. We do need to hear many more important details of his career "from the horse's mouth;" but just to refresh the young minds of today's players about the footsteps they are aspiring to walk in, we share below a brief excerpt from an *Amandala* newspaper story from the past datelined: MCC, Sun. Oct. 17, 1976. The story, titled "Christobal of

Berger 404," begins like this:

**Christobal of Berger 404**

MCC, Sun. Oct. 17, 1976

*"The first division marathon opened with a flourish this morning and it was dominated, fittingly, by Christobal Mayen, leader of defending marathon and season champions Berger 404.*

*"After a marchpast of the eleven competing teams this morning and a sensible opening address by the Hon. Senator Said Musa, himself sponsor of a junior team, the tournament began. After it was all over, Berger 404 emerged again as champions having defeated Charger 1-0, Marine and Service 1-0, White Label 1-0, and Roses 1-0. The champion scored in all four games and on three occasions it was Mayen.*

*"He is not an imposing man physically, but Mayen has an extraordinary strength and dignity which expresses itself in the smooth control, sprinting bursts, constructive distribution and a deadly finality in front of the goal..."*

Welcome home, Stobal!

## PUBLIC AUCTION SALES – BACAB ECO PARK; Los Lagos, Belize District; Pomona Extension, Stann Creek 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](http://belizepropertyauctions.com) the following properties. Sale currently running and will expire Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at the times listed on the website:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Ladyville/Lords Bank	4	64

(Being the following improvements/developments:

- a) **Caretaker's House** – (Being an elevated timber building [13 ft x 26 ft] + front porch [6ft x 13ft.])
- b) **Welcome Center** – (Between the parking lot and swimming pool and is comprised of several buildings being timber and masonry block walls, concrete floor, thatch roof and covered walkway approximately [16 ft. x 40 ft.])
- c) **Outdoor Bar** – (Being a thatched roof outdoor bar with tiled countertops + built-in stainless-steel buffet/ shelf cabinet)
- d) **Palapa Bar area with another open palapa** – (Being thatched roof, concrete floor, and half walls of palmetto sticks)
- e) **Swimming Pool** - (Timber planks and palmetto palm sticks board walk (100 meters long) leads to the pool area [approximately 6000 sq. ft]. Pool is reinforced concrete, tiled walls and is divided into two sections – kiddie section [2ft. deep]: Mushroom shape concrete waterfall: Adult section [4.5 ft. deep]: - rock waterfall + surrounded by concrete court with stone finish)
- f) **Pool Side Restaurant** – (Being a large thatch roof palapa – eating area + kitchen + cashier section + bartending area + water filter section + full male & female bathroom with storage lockers + showers + changing rooms)
- g) **Bathroom and locker storage area** – (Being a concrete building comprising of a female and male restroom, cut stone walls, roof galvalume roofing, and floor tiles)
- h) **Gift Shop** – (Being a small palmetto structure with concrete floors, palmetto walls, palmetto batten windows & doors, roof galvalume pitched supported by timber roof frame.)
- i) **Office and supplies storeroom** – (Being masonry block walls, with galvalume roofing material [12ft. x 15ft.])
- j) **Pasture for horses** – (Pastured sections are fenced with barbed wire supported by wooden posts)
- k) **Parking Lot**
- l) **Bicycle House**
- m) **Horse riding Pad and trail**
- n) **Horse riding equipment building**
- o) **Pool court with small palapas with table and seat**
- p) **Power supply and control station**
- q) **Water Supply Tower**
- r) **Swimming pool water pump house**
- s) **Kayak Pond**

and Parcel No. 64 (36.526 acres) located south of Ridge Lagoon Residential Estate, Burrell Boom Road, Belize District, the freehold property of Mr. Francis Smith & Maria Smith/Messrs. BACAB Eco - Park)

**2. PARCEL NO. 6969 LOS LAGOS, LADYVILLE, BELIZE DISTRICT:**



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Ladyville/Lord's Bank	16	6969

(Being a concrete bungalow dwelling house 31 ft. X 36 ft. + 12 ft. X 12 ft. in front + two storey concrete building 25 ft. X 40 ft. behind, containing [front concrete bungalow dwelling house] 2 bedrooms + 2 bathrooms + living room + dining room + pantry + verandah + study + staircase [attached 2 storey concrete building] Ground Floor – 1 bedroom with kitchenette and bathroom + laundry room + half bathroom + carport; First Floor – 1 bedroom with bathroom + sitting room + games/entertainment room + 2 balconies TOGETHER with fenced lot 554.290 S.M., the freehold property of Ms. Stella Marie Rudon)

**3. LOT NO. 59A POMONA VILLAGE EXTENSION, STANN CREEK DISTRICT:**



ALL THAT piece or parcel of land being Lot No. 59A, comprising 696.567 square metres situate in Pomona Village Extension, Stann Creek District, Belize shown on Plan 504 of 2011 attached to Minister's Fiat (Grant) No. 504 of 2011 more particularly shown and delineated on a Plan of Survey by Licensed Surveyor Kirk. M. Emmanuel registered and recorded at the Lands and Surveys Department, Belmopan, Cayo District in Register 29 8087. (Being a concrete bungalow dwelling house [approx. 935 sq. ft.] containing 3 bedrooms + 1 bathroom + living/dining/kitchen + balcony TOGETHER with lot [696.567 S.M.] situate in Pomona Village Extension, Stann Creek District, the freehold property of Mr. Thurman Williams)

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

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**Block 1, Parcel 157 & 158  
Douglas North, Orange Walk**

All that piece or parcel of land being Block #1, Parcel #157 and #158, Douglas North, Orange Walk Belize. They are bounded on the east by a gravel street and on the west by an open land, on the north by a proposed street, and on the south by an open land, for a total area of 2494.466 sq. yds.

The subject properties are held by a Freehold Interest in the name of Erica Cabral.



**Block 1, Parcel 57/1  
Buena Vista Village**

All that piece or parcel of land being Block #1, Parcel #57/1, Buena Vista Village, Corozal; comprising of a total area of 1280.44 sq. yds together with all buildings and erections thereon being a two-story building having a large open area, a bedroom, and a storeroom on the lower level, with an area of 1882 sq. ft.

The subject property is held as a Leasehold Certificate interest in the name of Florencia Pott.



**Lot 63, Pomona Village, Stann Creek**

All that piece or parcel of land being Parcel #63 Pomona Village, Stann Creek District; comprising of a total area 461.849 square meters together with all buildings and erections thereon being a concrete building approximately 20 feet by 40 feet and elevated 11 feet above the ground with 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, kitchen, dining and living room, a front porch approximately 5 feet by 10 feet and a side porch approximately 7 feet by 15 feet.

The property is held as a Minister's Fiat Grant No. 178 of 2006 in the name of Roy Sylvester Tillet.



**Block 42, Parcel 1789/1  
Punta Gorda**

All that piece or parcel of land being Block #42, Parcel #1789/1, Punta Gorda Town, Toledo District, Belize; comprising of a total area of 555.56 sq.yds. together with all buildings and erections thereon being an incomplete building having on the lower level three bedrooms, two bathrooms, living, dining, store room, kitchen and utility room with a total area of 1,213 sq. ft.

The property is held in the Leasehold Interest in the name of Antonio Teul.



**Block 4, Parcel 2155  
Orange Walk Town**

All that piece or parcel of land being Block #4, Parcel #2155, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk; comprising of a total area of 522.22 sq.yds. together with all buildings and erections thereon being a single storey building with an open loft above, two bedrooms, one bathroom, living, dining, kitchen an open area and storeroom for a total of 902 sq. ft.

The subject property is held in the Freehold Interest in the name of Fernando Baeza.



**Block 1, Parcel 682,  
Libertad Village**

All that piece or parcel of land being Block #1, Parcel #682, Libertad Village, Registration Section, Corozal; comprising of 5,808 sq.yds. (1.20 acres) together with all buildings and erections thereon being an incomplete two storey residence having on the ground floor two bedrooms, one bathroom, living, dining, kitchen, utility room, a large front porch and an enclosed area for recreation.

The subject property is held as a Land Certificate Interest in the name of Heraan Botes.



**Lot 66, Pomona Village  
Stann Creek**

All that piece or parcel of land being Parcel #66, Pomona Village, Stann Creek District; comprising of a total area of 722.193 sq.m. together with all buildings and erections thereon being a flat timber building with 3 bedrooms, 1.5 bathrooms, kitchen, dining room, living room, a 24ft x 33ft laundry room, a back addition of approximately 14 ft x 25 ft., a wraparound porch of approximately 250sq.ft., and carport.

The property is held as a Minister's Fiat Grant No. 462 of 2010 under the name of Gerald Walter Peters.



**Block 3, Parcel 604, Sarteneja Village, Corozal**

All that piece or parcel of land being Block #3, Parcel 604, Sarteneja Village, Corozal District, Belize; comprising of 1,519.8 sq. m. together with a concrete bungalow on the lot having two bedrooms, one shared bathroom, living, kitchen, and dining rooms, and a large front porch. The building has an area of 1,475 sq. ft. and porch of 5 ft by 25 ft and a back section with dimensions of 12 ft by 22 ft.

The subject property is held as a Land Certificate Interest in the name of Carol Cobb.



**Block 42, Parcel 793  
Punta Gorda**

All that piece or parcel of land being Block #42, Parcel #793, Punta Gorda, Toledo; comprising a total area of 893.33 sq. yds together with all buildings and erections thereon being a 2 storey building, having on the ground floor 5 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, living, dining and kitchen, and on the upper level, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, living, dining, kitchen and 2 large porches with an area of 3,728 sq. ft. and porch of 686 sq. ft.

The subject property is held in the Freehold Interest in the name of Aurelio Oliva.



**Block 4, Parcel 948  
Orange Walk Town**

All that piece or parcel of land being Block #4, Parcel #948, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk; comprising a total area of 738.76 sq.yds. together with all buildings and erections thereon being 2 buildings, both having reinforced concrete foundation, ground floor, beams and columns with the first having a floor area of 800 sq. ft, and the second 450 sq. ft.

The subject property is held in the Freehold Interest in the name of Narciso Ramirez.

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San Pablo/San Jose, Orange Walk**

All that piece or parcel of land being Block #1, Parcel #134 San Jose/San Pablo Registration Section, San Pablo Village, Orange Walk District; comprising of a total area of 4,195.7 square meters together with all buildings and erections thereon being a concrete bungalow residence with 2 bedrooms, a small living room area and a kitchen with dimensions of 18 ft by 24 ft and a front porch of 5 ft by 24 ft.

The property is held as a Land Certificate Interest in the name of Alfredo Samuel Cabrera and Josue Cabrera.



**Block 42, Parcel 1925  
Punta Gorda, Toledo**

All that piece or parcel land being Block #42, Parcel #1925, Punta Gorda Town, Toledo District, Belize comprising of a total area of 566.67 sq.yds together with all erections thereon being a bungalow residence rectangular in shape, flat and at street level with 3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, living, dining and kitchen with an area of 737 sq. ft.

The property is held in the Leasehold Interest in the name of Roland Tun.



**Block 42, Parcel 420/1  
Punta Gorda**

All that piece or parcel of land being Block #42, Parcel #420/1, Punta Gorda Town, Toledo District, Belize; comprising of 450 sq. yds. together with all erections thereon being a single storey residence having three bedrooms, two bathrooms, living, dining, kitchen, utility room, and an enclosed garage. The building has an area of 1,588 sq. ft.

The subject property is held as a Leasehold Interest in the name of Maria Roches.



**Block 1, Parcel 244  
San Pablo/San Jose, Orange Walk**

All that piece or parcel of land being Block #1, Parcel #224, San Jose/San Pablo Registration Section, Orange Walk District; comprising a total area of 1635.8 sq.m. together with all buildings and erections thereon being a concrete bungalow residence with 4 bedrooms, a shared bathroom, kitchen, dining room, and living room with external dimensions of approximately 22 ft by 47 ft inclusive of an enclosed front porch of 9 ft by 10 ft and a back verandah of 7 ft by 12 ft.

The property is held as a Land Certificate Interest in the name of Alfredo Samuel Cabrera and Josue Cabrera.

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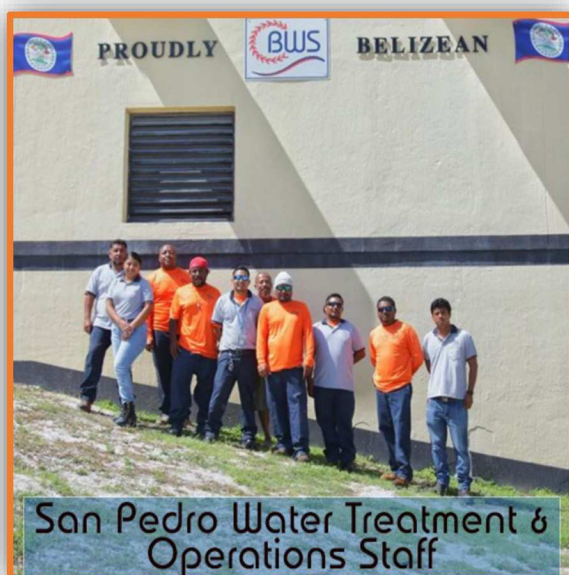
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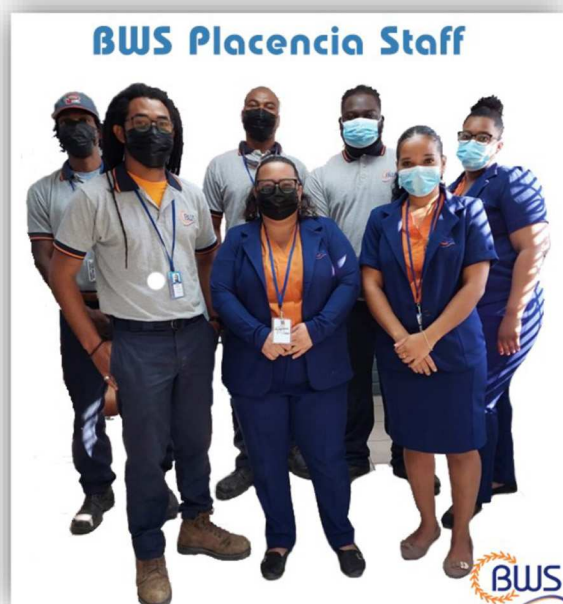
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### **BWS Continues to invest to improve Service to Customers**



Belize Water Services is pleased to inform that, our on-going investments in infrastructure and training have resulted in continuous improvements in services to customers. In particular, water supply was maintained throughout over the Easter Holidays in all service areas, and especially those such as San Pedro, Caye Caulker, Placencia Peninsula and San Ignacio/Santa Elena which saw huge increases in demand over the holiday. The company's significant investments in these service areas shows its continued commitment in providing quality and continuity of services at high and professional level.



BWS also takes this opportunity to commend our staff who worked diligently throughout the Easter period to ensure that all our systems had consistent supply, thereby allowing residents and visitors alike to have a most enjoyable holiday break.

The company currently has ongoing projects to expand services country-wide, and projects to improve the supply capacity in San Ignacio/Santa Elena, Placencia Peninsula, San Pedro, Belize City and District, Caye Caulker and Dangriga.

We thank all our valued customers and consumers for their confidence in us, as we continue our work to provide the best and most reliable service possible.

### ***BWS: Delivering Water and More ...***

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# Bar Association says referendum results are non-binding

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on the legalization of marijuana, the Bar Association of Belize published a document in which it provided legal insight into the status of the Cannabis and Hemp Bill and the legalities surrounding it—which included an assertion by the association that, in Belize, the results of a referendum are not binding and cannot prevent the passing of a bill.

“The Government may still pass the Bill legalizing the production and sale of marijuana even if the majority votes against it in a referendum,” states the document, titled “The Cannabis and Industrial Hemp Control and Licensing Bill 2022: An Insight into the Bill and Potential Referendum”. Choosing to ignore the results of a referendum, however, could lead to a major political fallout for any administration.

In the document, the Bar Association also notes that, under the Constitution, there is no requirement for the Government to consult with parties after a bill has been passed.

The Cannabis and Hemp Bill, having been approved by Cabinet, the National Assembly and the Senate, now only requires assent from the Governor General in order to become law. Upon the passing of the bill in the Senate, however, the leader of government business, Hon. Eamon Courtenay, had indicated that the Government would hold off on sending the Bill to the Governor General for approval for a period of 30 days in order to allow for “good faith consultations with social partners”.

The Bar Association reiterated this, adding that if any consultation is conducted during this time, it would only be an act of good faith by the Government.

During an interview this week, Hon. Francis Fonseca told local media that he is, as expected, in full support of the Cannabis and Hemp Bill, underscoring the fact that it has already been approved by the Senate.

“Listen, Cabinet approved that bill. The National Assembly, of which I am a member, approved that bill, passed it into law. The Senate approved the bill, passed it into law. So, that is where it is. Obviously, the bill has the support of the Cabinet. It has my support as a member of Cabinet and as a member of the National Assembly. So that’s where it is,” he stated.

When asked about the churches’ call for a referendum—and the possibility of them obtaining the signatures of the requisite 10% of the population of registered voters in order to trigger that referendum, Hon. Fonseca stated “let’s see what happens,” before asserting that a referendum cannot come after the first reading of a bill—comparing the current situation to that of the Prime Minister of Belize v Alberto Vellos case of 2008.

“As you know, there is case law that says, the clear dicta in that case law says that a referendum cannot come after a first reading. You can take a look at the Vellos case in which that matter was discussed. So, the law, you can argue both sides of the law, and obviously the Church is quite free to challenge in court any decision that we ultimately make, but it will be a Cabinet



**Institution:** Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)

**Country:** Belize

**Project:** Solid Waste Management Project II (SWMPII)

**Sector:** Waste Management

**Abstract:** Senior Accounts Clerk for the Solid Waste Management Project II(SWMPPII).

**Loan No.:** 3684/OC-BL

**Deadline:** May 13, 2022

The Government of Belize (GOB) has received financing from the *Inter- American Development Bank (IDB)*, towards the cost of the Solid Waste Management Project II and intends to apply part of the proceeds towards to hiring of a Senior Accounts Clerk.

The Objective of the consultancy is to assist the Financial Specialist in the overall financial and accounting management and administrative control functions for the Solid Waste Management Project II (SWMP II) Solid Waste Management Authority, the Technical Cooperation TC BL 1105 and the operations of the transfer stations.

The Belize Solid Waste Management Authority, the Executing Agency, now invites interested eligible individual to submit Expressions of Interest indicating qualification and experience required to provide these consultancy services listed below.

## A) SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES

The Senior Accounts Clerk shall:

- 1) Support the Financial Specialist in all aspects of financial- accounting management of the Project, Technical Cooperation TC BL 1105 and the operations of the transfer stations SWMP.
- 2) Monitor and report on expenditures against budget on a continuous basis.
- 3) Preparation of annual budget and quarterly requests for dereservation of funds for operations SWMP I & II,
- 4) Maintaining accurate Quick Books financial accounting records for the Project in line with the standard accounting principles and the financial reporting requirements of the IDB.
- 5) Keep an updated fixed assets inventory from the various sources of Project funding (IDB & counterpart funding). the Technical Cooperation TC BL 1105 and the operations of the transfer stations SWMP I & II
- 6) Prepare and submit a reconciliation of the accounts for IDB funds and Government of Belize counterpart funds monthly.
- 7) Ensuring that Social Security Contribution are paid on time.
- 8) Management of the inventory of all BSWaMA assets.
- 9) Provide all supporting documentation required for Bank disbursement requests.
- 10) Assist the Financial Specialist in facilitating external and internal audits.
- 11) Ensure that all financial documents and voucher copies are filed appropriately.
- 12) Responsible for verifying that tipping fees are being collected from all sites and paid in as revenues.
- 13) Preparation of wages for all operation personnel
- 14) Responsible for the monthly analysis of operation cost.
- 15) Upkeep of Income Tax Register and regular reconciliation with Income Tax Department. Provide any information required by the Income Tax Department.
- 16) Annual returns to the Contractor General on contracts/agreements signed during the year.
- 17) Preparation and submission of gratuity payment request for project staff.
- 18) Timely submission and follow-up of all payroll maintenance (new hire, contract renewal, deductions etc.) for project staff.
- 19) Preparation of all purchase orders.
- 20) Any other duties assigned from time to time.

## B) QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

The Person Engaged will have at least an associate degree in Accounting, Finance, Business Administration, Auditing or related discipline. A bachelor’s degree will be an asset. At least five (5) years general work experience. Three (3) or more years demonstrated professional experience in financial – accounting management. Experience in financial reporting and disbursement procedures of the IDB, World Bank, or other international donor organization is preferred. The Person Engaged must be proficient in the use of QuickBooks. Ability to work well on a team and fluency in English are essential. Excellent oral and written communication skills.

The Belize Solid Waste Management Authority now invites eligible individual consultants to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested individual Consultants must provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualification and relevant experience to perform the Services.

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

Further information can be obtained at the email address below during office hours: Monday to Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. local time.

Expressions of interest must be submitted electronically and must include a signed application letter, Curriculum Vitae (CV), copies of academic qualification, and the names and contact information of two professional references no later than Friday May 13, 2022, at 2:30 p.m. local time. **Application must be submitted via one consolidated PDF document; only complete packages will be processed.** Packages must be sent to the address below:

### Solid Waste Management Authority

Attn: Procurement Officer  
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# Bakers denied price increase, for now

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well as materials used during production and in packaging. Most notable was the increase in the price of wheat due to the ongoing war between Russia and Ukraine, which are two of the world's largest exporters of that grain. When the Caribbean Millers Association issued a release indicating that it had written to local governments to request that millers be allowed to raise the price of flour, it became even clearer to many Belizeans that what was taking place was regional, and that an increase in the price of flour and bread was already in the works.

What those Belizeans were fearing began to take shape locally when Níntríllár íf ½uððl³á³¼ ³n thá ½uððl³á³¼ Níntríl Un³t íf thá Ì³n³³¼tró íf Àgr³ñulturá, Länniö N³ñhíl³¼ín, confirmed thàt ÀDÌ Áål³zà Ì³l³¼, which produces Là G³tànà ànd Áåbå Àguà

flúur, had submitted a request for an ³nñràà³¼á ³n thá níntríllád ðr³ñá³¼. Local bakers also submitted requests for permission to increase the price of bread.

A 10-ðårñánt price increase in the price of flour was projected—with the price of La Gitana flour expected to rise from 90 ñánt³¼ à ðíund to 99 cents a pound, and the price of Bebe Aqua to jump from 99 ñánt³¼ per pound to \$1.02. And this week, some Belizeans began to see an increase in the price of bread on the shelves of some local stores. Reports are that some stores and bakeries are reportedly selling bread formerly priced at \$1.75 per pack for \$2.50.

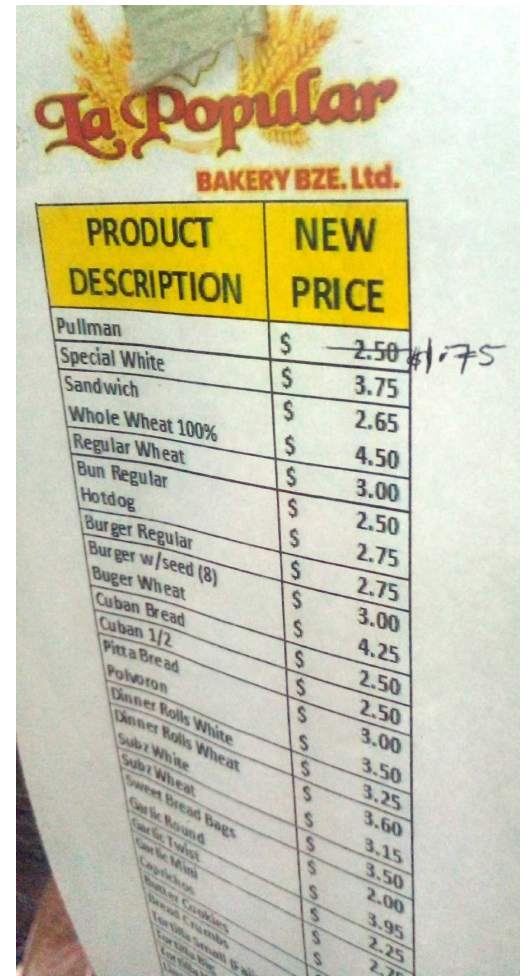
However, during an interview earlier this week, Minister of Education Francis Fonseca noted that, because the prices of flour and bread are controlled by government, and since government has not yet given the green light for any

change in the base prices of those products, any increase in the price of bread is illegal, and store owners selling at new rates are in direct violation of the law.

"They are in absolute contravention of the law. It is illegal. It's illegal. They have no authority to do that. Bread is a controlled price substance, so they have no authority to do that. And until the law is changed, until there is some approval for the price to change, they are in violation of the law," Fonseca said.

Fonseca further explained that Cabinet had asked the Minister of Agriculture and Food Security, Hon. Jose Mai, to present a paper on the ongoing issue so that a substantive discussion could be carried out before any decision was made.

Today, a Cabinet brief announced to the public that a decision had been



made, and that there is to be no increase in the price of a 16-ounce loaf of bread at this time. The decision was made after a review of a submission by Hon. Mai which outlined bakers' request for an increase to the controlled price of the 16-ounce loaf and approval of an increase to wholesale prices.

The release noted, "Cabinet determined that no price increase will be allowed at this time. In addition, Cabinet instructed the Minister of Agriculture, Food Security, and Enterprise to engage with the Association of Bakers to ensure other alternatives to minimize the possibility of drastic increases in the price of a 16-ounce pack of bread."

Jose Mai, during an interview today, however, told local reporters, "You know, bread is a regulated commodity, it is price-controlled and price-regulated. The bakers submitted to us that they want to increase the price of bread by 75 cents wholesale and 75 cents retail. They did provide enough evidence to show that their cost of baking the bread has gone up to \$1.81 cents a pound; they are selling at 1.75, so they are selling below. So we looked at and analyzed it, and presented it to Cabinet. Cabinet did not say no. They are saying, I think, we need to do further research, further engage the bakers, because bread is a daily thing. We have asked our Director of Food and Supplies to meet again with the bakers to look at the structure of pricing we have and to see where it is possible to minimize the increase. We are not saying that they will not get an increase; we are saying, let us study carefully, any increase in any commodity right now will put additional suffering on our people. Now I want you to understand something: the bakers will not be the first or the last to come..."

We can confirm that some stores and bakeries have already gone ahead and increased their prices and that the price of some baked treats has also increased. It remains to be seen how Cabinet's directive will be enforced to ensure that there is not a hike in the price of the bread on local store shelves.



**Specific Procurement Notice  
Office Equipment  
N° CABEI-G-004-2147/2022  
One Stage-One Envelope**



April 29, 2022.

**1. SOURCE OF RESOURCES**

The Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI), as part of the services it provides to its beneficiary partner countries, is granting total funding for the Procurement of **Office Equipment for the Belize Defense Force** within the framework of the **Belize Integral Security Programme (BISP)**.

**2. EXECUTING AGENCY AND BUYER OF THE BIDDING PROCESS**

**2.1 Buyer's background**

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

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

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

**3. PRESENTATION OF THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS**

**3.1 General Objectives of the Procurement:** acquisition of **Office Equipment for the Belize Defense Force**.

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

Such information will be available free of charge:

- a. For download on the Ministry of Economic Development's Website: [www.med.gov.bz/bisp-tenders](http://www.med.gov.bz/bisp-tenders) and the Ministry of Finance's Procurement Portal <https://biz-cppnb.caricom.org/epps/home.do>.
- b. Additional information regarding the preparation of proposals can be communicated by emailed to: [procurementofficer.bisp@med.gov.bz](mailto:procurementofficer.bisp@med.gov.bz) and copied to [projectcoordinator.bisp@med.gov.bz](mailto:projectcoordinator.bisp@med.gov.bz)

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

**3.3 Bids** for this invitation to bid shall be received no later than **Tuesday May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022, until 9:00 a.m.** at the following physical address below.

**3.4 Bids** must be sent to the address below and bids will not be permitted in electronic form. **No late bids will be accepted.** Bids shall be opened publicly on **Tuesday May 31<sup>st</sup>, 9:15 a. m.** in the presence of the representatives designated by the Bidder, at the address listed below.

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

**3.6 The address** referred to above is:

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

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# Revelers “back pan di road” this September

*With a history dating back to the 18th century, Carnival in the Caribbean has long been a celebration of culture, freedom, resistance, and emancipation. And come September 3, 2022, Carnival in Belize will make its long-awaited return.*

by Khaila Gentle

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Apr. 28, 2022

News of the return of Belize’s Carnival Road March on September 3, 2022 has been received with great jubilation all across the country, including at the official announcement ceremony held at the Belize City House of Culture this past Tuesday. The theme for this year’s road march, quite fittingly to some, is “We outside! We back pan di road!”

Vice president of the Carnival Association, Patrick Thompson, echoed the excitement embodied in this year’s theme during his opening address at Tuesday’s ceremony—the very first official Carnival event for 2022.

“It has been two years. Two long-awaited years, people, since we have not reveled and ‘go on bad through the street,’ as we would say,” he said.

Thompson, who noted that, “since its inception in 1974, Carnival is and will be one of the highlights in our September celebrations,” then proceeded to tell those in attendance at the ceremony, “It gives me great pleasure and is an honour to announce the return—and I say the return of Carnival in Belize 2022.”

To assist with the preparations for the return of Carnival celebrations after a two-year hiatus due to COVID-19, the Ministry of Education, Science, Technology, E-Governance, and Culture (MoESCT) handed over a cheque for twenty thousand dollars to the Belize Carnival Association. Hon. Francis Fonseca, Chairman of the National Celebrations Commission and Minister of Education, Science, Technology, E-Governance, and Culture, spoke of the growth that Carnival has seen across the country over the years.

“Everywhere I go, everywhere I run into

people all over the country—because as you know, Carnival really started out as a Belize City thing, but it really has grown and really multiplied over the years and has really become a national Carnival that people from every walk of life, people from all corners of the country look forward to with great anticipation, great excitement, great enthusiasm,” he said.

The Ministry is also planning to provide additional assistance to the association throughout the months leading up to Carnival Day.

“We want to return with a bang. We want this year to be good. We want everybody to feel the excitement, feel the rhythm of the beat. We want everybody to get out there and truly enjoy the comeback of Carnival in 2022,” added the Minister of Culture.

“After 2 lonnnnnnggggg years we are happy to say we are back! Grease up

those knees and backs! Pull out those flags & rags! Get in those workouts! Cause come Sept. 3rd we are on the road once again!” stated the Belize Carnival Association in a social media post.

During an interview with local media, Hon. Francis Fonseca said that one of the most frequent questions he has received as the National Celebrations Committee Chair over the past year is “when will Carnival come back?” and that he is happy to finally be able to give an answer to that question.

“As of now, we should return fully to pre-pandemic Carnival, and of course everybody is free to take their own precautions, and if you want wear your mask, you wear your mask, but there’s no requirement for that. So it’s a full return—that’s our hope and we certainly hope that that doesn’t change over the next few months,” he said.

Hon. Fonseca also spoke on plans to take Carnival to another level—something which the Carnival Association seems to agree with, as this year, Carnival bands are being requested to register as businesses.

The origin of Carnival, at least in the Caribbean, can be traced back to the island nation of Trinidad and Tobago—when, in the late 18<sup>th</sup> century, plantation owners would, prior to the start of Lent, hold masquerades and balls, which indentured workers and freed slaves were prohibited from attending. The slaves then began to throw their own celebrations, dubbed Canboulay.

While Trinidad Carnival takes place a week before Lent, however, Belizean Carnival, which was founded in 1975, is a significant part of its Independence Day celebrations in September.



## Specific Procurement Notice Communication Equipment N° CABEL-G-003-2147/2022 One Stage-One Envelope



April 29, 2022

### 1. SOURCE OF RESOURCES

The Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI), as part of the services it provides to its beneficiary partner countries, is granting total funding for the Procurement of **Communication Equipment** for the Price Barracks, Fairweather Camp, Camp Belizario, Air Wing and Eyles Camps (**Belize Defense Force**) within the framework of the **Belize Integral Security Programme (BISP)**.

### 2. EXECUTING AGENCY AND BUYER OF THE BIDDING PROCESS

#### 2.1 Buyer’s background

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

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### 3. PRESENTATION OF THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS

3.1 General Objectives of the Procurement: acquisition of **Communication Equipment** for the **Belize Defence Force**.

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

Such information will be available electronically, free for of charge:

a. Fordownloadonthe Ministry of Economic Development’s Website: [www.med.gov.bz/bisp-tenders](http://www.med.gov.bz/bisp-tenders) and the Ministry of Finance’s Procurement Portal <https://blz-cppnb.caricom.org/epps/home.do>.

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3.3 Bids for this invitation to bid shall be received no later than **June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, until 9:00 am** at the following physical address below:

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## Bar Association says referendum

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decision, and I don’t wanna get ahead of that decision,” said Hon. Fonseca.

The Bar Association has noted, however, that the two cases are completely different. While the case of the Prime Minister of Belize v Alberto Vellos was a response to a motion to pass a constitutional amendment, the matter being protested by the Churches of Belize has to do with the passing of a regular law. When it comes to the former, Section 3 of the Referendum Act (which has since been repealed) dictated that any move to change fundamental rights under the Belize Constitution required the Government to hold a referendum before the second reading of a Bill.

The case brought against the Prime Minister by Alberto Vellos and three other claimants was in response to a proposed constitutional amendment (the Sixth Constitutional Amendment Bill 2008) and the claimants requested that the Prime Minister submit a Writ of Referendum to the Governor General before any decisions were made on the amendment.

The churches, however, are seeking a referendum based on a provision that allows for one to be held once a required number of votes is obtained.





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