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# CITCO to Micah: Resign or be removed

**Nine councilors voted for the removal of Micah Goodin from the post of Deputy Mayor of Belize City.**



Micah Goodin

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. May 26, 2022

According to a release from the Belize City Council, elected City councilor Micah Goodin will have 14 days to tender his resignation from the post of Deputy Mayor of Belize City, and if he fails to do so within that period of time, he will be removed in accordance with the Belize City Council Act. The announcement was made following a closed session this evening, during which officials who were present deliberated over the course of action to be taken by the council in response to a gun-related incident involving Goodin.

“Regrettably, the Deputy opted not to remain in the Council meeting when this was raised on adjournment;” **Please turn to** ▶ Page 29

## Two shot, one dead in Sugar City



Reynaldo Zemir Marchand, deceased

by Charles Gladden

ORANGE WALK TOWN, Thurs. May 26, 2022

At about 8:25 on Wednesday night, May 25, two men who were among a group of persons socializing on the streetside near the junction of Gravel Lane and Staines Alley in **Please turn to** ▶ Page 35

## CARICOM leaders almost conned by WhatsApp scammer

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. May 26, 2022

While some users of WhatsApp have learned to spot the tell-tale signs of a WhatsApp scam in the making, others have lost funds after being persuaded to wire money to the accounts of persons who have indicated to them that they have won or

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(L-R) Prime Minister Hon. John Briceño / Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago, Dr. Keith Rowley

## Heated showdown at St. Francis Xavier Credit Union

by Charles Gladden



Rafael Dominguez, former General Manager of St. Francis Xavier Credit Union

COROZAL TOWN, Wed. May 25, 2022

There is currently a considerable degree of turmoil within St. Francis Xavier Credit Union (one of the largest credit unions in the

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## COVID-19 vaccination of children aged 5-11 begins

by Khaila Gentle

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. May 26, 2022

Come Monday, May 30, the Ministry of Health and Wellness will be rolling out its COVID-19 vaccination campaign for children

ages 5-11 after having received a donation of 124,800 doses of Pfizer pediatric vaccines from the Government of Slovenia.

While, initially, the first shipment of those

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# Brads seeks to block lottery tax

BELIZE CITY, Wed. May 25, 2022

On Monday, the initial hearing of an application for judicial review brought by Brads Gaming Company against the Government of Belize took place in the

Supreme Court chambers of Justice Lisa Shoman. According to a press release issued by Brads Gaming Company on May 18, the company has initiated a claim to challenge the recently passed Lotteries Control (Amendment) Regulation 2022, which restores a 12.5% tax rate for government lotteries—Boledo, lottery and jackpot (thus removing a tax exemption for government lotteries that was granted by the Barrow administration in 2011), and increases the license fee for local lottery operations from \$2 million to \$2.5 million.

The AMANDALA had reported that at the sitting of the House of Representatives on May 13 when the bill was introduced, Prime Minister Hon. John Briceño had stated that the 2011 Statutory Instrument 88 that was introduced during the Barrow administration, removed the tax just as the government lottery was being privatized—resulting in a loss of government revenue of close to 60 million dollars since that time, according to the PM.

“Recall, Madam Speaker, that on the 17th of September 2011 the Dean Barrow administration signed Statutory Instrument 88 of 2011. In this SI, government lotteries were the only of all lotteries exempted from taxes; all other lotteries were subject to the lotteries tax and remain so subject today. It is curious, to put it mildly, that such purported exemption from Lottery Tax was introduced at a time when the Boledo and other government lotteries were being privatized, so that only 1 party, the concessioner, would benefit from such exemption,” PM Briceño stated at that House meeting.

“Based on a combination of figures provided and further investigation, it is estimated that a lottery tax on government lottery charged at a rate of 12.5% on gross monthly income, the same rate charged on other lotteries, would yield almost 5 million dollars yearly. It is unfortunate that this lottery tax was not being collected before under the past UDP administration. If it had been, over the period of the consecutive exclusive license procured by the concessioner, it would likely have yielded over 60 million dollars in much-needed tax revenue for the government, 60 million dollars, apart from the profit that they make, you know, and they are making a killing,” PM Briceño went on to state.

Brads Gaming Company, however, asserted in its release that the new taxes are politically motivated, and are “designed to and will have the effect of taxing the company out of business.” They have since retained former Prime



Brads Gaming Company's main location

Minister, Dean Barrow, under whose administration the exemption was granted, as legal counsel. In addition to seeking a judicial review of the Lotteries Control (Amendment) Regulation 2022, Rt. Hon. Barrow is also, on behalf of his client, attempting to get the court to grant an interim injunction to block the government from collecting any of the additional taxes.

It has been reported by another media house that the current administration has agreed to put a hold on the collection of the additional taxes from Brads—which was to have made the first of such additional payments on May 16—until the court has issued a ruling.

In its release published May 18, Brads Gaming Company said, “BBGL does not own the Boledo Lotteries; we only manage it. GOB has never taxed its own lottery, hence the previous exemption in the law.” The release additionally claims that “For the year 2021 as per the audited financial which the government receives and the reviews the company paid \$3,801,344.32 total in taxes and fees.”

The company is further claiming that under government management, the Boledo only generated about \$1.2 million, \$800,000 of which went to the government after subtracting the cost of printing the books—much less than the \$3.8 million collected in 2021, according to Brads’ numbers.

While Rt. Hon. Barrow is representing Brads Gaming Company, the government of Belize is being represented by Trinidadian Queen’s Counsel Douglas Mendez.

Interestingly, Rt. Hon. Dean Barrow’s son, Hon. Moses “Shyne” Barrow, who is the current UDP leader and Leader of the Opposition, indicated his support of the increased lottery tax at a press conference held by the UDP on Wednesday, May 18.

At that press conference, he stated, “I completely support the tax on Brads, because that is an example of what I said earlier: taxing those people that are making millions and millions of dollars, and certainly Brads Boledo would fall under that category, so I have no difficulty with implementing that tax that should have been implemented for years.”

“I am consistent. We need to get sharing of the burden, and as I said earlier, before you ask that question, those people that are making millions and millions of dollars, those are the people that need to pay the taxes. Before they went after the peddlers with this trade license, I prefer them to try

# Running W: there’s a beef shortage!

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. May 26, 2022

Earlier this week, the primary supplier of meat in the country, Running W Brand Meats, announced via social media that they won’t be attending this year’s Agriculture Trade Show, which will be taking place over the upcoming tweekend in Belmopan.

The company then pointed to the reason for its decision to be a no-show at the event: a shortage of local beef and pork in the country.

The irony of a reported shortage of beef in the country is that, over recent months, the current administration has been jubilant about the lowering of trade barriers between Belize and neighboring countries in the region that has allowed local livestock farmers to export hundreds of head of cattle—particularly to the SuKarne company in Mexico.

In a press release issued in September 2021, the Government of Belize Press Office had stated, “SuKarne is a Mexican multinational corporation based in Culiacán, Mexico that operates in the food protein industry. The company annually exports the largest percentage of beef, pork, and chicken in Mexico and also operates in the food processing industry. It is expected that the situation for the beef cattle industry in Belize will continue improving as better-quality beef animals are introduced into the national herd and export markets are secured abroad with the neighbouring countries of Guatemala and Mexico.” Questions have now arisen about whether export revenue is being prioritized over the needs of the local population.

However, the principal Agriculture Officer and Director of Livestock in the Ministry of Agriculture, Belarmino Esquivel, denied claims that there is a shortage of beef in the country.

“Certainly there is no shortage of beef to start with. We are self-sufficient in beef and other livestock products like poultry and eggs, so we do have enough beef. What’s basically happening is that the



Belarmino Esquivel, Principal Agriculture Officer and Director of Livestock in the Ministry of Agriculture

people who have come to this country from Guatemala and Mexico have raised the price significantly. About two weeks ago, the price was about \$2.50; the price right now is about \$2.20, \$2.35 up to \$2.40, and in some instances \$2.45 per pound by the hoof, and what the local processing meat shops are paying is \$2.15. That’s about the maximum price they’re paying to producers. So what the producers are basically doing right now, most of them are going for the better price, the higher price, so that’s where we stand,” said Esquivel.

He also commented on the rising prices of fertilizer, grain, and other key imports used by farmers.

“Well, you know, globally, there’s a scarcity of food. The war between Russia and Ukraine has distorted markets and has made input and services increase up to 100%, so certainly, the up-in price farmers are happy. They’re the ones happily always looking forward [to] an increase, primarily now that fuel prices inputs and fertilizers have significantly increased. So we the ministry are looking for alternative ways to maximize production without looking fully dependent on synthetic fertilizers,” said Esquivel.

# Trade license fees for local artists deferred

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. May 26, 2022

In a press release issued today, Cabinet announced that after extended consultations with stakeholders in the entertainment industry at Monday’s House Committee meeting, they have decided to defer the introduction of any trade license fee for local entertainers until the consultation with stakeholders is completed on the proposed Trade License Bill 2022, a piece of legislation that has received much opposition from local artists. During Monday’s meeting, local artists who were present expressed their concerns over the newly proposed tax on their craft. Various other stakeholders who stand to be affected by the new tax also presented their views on the possible impact of the tax.

In its release, Cabinet acknowledged

to that that 60 million that was exempt.... I support the 12.5% taxes, and before we go to the small people, the peddlers, the entertainers—get those

the still fragile state of the entertainment industry caused by the COVID-19 pandemic—something that had also been noted by the Leader of the Opposition, Hon. Moses “Shyne” Barrow, at a press conference last week. Cabinet thus pledged, not only to defer the fees until the end of consultations, but to “develop incentives for the creative sector.”

The Cabinet brief states, “All other recommendations presented at Monday’s House Committee Meeting will be duly considered before the revised bill is presented to the House of Representatives for consideration.”

As reported, Monday’s meeting saw contributions from, at minimum, dozens of interested parties, all of which were heard by the committee members.

millions of taxes that were exempted for so many years. That would be a move that I would support,” he further said.



# Climate justice program for indigenous youths

**Caribbean Youth Environment Network launched the Indigenous Livelihoods & Climate Justice program, a pilot project aimed at helping youth from indigenous communities to fight against climate change.**



**Dominique Noralez, Program Associate for the Caribbean Youth**

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. May 26, 2022

The Caribbean Youth Environment Network (CYEN) launched a pilot project for its Indigenous Livelihoods & Climate Justice program on Wednesday, May 25. Through the program, youths from indigenous communities will receive funding to embark on some small initiatives to combat climate change.

The program has been divided into two phases—the first of which will focus on equipping trainers to aid participants in acquiring skills and developing strategies for tackling climate change.

Dominique Noralez, Program Associate for the Caribbean Youth Environment Network, spoke to local

media about the program and explained, “This is a Climate Justice and Indigenous Livelihood project. It is being done with the Caribbean Youth Environment Network in partnership with the Department of Youth Service. What we are doing is we are trying to tie in this whole concept of climate justice and what it means for vulnerable populations with a focus on indigenous populations, given Belize’s distinct demographic.”

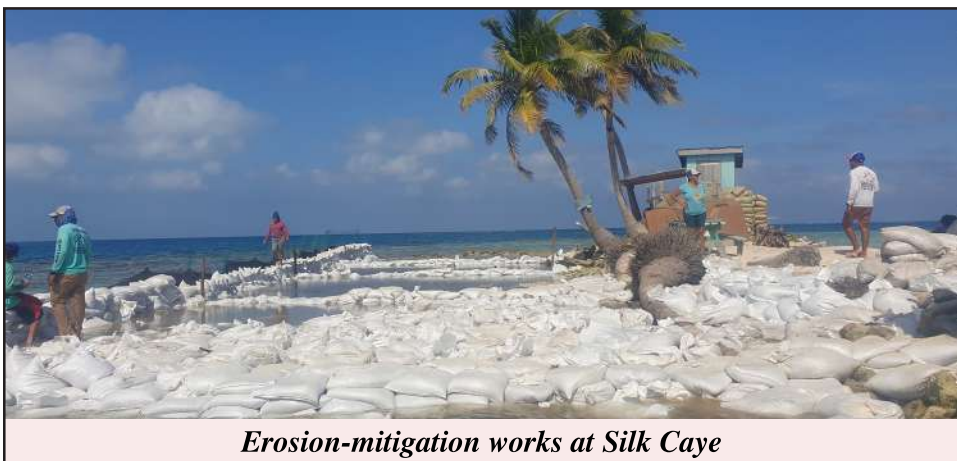
She went on to state, “It has two parts, first dealing with a training of trainers, just eight trainers. We are going to train them. Then, a second course with a larger group of about 60 young people in total; we’ll be targeting Dangriga and Punta Gorda. What we are doing there is a think tank, giving them the opportunity to get mentorship and scale-up of a community project that has to do with climate justice, action, and of course granting some Launchpad funding to get that off the ground.”

“...The training of trainers targets people who are 18 to 30 from anywhere in Belize. You get into that program, and eight of you are chosen. The second part, the youth think tank, is targeting youths that are sixteen to twenty-nine, and we target people specifically of Garifuna and Maya descent. Those are the only people that we are targeting for this specific project,” Noralez said.

Interested persons can contact Noralez at 634-5524.

# Green light given for continued work on Silk Caye

**A task force inclusive of various government technical advisors and southern community leaders has been established to spearhead continued erosion-prevention work at Silk Caye**



**Erosion-mitigation works at Silk Caye**

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. May 26, 2022

The work started by proactive community members of Placencia village to prevent further erosion of South Silk Caye has received the approval of government, which has granted the green light for the erosion-prevention work done so far by community members to continue, with the help of technical experts. In a Cabinet release issued today, GOB states, “Based on the findings of the

assessment, the Fisheries Department will be giving approval for the community to proceed with the work started to address the erosion with the support of the technical experts.”

The decision followed a fruitful meeting between persons representing the communities in the area near the caye (Placencia, Seine Bight and Hopkins villages) and the Ministry of the Blue

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# WJP: bribery, victimization, lack of gov't accountability persist in Belize

**The annual study done by The World Justice Project (WJP) highlights several of the country's persisting problems, including lack of government accountability, bribery, corruption, and crime, to name a few.**

by Khaila Gentle

BELIZE CITY, Wed. May 25, 2022

A smaller percentage of Belizeans believe that high-ranking government officials would ever be held accountable under the law than the percentage of citizens of neighboring Central American countries who believe such accountability is possible in their own nations. This was one of the many findings in the World Justice Project’s Rule of Law Index Report, released in December last year. The index ranks 139 countries, including Belize, based on persons’ experiences and perceptions in regard to issues that include criminal justice, gender, security, fundamental freedoms, and government accountability. And as of December, 2021, Belize’s Rule of Law Index score—0.48 on a scale of 0 to 1, with 1 indicating the strongest adherence to rule of law—remains poor.

The World Justice Project’s (WJP) report on Belize, titled “The Rule of Law in Belize: Key Findings from the General Population Poll”, was based on responses collected from Belizeans in November 2021 and compares the

experiences and views of more than 2,000 households, to those of households in Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala, and Panama. According to that report, Belizeans’ trust in their public and state institutions is comparatively low.

“Despite improvements in certain rule of law outcomes over time, the results highlight the fact that many challenges—including lack of accountability, bribery, victimization, and police performance—persist,” stated the report, released this year.

Focusing on three main categories—Accountability and Fundamental Freedoms, Police and Criminal Justice, and Gender, Security, and Migration—the results of the study are said to represent the views of people in Belize and their experiences with the rule of law in their country. Based on those experiences, one of the report’s executive findings was that only 22% of the Belizeans surveyed believe that a high-ranking government official would be prosecuted and punished for breaking the law. This number was at least 10% higher in other neighboring

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## Heated showdown at St. Francis Xavier Credit Union

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country), where a showdown is apparently in the making between two opposing camps—with a group of discontented members and a recently terminated general manager on one side, and the union's board of directors and the members who support them on the other.

The ever-expanding rift between the two parties became public early in May when, on May 9, persons who claimed to be members of the union who were disgruntled with decisions of the union's current board of directors issued a press release in which it was announced that the "long-awaited Annual General Meeting" of the union—which had not been held for three years due to the pandemic—would take place on May 29. Those purported members, who included assurances in the statement that they had obtained the Health Ministry's approval to hold the event, seemed eager to carry out elections of officers of the board, which they said is long overdue, and to address what they believe are troubling actions by those at the helm of the institution.

Those actions included what they referred to as "unethical behaviors by high-ranking officials" and the "illegal dismissal of the general manager". The persons who issued the statement further claimed that a special petition for the addressing of these matters had been circulated and that over 2,000 of the union's members had affixed their signatures to that petition.

On the day after that statement was released, however, another statement was released. This second release was issued by the union's board of directors, who advised members that the statement issued on the previous day was unauthorized and that no general meeting would be held on May 29. It went on to assert that any such meeting would be illegal and that "no decisions taken at that meeting are binding and valid". They indicated that, instead, an AGM would be held on June 26. In addition, the board, in its statement, denied any allegations of unethical behavior.

It has been reported, however, that on Friday, May 13, a total of 25 of the credit union's members lined up at the establishment to express their dissatisfaction with the current administration and their objection to what they considered the wrongful termination of Rafael Dominguez, former general manager of St. Francis Xavier Credit Union.

The board of directors of the credit union is insisting, however, that Dominguez was not terminated. Rather, the board stated in its May 10 release, the directors merely chose not to renew his five-year contract, which was set to expire on 30 April, 2022. That contract, they claim, was "one-sided" and provided salaries and benefits that were too excessive and unsustainable for the financial institution.

According to the board, a letter was sent to Dominguez on Friday, April 22, to notify him of the board's decision not to renew his contract, and they have also claimed that he accepted the decision.

Yesterday, Wednesday, May 25, however, Rafael Dominguez held a press conference at which he presented his own account of what took place.

He said that, ten days before the ending of the contract, he was "summoned to a meeting of the board of directors and members of the advisory committee, including the internal auditor" and was

"served with a letter dated April 23, 2022" in which the board of directors stated, "In our opinion, you have been asleep at the helm. You have certainly not fulfilled your responsibilities as stipulated in your contract. Your performance as a manager has certainly not been satisfactory. Presently, our liquidity is in a precarious state and has been pointed out to us by Central Bank... Continuing to pay your salary as stipulated in your contract is not sustainable for the credit union and, subsequently, its members."

Dominguez then pointed out to reporters at the press conference, however, that there was a different reason for his dismissal—his attempt to terminate one of two employees who he believed had been embezzling funds at the institution.

"Sometime in February of 2022, that there was two employees that had been caught up with embezzlement. I was able to terminate one of them, at that time, and so in March, when I was about to terminate the other employee, I was served with a letter from the board calling it that they have established a human resource committee. Telling that I have no other authority to continue hiring or firing any other employee of the Credit Union. And that is where the end part came from the board that they were tying up my hands not to be able to fire that employee," said Dominguez.

"...So this is all things that took falsely against me to frustrate me and so they decided not to renew my contract and to dismiss me from the Credit Union," continued Dominguez.

Dominguez alleges that on April 22, he sent a letter to the board to indicate he was in a position to renew his contract; however, the board rejected his proposal for his contract renewal and demanded that he should surrender company-issued properties, he said. He was subsequently escorted out of the institution by police officers.

"I saw two policemen behind me, in front of all the directors and the supervisory committee. I was escorted home because I had a pistol registered under my name which was bought by the credit union. I did not have that weapon on me in my possession that day, so I had to be escorted home for it, and I was then brought back to the credit union office for them to register all the properties of the credit union, including cell phone, laptop, credit union vehicle, keys to my office, and at that point I was surprised, because I did not expect that, and I was told that the electronic devices were confiscated at once, so I was not given the opportunity to be able to retract my personal information on both devices," noted Dominguez.

It has been reported that on Wednesday morning, a scuffle began at the financial institution, during which Mayet Castillo, the chair of the Supervisory Committee of the St. Francis Xavier Credit Union, and Jorge Cob, a committee member, were assaulted by Michael Riverol, the current general manager of the credit union. It was reported that Riverol denied claims that he shoved Castillo and Cob, and that he snatched Castillo's phone and slammed it onto the ground.

When Mayet Castillo spoke to local reporters, she described the alleged scuffle she had with Michael Riverol.

"I was writing on our log book for attendance that we've had reached when all

## CARICOM leaders almost conned

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inherited large amounts of money, and just need to facilitate a transfer by depositing money in some foreign account. What has been reported this week, however, is an attempted WhatsApp scam that was aimed, not at the average user of the app, but at the leaders of the Caribbean region—thus putting, not personal funds, but the resources of nation-states at risk. The orchestrators of this particular scam apparently gained access to the WhatsApp particulars of the United Nations Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres, and using his account identity, attempted to convince several CARICOM heads of government to send "substantial deposits" to a Chinese bank account as a prerequisite for receiving a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. They might have gotten away with substantial funds, and possibly important financial data, were it not for the suspicions of the prime minister of Trinidad and Tobago, Dr. Keith Rowley, who began to observe certain aspects of the correspondence from the scammers that seemed unusual. He quickly contacted Prime Minister Hon. John Briceño, who, according to some reports, was first contacted by the scammers and sent out the information to three heads of state.

When interviewed by reporters yesterday, however, Hon. Briceño said that he was first contacted by the Barbadian prime minister, Mia Mottley. "Prime Minister Mottley called me on Friday and she said, 'you're going to get a message from the Secretary-General on the UN that the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has said that they want to assist 3 countries, that they are setting aside 15 million dollars to help,'" PM Briceño stated at a press briefing yesterday.

According to PM Briceño, he was contacted through a WhatsApp account that bore the WhatsApp number and name of Secretary General Guterres, and he noted that the person on the other end had requested that they use WhatsApp as their medium of communication, since it is encrypted. The Prime Minister went on to say that he then contacted the Secretary-General of CARICOM, Dr. Carla Barnett, and a few others, and after discussions they reached an agreement that *St. Lucia, Bahamas, and Trinidad and Tobago* would be the three countries to receive the funds. The telephone numbers for the heads of states of those three nations were then forwarded to the scammers.

There is no indication how far the scammers reached in their plot during their correspondence with the two other Caribbean nations, but the Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago, Keith Rowley, after returning from a CARICOM meeting on Sunday, gleefully announced at a press conference that "TT was 'lucky to be identified' as a recipient of 'a substantial grant from the [Bill and Melinda Gates] Foundation to be distributed among us in its ongoing poverty alleviation program."

of a sudden I just heard a big bam and the door opened. And when I raised eyes, I could've seen this man coming — Mister Michael Riverol, the assistant general manager. He came straight unto me, and he began holding my [neck] and trying to choke me, and I felt very frightened for my life. I felt like I couldn't even breathe. I don't know if he realized that, but he let go of me. And as he let go of me, he held me by my arms and he began shaking me and told me 'I have told you that I don't want you in

He said that he had been informed by Prime Minister Briceño, the Chairman of the CARICOM, that "the Office of the Secretary General of the UN wanted to reach [him]" and a few other CARICOM heads of government to discuss the grant.

However, shortly after he had been told that Trinidad and Tobago would be a recipient of funding from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, which has given donations to the country on two occasions before, he tried to make an audio call to the WhatsApp account bearing Secretary General Guterres' WhatsApp number and photo but got no voice reply. The person seemed to be willing to communicate only through text messages, and, according to PM Rowley, "attempted to encourage" him "to use a foreign bank to receive this grant but there would be a significant processing fee."

At that point, particularly after the person asked that a deposit be made to a Chinese bank account, Prime Minister Rowley became convinced that the so-called grant was a hoax.

"My suspicion was further aroused when the person on the other end attempted to guide me towards making a substantial deposit in a Chinese bank as a prerequisite to receiving the grant. Having requested and not receiving any documentation and being contacted in a familiarity not normally associated with the Office of the SG, I was now convinced that this was a most brazen scam being run in the shocking manner as described," PM Rowley said.

He contacted PM Briceño, who sent him the string of messages that had been exchanged between him and the person purporting to be the UN Secretary-General, following which Hon. Briceño realized that he had never spoken via an audio call with the person on the next end of the line. "He messaged me, and then I said 'you know what, I did not speak to the person'. We were just messaging. I immediately said, 'I think that's a scam'," PM Briceño said.

All indications are that no CARICOM country sent any funds or information to the WhatsApp scammers. This recent attempt by cybercriminals brings to the forefront the region's need for upgraded safeguards against such threats.

In reflecting on what took place, PM Briceño said, "it seems they captured his WhatsApp and I think that has happened to people here in Belize."

It is to be noted, however, that the United Nations announced that officials have been barred from using WhatsApp since June 2019 due to security concerns. In January 2020 a UN spokesman told Reuters that WhatsApp communication is "not supported as a secure mechanism". As a result, senior officials from the UN have been instructed not to use it.

When asked if the UN Secretary General communicated with the Saudi Crown Prince and other world leaders using WhatsApp, he had replied, "I do not believe the Secretary-General uses it."

here'. Mister Michael Riverol and [we], Supervisory Committee, have never ever had a conversation on that topic that he didn't want us there," explained Castillo.

"... I must tell you, I really was afraid—worst when he let go of me and with that anger that was showing in his eyes, he turned around and saw my cell phone on the table and he grabbed it and he slammed it on the floor. I couldn't say anything, I was so frightened. I feared for my life," continued Castillo.





## Belize's "open for business" must be different from the 2009-2020 Honduras model

Of the seven countries in Central America (CA), only two, Costa Rica and Panama, have been doing well economically. Data from Statista, at the website [statista.com](https://www.statista.com), shows that the per capita income of persons in those two countries is easily twice that of persons living in the other five countries in CA. Economists say Costa Rica's success is based on its openness to foreign investment and trade liberalization, and much of Panama's success comes from revenues derived from the Panama Canal and its vibrant services sector.

Unlike Belize, Guatemala, El Salvador, and Honduras, the other four free market economies in CA, Panama and Costa Rica have not made it onto the least desired list — most murderous countries in the world. Nicaragua, whose economy is not considered open, and whose leaders are not in the good books with the Americans, has the lowest per capita income in CA, but, contradicting the belief that low income breeds violence, it is the safest place to live in our region.

Belize, Guatemala, El Salvador, and Honduras, for whatever reasons, have not done well with the Costa Rica and Panama model, and faced with increasing poverty, stratospheric murder rates, and social chaos, Honduras, in 2021, elected a president who is not a disciple of the free market economy promoted by the US, the hemisphere's, the world's, most powerful nation.

Honduras's journey has been a rough one. Around the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, its economy came to be dominated by rich businessmen from the US, and for many decades in the 1900s the country was led by strongman-type leaders who were favored by the Americans. In the more recent past, in 2006, Manuel Zelaya was elected president of Honduras. He has been described by some as a left-leaning leader, mostly because in

the face of strong resentment from the wealthy, he moved to address the land needs of the poor. In 2009, Zelaya was removed from office by the Honduran military, in a coup which was reportedly backed by the US.

Presidents who supported the US's economic policies for CA followed Zelaya into office. Human rights groups say that during the term of Porfirio Lobo Sosa, who became president after Zelaya was ousted from office, over a dozen journalists and political opponents of his regime died. Another lowlight of Sosa's regime was a special economic zone law called ZEDE (Zones for Employment and Economic Development).

"The Honduran ZEDE Law, from Ideation to Action", a research paper written by Jeffrey Mason and Carl Peterson and published by the Charter Cities Institute, said the 2012 law was passed to address the country's struggle to attract foreign investment. The paper, which discusses the principal objections to the law and analyses the first two ZEDEs, said the law was "among the most innovative special jurisdictions in the world."

The president of Honduras between 2014 and 2021 was

another US favorite, Juan Orlando Hernández. During his reign, the widely celebrated indigenous leader, *Berta Cáceres*, was murdered, in 2016, and in 2020 five Garifuna leaders disappeared from *Triunfo de la Cruz*, their village on the Caribbean coast. When Hernández took office he declared to the world that Honduras was "open for business." Shockingly, Hernández, a US favorite and heavy promoter of the ZEDE law, is now a resident of a US jail, accused of conspiring to import cocaine into the US.

Hondurans hated what was happening to their country under the right-wing regimes, how the ZEDE in particular was allowing foreign investors to trample the rights of indigenous Hondurans, and in November 2021 they elected the left-leaning Xiomara Castro as president. On May 13, 2022, less than six months after the Castro government took office, the Honduran Congress put away the ZEDE law.

Al Jazeera journalist, Jared Olson, described the ZEDE as "one of the most widely loathed economic projects in this Central American nation." In his story, "Honduras 'retakes sovereignty' by nixing corporate enclaves", Olson said: "the law allowed for the creation of special economic development zones...semi-autonomous corporate enclaves where investors could govern as though they were independent entities, taking advantage of separate tax schemes, security forces and labor regulations."

Following the revocation of the law, Honduras Prospera announced possible court action. Olson said that the company, a US-based investor, said that under the rights it acquired from the ZEDE law it would proceed "with plans to invest hundreds of millions of dollars and to create tens of thousands of good-paying jobs in Honduras." Olson said Castro's government stated that businesses operating under the ZEDE could "continue operating, under the condition that they submit themselves to new economic regimes."

It's interesting that our Briceño government chose the slogan, "Belize is Open for Business", when in 2021 it held the Belize Investment Summit, a meeting of ministers of government, local business folk, and business folk from abroad. It could have been mere coincidence, but it is known that the right wing element of the PUP didn't go far away when the party was chased from office back in 2008. It is because the Belizean people didn't trust this wing of the PUP, that the UDP, despite wasting and plundering much of the Petro Caribe soft loans and taxes from BNE oil, was able to win three consecutive elections.

It's not possible for a government in a democracy to serve one master only, and if the present and future are anything like the past, the unfettered capitalists among us will be after theirs, and the masses could be left to collect the crumbs that trickle down from their tables. We haven't heard much since the Summit, but Belizeans have to be wary. Costa Rica and Panama have ridden the free market model to some success, but there are factors that make each country different. Panama, for example, has the Panama Canal, and that waterway gushes between 2 and 2.5 billion US dollars into their economy each year.

The proponents of unrestrained capitalism can have their say, but our government must not allow them free rein. Governments for the people aren't afraid to make the tough decisions to ensure that all win. The present government deserves some props for moving to address the untenable boledo contract. The previous government deserves its props for taking back BTL, though local lovers of the unrestricted free market model howled that it would hurt investor confidence. The handling of the deal remains questionable, but would we have preferred for a 100% profit-motivated private entity to still be controlling VOIP? Neither government has protected the people from select lawyers who have had a feeding frenzy off public contracts and businesses.

Belize is open for business. We must ensure that the model we follow works for all of us.



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# House guest charged for killing Corozal host

by Charles Gladden

CONCEPCION, Corozal District. Wed. May 25, 2022

A man who was a house guest in a Corozal man's home, and who allegedly chopped his host to death last Sunday when he was asked to leave the home, has been arrested and charged. Jermaine Dion Zuniga, also known as "Panther", 36, a Belizean construction worker of Libertad Village in the Orange Walk District, has been charged for murdering a Concepcion villager, Juan Arturo Mendez, 47, on Sunday afternoon, May 22.

It has been reported that two days before the incident, Mendez had offered Zuniga temporary lodging in his home, and around 1:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, while Mendez and Zuniga, along with Mendez's cousin, Wendy Mendez, 34, were socializing at Mendez's residence, Mendez told Zuniga that it was time for him to go. This is what reportedly caused Zuniga to pull out a machete, with which he chopped Mendez on various parts of his body—killing him on the spot. He

then turned to Wendy Mendez and chopped her multiple times in the head and face.

Wendy Mendez was later transported to the Corozal Community Hospital, then was transferred to the Northern Regional Hospital, where she remains hospitalized and is reportedly in a critical condition.

According to the police, Juan Mendez lived alone and was not employed due to an injury he suffered while in his 20s which caused him to walk with a limp and lose the use of the right side of his body.



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**WANTED:** Darkroom equipment, i.e. enlargers, trays, tongs etc. contact

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Yaya 501-671-8050. Email: [ubadeducationalfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:ubadeducationalfoundation@gmail.com)

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## Kukulcan property owner clarifies reports



Kukulcan residence

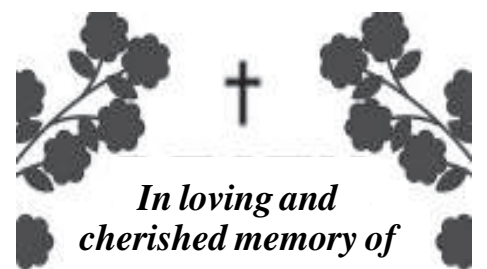
by Marco Lopez

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. May 26, 2022

Last week we reported on an aggravated burglary that took place at the Kukulcan residence in San Ignacio, Cayo District. The owner of the property reached out to the newspaper to indicate that, contrary to reports that \$300,000 was stolen during the break-in, no cash other than a couple hundred dollars owned by the residence's caretaker was stolen from the property. He further shared that the armed, masked men who entered the premises to steal the 2022 Toyota Land Cruiser were actually paid to carry out the theft — likely by someone from across the border in Guatemala.

The owner further informed us that the robbers broke the front gate on the premises, hoping to find the Land Cruiser, but did not know what it looked like, and since it was not on the property, they stole a Nissan Rogue, in which they attempted to escape, instead.

After making a wrong turn during their frenzied drive to the border, the men eventually abandoned the vehicle near the Calla Creek Hammock Bridge and made good their escape. The vehicle they had been looking for when they entered the Kukulcan property, the 2022 Toyota Land Cruiser, has since been sold, the owner tells us, and a private security firm has been hired to install a security system at the property.



In loving and cherished memory of

Leonella Viola Ferrell Parks

March 16, 1914 - May 30, 1998



And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

And I John saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."

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# COVID-19 vaccination of children aged 5-11 begins

**The Ministry of Health is hoping that by the end of the school year in June, at least 95% of the target population of children will have received one dose of the Pfizer pediatric vaccine.**

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Dr. Natalia Beer, MOHW & Dr. Cecilio Eck, KHMH pediatrician

vaccines was expected to be flown into the country today, May 26, the vaccines are now scheduled to arrive on Saturday. According to Dr. Natalia Beer, Technical Advisor for Maternal and Child Health in the Ministry of Health and Wellness, that first shipment will provide enough doses to vaccinate approximately 85% of the target population, which stands at just over 73,000 children countrywide.

Dr. Beer, accompanied by KHMH

pediatrician Dr. Cecilio Eck—who is still recovering from a life-threatening bout of COVID-19 himself—spoke with local reporters about the Ministry of Health's hopes for the campaign. She stated that, so far, the campaign has received full support from the Education sector, with whom the Health

Ministry has been working closely since the vaccination of school-aged children first began.

The vaccination campaign will involve two strategies, one of them being school-based vaccination and the other involving the use of designated vaccination sites. Dr. Eck commented

on the benefits of the first strategy—going directly where the children already are.

“With the children, we have a captive audience...all the kids between 5 to 11 in Belize, or most of them, are enrolled in a school,” he said, expressing confidence in the projected success of the campaign.

Prior to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in the country, said Dr. Eck, Belize's rates for routine vaccinations bordered 98%. And even long before the pandemic began, Ministry personnel have often made the effort to visit families door-to-door to look for children who have not yet been vaccinated.

“So our track record on giving vaccines to our kids is impeccable,” Eck added.

Despite that golden track record, some parents might still find themselves hesitant to vaccinate their children. Both Dr. Eck and Dr. Beer noted, however, that the benefits outweigh any risks. In addition to reducing the chance of severe illness, vaccinating schoolchildren reduces the potential of them contracting the virus and passing it on to vulnerable relatives at home.

“I think we have been saying that COVID-19 is not a disease to play with. It has long-term consequences, and we are still learning about the virus, and Dr. Eck can help me here, that it's not a cough and cold that we thought at the beginning of the pandemic. We know that now it's a systemic disease. So why expose someone to get COVID-19 when we have a vaccine that can protect them from the infection? And if they do get infected, then it will protect them from severe illness and the need for hospitalization,” said Dr. Beer.

And the procurement of those vaccines has been no easy task. Dr. Natalia Beer also spoke to reporters about the effort that went into trying to obtain them, noting that the Government had reached out directly to Pfizer Inc. in an attempt to purchase them using public funds but they received no response.

“The vaccines are not there ready to buy. Countries, especially large countries, they had placed their orders far ahead of us. So, probably we were the last on the list if we were to use government funds to buy these vaccines, but we were privileged to be recipients of the donation from the Government of Slovenia,” she said.

Statistics from the Health Ministry have shown that the mortality rate for unvaccinated persons is 24 times higher than that of those who are vaccinated. And the evidence supporting the benefits of the vaccine, says Dr. Beer, is overwhelming. Belizean parents now have what she calls a “golden opportunity”, especially considering the prevalent lack of vaccine availability in developing nations worldwide.

As the number of COVID-19 infections in the country continues to rise, the Ministry of Health and Wellness recently confirmed that Belize is in the midst of its fifth wave of the virus, driven mainly by the presence of the highly infectious Omicron BA.2 variant. And according to Dr. Cecilio Eck, who implores parents to get their children vaccinated, that increase in cases is being reflected in the country's pediatric population as well.

## ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR

## CAREER OPPORTUNITY

Reports to: Enforcement Manager



The Belize City Council is seeking applicants to fill the post of **Enforcement Coordinator**.

All interested persons must submit their application packages in a sealed envelope, addressed to the **Acting Human Resources Manager**, no later than **Friday, June 3, 2022**.

Application packages should include the following:

1. Completed Belize City Council Application Form
2. Cover Letter
3. Resume
4. Copy of the applicant's Social Security Card
5. A current police record
6. A passport sized photo
7. Two (2) letters of reference

### Primary Duties and Responsibilities

- ◆ Provides day-to-day management and control of traffic, horse and carriage, parks, market, dangerous buildings, abandoned/derelict vehicles, trash, and business license infractions such as: liquor, trade, public health, and informal trading within Belize City
- ◆ Responsible for internal communications by way of documents such as emails, memos and letter informing workers of important notices
- ◆ Conducts regular analysis of processes and procedures being implemented and make necessary adjustments
- ◆ Provides working guidance and drafts written performance evaluations for the Maintenance and Dispatch Supervisors.
- ◆ Reviews and provides input on evaluations for Enforcement Officers for final approval by the Enforcement Manager
- ◆ Completes daily staffing hours report as well as specific project-related and weekly progress reports for submission to the Enforcement Manager
- ◆ Identifies and recommends additional training for the Enforcement staff under the coordinator's purview
- ◆ Provides back-up duties to the Enforcement Manager and offers support and coverage to other team members during periods of absence

- ◆ In coordination with the Council's Public Relations Department, develops effective public relations strategies for the effective enforcement of the laws for which the Council has authority and jurisdiction.
- ◆ Required to be accessible by cellular phone on a 24-hour basis.
- ◆ Required to learn all enforcement related regulations in support of the Council's mission.
- ◆ Ensure that all Council protocols, procedures, and guidelines are always followed when carrying out assigned duties.
- ◆ Ensure that professionalism is always displayed when carrying out duties.
- ◆ Reports to work immediately in the event of an imminent disaster and as soon as possible after the city has suffered a disaster.
- ◆ Performs any other duties assigned.
- ◆ Reports to the Enforcement Manager and accountable to the City Engineer.

### REQUIRED SKILLS:

- Good working knowledge (speaking/reading/writing) English is required.
- A valid driver's license is required to operate an automatic/manual vehicle and/or motorcycle.
- Must be able to draft basic reports using the Microsoft Office Suite
- Must be able to pass a criminal record check
- Must own a personal cellular phone in good working condition
- Ability to communicate clearly and effectively is required
- Must pay keen attention to detail
- Must demonstrate good organization skills
- Must be able to work with minimal supervision
- Ability to exercise good judgment and discretion is required
- Must be able to work well under pressure and meet strict deadlines with rapidly changing priorities
- Must be willing to work a flexible work schedule to include some after hours and weekend work
- Must be able to use portable corporate communications technologies, such as 2-way radios, etc.
- Good insight and ability to read body language is a plus
- Legal knowledge including court procedures and government regulations is a plus
- Must possess demonstrated conflict resolution skills.

### QUALIFICATIONS

Completion of an Associate Degree in Business Administration with 3 to 5 years' work experience is required. In the absence of an Associate Degree, experience and formal training combined with demonstrated performance and ability, may substitute for stipulated academic requirements.





## La campaña de Belize “abierto para hacer negocio” debe ser diferente al modelo de Honduras 2009-2020

De los siete países de Centro América (CA), solo dos, Costa Rica y Panamá, han tenido un buen desempeño económico. Los datos de Statista, en el sitio web statista.com, muestran que el ingreso per cápita de las personas en esos dos países es fácilmente el doble que el de las personas que viven en los otros cinco países de CA. Los economistas dicen que el éxito de Costa Rica se basa en su apertura a la inversión extranjera y la liberalización del comercio, y gran parte del éxito de Panamá proviene de los ingresos derivados del Canal de Panamá y su vibrante sector de servicios.

A diferencia de Belize, Guatemala, El Salvador y Honduras, las otras cuatro economías de libre mercado en CA, Panamá y Costa Rica no han llegado a la lista menos deseada: los países más asesinos del mundo. Nicaragua, cuya economía no se considera abierta y cuyos líderes no están en los buenos libros con los estadounidenses, tiene el ingreso per cápita más bajo de CA, pero, contradiciendo la creencia de que los bajos ingresos generan violencia, es el lugar más seguro para vivir en nuestra región.

A Belize, Guatemala, El Salvador y Honduras, por las razones que sean, no les ha ido bien con el modelo de Costa Rica y Panamá, y ante el aumento de la pobreza, las tasas estratosféricas de homicidios y el caos social, Honduras, en 2021, eligió a un presidente que no es discípulo de la economía de libre mercado promovida por EE.UU., la nación más poderosa del hemisferio, del mundo.

El viaje de Honduras ha sido duro. A principios del siglo XX, su economía llegó a estar dominada por ricos empresarios de los EE. UU., y durante muchas décadas en el siglo XX, el país estuvo dirigido por líderes tipo hombre fuerte que fueron favorecidos por los estadounidenses. En un pasado más reciente, en 2006, Manuel Zelaya fue elegido presidente de Honduras. Ha sido descrito por algunos como un líder de tendencia izquierdista, principalmente porque ante el fuerte resentimiento de los ricos, decidió abordar las necesidades de tierras de los pobres. En 2009, Zelaya fue destituido de su cargo por el ejército hondureño, en un golpe que, según los informes, fue respaldado por Estados Unidos.

Los presidentes que apoyaron las políticas económicas de EE. UU. para CA siguieron a Zelaya en el cargo. Los grupos de derechos humanos dicen que durante el mandato de Porfirio Lobo Sosa, quien asumió la presidencia después de que Zelaya fuera derrocado, murieron más de una docena de periodistas y opositores políticos a su régimen. Otro punto bajo del régimen de Sosa fue una ley de zona económica especial llamada ZEDE (Zonas de Empleo y Desarrollo Económico).

“The Honduran ZEDE Law, from Ideation to Action”, un trabajo de investigación escrito por Jeffrey Mason y Carl Peterson y publicado por Charter Cities Institute, dijo que la ley de 2012 fue aprobada para abordar la lucha del país para atraer inversión extranjera. El documento, que discute las principales objeciones a la ley y analiza las dos primeras ZEDE, dijo que la ley estaba “entre las jurisdicciones especiales más innovadoras del mundo”.

El presidente de Honduras entre 2014 y 2021 fue otro de los favoritos de Estados Unidos, Juan Orlando Hernández. Durante su reinado, la célebre líder indígena Berta Cáceres fue asesinada en 2016 y en 2020 cinco líderes garifunas desaparecieron de Triunfo de la Cruz, su pueblo en la costa caribeña. Cuando Hernández asumió el cargo declaró al mundo que Honduras estaba “abierto a hacer negocios”. Sorprendentemente, Hernández, un favorito de los EE. UU. y fuerte promotor de la ley ZEDE, ahora es residente de una cárcel de EE. UU., acusado de conspirar para importar cocaína a los EE. UU.

Los hondureños odiaban lo que le estaba pasando a su país bajo los regímenes de derecha, cómo la ZEDE en particular estaba permitiendo que los inversionistas extranjeros pisotearan los derechos de los indígenas hondureños, y en noviembre de 2021 eligieron a la izquierdista Xiomara Castro como presidenta. El 13 de mayo de 2022, menos de seis meses

después de la toma de posesión del gobierno de Castro, el Congreso de Honduras derogó la ley ZEDE.

El periodista de Al Jazeera, Jared Olson, describió a la ZEDE como “uno de los proyectos económicos más odiados en esta nación centroamericana”. En su nota, “Honduras ‘retoma la soberanía’ al prohibir los enclaves corporativos”, Olson dijo: “la ley permitió la creación de zonas especiales de desarrollo económico... enclaves corporativos semiautónomos donde los inversionistas podían gobernar como si fueran entidades independientes, aprovechando de regímenes tributarios separados, fuerzas de seguridad y normas laborales”.

Tras la revocación de la ley, Honduras Próspera anunció una posible acción judicial. Olson dijo que la empresa, un inversionista con sede en EE. UU., dijo que bajo los derechos que adquirió de la ley ZEDE procedería “con planes de invertir cientos de millones de dólares y crear decenas de miles de empleos bien remunerados en Honduras.” Olson dijo que el gobierno de Castro afirmó que las empresas que operan bajo ZEDE podrían “seguir operando, con la condición de que se sometían a nuevos regímenes económicos”.

Es interesante que nuestro gobierno Briceño eligió el lema, “Belize está abierto para hacer negocio”, cuando en 2021 realizó la Cumbre de Inversión de Belize, una reunión de ministros de gobierno, empresarios locales y empresarios del exterior. Pudo haber sido una mera coincidencia, pero se sabe que el elemento de derecha del PUP no se fue muy lejos cuando el partido fue expulsado de su cargo en 2008. Es porque el pueblo beliceño no confiaba en este ala del PUP, que el UDP, a pesar de dilapidar y saquear gran parte de los créditos blandos de Petro Caribe y de los impuestos de la petrolera BNE, pudo ganar tres elecciones consecutivas.

No es posible que un gobierno en una democracia sirva a un solo amo, y si el presente y el futuro son algo así como el pasado, los capitalistas desenfrenados entre nosotros irán tras lo suyo, y las masas terminarán recojiendo las migajas que caen de sus mesas. No hemos escuchado mucho desde la Cumbre, pero los beliceños deben tener cuidado. Costa Rica y Panamá han utilizado el modelo de libre mercado con cierto éxito, pero hay factores que hacen que cada país sea diferente. Panamá, por ejemplo, tiene el Canal de Panamá, y esa vía le inyecta a su economía entre 2 y 2.500 millones de dólares cada año.

Los defensores del capitalismo desenfrenado pueden opinar, pero nuestro gobierno no debe permitirles rienda suelta. Los gobiernos para la gente no tienen miedo de tomar decisiones difíciles para garantizar que todos ganen. El actual gobierno merece algunos elogios por pasar a abordar el insostenible contrato de boledo. El gobierno anterior merece sus elogios por recuperar BTL, aunque los amantes locales del modelo de libre mercado sin restricciones aullaron que dañaría la confianza de los inversores. El manejo del acuerdo sigue siendo cuestionable, pero ¿hubiéramos preferido que una entidad privada 100% motivada por las ganancias siguiera controlando voz IP? Ninguno de los dos gobiernos ha protegido al pueblo de los abogados selectos que han tenido un frenesí alimentario de contratos y negocios públicos.

Belize está abierto para los negocios. Debemos asegurarnos de que el modelo que seguimos funcione para todos nosotros.

### Sunday Review News Review Talk Show

Host: YaYa Marin Coleman

Date: Sunday, 29 May, 2022 Time: 10:30 a.m. to noon

Guest: Bredah Nuri Akbar/Belize Rural Economic Development of Agriculture through Alliance (BREDAA).

Sunday Review will be repeated at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 29, 2022



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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 7, Parcel 1196/1  
San Pedro**

All that piece or parcel of land being Parcel #1196/1, Block #7, San Juan Area, San Pedro Town. Building 1 is a 2-story building having 6 one bedroom and one-bathroom units on the lower floor and 3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, living, dining, kitchen and porch on the upper floor with an area of 1746sq.ft. Building 2 is a 2-story building with 8 one-bedroom units with an area of 1349sq.ft. and a porch of 266sq.ft. This property has a total area of 532.00sq.yds.

The property is held by a Leasehold title (Freehold Interest) in the name of Tomasito Paz.



**Block 7, Parcel 1988/1  
San Pedro**

All that piece or parcel of land being Parcel #1988/1, Block #7, Boca Del Rio Area, San Pedro Town. Building 1 is 2 storeys with 7 one bedroom units with an area of 1795sq.ft. Building 2 is a single-story building with 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, living, dining and kitchen with an area of 520 sq. ft. Building 3 is an external lavatory with an area of 64sq.ft. The entire property has a total area of 416.67 sq. yds.

The property is held by a Leasehold title (Freehold Interest) in the name of Tomasito Paz.



**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 42, Parcel 100,  
Hopeville, Punta Gorda**

All that piece or parcel of land being Parcel #100, Block #42, Punta Gorda Town, Toledo District, Belize comprising of a bungalow residence with four bedrooms, one bathroom, living, dining, kitchen, and utility, with a large porch in front. The house has an area of 850 sq. ft. The porch is 224 sq. ft. This land has a total area of 657.25 sq.yds.

The property is held in the Freehold Interest in the name of Maria Roches.



**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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**GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE  
INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK**

**STRENGTHENING OF TAX ADMINISTRATION  
(BL-L1031)**

**PROCUREMENT OFFICER**

DUTY STATION: Belize City, Belize  
PROJECT NUMBER: BL-L1031

**1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 The Government of Belize, through the Ministry of Finance (MOF) is embarking towards the modernisation of the tax administration by merging the existing Income Tax Department (ITD) and the Department of General Sales Tax (DGST) into a single function-based tax administration, and procuring and implementing a new Integrated Tax Administration System (ITAS).
- 1.2 In order to facilitate the process, the Tax Modernization Program was initiated and comprises of five main projects/components including: (a) Communication and Change Management; (b) Organization/Human Resources (HR)/Infrastructure; (c) Business Processes Re-engineering; (d) Legislative Framework; and (e) Information Technology. These will be implemented in phases, with the existing core areas of the ITD and DGST operating as the new, consolidated functional organization, the Belize Tax Service (BTS).
- 1.3 To support this endeavour, the GoB has requested the support of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) to fund a five-year project "Strengthening of Tax Administration" (BL-L1031). The main objective of the Project is to strengthen Belize's tax administration aimed at increasing tax revenue collection, through the following specific objectives: (a) increasing the effectiveness of the Government to collect taxes, through improvement in the tax administration governance and; (b) increasing tax administration efficiency, through improvement in the operational processes and modernization of the technological infrastructure.
- 1.4 A Program Management Office (PMO) supports the implementation of the Program along with the consolidation of the BTS. The MoF is the Executing Agency (EA) of BL-L1031. For this purpose, a Project Executing Unit (PEU) will be established in the PMO with concrete technical, administrative, financial, control and planning, monitoring and evaluation responsibilities for the IDB-funded initiative.
- 1.5 In this regard, a vacancy exists for the Procurement Officer for the PEU under a contractual arrangement with the MoF, and as part of the BL-L1031 initiative.

**2. OBJECTIVE AND SCOPE OF WORK**

- 2.1 The objective of the position is to lead the execution of the procurement activities of the PEU in accordance with the provisions of the Project and the Bank's procurement rules and procedures and the MoF procurement guidelines, when applicable. In particular, the Procurement Officer is responsible for the overall and day to day activities for the procurement of goods, services and works of the Project subject to IDB policies and requirements and in accordance with the Project Operational Manual (POM).

**3. RESPONSIBILITIES/ACTIVITIES**

- 3.1 The main responsibilities of the Procurement Officer include, among others:
- Review all documentation relating to the Project; and, be informed on the Program Operation Manual (POM), the Loan Contract, the Procurement Plan (PP), the Annual Operational Plan (AOP), the Project Execution Plan (PEP), and the initial Disbursement Projection Table.
  - Prepare and update the Annual Procurement Plans.
  - Participate in the preparation of the AOP and prepare and update the PEP in MS Project.
  - Prepare necessary bidding documents, prepare the Terms of References (ToRs) and review specifications prepared by Technical Staff, organize and execute all bid openings and evaluation processes, prepare evaluation reports and corresponding draft contracts.
  - In coordination with the Project Coordinator and Financial Officer, prepare the ToRs and bidding documents for the annual audits.
  - Ensure contracting of consultants, suppliers and contractors is in accordance with IDB procurement policies and GoB policies, laws and regulations.
  - Ensure that prospective contractors, suppliers and consultants are duly constituted and are ongoing concerns.
  - Issue contracts for signature by relevant parties.
  - Manage the validity of contracts during their execution.
  - Assist the Project Coordinator in the submission of monthly activities reports and prepare the quarterly procurement reports following a pre-approved Bank format.
  - Maintain an up-to-date registry of consultants hired and goods and services purchased under the Project.
  - Monitor executed contracts through contract completion, liaising with technical personnel of the MoF, PMO and PEU and the Financial Specialist of the PEU to ensure payments/disbursements are made according to contract.
  - Maintain appropriate files of procurement functions and provide information as needed by the Executing Agency and the Bank.
  - Participate in the update of the POM taking responsibility for the procurement section and ensuring its alignment with the procurement guidelines of the Bank.
  - Execute other tasks as required to enable transparent, efficient and timely implementation of procurement activities and program deliverables.
  - Liaise with GoB officials (MoF, PMO, PEU and other) on procurement matters aimed at ensuring and effective discharge of the Project's procurement/contracting activities.
  - Publish procurement notices in the newspaper, IDB website, UNDB platform and the National Procurement Portal.
  - Publish the procurement plan in the IDB website, MOF website and the National Procurement Portal.
  - Prepare requisitions on a timely basis.
  - Provide the necessary training to Government officials.
  - Other duties assigned

**4. REPORTS/DELIVERABLES**

- 4.1 The Procurement Officer will be responsible for preparing/updating the following reports which are considered recurrent deliverables or responsibilities:
- Annual PPs.

- Quarterly procurement reports.
- Updates to POM and PEP.
- Procurement documents (bids, ToRs, requests for proposals, invitations, etc.)
- Minutes of procurement meetings.
- Other.

**5. QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCE**

- Education:
  - A Bachelor of Science Degree in Procurement, Management, Accounting, Finance, Business Administration, Auditing, Law, Public Administration or other related field.
  - A specialized certification in procurement and supply chain management or contract management is considered a plus.
- General Experience:
  - Three (3) years minimum working since obtaining academic degree
- Specific Experience:
  - At least three (3) years of relevant experience in procurement administration in the private or public sector, as part of overall project management.
  - One (1) year experience working with international or national development agencies is considered an asset
  - One (1) year experience working in Microsoft Project is considered an asset

**5.1 Skills, Knowledge and Abilities:**

- Excellent computer skills using Microsoft Office,
- Knowledge of procurement policies and procedures of the IDB or similar organizations would be considered an asset.
- Task orientated and able to prioritize projects, multitask and meet tight deadlines;
- Fluent in written and spoken English with the ability to express data in a concise and clear manner;
- Team player and possess strong self-motivation and initiative;
- Sound decision making skills and objectivity with the proven ability to act with confidentiality and discretion;
- Professional, honest and display strong business ethics and integrity; and
- Experience with the Government of Belize Procurement /administrative platforms will be of significant benefit.

**6. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

- 6.1 The Procurement Officer reports to the Project Coordinator of the PEU. He/she shall work in close coordination with the staff of the MOF and especially the members of the PMO, the BTSD.

**7. COMPENSATION**

- 7.1 The Procurement Officer will be paid a monthly salary to be established during the contracting process.
- 7.2 Given the staff-like tasks and responsibilities of the PEU personnel, reports (deliverables) do not apply. Instead, performance assessment reports from the supervisor.

**8. APPLICATIONS**

**8.1 CRITERIA for SELECTION**

Consultants will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the Inter-American Development Bank: [Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter-American Development Bank](#) GN-2350-15 section 5 – individual consultants and is open to all eligible candidates as defined in the IDB policies. The individual consultant will be selected based on their experience and competence relevant to the assignment and most appropriate qualifications and references in accordance with the Comparison of Qualifications method set out in the Consultant Policies.

**8.2 APPLICATION PROCEDURES:**

Expression of Interest package should contain:

- Cover letter briefly explaining interest, experience, and competence of the consultant
- Comprehensive resume
- Copy of degrees/certificates
- List of at least two references
- Proof of nationality: copy of documentation of nationality

Qualified Consultant should submit their application via e-mail to [Michelle.Longsworth@bts.gov.bz](mailto:Michelle.Longsworth@bts.gov.bz) marked **STAP- Procurement Officer** in the subject header, or submit hardcopy on or before Friday, June 10, 2022, by 3:00 p.m. 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:

**Project Coordinator  
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# A Trade Bill to fire up the marketplace

by Colin Hyde

Many fisherfolk protested when marine reserves were first established. Now you can't find a single member of the fishing family who doesn't recognize the tremendous boon reserves have been to the fishing industry. Presently there's a lot of protesting from fisherfolk over the regional decision to increase the "pass" size of lobster. Marine biologists say it is necessary, and fisherfolk will reap the dividends down the road. But the change is going to hurt the pockets of fisherfolk in the immediate; dehn noh happy, and they are expressing their displeasure.

I know their feeling. My worst day was hauling a drum with over 2 dozen lobsters, and only 2 passed. There's no way around it. Fisherfolk will have to trust the marine biologists. They didn't let us down before, when they insisted on marine reserves. Until the small ones grow a little bigger, fisherfolk might have to invest more into catching fish, or do some other work to make up.

The architects of the new trade bill believe its impact will be positive, but the science of economics being a lot less certain than marine biology, and many who will be affected knowing a whole lot of the innards of their businesses, it is good that consultations are taking place to better it.

Ah, some say the cart went before the horse, that the bill was dropped before consultations when it should have been after, but whether strategic or not, the discussions that have been stimulated are flat-out encouraging. That alone is a great victory.

From ground level, one of the best things I see about the bill is the change it will make in the minds of our people who engage in small businesses. True, the GOB says "the proposed bill does not levy any license requirements or fees on any street and roadside vendors or other microenterprises" in rural areas, but you bet the ears of our mango and coconut water vendors perked up too.

It doesn't matter what level of enterprise you have, it's important that you see yourself as a business person, a Belizean engaged in honorable, important work. Done right, small businesses become big businesses. When small businesses enjoy success, they make tax contributions to help out the rest of us. Business heroes of yore — Santiago Castillo, Bob Turton, and Isaiah Morter — all started out small. Those guys didn't see themselves di kech and kill. They saw themselves as business persons. Okay, *no/small* tax for the beginner, but understand the process: you're going to get there.

For a long time there's been this talk of autonomy in villages. The only way to make that work is by village councils receiving financial support from businesses in the community. This trade bill will incentivize serious village leaders to promote businesses.

The cry right now is against taxation without consultation, but the bigger cry is taxation without representation. Talking the arts, our leaders haven't done much for sports, music, and the other arts. You want to tax, you must represent. The end story here is that GOB must get

serious about those who defend our culture and pride.

Okay, many are barking at Brother Requena and Brother Shal for how they handled this thing, but I will give them big points for bravery. Good leadership isn't afraid fu tek likes. Aha, maybe a bigger applause should go to our artists who came out to do battle for their industry. The fees, the fees, we need to look at those fees. But many agree this trade bill boat must become law, because it has the potential to fire up the marketplace.

## A book recommendation

There isn't anything like it in Belize, so we have to go all the way to Nigeria, to the world of Chinua Achebe and his celebrated novel, *Things Fall Apart*.

There are many things to the book, and if I remember it correctly, people who are missionaries mightn't like it, but what I want to have at the fore here is the difference between the hero Okonkwo, and his late dad, Unoka, whose passion was playing his flute and drinking palm wine. Here's a Wikipedia description of the two: "Okonkwo is strong, hard-working, and strives to show no weakness. He wants to dispel his father Unoka's tainted legacy of unpaid debts, a neglected wife and children, and cowardice at the sight of blood."

The question that must be answered is this: are we to have no compassion for relatively harmless people who aren't designed to survive in the world of dog eat dog? Of course, in this new world, playing a flute pays the bills. But that's another story.

## Why most Kriols noh tu racial

It's major doing, getting people of African descent to wannabe like white tribes. It all started when Columbus invaded the Americas, and the kidnapping of Africans from the continent and their transportation in the belly of ships began. Totally displaced, their lives completely disrupted, centuries would pass before a great hero, Marcus Mosiah Garvey, came along and started to restore the dignity of people with the blood of Africa.

Our Mayan ancestors did not experience the same level of helplessness and degradation that our African ancestors did. For one, the Maya were at home; though not in control, they were still living in the land of their fathers and mothers. On the "hue" scale, the Maya, a brown people, were placed higher up the ladder than the Western Africans. On the "hair" scale the Maya were also higher up the white ladder.

We'll put a halt there so I can get on with my story, why many Kriols aren't too racial. It's because we are mix-up, mix-up. I was born on Victoria Street in Belize City, delivered by a midwife. My mom and dad are dark brown. I was well into adulthood before I noticed that my skin was lighter than theirs. I have a sister who has lighter skin than I have, and one of my brothers was very dark. Two of my cousins, one brown, one black, came to my yard regularly to play with me.

Upstairs of a two-story house next

door to ours lived my paternal grandparents, and two of my grampa's nieces. My grampa was very fair-skinned and my grandmother was black. My grampa's two nieces are very fair, Kriol white. A paternal aunt, who was very fair, her husband, who was black, their daughter, who is black, and their son, who is fair, lived downstairs of the two-story.

My mom didn't go out very often, and she kept in touch with our folk through me. At least once a week, I visited my maternal grandmother. She lived three blocks from us, in a two-story with her eldest son. My maternal granny was dark brown with straight hair. Her eldest son was "high" brown, his wife Mestizo, and their children, three of them are Black Spanish and one was White Spanish.

On the way to my maternal

grandmother I often stopped by my paternal grandmother's sister, who lived two blocks away from us. I have never seen anyone as dark as my grandaunt. One of my paternal grampa's nieces, a wildish one who was Kriol white, lived with her.

My mom's only sister lived just a block away from my maternal grandmother. My mom's sister was Kriol white, her husband was Mestizo, and their children are Kriol white and "high" brown.

Two of my mom's aunts lived a couple or three blocks from them. They were "red-skin" Kriols, and I often went to their house to do yard work, and to play cards. Oh, my mom had a big beef with them because they "dirted" my maternal grampa over some family property. But she didn't pass on her beef to her children.

## PUBLIC AUCTION SALE Belize & Belmopan City

BY ORDER of the Mortgagees, Messrs. Heritage Bank Limited, Licensed Auctioneer **Fitzgerald A. Joseph** will sell the following properties on **Site** on **Saturday the 4th June, 2022** starting at **8:30 a.m.**

**Registration Section**  
Queen Square West

**Block**  
45

**Parcel**  
1457



Being a property with two wooden houses. Building One: Ground Floor: Living room, bathroom, 1 bedroom. First floor: Living room, dining, kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bath & entry porch. Building Two: Living, dining, kitchen, two bedrooms and entry porch together with a lot containing 447.221 square meters situated near Neal's Pen Road Ext. along Krooman Road, Belize City, Belize the freehold property of **Keith Harris** at **8:30 a.m.**

**Registration Section**  
Belmopan

**Block**  
20

**Parcel**  
6364



Being a bungalow having three bedrooms, three baths, living, dining, kitchen, foyer and laundry rooms together with a parcel of land containing 464.561 square meters situated in the Las Flores area of Belmopan City, Cayo District, Belize being the freehold property of **Miguel A. Guerra Jr.** at **11:00 a.m.**

**TERMS: STRICTLY CASH**  
**FITZGERALD A. JOSEPH**  
**TELEPHONE: 601-2039**  
**Email: palas105@yahoo.com**



# PRESS PREDICTIONS

The sports psychic speaks

## BOLEDO

**“Press” Predictions; 32-12-41, Boledo stats thru 27 May to 3 June, 2022**

In Boledo News, 88 plays some 4 times already. These are my lucky numbers for this week: 35-12-41-08-97-79. These are my lucky Pick-3 numbers: 590-132-480-675-717-269. These are my lucky Jackpot numbers: 7624-3600-5826. 55 is still out for over 1 year 7 months and 2 weeks exact, then 26 refuse to play since the 22 of January last year, that’s over 1 year 3 months and 4 days now. 03 also out over 1 year 3 months 2 weeks and 1 day now, 12 is still out for over 1 year 1 month and 1 week exact, 47 just joins those hard numbers, out over 1 year and 3 weeks now. The teen plays the most times already. 13, 16 and 19 plays 3 times each already, all ending 9 numbers plays already. The only nineties series number left is 94; get ready Belize some dinero will be coming our way. Keep your eyes open for 12 and 03, those 2 numbers will be out very soon. There are only 2 doubles left to play, 00 and 55. 67 numbers played already. 33 numbers left, 56 set of back and front left to play:03-30-08-80-35-53-36-63-67-76-18-81, next week more lucky numbers. Remember to read your Psalms 72-63-91-27.

## LOCAL FOOTBALL

**Kulture-Yabra crush B.D.F 12 goals to 1 update**

**Local over 40 football Results.**

In over 40 football action, the Belize competition for those retired played got started last Saturday afternoon. There are only 5 teams in the competition. Kulture-Yabra F.C the defending National champions, Lake-I F.C, B.D.F F.C, Plaza F.C and Hattieville F.C there will be 2 games every Saturday with a team be resting. Kulture- Yabra crush BBDF F.C 12 goal to 1. Kevin Rowland, Steve “Gellies” young and Marley all scores a couple, Plaza F.C were a no show. The competition has already starts off bad let’s see what the rest of games will be like, next week more stats and results.

## NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

**The Boston Celtics will still beat the Miami Heat but now in 7 games,**

**NBA Play offs Results and Predictions.**

In NBA play-off action, the Miami Heat are up 2 games to 1 on the Boston Celtics, but the Celtics will still win the series but in 7 games now. Jason Tatum and Marcos Smart will put it together alongside Jalen Brown,



Marcus Smart



Jimmy Butler

Ben Ade Bayou had 31 points 10 rebounds and 6 assists in the games 2 win, Tyler Hero was injured but return, Jimmy Butler did not return to the game, but he will suit up in game 4 in Boston, those fans will go very wild and will be very noisy throughout the entire game. The Miami Heat are very deep plus they are the best 3 point shooting team this season. In the other series out West, the Golden State Warriors will win that series in 5 games, Klay Thompson and Steph Curry have a better supporting cast than Luka Dinicic of the Dallas Mavericks Steph will go to his 6th finals but will fell short, next week some finals predictions, the Finals will get started on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

## INTERNATIONAL BASEBALL

**Aaron Judge is having a M.V.P Season,**

**Baseball Results and Predictions.**

In Baseball actions, the New-York Yankees have the best record right now



Giancarlo Stanton

at 32-13, Aaron Judge is having a M.V.P season he have 15 already. Home-runs his Team-Mate Giancarlo Stanton have 11 Home-Runs, both of them seeking 50 home runs which will be a all time record set by roger Mar is and one of his teammate. The Yankees has won 27 world series, which is the most all time, the San

Diego Padres beat the San Francisco Giants 10 runs to 1, then the Philadelphia- Phillies edge the Los Angeles Dodgers 4 to 3 in 10 innings of Baseball. The New-York Mets are also rolling with the best record in their division, they beat the Colorado Rockies 2-0. Tony La Russia is still managing the Chicago White-sox, he is the longest manager in baseball right now. They are 22-23. They won their Central Division last season. The Houston Astros Top pither Justin Verlander is back from surgery. The Chicago Cubs are struggling right now; they are now 17-25. The Milwaukee-Brewers and the St-Louis Cardinals are leading the Central Division; most of the games are very competitive. Next week more some results and Predictions.

## INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL

**Real Madrid will edge Liverpool 2 to 1,**

**International Football Results and Predictions.**

In International Football action, the UEFA Champions of Champions finals will be this Saturday afternoon in France, Real-Madrid will beat Liverpool 2 goals to 1. Kareem Benzeme and Brazilian Rodrigo will score the 2 goals, Mohamed



by Gilroy “Press” Cadogan

Salah will score for Liverpool. Real Madrid will win their 14<sup>th</sup> UEFA Championship Cup, the game will be very exciting and very entertaining. Liverpool are in the finals 2 of the last 3 year. In the La Liga, Real Madrid are champions already, in the Epl, Manchester City still have a one point lead on Liverpool, there are only game remain,



Mohamed Salah

Salah leads the league with most goals. Lionel Messi have one more year with PSG of France,

he will go to the mls for his last 2 years of his successful career, he is one of the top 5 best players of all time, next week the finals results.



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Applications are invited from suitably qualified individuals to fill the following vacancies:

- 1 Belizean Studies Teacher– (3 Months)
- 1 Plumbing and Technical Drawing Teacher (3 Months)
- 1 Building and Furniture Making Teacher (3 Months)
- 1 Mathematics Teacher (4 Months)

All appointments will commence on August 29, 2022.

Qualifications for the teaching positions: Preferably a Bachelor’s Degree in Education or the subject area. Interested persons in possession of an Associate’s Degree may also apply.

Pay Scale will be in accordance with the scales approved by the Ministry of Education.

Interested persons are asked to submit Letter of Application, complete with Résumé, Transcripts, Valid Teacher’s License and Two Letters of Recommendation by June 10, 2022 to the:

Secretary  
Board of Governors  
Georgetown Technical High School  
P.O. Box 235  
Dangriga Town



# New British High Commissioner Appointed

by Khaila Gentle



**Ms Nicole Davison, newly appointed British High Commissioner to Belize**

BELMOPAN, Wed. May. 25, 2022  
 Belize has been appointed a new British High Commissioner as current Commissioner Claire Evans OBE will soon be retiring from the Diplomatic Service. Ms Nicole Davison will be taking up the role as the new High Commissioner in September of this year.

Davison, who began her diplomatic career in 1988, had been serving as the British Consul General to Vancouver, Canada since July 2016. Before that, she was the Deputy Head of Mission to Croatia. She has also served in numerous other countries including South Africa, Bangladesh, Ukraine, and China.

“I’m delighted to have been appointed the next British High Commissioner to Belize. I’m very much looking forward

to taking up my appointment in September and working to further UK and Belize relations,” wrote the High Commissioner-designate on her official social media on Tuesday.

# Jif peanut butter recall prompts MoHW warning

by Khaila Gentle

BELMOPAN, Tues. May 24, 2022

The Ministry of Health and Wellness (MoHW) has issued a press release cautioning the public about the purchase/consumption of Jif peanut butter following a recall of a series of Jif peanut butter products.

According to the release, the J.M. Smucker Company, manufacturers of Jif, voluntarily recalled select peanut butter products on May 20, 2022 due to potential Salmonella contamination at one of their facilities in Lexington, Kentucky.

“Consumers, restaurants, and retailers should not eat, sell, or serve any recalled



Jif brand peanut butter that have lot code numbers 1274425 –

2140425. This product has a two-year shelf life

so consumers should check any Jif peanut butter in their home,” stated the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

As a precaution, since Belize is an importer of said products, the Health Ministry has since commenced an assessment of the peanut butter inventory at all major supermarkets across the country. Persons who have Jif peanut butter in their homes that was purchased over the last two years can locate the lot code for their jar of peanut butter near the “best if used by” date to determine whether they might have bought a contaminated product.

The products which were recalled include various types and sizes of creamy, crunchy, reduced-fat, and natural peanut butter as well as a 40-ounce jar of natural honey, reports the *New York Times*.

“If you have used the recalled Jif peanut butter, you should wash & sanitize surfaces & utensils that could have touched the peanut butter,” the FDA also advised.

According to the Ministry of Health, any of the contaminated products found during its investigation will be seized, condemned and destroyed.

The genus of bacteria known as Salmonella is the causative agent behind Salmonella infection, also known as salmonellosis or food poisoning, which affects the intestinal tract. Persons are most often infected with Salmonella through contaminated food or water. Symptoms of infection can include fever, diarrhea (sometimes bloody), nausea, vomiting, and abdominal pain. In children and immunocompromised persons, however, symptoms can be more severe and potentially fatal.

So far, in the U.S, the FDA has reported a total of fourteen cases of salmonellosis connected to the peanut butter products across over a dozen states.

Anyone seeking further information or clarification regarding the peanut butter recall can contact the Public Health Inspector at the Ministry of Health and Wellness at 828-5257.



**Jif Peanut Butter**



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We are inviting applications from suitable and qualified professionals who fit this profile and who are nationals of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Member States and Associate Members of the Caribbean Community to fill the undermentioned positions:

**DUTY STATION - GUYANA** 

1. Director, Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) Implementation Unit
2. Programme Manager, Energy
3. Programme Manager, Conference Services
4. Agricultural Specialist, CARICOM Single Market and Trade
5. Senior Project Officer, Monitoring and Evaluation, Strategic Management
6. Communications Officer, Communications Unit
7. Senior Project Officer, Regional Statistics
8. Deputy Programme Manager, Customs and Trade Policy

Full details of these positions may be obtained by accessing the following websites - [www.caricom.org](http://www.caricom.org); [www.oecs.org](http://www.oecs.org) and [www.caribbeanjobsonline.com](http://www.caribbeanjobsonline.com)

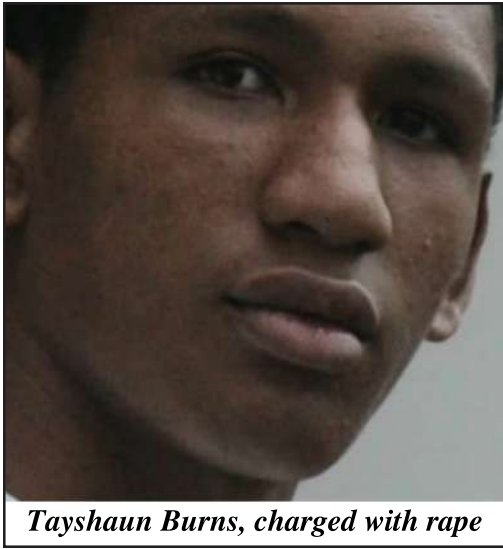
Interested candidates are required to apply using the **CARICOM Secretariat’s Recruitment Portal** which can be accessed at [https://caricom.org/opportunities\\_category/caricom-secretariat-vacancies/](https://caricom.org/opportunities_category/caricom-secretariat-vacancies/)

The deadline for the submission of applications is **4 June 2022**.

**\*ONLY SHORTLISTED CANDIDATES WILL BE CONTACTED AND ADVANCED TO THE NEXT STAGE OF THE SELECTION PROCESS.**







Tayshaun Burns, charged with rape

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Wed. May 25, 2022

On Monday, May 23, Tayshaun Burns, 18, a Raccoon Street resident, appeared

# Teen charged for raping woman on overpass

unrepresented in the Belize City Magistrate's Court, where a single charge of rape was read to him in connection with an incident that occurred over a month ago on the Dr. Manuel Esquivel Overpass (commonly known as the Pallotti Overpass), located at the entrance to the Philip Goldson Highway near Pallotti High School.

The victim, a 28-year-old woman, told police that on Friday, April 29, at around 7:00 p.m., she was walking on the overpass en route to her home when a male person grabbed her from behind and proceeded to place her in a chokehold until she was unconscious.

After regaining consciousness, she saw her attacker scouring the inside of her purse, and when he realized that she was conscious, he reportedly pounced on her and raped her.

It was a brazen act—an assault of a woman at such a central, public location, but the overpass, although it is such a prominent part of the layout of that key junction in the city, where it hovers over an area in which a supermarket, a high school, and a bus stop are all located, is often outside the visual range of most of the persons headed to their destinations on the streets below it. That obliviousness of most passersby was compounded by the time of day at which

the rape occurred—7:00 p.m., when large portions of the overpass were dark and unseen.

These are the circumstances that probably made Burns believe that he could assault a woman on a publicly used piece of infrastructure at an hour when many Belizeans were still on the streets.

Based on the physical description that the woman gave to the police, Burns was detained weeks later and charged with rape.

Burns was denied bail by Magistrate Tricia Pitts-Anderson and was remanded at the Belize Central Prison until his next court hearing on August 22, 2022.

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## COMPLIANCE OFFICER

### JOB SUMMARY

The Compliance Officer will work with the Assistant General Manager (AGM) Risk and Executive Management to develop, implement and maintain a robust compliance framework including regulatory, Anti-Money Laundering and Combating the Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT) and funding agencies' terms and conditions compliance programs.

### QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERIENCE

1. A Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, Accounting, or other related quantitative field.
2. Five years of successful experience in the financial services industry as a Compliance Officer or Auditor, with in-depth knowledge of regulatory requirements and the law and practice of money laundering.
3. An accreditation with an International Certification Program in Compliance would be an asset.
4. Proven experience in drafting, interpretation and implementation of policies and procedures in the field of work, and contribute to decision-making at the Management level.

### REQUIRED SKILLS & ABILITIES

1. Dynamic, competent, proactive, goal-oriented, detail-oriented and excellent organizational and time management skills.
2. Superior communication skills – written, verbal, and inter-personal. The incumbent must display a positive attitude and the ability to interact professionally and effectively with members of the Board of Directors, employees at all levels, and external stakeholders including high-level executives with IFIs, government agencies, and other local and international agencies.
3. Mature and independent in judgment, and able to deal with sensitive and confidential matters and situations with a high level of discretion, diplomacy and tact, and work effectively under pressure.
4. Conviction to stand by difficult decisions and be more influenced by policies and procedures. Willing to take the lead in setting the tone for corporate integrity.
5. Knowledge of DFC's role as a development bank and its contribution to national economic development will be an asset.
6. Familiarity with industry practices and professional standards.
7. Proficient in MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Outlook; and familiar with new channels used for mass communication.

### KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Develop, implement and maintain internal systems, policies and controls for effective regulatory, AML/CFT and funding agencies' terms and conditions compliance programs.
2. Investigate reports of violation of rules, regulations, policies and procedures and develop and oversee a system for uniform handling of such violations.
3. Ensure proper reporting of violations or potential violations internally or externally to duly authorized enforcement agencies as appropriate and/or required.
4. Act as the liaison between the Corporation and regulatory, supervisory and other competent authorities and funding agencies in matters relating to regulatory, AML/CFT or funding agencies' terms and conditions compliance.

5. Provide reports to the Board and Senior Management on the operation and progress of compliance efforts.
6. Build risk awareness amongst employees by providing support and training to employees on regulations and industry practices-as it relates to compliance risk.
7. Contribute to the creation of business continuity plans to limit risks.
8. Contribute to the Human Resources Management Function of the Corporation by fostering an employee-oriented company culture that emphasizes quality, continuous improvement and high performance.
9. To represent DFC locally and internationally on AML/CFT related matters.

### ACT NOW

1. Letter of Application
2. Curriculum Vitae
3. Copy of most recent qualification
4. Three (3) Letters of Recommendation (*no older than six months*) – two of which must be professional references
5. Copy of Social Security Card
6. Police record (*no older than six months*)

Submit application with reference Application for Vacancy:

**COMPLIANCE OFFICER**

to:

**Manager**

**Human Resources and General Affairs**

Development Finance Corporation

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Applications may be submitted electronically by email to:

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**MAY 31, 2022**

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# Informality and the Trade License Bill

by *Deserie Avila*, MBA., Business and Accounting lecturer, University of Belize, Belize; and *Michael J. Pisani*, Ph.D., Professor of International Business, Central Michigan University

To Belizeans, it is self-evident that the informal economy is large. It is simply part and parcel of everyday and often very public economic activity (Pisani & Pisani, 2018). A study published as an IMF working paper estimated that on average 46.8% of the value of the whole Belizean economy, from 1991 to 2015, may be classified as informal (Medina & Schneider, 2018). Not only is the informal economy large, but it is a persistent and structural feature of the Belizean economic landscape. Informal economic activities generally refer to otherwise legal market exchanges that go unrecorded, unregulated, untaxed, and unsupervised by any government authority.

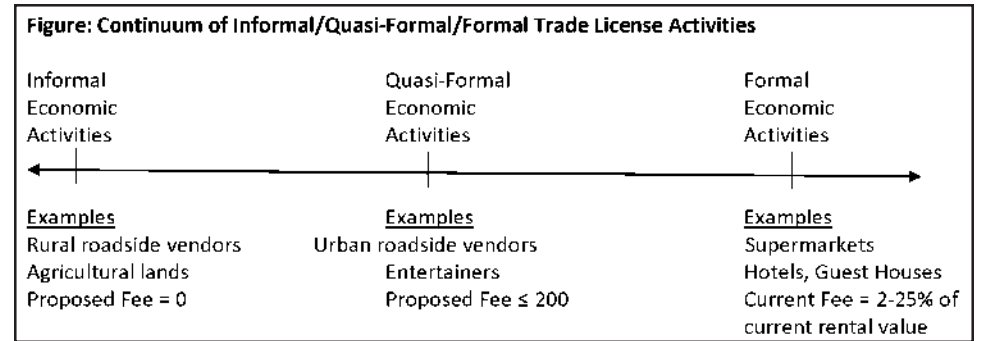
On May 13, 2022, an update to

Belize's trade license laws was tabled in the House of Representatives. This Trade License Bill (2022) seeks in part to regularize a portion of the informal economy. The push to regularize informal economic activities has been widespread across Latin America, primarily as a means for enhanced government revenue collection, often within the guise of public health and safety concerns as well as promoting tax fairness. In reality, those earning a living in the informal economy are more likely positioned at the economic margins with little political influence and are easy targets for public policymakers to secure economic gains without upsetting well-established economic interests.

In essence, this Trade License Bill codifies a continuum of informal, quasi-formal, and formal economic activities. The bill permits informal economic activities in rural areas, including orchards, vendors, and

microenterprises. For these entities, no trade license fee is levied. While an oxymoron, this segment of the continuum is legal informality (see Figure below). The trade license bill seeks to move previous informal activity, such as entertainment, vendors with 600+ square feet of selling space, etc., into a more regularized environment. At this juncture, a fee is established as a permission to conduct business without formalization of other taxes—in a sense a quasi-formal business state

(see Figure below), even for temporary business events or activities that may be renewed every three years. Lastly, the Trade License Bill keeps in place the previously established license fees of professions and activities considered more firmly within the realm of the regulated economy. This includes professionals such as real estate and insurance agents, lawyers, engineers, architects, and so on. Economic activities in this segment include supermarkets, banks, and gasoline stations (Beltraide, 2022).



As echoed by Minister Requeña, the purpose of the bill is to regulate the conduct of trade within the country, ensure that the public's health and safety is unthreatened, generate revenue for the local authorities to provide the services within the towns, districts and city, and give sellers lawful rights to conduct business in the local space (Channel 7 News, 2022).

So, if the objective of the Trade License Bill is to regularize the economy, why are some economic activities left out and others included? If the objective is health and safety concerns, then all businesses ought to be included. The costs involved in collecting small amount of taxes from a large amount of informal businesses that might be hard to track, might very well outweigh the benefits. So, if the objective is tax fairness, then tax enforcement mechanisms should be strengthened and enforced; and/or, if it is revenue enhancement, then assessing a fee on the weak and vulnerable may be just the low-hanging fruit ripe for the picking.

What really goes unsaid in this trade bill is the very large role that the informal economy plays within the broader Belizean economy. If democratic public-policy makers seek to address the size and composition of the informal economy, more public discussion is needed based on empirical evidence of the causes and determinants of economic informality in Belize. The Trade License Bill may be one possible pathway toward reducing informality (if that is the objective) but must be done within a national consensus driven by a national dialogue.

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## VACANCY NOTICE

### MECHANIC

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

**Reports to: Technical Manager**

**Summary of Responsibilities:** Individual should be able to make adjustments on Brakes, Parking Brakes, Clutches under supervision. Remove/Replace Master Clutch/Breaks cylinders, Bleed Brakes, clutch, cooling system and cable rope.

**Job Responsibilities:**

- Able to remove and replace tires on all equipment's.
- Perform inspection checks/services oil & filter change.
- Assist in cleaning mechanical workshop.
- Remove & replace all equipment: starters, alternators, fan belts, radiators, Hydraulic hoses, cooling hoses, mirrors & shocks etc.
- Able to make adjustments on Brakes, parking brakes, and clutches.
- Remove/Replace Master Clutch/Breaks cylinders, Bleed Brakes, clutch, cooling system and cable rope.
- Any other duties that may be assigned of a related nature.

**Job qualifications/Requirements:**

- Minimum High School diploma with over 5 years' experience or Associates Degree in automotive technology or related field with 3 years' experience will be an asset.
- Must possess a valid driver's license.
- Basic knowledge to scan ECU (ECM), TCU and adjoining cabin electronics.
- Basic knowledge on propane fuel system

**Skills/Competencies:**

- Ability to work independently
- Able to work flexible hours
- Strong analytical skills
- Critical Thinker

**Compensation Package:** Will be commensurate (in accordance with the Company's Salary Structure).

**To apply:** Provide updated resume, cover letter (addressed to Human Resource Manager), copy of valid social security card, Valid police record, name and phone number of two (2) previous employers.

Applications should be emailed to:  
[jobapplications@portofbelize.com](mailto:jobapplications@portofbelize.com)  
 Closing date for receipt of applications is Friday, May 27, 2022.



# LETTERS TO THE Editor

## Thanks to the KMHM!

Wednesday, May 25, 2022

Dear Editor,

I am dedicating this letter of thanks and recognition to the entire staff at the KMHM!

Security officers, nurses, doctors, cleaners, attendants, kitchen staff and heads of departments  
(in order of first contact)!

It is with a smile on my face, and in my heart, that I take this opportunity and privilege to say...

THANK YOU!

I am thankful for, and appreciative of, the outstanding services that you all provided me, while I was admitted there! You were all very attentive and helpful, and very informative as well! You all showed great kindness and care to me, and everyone else present! You all acted with great respect,

consideration, empathy, and overall professionalism at all times! These admirable attributes, in return, gained my confidence and trust! They instilled a high level of hope in regards to safe healthcare, and my overall wellbeing!

I placed my trust in the team, because I saw that you were all competent. You all knew what you were doing, and saying as well, and you all worked well together as a team.

I sincerely commend whoever is spearheading this great initiative!

This is a change that was really needed and wanted, and is so long overdue! I urge you all to continue doing what you're doing, striving for excellent performance and service!

Sincerely,  
Anonymous  
-name withheld on request

## Public responses to community compensation

Dear Editor,

Negotiating and compensating property owners in land acquisition is a process that often involves government, as well as members of an affected community. The idea is to fully describe how people construe compensation payments for the land they receive, and how they use the compensation to improve their lives. Belize continues to grow as a country, particularly in the infrastructure sector. Not only in cities and towns, but infrastructure development is also reaching locations that were once thought to be remote, such as Jalacte and Mountain Pine Ridge. Equitable distribution and doing away with economic disparities between districts are central reasons for carrying out massive infrastructure development.

Roads and bridges require land and, in many cases, government has to obtain these properties through a process often referred to as eminent domain, in order to build them. Some jurisdictions also require that government makes an offer to purchase the subject property, before resorting to the use of eminent domain. That's because the land that is needed for the development project is also occupied by residents. The George Price Highway Rehabilitation Project, an undertaking of the Government of Belize and various international funding agencies, saw the building of a new Roaring Creek Bridge, as well as the reconstruction of thirty-two point five kilometers of road between Roaring Creek and Santa Elena. Along the way, several properties were acquired for the purpose of road expansion.

While it can be a long-drawn-out process, land acquisition takes place gradually, and those that have potential for development and public access are purchased more quickly. As a financial asset, land is arguably the most important possession and plays a very important role. Investment in

infrastructure developments such as roads, irrigation and urban spaces for public use is very important and requires large amounts of land. Road construction has a positive impact on economic growth, greatly reducing logistics expenses. Land acquisition activities, however, are usually met with skepticism on the part of the community, and there is often a perception that land acquisition is an opportunity for property owners to sell land at exorbitant prices, giving rise to speculators and brokers.

Farmers also find themselves in an unusual situation, where they feel that their rights are deprived because the compensation money that is provided is insufficient to continue their new livelihoods and provide generational inheritance. In June 2021, the Government of Belize was ordered to pay six point three million dollars in compensation to two farmers, Jose Ical and Estevan Caal, and the village of Jalacte, following a legal victory in the Supreme Court. Not only did the government fail to seek the free, prior and informed consent of the affected community under a previous ruling by the Caribbean Court of Justice, but the Ministry of Agriculture also proceeded to occupy land that was being used for traditional farming without compensating the previous owners. Therefore, it is necessary for government to actively engage with community members and traditional authorities in helping to provide new planting areas. Although, in general, the process of land acquisition is carried out through proper legal procedures, it is not uncommon for those procedures to come in conflict with customary legal procedures. As a result, there is often an unequal relationship between the customary land owner and the party taking over the land; consequently the landowner community is disadvantaged and becomes a victim. To minimize these instances, it is necessary for

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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

**Position Name:** Custodial Supervisor  
**Vacancy number:** Belmopan-2022-12  
**Closing date:** June 8, 2022

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

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

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

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

## Tour guide supports training

Dear Editor,

It's interesting to see that the B.T.B. decided to renege on its obligation to have the tour guides being trained, especially after coming out of this pandemic. I have never in my 20 years of experience as a tour guide, heard of a refresher course being offered by the Belize Tourism Board. This course is long overdue, as it is very important for the health of the tourism industry. To believe that training to enhance the knowledge of guides is irrelevant is completely irresponsible. There is no entity, industry, or large corporation that does not incorporate training for their employees as an essential tool for the success of their enterprise.

Tourism has become a major income-earner for this country, and there is no better time than now to prepare all stakeholders to become better in the service they provide. I'm sure that one of the main objectives of the tour guide association is to assist and train their membership. This should be ongoing and should be done yearly at the association level and once every 3 or 4 years through the government authorities. We cannot just settle for our great hospitality and wonderful attractions to be competitive in the tourism industry; a knowledgeable and well-trained tour guide plays a pivotal role in enhancing our guests' experience when visiting our country.

Why do we insist on watering down the role of tour guides in this industry? You should never compare the service of a guide with a taxi driver; the

difference is like day and night. The positive effect and benefits of having a trained and professional tour guide are huge. To be able to reinforce relevant and updated knowledge within one's skill set as a guide is self-gratifying; it provides confidence and adds value to the service they offer. Tour guides are the first responders during an emergency whilst on tour. They are entertainers, teachers, peacemakers, security, and even ambassadors for the country. Tour operators know full well that to send their guests with some untrained person could literally destroy their business.

Belize as a destination needs to ensure that all guides in the tourism industry are properly trained so as to have a competitive edge over other destinations around the region. The leverage that tour guides have and the service that they provide in the tourism industry should never be underestimated. If the government is serious about removing mediocrity in the industry, they should start by providing adequate training to this frontline personnel. The Quality Management and Capacity Development department of the B.T.B. has been failing for many years. A professional and properly trained tour guide brings quality and standard to the tourism product. Well-trained stakeholders in the tourism industry is a critical component if we are supposed to compete in the global tourism market.

Respectfully Submitted  
J Alvarez

government to include customary law so that there is balance.

Land acquisition often ends with residents losing their homes, yards, shops, etc. And so, it is natural that some people refuse to sell or give up their properties, despite negotiations at the beginning of the process that outline the purpose of the land for public interest. The George Price Highway Rehabilitation Project required land to be purchased from private owners in order to expand the width of the existing artery. Following all legal procedures, titleholders were compensated and then relocated. Those roadside properties were

subsequently repurposed for use in the context of that infrastructure project, which has been completed successfully. To eliminate various issues in the process of land acquisition, efforts need to be made by all stakeholders to rebuild the principles, objectives, standards and compensation procedures. The effective process of negotiating land acquisition, therefore, is very much determined by the community's response in interpreting the compensation obtained.

Concerned Belizean  
-name withheld by request



# Russia's nuclear Poseidon — Part 3

The following, our dear readers of this column, I find to be of much interest, for the reason that, as I have mentioned before, the analysis is from an American who expresses what he knows publicly not only to the Americans of the United States regarding issues involving NATO, Russia and the People's Republic of China. Here is Part 3 of Chris Sanders' "BIO-BIDEN TIMELINE SINCE 1991 | RUSSIA'S POSEIDON NUCLEAR", published on the American News Network's YouTube page on May 6, 2022 as follows:

If there's other colonels out there that want to keep on supplying the information, I appreciate it, or any officers that are out there. We will keep you confidential. I'm going to go on to what Biden has been doing, like I promised, since 1991. Okay? The

Russian Foreign Ministry released an alleged Bio-Biden timeline of US, Bio-research in the Ukraine.

- In 1991, the United States launches the Nunn Luger program for the former Soviet countries to control, eliminate Soviet weapons of mass destruction, including bioweapons. The Pentagon's Defence Threat Reduction Agency was named as the program's main executor.

- In 1993, the Ukraine US Agreement on the Prevention of proliferation of weapons of mass destruction is signed.

- 2005, an additional protocol was assigned to the agreement between the Ukrainian Health Ministry and the DTRA on the prevention of the proliferation of technologies, pathogens, and those that can be used to develop bioweapons, and this is the start of the transfer of the Ukrainian military biological potential to

US Specialty Hands 2005.

- 2000s, large US military industrial companies are engaged in military biological activity in the Ukraine and from 2005 to 2014, Black and VAC Special Projects and DTRA contractor builds and upgrades 8 biolabs in the Ukraine instead of eliminating military biological infrastructure as was originally claimed. One of the facilities, a biolab in Odessa, has been financed since 2011 for the study of pathogens that can be used in bioterrorism attacks.

- In 2007, the United States Department of Defense employee, Nathan Wolfe, founded Global Viral Forecasting Institute, subsequently Global Viral, a biomedical company. The mission stated in the charter is non-commercial study of trans-border infections, including in China.

by Clinton Canul Luna

- 2009, Rosemont Seneca Partners is established by former US Secretary of State John Kerry's stepson, Christopher Heinz, and incumbent US president Joe Biden's son, Hunter Biden. That's 2009.

- 2014, anti-constitutional coup d'etat in Ukraine. This is the beginning of the Azovstal Battalion.

- 2014, Hunter Biden joins the board of directors of Burisma Holdings, a Ukrainian energy company.

- 2014, Meta Biata, a private commercial organization specializing in the study of pandemic risks, is detached from Global Viral. Neil Callahan and John DeLoche, employees of Hunter Biden's company, Rosemont Seneca Partners, are appointed to the board of Metabiota. Global Viral and Metabiota began to get funding from the United States Department of Defence in 2014. This was the open door.

- 2014, Metabiota shows interest in Ukraine and invites Hunter Biden to assert Ukraine's cultural and economic independence from Russia.

- 2014, Metabiota and Burisma Holdings begin cooperation on an unnamed science project in the Ukraine.

- 2014, Metabiota, Global Viral and Black and VAX Special Projects begin full-fledged cooperation within the United States Department of Defense programs.

- And from 2014 to 2016, implementation of Metabiota and the United States Department of Defence contracts, including a \$300,000 project in the Ukraine.

- 2016, US citizen Ulana Nadia Supran, a descendant of Ukrainians, is appointed Acting Health Minister of Ukraine. The United States Department of Defence and Ukraine's Health Ministry's cooperation program is greatly expanded.

- 2016, an outbreak of swine flu among Ukrainian Defence Ministry personnel guarding biolabs in Kharkov, Ukraine. 20 of them were found dead and the incident is hushed up, at least in the United States.

- 2016, former US Assistant Secretary for Defence Andrew Weber is appointed head of Metabiota Global Partnership Department. And in 2016, EcoHealth Alliance, a global viral founder, Nathan Wolfe's Structure, is engaged in the study of bat-transmitted CV [is what I'll say so this doesn't get taken off everywhere]: CV research at the centers and a Wuhan laboratory in China. So, remember this, there is the partnership exposed right there even from the Russians. In 2016, EcoHealth Alliance, a Global Viral founder, Nathan Wolfe's Structure, is engaged in the study of bat-transmitted CV at the Research Center in Wuhan laboratory, China.

(To Be Continued)

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Corozal Town



## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST CONSULTING SERVICES Legislative Drafter Individual Consultancy

**Institution:** Ministry of Youth, Sports and Transport  
**Country:** Belize  
**Project:** Capacity Building for Public Transport Reform  
**Sector:** Public Sector  
**Abstract:**

This project aims to support the implementation of the short-term transportation reforms needed to strengthen the capacity of the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Transport and enhance the public transportation industry as a continuation of the Comprehensive National Transport Master Plan (CNTMP). Developed in close coordination with the Economic Development Council and the Belize Infrastructure Limited, the project will aim to: (i) build capacity for public and private institutions to effectively plan and implement policy initiatives to improve the service quality and efficiency of public transport; (ii) make the public transportation services more efficient through the design of a Public Ground Transportation routing, scheduling and ticketing system, improved terminal facilities and an improved bus fleet with the necessary regulations and standards for the sector.

**Loan/Credit/Grant No.:** ATN/KR-17666-BL

**Contract/Bid No.:** IC6

**Deadline:** 17 June 2022; 10:00 Local Belize Time

The Government of Belize has received financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), toward the cost of the Capacity Building for Public Transport Reform, and will apply part of the Counterpart Funding for consulting services.

The consulting services ("the Services") includes an Individual Consultant as a Legislative Drafter. The key component of the consultancy is to provide Legislative Drafting for the Department of Transport based on recommendations derived from the other consultancies within the Transport Reform Project.

### Objectives:

The core objective of this consultancy is to conduct a comprehensive legislative drafting update of the policy and legal framework, and regulations governing public transportation in Belize based on recommendation and legislative drafting notes and guidance provided by the Department of Transport. The outputs shall include a set of public policies and legislation to address the following specific objectives:

1. Update Chapter 230 - Belize Motor Vehicle and Road Traffic Act based on recommended legislative drafting notes;
2. Update Chapter 230 based on recommendation provided by the Department of Transport;
3. Ensure that all legal instrument drafted are in compliance with Belize standard legal drafting practices;
4. Provide update as it relates to Public Transport Laws and Policies in alignment with the CNTMP.

The Ministry of Youth, Sports and Transport now invites eligible Consultants from Commonwealth Countries to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

Consultants will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the Inter-American Development Bank: [Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter-American Development Bank GN-2350-15](#). A Consultant will be selected based on qualifications.

Further information, including **the template for the Expression of Interest and full Terms of References**, can be obtained via email or phone during the hours 8:00am – 5:00pm from Mondays to Fridays.

Expressions of interest must be sent in a written form as one document by email no later than 17 June, 2022; 10:00 am Local Belize Time.

Subject: **Expression of Interest – Individual Consultancy – Legislative Drafter.**

Attn: Trudy Joseph  
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Phone: 501-672-0848





## Vacant Post Radiographer

### Job Description

#### Primary Responsibilities:

- Performs general, portable (ward), theatre and emergency radiography.
- Performs shift duties after office hours, weekends and public holidays; as well as standby duties.
- Performs duties in advanced imaging modality in which they are trained.
- Assists Radiologist in fluoroscopic procedures and other procedures as required.
- Adheres to safe work practices especially in radiation safety and infection control.
- Responsible for the safety and welfare of the patient.
- Responsible for explaining the procedure to the patient.
- Responsible for general housekeeping of procedure rooms and work areas.
- Produces radiographs of diagnostic value.
- Applies the ALARA principle for all procedures.
- Guides and teaches junior radiographers in their respective areas of work.
- Ensures efficient running of their area of responsibility.

#### Job Requirements

- Degree or Diploma in Diagnostic Radiography
- Compassionate and good patient care
- Good interpersonal and communication skills
- Customer and service oriented
- Good team player

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## VACANCY NOTICE

### OMBUDSMAN

Applications are invited from suitable qualified persons to fill the vacant position of **OMBUDSMAN**.

Under section 3 of the Ombudsman Act, Chapter 5 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, the Ombudsman is a Parliamentary Commissioner who is appointed by the Governor-General, acting on the recommendations of both Houses of the National Assembly contained in resolutions passed in that behalf. The Office of the Ombudsman is not deemed to be an office in the public service.

#### Functions

The main functions of the Ombudsman are the following: -

- To investigate complaints received from the public under the Ombudsman Act about the administrative acts and decisions of the Central Government departments (including the Belize Police Department), local authorities, and other public statutory bodies and State-owned enterprises, involving official corruption or other wrongdoing;
- To make recommendations to the competent authorities for appropriate action against the person (s) responsible, where there is evidence of a breach of duty, or misconduct or the commission of a criminal offence;
- To review the decisions of the authorities in accordance with Part V of the Freedom of Information Act, where access to a document has been refused by a Government Department, or other prescribed authority;
- To perform all other functions assigned to the Ombudsman under the Ombudsman Act or any other law.

#### Minimum Qualifications and Skills

The candidates should possess the following qualifications and skills: -

- Bachelor's degree in law, business or public administration or other related discipline;
- Experience in complaint investigation and resolution in the public sector;
- Ability to deal with persons from a wide variety of backgrounds and to maintain an objective understating of different perspectives;
- Professional demeanour and impeccable credentials;
- A thorough knowledge of the Ombudsman Act of Belize and the procedure prescribed therein for the investigation of complaints;
- If possible, familiarity with the workings of Ombudsman in other jurisdictions.

The Ombudsman must be non-partisan and a person of integrity and high national standing.

#### Disqualifications

Under section 5 of the Ombudsman Act, no person is qualified for appointment as Ombudsman if he (a) is a member of the House of Representatives or the Senate; or (b) is a member of a local authority; or (c) is an undischarged bankrupt; or (d) has at any time been convicted of any offence involving dishonesty or moral turpitude.

#### Age Limit

Candidates should be between 30 and 62 years of age.

#### Salary

Subject to negotiation and subsequent confirmation by the National Assembly.

#### Deadline for applications

Interested persons in possession of the requisite qualifications and experience should submit their applications to the **Clerk, National Assembly, Belmopan**, no later than **31<sup>st</sup> May, 2022**.

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# 19 children and 2 teachers killed in Texas mass shooting



People react outside the SSGT Willie de Leon Civic Center, where students had been transported from Robb Elementary School after a shooting in Uvalde, Texas, U.S.A. on May 24, 2022. (REUTERS/Marco)

**The teenage gunman, identified as Salvador Ramos, shot his grandmother before going to Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas, where he engaged in a shooting rampage before being shot dead by police.**

shooting took place at Robb Elementary School in the small town of Uvalde, Texas, located about 80 miles from San Antonio. The final body count was 21. Two of the persons who died were teachers, while 19 children in the second to fourth grades were killed—all at the hands of 18-year-old Salvador Ramos, who was apparently shot dead by police on the scene. This mass

shooting comes just 10 days after 10 persons were killed in Buffalo, New York, by another mass shooter. The teenage gunman is said to have shot his grandmother, who survived but was hospitalized, before crashing his vehicle near the school and exiting the car wearing ballistic armor and brandishing a rifle. He was reportedly spotted by police, who failed to prevent his entry into the school compound, where he carried out the bloodbath. The shooting at the school of approximately 570 students took place just two days before the summer break. Robb Elementary is a school for children in the second to fourth grades,

whose ages typically range from 7 to 10 years old, and it primarily caters to the largely Latino and Hispanic community of Uvalde. Approximately 80% of students at the school are of Hispanic descent, reports say. No motive has yet been pinpointed to explain why Ramos, a resident of the community, went on such a bloody rampage. The school alerted parents with a post on their Facebook page at 11:43 a.m. on Tuesday which stated that shots were heard in the area and that the school had been placed on lockdown. The second message posted said, "There is an active

UVALDE, TEXAS, Wed. May 25, 2022  
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## ATTORNEY GENERAL'S MINISTRY VACANCY NOTICE

Suitably qualified applicants are invited to fill the position of:

### CROWN COUNSEL, LITIGATION UNIT, CIVIL DIVISION

Applicants for the position of Crown Counsel:

- a) must be:
  - i. qualified to practice as an attorney-at-law in a court in Belize or as an advocate in a court in any other part of the Commonwealth having unlimited jurisdiction either in civil or criminal causes or matters; and
  - ii. has been qualified for not less than five years so to practice in such a court.
- b) must be in good health.
- c) must be a person who conducts himself at all times, both in his professional and in his personal life, in a manner that will maintain public confidence in the standards of the legal profession.

Experience and training required:

- a) Minimum of four (4) years' experience as a practicing attorney-at-law in the area of civil litigation;
- b) Bachelor of Laws Degree from a recognized institution; and
- c) Legal Education Certificate or equivalent from a recognized institution.

Interested persons may download an application package from the Attorney General's Ministry Website – [www.agm.gov.bz](http://www.agm.gov.bz) or submit in writing to:

**The Secretary, Judicial and Legal Services Commission**  
**Ground Floor, Sir. Edney Cain Building**  
**Thru' the Office of the Solicitor General**  
**Attorney General's Ministry**  
**Belmopan City, Cayo District Belize, Central America**  
**Telephone number: 822-2504 or 822-0519**  
**email address: [agsecretary@agm.gov.bz](mailto:agsecretary@agm.gov.bz)**

Deadline for receipt of applications: **June 17, 2022**

Applicants must submit proof of qualifications and two reference contacts along with application.

Note: Only suitably qualified applicants will be acknowledged. Commission is not bound to make an appointment from among those persons who apply.



## ATTORNEY GENERAL'S MINISTRY VACANCY NOTICE

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### SENIOR LITIGATOR

Applicants for the position of Senior Litigator:

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  - ii. has been qualified for not less than five years so to practice in such a court.
- b) must be in good health.
- c) must be a person who conducts himself at all times, both in his professional and in his personal life, in a manner that will maintain public confidence in the standards of the legal profession.

Experience and training required:

- a) Minimum of ten (10) years' experience as a practicing attorney-at-law in the area of civil litigation of complex legal matters specifically in public law (constitutional law and administrative law) and human rights law;
- b) Bachelor of Laws Degree from a recognized institution; and
- c) Legal Education Certificate or equivalent from a recognized institution.

Salary: BZD \$84k per annum with allowances.

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Daniel Orlando Castellanos, deceased

# Police not sure son killed dad, 79; detain other suspect

hypovolemic shock.

The shooting which ended his life reportedly occurred late on Friday night, May 20, at Castellanos' residence at 4 Garza Street in Belmopan, Cayo District.

After the shooting, Castellanos' son, German Castellanos, had been detained by police in connection with his father's death, and many believed the initial narrative given to the public of the sequence of events that led to the elderly man's death.

It was reported in the Tuesday edition of the *Amandala*, that "earlier that night, prior to the deadly incident, German and his girlfriend had a domestic dispute, which caused both of them to leave the home. Moments later, German Castellanos returned home, but by that time his father had locked the door. German then began banging on the door, and it appears that at that point his father went to the door but refused to allow him

to enter. Instead, the elderly man told his son to stop making so much noise, as he was going to sleep."

It was being alleged that it was at this juncture that German Castellanos, purportedly enraged by his father's refusal to grant him entry, took out a firearm and shot his father several times, then left the house.

Daniel Castellanos was later found by police in the living room of the residence in a pool of blood sometime after midnight.

German Castellanos was detained over the weekend by police, after initial reports had pointed to him as the assailant who caused his father's death, but by Monday it was clear that the Police Department was having second thoughts about the possible identity of the triggerman.

The department subsequently retracted its initial report, in which it identified German Castellanos as the shooter, and the Communications Director of the Belize

Police Department, ASP Fitzroy Yearwood, on Monday explained to reporters the reasons for the hesitation—one of which was the fact that a total of 10 persons occupied the home.

"There are about 10 residents in that home, and working with their statements and after seeking the advice from the DPP office, our investigators were instructed to do an in-depth investigation before levying any charges. We want to be absolutely certain that we have the person that is responsible without a doubt so as to not do any injustice to Mr. Castellanos's family. So our investigators are at this time recording other statements and hopefully, we could say accurately who is responsible for this crime," said ASP Yearwood.

There was even speculation that someone else might have been trying to "frame" German Castellanos for his father's death.

ASP Yearwood thus indicated to local reporters that German Castellanos would be released sometime on Monday, May 23.

"I know sometime this morning he will be released, and if we need to re-detain him then that will be done. But at this point, we are not going to charge him, so he will be released from police custody," said Yearwood.

And indeed, German Castellanos was released on Monday, May 23 due to insufficient evidence. However, police have detained a second suspect, who is believed to be a friend of Castellanos' sons.

BELMOPAN, Tues. May 24, 2022

A post-mortem examination on the body of Belmopan resident, 79-year-old Daniel Orlando Castellanos, who was allegedly shot by his son, has confirmed that his death was caused by "multiple perforating gunshot wounds" which resulted in "internal exsanguination" (internal bleeding) that led to



## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

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

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

The Belize Compact Development Team will be led by a National Coordinator who will lead these efforts and process by managing the detailed day-to-day work of the specialized staff of the Compact Development Team and by engaging the key stakeholders across government ministries and agencies, the business community and civil society organizations. The Program Coordinator is expected to be a full time equivalent, working closely with the US based MCC Leader and Team to ensure that the project outputs of the Belize Compact Team are well planned, implemented and presented throughout the entire compact development process, i.e., Constraint Analysis, Concept Notes, Concept Projects, program logic, and project designs.

Vacant Post
<b>1. Program Coordinator</b>

**Remuneration:** Competitive salary and benefits are offered, commensurate with academic level, work experience and other relevant strengths of the winning candidate. Kindly follow the below link for further details.

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

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

Deadline for application is **31 May 2022 at 4:00 pm**. Application can be sent via email to: [econdev@med.gov.bz](mailto:econdev@med.gov.bz) or hand delivered to the address indicated below:

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

Any request for clarification should be sent via email to [econdev@med.gov.bz](mailto:econdev@med.gov.bz) no later than **23 May 2022**. Responses will be provided within three days.

# 19 children and 2 teachers killed in Texas...

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shooter at Robb Elementary. Law enforcement is on site." A third message asked parents to pick up children at the school civic center. Nineteen families received the awful news.

Belize's Commissioner of Police Chester Williams, in a public statement about the recent tragedy, said that the mass shootings are "sickening". "If not at school, where else can children be safe?" Williams asked.

President Joe Biden said he was also "sick and tired of it". Biden, who is under heavy pressure to act to implement stricter gun control laws, said in a televised statement said, "As a nation, we have to ask when in God's name we're going to stand up to the gun lobby, when in God's name we do what we all know in our gut needs to be done."

In 2021 there were 61 active shooter incidents in the United States—the highest tally in 20 years, the FBI reports. President Biden vowed to crack down on gun violence as a part of his campaign agenda. In 1994, as a senator in Delaware, Biden steered the implementation of a 10-year ban on assault weapons which was not renewed in 2004. According to him, when the law was lifted, mass shootings tripled.

In 2020, the University of Michigan published a research letter that listed firearms as the leading cause of death for U.S. children and adolescents.



# CDC flags Belize as "high"-risk

by Khaila Gentle

BELIZE CITY, Tues. May 24, 2022

Belize, now in the throes of its fifth wave of COVID-19, is among five nations that were added to the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) "high"-risk category this week. The change in the country's CDC risk status coincides with a recent upturn in the number of COVID-

19 cases in the country, which continues to rise, and occurred just a few days after the Ministry of Health & Wellness issued a press release confirming Omicron Variant BA.2 as the predominant strain of the virus that is currently circulating in Belize.

Previously listed under Level 2 or the "moderate" risk category, Belize, Barbados, Saint Vincent & the Grenadines, and the Kingdom of Eswatini

were all moved to Level 3 this past Monday, while Montserrat was moved up two risk levels from the Level 1 ("low") category.

According to the CDC, the "Level 3: Covid-19 High" category is assigned to those countries that have had more than 100 cases per 100,000 residents in the past 28 days. On Tuesday, May 24, the Ministry's COVID-19 Daily

Report indicated a total of 132 new confirmed cases, which brought the current number of active COVID-19 cases to 958. Before that, data for May 21-23 showed a total of 198 new confirmed cases.

"As is evident from the increase in the positivity rate over the last few days, Belize is currently experiencing another wave of COVID-19 and must work together as a community to help control the spike and contain the spread," said a recent press release from the Ministry.

The CDC has advised against travel to Belize and other "high"-risk countries for all unvaccinated persons. It has also stated that even those who are up-to-date with COVID-19 vaccines might be at risk of contracting and spreading the virus.

Notably, Belize's Director of Public Health and Wellness, Dr. Melissa Diaz Musa, and Minister of Health and Wellness, Hon. Kevin Bernard addressed the 75th World Health Assembly this week. There, Dr. Diaz Musa spoke on Belize's



The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

experience with the virus over the past few years as well as where the country currently stands in its battle to contain the virus.

"Belize recorded its first case of COVID-19 in March 2020. And to date, we have seen four large waves of this relentless virus. We are now entering our fifth wave," she stated.

Meanwhile, Hon. Bernard spoke on how maintaining COVID-19 testing readiness remains a challenge for Belize and other developing nations. He also addressed the inequitable distribution of testing supplies and COVID-19 treatment, noting how high-income countries have bought almost all existing supplies.

Currently, the CDC, which does not include the United States in its travel advisories, has over 100 countries listed under Level 3, including Belize, Brazil, Canada, Costa Rica, France, Germany, and the United Kingdom. This past Monday also saw Kuwait, Jamaica, and Mongolia moved up from Level 1 to Level 2.




**SUMMARY PROCUREMENT NOTICE**

**Contract Title: CONSULTANCY ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN SERVICES / CONSULTANCY ON NATIONAL ACCOUNTS**

**Contract reference nos.: EU/SFCICP/RSTATS/2022B-PH / EU/SFCICP/RSTATS/2022C-PH-C**

The Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat intends to award a service contract for the following:

- **Consultancy on International Trade in Services;**
- **Consultancy on National Accounts.**

The contract will be implemented at the CARICOM Secretariat (Guyana) Office with financial assistance from the 11<sup>th</sup> European Development Fund. The detailed Request for Expressions of Interests (REOIs) are available at <https://caricom.org/procurement-notice/>

The deadline for submission of Expressions of Interests (EOIs) is **31 May 2022**.

## UNIVERSITY OF BELIZE



## JOIN OUR TEAM

### MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR

**DUTY STATION:** Belmopan Campus

**SUMMARY OF RESPONSIBILITIES**  
The Marketing and Communications Director is responsible to create and lead the implementation and execution of a strategic communication plan that presents, maintains and promotes a positive image of the University of Belize both internally and externally. The Marketing and Communications Director acts as the University's primary contact for all communications media and public relations matters and, under the direction of management, is the University's chief spokesperson.

**JOB QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Master's Degree in Business, Marketing, Communications, Public Relations, or a related field.
- Five (5) years' experience directly related to the duties and responsibilities specified.
- Persons with a Bachelor's Degree in the related field and 5 years' experience in a Marketing management position can be considered.

**SKILLS/COMPETENCIES**

- Excellent written, verbal and interpersonal communication skills.
- Possess working experience or knowledge of social media and content marketing.
- Robust copywriting skills.
- Possess a highly developed capacity to produce written promotional material in English (Ability in Spanish is preferred).
- Proactive, highly motivated, and sensitive to the potential impact of issues.
- Possess a full understanding of media needs and media relationships and a solid knowledge of current affairs.
- Proactive, reliable, responsible and possess a wide degree of creativity and latitude.

### DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL LANGUAGE CENTRE

**SUMMARY OF RESPONSIBILITIES:**  
The University of Belize maintains a Regional Language Centre at its Belmopan Campus. Currently the Centre focuses on the teaching of English to speakers of other languages, mainly Spanish, and to a much lesser extent, to providing document translations. The Director of the Regional Language Centre designs and implement phased programmes to realize the following development objectives, while maintaining the Centre's ongoing programmes:

- Expand offerings of the Centre to cover the teaching of English to native Spanish-speakers to Level C in the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).
- Offer as well instruction to enable native Spanish-speaking teachers to be able to teach English at the Primary and Secondary School levels.
- Offer Spanish language instruction to its staff members who do not currently speak Spanish.
- Convert the Regional Language Centre into a profit-centre for the institution.

**JOB QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Master's degree in the teaching of English as a second or foreign language or in a related area in linguistics.
- Minimum 5 years' experience both in teaching adult professionals, and in teaching English to non-native English speaking adults.

**SKILLS/COMPETENCIES**

- Excellent leadership skills;
- Proactive, creative, cooperative and results-driven in working with people from different cultures and in working with the management of the University;
- Committed to excellence, and would be expected to offer, on an ongoing, basis, suggestions for improving the operations of the Centre and its product offerings;

INTERESTED PERSONS ARE INVITED TO APPLY AND VIEW FULL JOB DESCRIPTIONS:

Online: <https://www.ub.edu.bz/work-at-ub/> | Email: [ubjobs@ub.edu.bz](mailto:ubjobs@ub.edu.bz)

Please upload a cover letter, curriculum vitae, the names and addresses of three referees (including present or past employers and work colleagues), transcript of highest degree, copies of relevant degrees and certificates, and a valid police record.

Queries may be addressed to:  
[ubjobs@ub.edu.bz](mailto:ubjobs@ub.edu.bz)

**Deadline to Apply**  
**June 10, 2022**  
**Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.**





**Specific Procurement Notice  
Six (6), 4x4 Diesel Pickup Trucks  
N° CABEL-G-005-2147/2022  
One Stage-One Envelope**

**May 27, 2022.**

**1. SOURCE OF RESOURCES**

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

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

**2.1 Buyer's background**

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

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

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

**3. PRESENTATION OF THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS**

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

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

Such information will be available free of charge:

- 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://blz-cppnb.caricom.org/epps/home.do>.
- 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) or by calling telephone number: **822-0156**

*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 **Monday June 20<sup>th</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, in the presence of the representatives designated by the Bidder, at the address listed below, on **Monday June 20<sup>th</sup>, at 9:15 a.m.**

**3.5 All Bids** must be accompanied by a "**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**

**Ref: Procurement of 6, 4x4 Diesel Pickup Trucks (BISP) - N° CABEL-G-005-2147/2022**

Phone Number: 822-0156

email address: [projectcoordinator.bisp@med.gov.bz](mailto:projectcoordinator.bisp@med.gov.bz)  
[Procurementofficer.bisp@med.gov.bz](mailto:Procurementofficer.bisp@med.gov.bz)

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**GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE  
MINISTRY OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND  
INVESTMENT  
REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

**CONSULTANCY FOR AN OFFICE CLEANER  
FOR THE BELIZE INTEGRAL SECURITY  
PROGRAMME (BISP)**

**N°CABEL-CS-002-2147/2022**

**MAY 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**BACKGROUND**

The Government of Belize (GOB) is implementing security programme with the overall objective to contribute to improving the quality of life of Belizeans and to support regional efforts that seek to combat crime. The key goal of the Belize Integral Security Programme (BISP) is to strengthen citizen security by providing support to those institutions directly engaged in maintaining national security. The Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI), as part of the services it provides to its beneficiary member countries, is providing the total financing for the procurement of a consultant to fill the role of Procurement Officer in the framework of the Belize Integral Security Programme (BISP). The Ministry of Finance, **Economic Development**, and Investment will be responsible for the execution of the Programme and all its components, reporting all progress to CABEI and ensuring 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 Defence Force, Belize Coast Guard and National Forensic Science Services.

The General Objectives of the consultancy to be contracted is to provide general cleaning services for the office of the Programme Executing Unit.

The Ministry of Finance, **Economic Development** and Investment now invites interested consultants to present their expressions of interest along with their respective resume to participate in the selection process for the consultancy of an Office Cleaner with the Belize Integral Security Programme (BISP).

**SCOPE OF WORK**

The Office Cleaner will be responsible to maintain the cleanliness and orderly conditions of all office spaces. In doing so the Office Cleaner must comply with the following functions:

- Cleaning of the office spaces, conference room, restrooms, storeroom, kitchen, and dusting and polishing of its furniture and cleaning of equipment and appliances
- Disposal of office and kitchen garbage
- Notify management of occurring defects or needs for repairs to equipment and/or appliances
- Secure facilities after operating hours by locking doors, closing windows, turning off light and Air condition units
- Perform any other duties assigned from time to time

**SUPERVISION AND REPORTING**

The Office Cleaner will work under the general guidance of the Administrative Assistant and report directly to the Administrative Assistant and the Project Coordinator. The position will be based at the Project Executing Unit's office located at #1904 Constitution Drive, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Unit #3, Belmopan City.

**ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE**

The consultant must submit documentation to support experience and academic qualifications

- Minimum of a Primary School Certificate
- At least two (2) years' experience in providing cleaning services in a professional organizational setting
- Have a "clean" police record
- In possession of a Social Security Card that is valid for employment in Belize
- Fluent in English
- At least one (1) letter of reference from previous employer
- Resume

**TERMS**

The Office Cleaner will be selected by a competitive process in accordance with the Policy for the Procurement of Goods, Works, Services and Consultancies with CABEI resources and its Norms for Application (DI-52/2020/PRE-40/2021). The duration of the consultancy is for **27 months**. The post will be for one year, in the first instance, subject to an annual review and evaluation. Salary will become insulate with the requirements of the post and the qualifications and experience of the selected candidate.

Interested eligible Consultants may obtain further information and a complete Terms of Reference from the Programme Execution Unit of the BISP. Requests should be addressed to [projectcoordinator.bisp@med.gov.bz](mailto:projectcoordinator.bisp@med.gov.bz) during office hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. local time from Monday to Friday; or you can visit the Ministry of Economic Development's webpage, [www.med.gov.bz](http://www.med.gov.bz) to download the Terms of Reference. Additionally, the consultancy announcement can be found on the Belize Procurement Notice Board's webpage <https://blz-cppnb.caricom.org/epps/home.do> Further information can be received by calling: **822-0156**

Deadline for submission of Expressions of Interest is **Wednesday June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022**. Expressions of interest along with Resume and supporting documentation (Diplomas, Certificates, Reference, etc.), must be sent via electronic mail (email) to [projectcoordinator.bisp@med.gov.bz](mailto:projectcoordinator.bisp@med.gov.bz) and copied to [procurementofficer.bisp@med.gov.bz](mailto:procurementofficer.bisp@med.gov.bz) with subject heading:

**Ref: N° CABEL-CS-002-2147/2022 Office Cleaner** or via direct mail or hand delivered to the address indicated below by **9:00 a.m. on Wednesday June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022**.

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

**Ref: N° CABEL-CS-002-2147/2022 Office Cleaner**

**LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED!**

Telephone Number: 822-0156



# Fiesta o Partido?

by Marco A Lopez

We all see unions fight against political entities,  
Too much lies and corruption in the House of Parliamentary  
Poor people suffer inna yo colonial system for centuries,  
Unu two-sided party left the country broke  
Now we haffi fend fi it  
What if we goh da ICJ and lose a piece a the Jewel?  
What if they keep increasing the tax prices pan fuel?  
A devaluation a wi dollar  
Poor people come from under this yah spell...

- TR Shine feat. Pupa Curly: "Not Part a Yo Party", Tuff Gong International. 2022. MP3

When I listen to the bitter remarks of elected officials lamenting their oh-so-unfortunate position on the opposing side in the House of Representatives, I sometimes get "cold seeds". Always nostalgic about when they were on the other side, yeah, the ruling side with the power, and all the good things they did and how they could do it better (if they were) still there, or when they get back on top. Then we hear the ruling parties speaking as if it is "their turn", for all the years that they were onlookers, eager and angry bystanders. They tout all the awesome strides they've made in their arguments as to why they are better, reminding the fallen of why they are where they are. But when will the people get a chance to lead?

Political leaders, hungry and ruthless in their quest to get into government and wearing their desperation on their sleeves, are not only unsightly, but in some instances pretty scary. A mass party seeks to capture the hearts and minds of the electorate by aligning with the goals and objectives they lay out (in a perfect world that is); their manifestos are based on on-the-ground interaction with the people of the country most in need of help and upliftment. But forgive me (or not) if I point out that our election process is marred, and decided by dollars and cents. This is not exclusive to Belizean politics, but for a small country like Belize, it's what cut so-called democracy off at its knees. Free competition for votes, a hallmark of democracy, is not possible in a country where *cash* decides who is *king*.

Our so-called political parties, while they give lip-service to the importance of checking the monster of campaign financing and baggage that comes along with it, make no true attempts to implement the necessary changes, to protect themselves from predators, and more importantly the assets and interests of the Belizean people. The ideology surrounding the role of political parties in modern Belizean politics, those philosophies held both in public and political spheres, are deeply flawed. Yes, very well thought-out by the shapers to ensure their ends are met, but it departs from the will of the people and their needs and reduces



## VACANCY NOTICE

### Security Officer

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

**Reports to: Chief Security & Safety Officer**

**Summary of Responsibilities:** Ensuring the safety and security of designated properties, assets, personnel, and visitors. Responsibilities include patrolling the premises, setting up security controls, monitoring property access, investigating suspicious behavior, and enforcing company policies.

**Primary Responsibilities:**

- a. Patrol of Pier, Transit Sheds, Compounds, Office. Low Berth etc. as instructed
- b. Control of Entry and exit points of Facility
- c. Surveillance of cargo from ship to delivery
- d. Deposits to the banks
- e. You are to be verse with the Port of Belize Limited Surveillance System & Security Manual
- f. Any other duties of a related nature assigned from time to time.

**18.2 of the ISPS – Code Port facility personnel having specific security duties should have knowledge and receive training in some or all of the following, as appropriate:**

1. knowledge of current security threats and patterns;
2. recognition and detection of weapons, dangerous substances and devices;
3. recognition of characteristics and behavioral patterns of persons who are likely to threaten security;
4. techniques used to circumvent security measures;
5. crowd management and control techniques;
6. security-related communication;
7. operations of security equipment and systems;
8. testing, calibration and maintenance of security equipment and systems;
9. inspection, control, and monitoring techniques, and
10. methods of physical searches of persons, personal effects, baggage, cargo, and ship's stores.

**Job Qualifications/Requirement:**

- A High School diploma, with 3 years experience in Security Officer field.
- Must possess a valid driver's license.
- Computer literate.
- Knowledge of Laws & regulations
- Working Knowledge of public safety
- Security operation & procedures

**Skills/Competencies:**

- Ability to work independently.
- Team oriented, ethical, and punctual (On Call)
- Good communication skills
- Strong reporting skills

**Compensation Package:** Will be commensurate (in accordance with the Company's Salary Structure).

**To apply:** Provide updated resume, cover letter (addressed to Human Resource Manager), copy of valid social security card, valid police report, name and phone number of two(2) previous employers.

**Email to:**  
[jobapplications@portofbelize.com](mailto:jobapplications@portofbelize.com)

**Closing date for receipt of applications is Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022.**

them to numbers to be played with, instead of true decision-makers themselves.

The Greeks of Athens were the first to implement a system of democracy, based on the teaching of those so-called pioneers of democracy in Greece. "Demos" – Greek for "the people," and "Kratos," translating to "rule" or "strength", give us an idea of the root meaning of the concept. Demo-Kratos: "the people rule or the people strength" is the essence of the democratic ideal.

But interestingly, the Greeks had no political parties in this system, and by the time they passed on their acquired knowledge to the Roman Empire, the idea of the masses having a say in the ruling decisions was done away with. These rights were in fact placed in the hands of the Roman oligarchs, who were represented by Plebeians and Patricians in the Roman Senate. Yes, these groups mingled; they came from the same social class, but they voted in line with the interests of their represented group.

By the time of the fall of Rome and when the "not-so" Dark Ages in Europe

came around, any resemblance of the political party in social and political life was non-existent. This was the time of the kings, earls, duke and barons, serfs and slaves, a population who paid fealty to lords and lords who paid fealty to kings. This way of life, of non-representation of the masses of the population, would rule Europe squarely up until the 17th century, when in England a fictitious rumor started by an apostate Anglican clergyman sent the British isle into chaos and split the population in two.

Titus Oates, the off-the-rails Anglican churchman, started a rumor that the Catholic Church wanted to assassinate the protestant King Charles II and replace him with his Catholic brother, James II Duke of York, who would later be King James II. In the Popish Plot, as it is called, Oates made it all the way to the Privy Council, and upon being questioned by the king himself, was found to be lying, but the crafty suckers had a sworn deposition from a Justice of the Peace, Sir. Edmund Berry Godfrey, so when Godfrey was found dead in October of that year, murdered,

a public frenzy started around the plot.

The chaos resulted in 35 innocent people being executed and King Charles II's dissolution of the English parliament at the time; he felt they were challenging his royal authority and this sparked an even more public up-cry and the mentioned split among the people. On one side, the Petitioners urged the king to call a new parliament; the others who abhorred any attempt to limit the king's powers were naturally called, Abhorrrers (the English...so simple).

Soon these two groups would take on different names, though. The Petitioners would be called the "Whigs", after an insult describing the Scottish Presbyterians who opposed the government; and the Abhorrrers, the supporters of the king, turned into the "Tories", originally an insult in Irish referring to an outlaw. They opposed each other on the Exclusion Bill, which sought to bar King James II from sitting on the English throne. In 1701, after much chaos, to say the least, the Act of Settlement finalized the dispute,





Government of Belize  
Basic Needs Trust Fund Tenth Project (BNTF10)

Consultancy Services for the Design and Supervision of Construction Works for the Proposed  
Mafredi Water Supply Services Sub-project, Mafredi Village, Toledo District, Belize

Request for Expressions of Interest

The Government of Belize (GOBZ) has received financing from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) in an amount equivalent to US\$5,031,000.00 towards implementing the BNTF10 Country Project and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds to eligible payments under a contract for which this invitation is issued. Payments by CDB will be made only at the request of GOBZ and upon approval by CDB, and will be subject in all respects to the terms and conditions of the Financing Agreement. The Financing Agreement prohibits withdrawal from the financing account for the purpose of any payment to persons or entities, or for any import of goods, if such payment or import, to the knowledge of CDB, is prohibited by a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations. No party other than GOBZ shall derive any rights from the Financing Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the Financing.

The Belize Social Investment Fund (BSIF), the Executing Agency (EA), now wishes to procure consultancy services for the design and supervision of infrastructure works for the proposed Mafredi Water Supply System, Mafredi Village, Toledo District, Belize (*Large Sub-project*).

The objective of the consultancy is to provide technical support to the EA during the implementation of the BNTF10 Country Project. Consulting firms will be required to review existing designs and estimates (where available); advise on scope and adequacy of sub-project intervention; and provide detailed designs, summary estimates, and priced activity schedules. The work must consider thematic areas such as gender and environmental assessments, and shall seek to integrate disaster mitigation measures into designs. Consulting firms will also be required to provide technical inspection of construction works. The duration of the assignment is expected to be for a period of approximately twenty-four (24) months.

The BSIF now invites interested eligible consulting firms to submit Expressions of Interest (EOI) indicating qualifications and experience required to provide these Consultancy Services.

Consultants shall be eligible to participate if:

- in the case of the body corporate, it is legally incorporated or otherwise organized in an eligible country, has its principal place of business in an eligible country and is more than 50% beneficially owned by a citizen(s) and/or bona fide resident(s) of an eligible country(ies) or by a body(ies) corporate meeting these requirements;
- in the case of unincorporated firms, the persons are citizens or bona fide residents of an eligible country; and
- in all cases, the consultant has no arrangement and undertakes not to make any arrangements, whereby any substantial part of the net profits or other tangible benefits of the contract will accrue or be paid to a person not a citizen or bona fide resident of an eligible country.

Eligible countries are member countries of CDB. Consultants are advised to review the detailed eligibility criteria detailed in Section 4 and conflict of interest provisions in Section 5 of the Procurement Procedures for Projects Financed by CDB (January, 2021), as published on CDB's website ([caribank.org](http://caribank.org)).

In the assessment of submissions, consideration will be given to consulting firms' technical competence, qualifications and experience in relation to providing detailed design and construction supervision services for water supply projects, as well as local and regional experience, financial capability and existing commitments. Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

All information must be submitted in English. Further information may be obtained from the first address below between the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday (Belize Time), except on Public Holidays.

The Expression of Interest must be received electronically at the first (BSIF) and second (CDB) address below no later than **2:00 p.m. (Belize time) on Monday, June 20, 2022**. The subject line of the email containing each submission shall be clearly marked "**BNTF10 - Expressions of Interest – Consultancy Services for the Design and Supervision of Construction Works for the Proposed Mafredi Water Supply Services Sub-project, Mafredi Village, Toledo District, Belize**".

Following the assessment of submissions, a short-list of not less than three (3) and not more than six (6) applicants will be provided with full terms of reference and invited to submit technical and financial proposals to undertake the assignment. Following the submission of proposals, a Consultant shall be selected by utilizing the Least Cost Selection (LCS) method. GOB reserves the right to accept or reject late applications or to cancel the present invitation partially or in its entirety. It will not be bound to assign any reason for not short-listing any applicant and will not defray any costs incurred by any applicant in the preparation and submission of Expressions of Interest.

**Addresses:**

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Government of Belize  
Basic Needs Trust Fund Tenth Project (BNTF10)

Consultancy Services for the Design and Supervision of Construction Works for the Proposed  
Mabil Ha Water Supply Services Sub-project, Mabil Ha, Toledo District, Belize

Request for Expressions of Interest

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## St. Ignatius High School

"All for the Glory of God"

#22A George Price Avenue, Santa Elena Town  
Cayo District, Belize  
• Tel: 824-3294 • Mobile: 610-6927  
Email: [saintignatiushighschool@yahoo.com](mailto:saintignatiushighschool@yahoo.com)

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: St. Ignatius High School & St. Ignatius High School Adult Education

#### SIHS Adult Education Vacancies for 2022 – 2023 (Part-time)

1. Mathematics Teacher
2. English Teacher
3. EDPM Teacher
4. Religion Teacher
5. Integrated Science & Street Law 101 Teacher

**SIHS Adult Education teacher:** Applicants for Evening Division must have a **full or provisional secondary school license** and should be able to teach the subject area.

- A Bachelor's Degree in Education is preferable and experience with adult students is a plus.
- Flexible with time and able to join sub committees to enhance adult education.
- The individual must also possess sound Christian values.
- Deadline for applications must be sent to the abovementioned address no later than **30<sup>th</sup> June 2022**.

#### St. Ignatius High School Vacancies: Deadline **17<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

1. Business Teacher (full-time)
2. Religion Teacher (full-time)
3. Vice- Principal (part-time, 1 year)

#### SIHS Vice- Principal: Applicant's must have

- Bachelor's Degree in Secondary Education, preferably a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership or Administration.
- At least 3 years' experience in an administrative post with a full license.

Application packages should include the following: a signed letter of application, a passport size picture, a resume, a notarized copy of a University Degree (s), birth certificate, official university transcript, a valid teacher's license, a Police Record, two letters of recommendation, and a copy of a valid Social Security I.D.

Completed application packages can be dropped off at the St. Ignatius High School, or emailed to [saintignatiushighschool@yahoo.com](mailto:saintignatiushighschool@yahoo.com). Applications can also be mailed to:

**The Secretary Board of Governors  
St. Ignatius High School,  
#22A George Price Avenue  
Santa Elena Town  
Cayo District**

### VACANCY: QUARANTINE TREATMENT OFFICER

A vacancy exists for the post of Assistant Quarantine treatment officer at an International Organization.

**Work Station:** Port of Belize, Belize City

#### Description of Work:

- Conduct quarantine treatments to all incoming vehicles and containers into the Country
- Register all treatment conducted
- Issue certificate of treatment and charge for the same
- Assist in the preparation of weekly and monthly reports
- Keep work station clean
- Safe guard the work tools and equipments of the Organization at all time.
- Other jobs assign from time to time.

#### Qualification:

Candidate must possess a High School diploma with some knowledge in General Agriculture. Be a certified pesticide applicator is a benefit. Good command of the Spanish language is a plus.

#### Salary:

We offer a competitive salary with good benefit package.

#### Other:

Successful candidate must live or relocate to nearby workstation since working schedule is not normal working hours and would sometime require working on weekends and on Holidays.

Interested candidates please send curriculum vitae along with two recommendations, copy of education certificate along recent police record to **P.O. Box 426, City of Belmopan, Cayo District** or email at [vacancy2017bze@gmail.com](mailto:vacancy2017bze@gmail.com) no later than 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2022.

### VACANCY FOR LEGAL SECRETARY

A vacancy exists at a law firm in Belize City for a Legal Secretary.

#### Qualifications and Experience:

#### Duties shall include:

- Answering calls and responding to general emails;
- Receiving and dealing with legal inquiries
- Maintaining Calendars and schedules for numerous attorneys
- Dealing with incoming and outgoing mail and legal documents for several attorneys
- Preparing correspondences and drafting legal documents;
- Preparing and filing court documents and documents at various government departments;
- Taking notes at meetings with clients;
- Maintaining files fully organized, including copies of all documents and correspondences.

#### Qualifications:

- Minimum qualifications: An Associate's Degree; previous legal experience or prior legal training would be an advantage
- Must be quick learner and must have excellent communication, organizational and computer skills
- Must be able to work efficiently under pressure and effectively perform tasks in a timely manner.

Kindly email your application and resume by June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 to:

**Manager  
Email: [offer4383@gmail.com](mailto:offer4383@gmail.com)**



# Barbarism in America!

I go back to the bombing of the church in Birmingham, Alabama, in 1963. The parents felt that the church was the safest place for their kids, while America was engulfed in a race war, with black people fighting a deadly fight for civil rights. Innocent little girls were killed in that church, that sanctuary. The barbarism of lynching and murder of blacks was almost sanctioned, in fact, was sanctioned in some parts of the United States. Since then, the proliferation of guns has increased exponentially, politicians citing an antiquated amendment, whose purpose was to arm militias as a guardrail against incursions and in defense of the states. Antiquated, because America now has the most powerful army in the world! If America can take back the rights of women to decide what's best for them, and their bodies, she should be able to take back the right that gives every idiot permission to own a gun, not handguns, but weapons of war!

With the Birmingham church in mind,

parents have always been confident that their children are safe in schools. They drop them off, pick them up, and life goes on. That was the idyllic life that made living in America so appealing. Nowadays, no one is safe, not in church, the movies, in a disco, at concerts, grocery stores, and especially not in schools. The latest act of barbarism took place in Texas, in a school of full of innocent little lives, going through the quotidian exercise of learning. 19 little boys and girls, who never harmed anyone, were mowed down by a killer, who turned 18 a week before, and immediately spent over 3,000 dollars to arm himself with 2 automatic rifles, and over 300 rounds of ammunition! No background check, no alarms raised; he just went into the store and purchased them, the way you'd go in to buy a loaf of bread! A week before, some racist kid killed 13 mostly black shoppers in a store in New York.

The list is too long to mention, the

number of these incidents occurring in the last year alone. We call Putin a barbarian, which he absolutely is, and I hope he gets his due. But the level of barbarism happening every day in cities and towns and villages in America, to me, is much worse. Why? Because those elected to serve the needs of the people, to protect us from enemies, foreign and domestic, have abandoned us for special interests, hoping that the anger and sorrow will fade, and we'll move on, to the next massacre! That goes for the Democrats and the Republicans alike! The Democrats for their passive resistance, and the Republicans for their worship of the 2nd Amendment, and the personal benefits derived from that support. The people be damned!

When this period in our history is judged in, let's say, 50 years, It will show that we didn't do enough to protect lives, innocent lives of children, the elderly, and the population in general. It will also fault all of us, citizens

and politicians, for allowing this senseless genocide to continue! We keep voting them in, and they keep following their own special interests! Something has to change; it's like we are a part of the Hunger Games!

Thoughts and prayers, my black a\*\*\*. No one gives a crap about your thoughts and prayers. And if there is a god, he isn't listening to you, you philistines! You have been found wanting for dereliction of duty, especially to our young, innocent children! Do something and STFU!!

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## Fiesta o Partido?

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declaring that no Catholic could sit on the British throne. But left behind the Whigs and Tories.

The founding fathers of the American Revolution were not all for political parties, with George Washington giving a warning against "factions" after he left political office. But we know that by 1820, America sank into civil war and displayed the fissure within the country that gave rise to the two political parties still dominating the United States today.

The rise of the political parties in Belize has been widely documented by both scholars and their proponents. What is important to the masses today is the ongoing history these so-called parties are making each day, and where it is positioning us on the global scale as a country and a people.

The stripping of the powers of the political party and a systematic change at the bureaucratic level are objectives that need to be looked at to modernize Belize. Where no political parties or leaders appoint public servants or influence their work, creating a truly autonomous, uninfluenceable bureaucracy and public service, whose most important members are elected by the people, like any other politician.

In our democracy, our people are sadly only given the impression of ownership. Prices are placed on our sacred vote, elections are bought and sold to the highest bidder and funded by those who seek to maintain a power-hold over the leadership and resources of the people. People and *parties* are holding the future of our children at ransom, and are only concerned with themselves and personal gain.

In Belize and all over the world, in many backward and oppressive states, a two-party system dominates national politics. It all boils down to the "Whigs" and the "Tories," when it's like that, always. And if the buck stops with the good lord, the valiant "champion" of PUDP, aren't we all just Tories?

So, party or party? That is to say, *Fiesta o Partido?*



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### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### Discontinuation of the Foreign Exchange Approval by the Ministry of Finance

**Belize City, 25 May 2022:** The Central Bank of Belize (Central Bank) advises that effective, **Monday, 13 June 2022**, all requests that require the Central Bank's approval for **foreign exchange approval** must be submitted via email.

The Ministry of Finance will no longer be an authorized agent to approve foreign exchange requests. Applications must be submitted to the Central Bank via email to

[currenttransactions@centralbank.org.bz](mailto:currenttransactions@centralbank.org.bz)

Electronic forms are available for download at:

<https://www.centralbank.org.bz/financial-system/exchange-control-approvals>

These changes are expected to facilitate the application process and centralize applicants' data. The Central Bank remains committed to its role in regulating foreign exchange in Belize and easing the application process.

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**AMANDALA**



# \$10K prize being offered for top investigative report

**The first-of-its-kind Belize Prize for Investigative Journalism will allow local writers and reporters the opportunity to win a cash prize of ten thousand dollars for the best submitted investigative piece**

by Khaila Gentle

BELIZE CITY, Wed. May 25, 2022

Belizean reporters working in print, television, multimedia, radio, and online journalism now have a chance, and a large incentive, to delve into the world of investigative journalism with the launch of the first-ever Belize Prize for Investigative Journalism. The prize, established in May 2022, is being offered as part of an effort to reward local journalists for their work in holding accountable all those persons—and powers—that may threaten to work against equity, transparency, civility, and good

governance in the country.

“Beyond the daily news, investigative journalism holds a magnifying glass to complex issues that can undermine democracy and subvert the values of civil society. In Belize, investigative journalism can reveal bad actors and actions across the spectrum: Governance, the economy, the environment, crime, healthcare, education and more,” states a press release issued on the day the prize was launched.

The lead organizer of the prize, Holly Edgell, spoke with local reporters in an interview this week. Edgell, who is a journalist and the managing editor of

the Midwest

Newsroom, spoke about why she felt motivated to encourage more investigative journalism in Belize.

“Well, whenever I’m in Belize and I’m around people who know that I’m a journalist, they say ‘why don’t Belizeans do more investigative journalism?’ and it’s a question that is somewhat faulty because there is investigative journalism that happens in Belize, but it’s not on a regular basis,” she said.

Edgell remarked that while she thinks journalists in Belize work hard, churning out multiple stories a day per person,

those journalists don’t often have the chance (or the time) to explore certain issues more deeply.

“We thought that providing an incentive for individual journalists and their news organizations to do this would be a great way to spur a little bit more of this and just provide journalists maybe with a little time each day to take aside from their duties to work on a project or maybe even take a few weeks to work on a project—because sometimes that’s what it takes or



**HollyHolly Edgell – Lead Coordinator, Belize Prize for Investigative Journalism**

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## ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, RISK

### JOB SUMMARY

The Administrative Assistant, Risk facilitates the efficient operation of the office of the Assistant General Manager/Chief Risk Officer by performing a diverse range of administrative and secretarial support activities to enhance the executive’s effectiveness. This role requires a proactive self-starter who can work independently and anticipate customers’ needs. The Administrative Assistant, Risk also serves the Corporation in accordance with its Code of Conduct for employees. Duty Station is at the Corporation’s Headquarters Office in the City of Belmopan.

### QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERIENCE

1. An Associate’s Degree in Business Administration, Accounting or related field.
2. At least 3 years of experience in an administrative role supporting a Manager/Executive.

### REQUIRED SKILLS & ABILITIES

1. Excellent communication skills – proficient in English Language (reading, verbal, business writing, proof-reading and editing) and strong inter-personal and public relations skills.
2. Ability to take and transcribe minutes of meetings quickly and accurately and effectively organize meetings/ events.
3. Strong organizational, time management and prioritization abilities. The incumbent will be required to juggle multiple and unexpected priorities as a normal part of the responsibilities.
4. Proficient in Microsoft Office Applications.
5. Demonstrate mature and professional presence including exceptional judgement and discretion regarding confidential and sensitive information.
6. Detail oriented with strong problem solving and analytical skills.
7. Ability to work with minimal supervision and being proactive.
8. Excellent interpersonal skills and ability to work well with diverse leadership styles.
9. Knowledge of the Corporation’s purpose and objectives.
10. Able to maintain a high level of confidentiality and ethical behavior.

### KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Provide full administrative support to the Chief Risk Officer (CRO).
2. Provide oversight for the organization of meetings, conferences, teleconferences and other events hosted by the CRO. Prepare agendas and schedules for meetings, records and distributes minutes directives or other records for meetings.
3. Compose and proof-read board papers, reports, letters, memoranda and other documents.
4. Conduct research and prepare periodic reports as required to monitor the goals and targets of the Strategic Development Plan and the Annual Work Plan.

5. Prepare Administrative Expense, Capital and Training Budgets for the Risk Management Unit and monitor and analyse the Unit’s budgetary performance.
6. Assist with the monitoring of operational risks as established by the CRO.
7. Prepares report on the analysis of the financial impact on the Corporation when operational risks occur.
8. Review and analyze reported risks via the Report a Risk platform and via reports from the Risk Liaison Officers on a monthly basis and submit findings to CRO.
9. Analysis of Risk Control Self- Assessment and support migration to risk-based audit.

### ACT NOW

1. Letter of Application
2. Curriculum Vitae
3. Copy of most recent qualification
4. Three (3) Letters of Recommendation (*no older than six months*) – two of which must be professional references
5. Copy of Social Security Card
6. Police record (*no older than six months*)

Submit application with reference Application for Vacancy:

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, RISK**

to:

**Manager**

**Human Resources and General Affairs**

Development Finance Corporation

P. O. Box 40 | Belmopan | Belize, C.A.

Applications may be submitted electronically by email to:

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

**DEADLINE:**

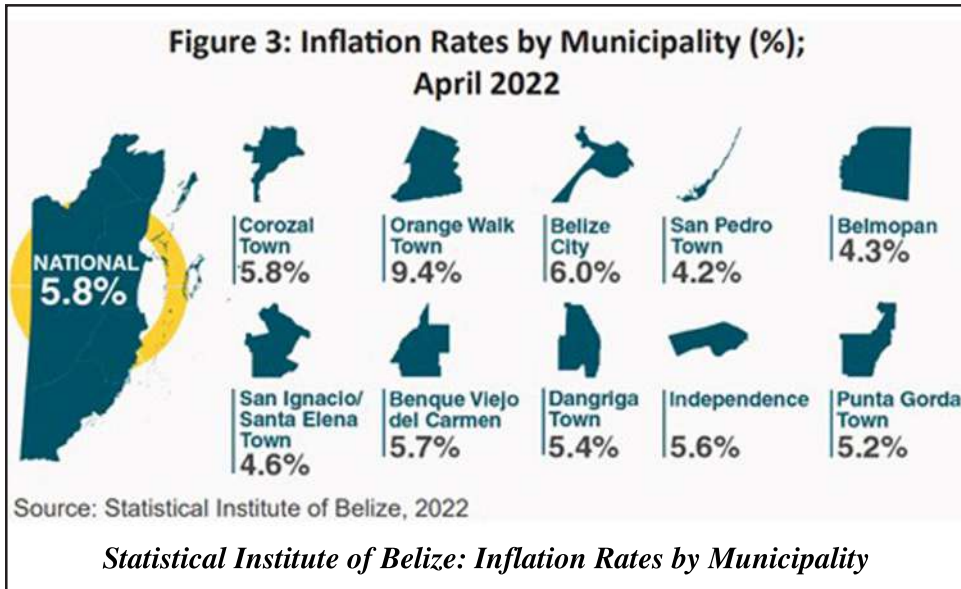
**JUNE 13, 2022**

**VACANCY**  
Join our exciting team!





# SIB Report: April inflation rate was 5.8%



by *Khaila Gentle*

BELMOPAN, Thurs. May 26, 2022

The Statistical Institute of Belize’s (SIB) most recent Consumer Price Index report has revealed that the national inflation rate for the month of

April was 5.8%. According to the SIB, this was driven mostly by increased fuel pump prices—which are 25% higher than they were last year—as well as higher prices for food items and liquefied petroleum gas (LPG).

The “Transport” category, driven

by those increased fuel prices, was up 16.8%, making it the most significant contributor to the national inflation rate. Compared to April 2021, the price of diesel registered the highest increase, with the average price per gallon rising by \$3.54 from \$9.99 to \$13.53 in April 2022. Regular gasoline rose by \$2.81 from \$10.77 to \$13.58, and premium gasoline rose by \$2.69 from \$11.73 to \$14.42 in April 2022.

Also contributing to the inflation rate was the hike in prices in the “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” category, mainly due to the increased cost of fresh vegetables, cereal products, meats, cooking oils, and fish and other seafood.

In terms of inflation by municipality, Orange Walk Town reported the highest rate with an astounding 9.4%, attributed to increases in prices for food items, restaurant services, women’s clothing, laundry products, soaps, detergents, men’s and women’s haircuts, and home rentals. San Pedro Town, on the

other hand, showed the lowest rate, with 4.2%.

Also in its CPI report, the SIB revealed that the overall national inflation rate for the first four months of 2022—compared to the same period for 2021—was 5%, with the “Transport” category, specifically fuel prices, being responsible for more than half of the increase.

## \$10K prize being offered for top investigative report

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longer,” she added.

The Belize-born journalist also noted that she hopes the prize will push the country’s reporters to develop an “investigative frame of mind” even in their daily work—wanting to go as far as requesting public records, which persons are allowed access to under Belize’s Freedom of Information Act.

The panel of judges for this year’s prize will include three persons from overseas and one person from Belize.

“We really want to keep the playing field as levelled as possible so that when somebody who’s judging sees a name or news outlet, they’re not necessarily going to know ‘oh, that’s so and so,’” said Edgell, who further noted that having a Belizean judge on the panel ensures that there is someone who understands the true context of the issues that will be covered.

Submissions for the Belize Prize for Investigative Journalism are open from now until January 9, 2023. Work submitted must have been published between January 1 and December 31, 2022. The prize, open to all journalists, including independent and freelance bloggers, will be awarded in April 2023.

## VACANCY



## NOTICE

### Electro Mechanic

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

Reports to: Technical Manager

**Summary of Responsibilities:** Electro mechanical technicians are competent in combining mechanical technology with knowledge of electrical and electronic circuits. It includes applying the principles and theories of electronics to the mechanical systems. They utilize their knowledge to devise, test, maintain and repair the any and all electro-mechanical component and machines. The main purpose of the role is to undertake maintenance, repairs and installation to upgrade, maintain and commission mechanical and electrical installations for all Port of Belize equipment and auxiliary systems within the compound..

**Job Responsibilities:**

- Maintains releases and assists in developing electrical/mechanical drawings, systems designs or engineering documentation and data, by applying Company, industry and governmental standards.
- Read blueprints, schematics, and diagrams to determine the method and sequence of assembly of a part, machine, or piece of equipment.
- Perform corrective, preventative and predictive maintenance on all equipment in regards to both electrical and mechanical.
- Independently performs set up and testing of digital and power electronics hardware.
- Responsible for troubleshooting and documenting test failures.
- Using design tools and prepares documentation and incorporates basic design changes.
- Creates, develops and maintains elementary systems designs.
- Supports engineering system design and functionality validation activities.
- Troubleshoot, maintain and install Mechanical, Electrical (PLC’s), Pneumatic, and Hydraulic systems to provide maximum percentage of uptime possible.
- Supports the development and maintenance of moderately-complex product installation designs and part designs.
- Ensuring all maintenance and installation work is carried out cost effectively, safely and to the highest standard.
- Diagnosing, overseeing and rectifying electrical, electronic and mechanical faults on the port’s container handling equipment as well as maintaining the crane lift assemblies, including routine inspection and testing on boat systems.
- Diagnosing, rectifying and repairing faults on the control and instrumentation and utility equipment including electrical control and distribution systems up to and including 440 volts on the port’s compound, and handling equipment such as Container Stackers, Tractors, and other equipment within the Port compound include non-lifting light motor vehicles and boats.
- Ensuring compliance to all policies, procedures, standard operating practices with recommendations for action and continuous improvements.
- Maintaining the mobile elevating work platforms and other associated personnel carrying apparatus such as forklifts and man lifts.
- Any other duties that may be assigned from time to time

**Job Qualifications/Requirement:**

- Associates’ degree in Electronics or Post -Secondary Technical Degree with over 5 years of experience in Electrical and Mechanical Marine and Heavy Equipment Repairs.
- Being prepared to undertake sufficient training to ensure familiarization with all equipment in service.
- Working Knowledge of Boats would be an asset.
- Having working knowledge of Control Systems, electronics and electrical systems.
- Intermediate Level knowledge of AutoCAD Studio.
- Computer literate and Intermediate Level Knowledge of Microsoft Office Systems.
- Self-starter, strong problem-solving, decision making and interpersonal skills. A high degree of diplomacy and tact is required to deal with depart heads, telephone requests and operators/office personnel in a pressure environment.
- High sense of responsibility, persistence and confidentiality with strong planning and organizing skills. Discretion in dealing with sensitive matters is of utmost importance and must be able to anticipate unusual situations and project solutions.
- Be able to operate under deadlines, and utilize personal initiative.
- Strong oral and written communication skills.

**Required Skills, Knowledge and Characteristics:** To be selected applicants must possess the following important characteristics:

- **Mechanical** — Knowledge of machines and tools, including their designs, uses, repair, and maintenance.
- **Computers and Electronics** — Knowledge of circuit boards, processors, chips, electronic equipment, and computer hardware and software, including applications and programming.
- **Engineering and Technology** — Knowledge of the practical application of engineering science and technology. This includes applying principles, techniques, procedures, and equipment to the design and production of various goods and services.
- **English Language** — Strong oral and written skills.

**Compensation Package:** Will be commensurate (in accordance with the Company’s Salary Structure).

**To apply:** Provide updated resume, cover letter (addressed to Human Resource Manager), copy of valid social security card, valid police report, name and phone number of two(2) previous employers.

Email to: [jobapplications@portofbelize.com](mailto:jobapplications@portofbelize.com)  
Closing date for receipt of applications is Friday, May 27, 2022.



can be heard on the following frequencies:  
96.5FM in Belize City, Punta Gorda Town, Santa Elena, Cayo and Carmelita Village  
91.1FM in Ladyville and Independence  
101.1FM in Dangriga Town Camalote Village and Caye Caulker



# CITCO to Micah: Resign or be removed

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the CitCo release stated.

The nine elected officials present thus decided to give Goodin the opportunity to resign, "or be served with notice that a motion will be brought in 14 days to remove him from this capacity."

"Following the Caucus Meeting, Notice has been given to the deputy mayor in accordance with section 10(5) and 10(6) of the Belize City Council Act that should he choose not to resign, at the expiration of the 14 days a resolution will be tabled at Caucus for his removal," the release states.

Possibly expecting some backlash from

Goodin, the council released a statement in which it placed on public record an assurance that the council members at the meeting conducted themselves professionally and strictly adhered to the Standing Orders. They noted in the release that they could not divulge the details that prompted the decision, but reassured residents that Goodin engaged in a series of actions "that do not align with our core values. We believe firmly in serving out residents with integrity, respect, and proper decorum."

We've reached out to Councilor Goodin on the matter, but have gotten no reply.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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

**Position Name:** Gardener  
**Vacancy number:** Belmopan-2022-13  
**Closing date:** June 8, 2022

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

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

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

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

## PUBLIC AUCTION SALES: PROPERTIES

San Ignacio Town, Cayo District; Big Falls/Golden Stream, Punta Gorda Town, Toledo District; Belize City, Belize 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 property. **Sales currently running until 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022 with public auction sales expiring bi-weekly on the dates and times listed on the website until the properties are sold.**

1. Parcel Nos. 313 & 314 Corner Maya Terrace & Marcus Canul Streets, San Ignacio Town, Cayo District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCELS
San Ignacio	23	313 & 314

(Being an elevated timber house [2,812 sq. ft.] containing Ground floor - bar & kitchen + grilling area + gym + swimming pool: First floor - 3 bedrooms + 3 bathrooms + living/dining/kitchen TOGETHER with Lot [904.971 S.M.] situate at Parcel Nos. 313 & 314 Corner Maya Terrace & Marcus Canul Streets, San Ignacio Town, Cayo District, the freehold property of Mr. Alan Gobie)

2. Parcel No. 430/1 Big Falls/Golden Stream Area, Toledo District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Big Falls/Golden Stream	42	430/1

(Being a vacant lot [908.2 S.M.] situate in Big Falls Village, Toledo District, the leasehold property of Mr. Modesto Sanchez)

3. Parcel No. 704 Main Street, Punta Gorda, Toledo District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Punta Gorda	42	704

(Being a 2-storey concrete commercial structure [13,510 sq. ft.] containing Ground floor - bathroom + open space; First floor - 1 bathroom + gym + open space TOGETHER with Lot [714 S.M.] situate on Main Street, Punta Gorda, Toledo District, the freehold property of Messrs. MEL'S Mart)

4. Parcel No. 1533 Corner East Canal & Prince Streets, Belize City, Belize District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Albert/Mesop	45	1533

(Being a 2-storey concrete residential/commercial structure situate corner East Canal & Prince Streets, Belize City, Belize District, the freehold property of Mr. Jose Arturo Gallego, surety for BSA Global Shipping Limited)

5. Parcel No. 1081 Gabourel Lane, Belize City, Belize District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Fort George/Pickstock	45	1081

(Being a 2 1/2 storey concrete/timber dwelling house containing Ground Floor - 2 one bedroom/bathroom apartment; First Floor - 3 bedrooms + mini office + 1 1/2 bathrooms + kitchen; Attic - small conference room TOGETHER with fenced lot [ S.Y. ] situate on Gabourel Lane, Belize City, the freehold property of Mrs. Sandra Mahler Miguel and Mr. Wilhem Miguel guarantor for Messrs. Bel-Caribe Communications Limited)

6. Parcel No. 3171 Comet Street, Belama Phase 3, Belize City, Belize District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Caribbean Shores/Belize	16	3171

(Being an L-shaped concrete bungalow dwelling house 21 ft. X 30 ft. + 14 ft. X 18 ft. (inclusive of 5 ft. X 14 ft. porch) containing 3 bedrooms + 1 bathroom + kitchen + dining area + living room + small laundry TOGETHER with lot [714 S.M.] situate on Comet Street, Belama Phase 3, the freehold property of Mr. Raymond Troy Garcia, deceased.)

"FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION & PHOTOGRAPHS PLEASE VISIT WEBSITE"

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## INVITATION TO QUOTE – GOODS

**Institution:** Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing  
**Country:** Belize  
**Project:** Additional Financing for George Price Highway Rehabilitation Project  
**Sector:** Transport  
**Abstract:** Printing of Banners, Installation of Banners on Billboards and Rental of Billboards  
**Loan No.:** Loan 4616/OC-BL  
**Deadline:** 2:00 p.m. (Local Belize Time) on June 9, 2022

- The Government of Belize has received loan financing from the Inter-American Development Bank toward the cost of the additional Financing for George Price Highway Rehabilitation Project, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this financing to payments under the Contract for the **Printing of 4 Banners for Billboards, Installation of 8 Banners (4 old + 4 new) on Billboards (Including Mileage) and Rental of 8 Billboard Frames** as part of the Additional Communication Strategy (Visibility) under the George Price Highway Rehabilitation Project.
- The Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing now invites sealed quotations from eligible and qualified bidders for the supply of the following items: **Printing of 4 Banners for Billboards, Installation of 8 Banners (4 old + 4 new) on Billboards (Including Mileage) and Rental of 8 Billboard Frames**.
- Bidding will be conducted through the Shopping procedures specified in the Inter-American Development Bank's Policies for the Procurement of Works and Goods (GN-2349-15, January 2020) – Section 3.6) financed by the Inter-American Development Bank, and is open to all bidders from Eligible Source Countries as defined in the Policies.
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain the full Invitation to Quote for the required services from the Program Management Unit, Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing, located on the First Floor of the Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing Soils Lab Building, Power Lane, Belmopan by emailing [pmupcmow@gmail.com](mailto:pmupcmow@gmail.com) AND [mow.project3344@gmail.com](mailto:mow.project3344@gmail.com).
- Quotations must utilize forms provided in the invitation to quote. One (1) Original and two (2) copies are to be submitted in sealed labelled envelopes to the address indicated below. Quotations by email **WILL NOT** be accepted.
- Suppliers are informed that they can only quote for the type of service specified, and quote for all items in this Invitation. Price quotations will be evaluated for all the items. Price quotations should be **Exclusive of General Sales Tax**.
- Your quotation(s) should be submitted as per the following instructions and in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of supply in the attached Quote Submission Sheet.
  - VALIDITY OF THE OFFER:** Your quotation(s) should be valid for a period of **90 days** from the date of receipt for quotation(s).
  - SUBMISSION OF OFFERS:** Offers will be submitted on the Quote Submission Sheet including a description of specifications offered, Price Schedule for Goods and Related Services. These templates are annexed in the full Invitation to Quote. All documents must be completed without any alterations in format, and no substitutes shall be accepted. All blank spaces shall be filled in with the information requested.
- The Purchaser shall award the Contract to the offer which complies substantially with the technical specifications and other requirements in these documents and represents the lowest price.
- Quotations must be delivered to the address below at or before **2:00 p.m. (Local Belize Time) on June 9, 2022**. Electronic quotes **will not** be permitted. Late quotes will be rejected. Your quotation should be in the English language in the required format or other similar, acceptable format should be addressed and submitted to:

**Attention of (Name):** Mr. Rolando Chan, Program Coordinator  
Program Management Unit

**Address:** Program Management Unit,  
First Floor – Soils Lab  
Ministry of Infrastructure Development  
and Housing  
Power Lane, Belmopan  
Cayo District, Belize

**Phone #:** 822-1942/822-0100

**Email:** [pmupcmow@gmail.com](mailto:pmupcmow@gmail.com) AND  
[mow.project3344@gmail.com](mailto:mow.project3344@gmail.com)



## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST MINISTRY OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND INVESTMENT ASSISTANT PROJECT ENGINEER - CABEL-CS-001-2147/2022 BELIZE INTEGRAL SECURITY PROGRAMME(BISP)

May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### Background

The Government of Belize (GOB) is implementing a security programme with the overall objective to contribute to improving the quality of life of Belizean and to support regional efforts that seek to combat crime. The key goal of the Belize Integral Security Programme (BISP) is to strengthen citizen security by providing support to those institutions directly engaged in maintaining national security.

The BISP will allow for the improvement of infrastructure and the provision of equipment for the Belize Defence Force (BDF), Belize Police Department (BPD), Belize Coast Guard (BCG) and the National Forensic Sciences Service (NFSS). Infrastructure works will include new construction as well as refurbishment and improvement of existing buildings. Surveillance and monitoring, mobilization, and specialized technical equipment will also be supplied to these institutions.

The BISP is financed by the Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEL) through a loan facility with complementary input activities funded by the GOB. The Ministry of Finance, Economic Development, and Investment (MFEDI) is the executing body (EB) for the programme with policy direction and oversight provided by a program steering committee (PSC) comprised of representatives from the Office of the Prime Minister, Ministry of Economic Development, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of National Defence and Border Security, Ministry of Home Affairs and New Growth Industries, and Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing. Execution direction and technical oversight will be provided by a program technical committee (PTC) comprised of representatives from co-executing entities: BDF, BPD, BCG and NFSS. Operational and administrative support for the BISP is being provided by a program executing unit (PEU) to be established within the executing agency. An Assistant Project Engineer is required to support the Programme Executing Unit (PEU).

### 1. Scope of Works

The Assistant Project Engineer will be responsible to assist the Project Engineer in coordinating and supervising the execution of the technical components of the Programme.

The Assistant Project Engineer will be responsible for the duties & tasks listed below:

- Assist with the preparation and submission of the terms of reference for the recruitment of the pre-investment for the design of the infrastructure projects; equipment specifications; the recruitment of the engineer consultants and contractors. Assist with the verification of the lands where the infrastructure works will be built and with the suppliers, the verification of the characteristics of the works to be executed, rehabilitated, and supervised. Respond to inquiries that may arise from such visits.
- Assist with the management of the construction and/or rehabilitation contracts for the infrastructure works and the purchase of equipment in coordination with the Co-Executors.
- Assist with the monitoring and evaluation of the effective implementation of infrastructure projects and equipment with each Co-executor; to be done through field inspections to ensure compliance with the implementation schedule and terms of reference agreed upon in the respective contracts with the expected quality specifications and design, drawings, and pre-investment product.
- Support the evaluation processes required for the CABEL Mid Term, Ex-Post Evaluations, monthly progress reports and perform any other duties that may be assigned.

### 2. Supervision and Reporting:

The Assistant Project Engineer will work under the general guidance and report directly to the Project Engineer and the Project Coordinator. The post will be based at the Office of the Project Executing Unit in Belmopan.

### 3. Academic Qualifications:

- The consultant must submit documentation to support experience and academic qualifications
- Bachelor's degree in Civil/Construction/Structural Engineering or Architecture; Or Master's degree in Civil/Construction/Structural Engineering or Architecture.
  - Minimum of three (3) years professional working experience in position as an assistant supervisor of works of similar concrete buildings or of similar complexity done in Belize, Central American countries or the Caribbean.
  - Minimum of three (3) years previous working experience in the review and preparation of designs/drawings/Bill of Quantities for construction works; in the last three (3) calendar years (2019-2021).
  - Knowledge and skill in the use of MS Office, Microsoft Project will be considered an asset.
  - Minimum of three (3) years' experience working with design and drafting Software (AutoCAD).
  - Excellent written and oral communication skills in English.
  - Ability to write and speak in Spanish.
  - Reside in Belize during program execution and willingness to travel regularly to the project location.

### 4. Terms

The Assistant Project Engineer will be selected by a competitive process in accordance with the Policy for the Procurement of Goods, Works, Services and Consultancies with CABEL resources and its Norms for Application (DI-52/2020/PRE-40/2021). The duration of the consultancy is for **27 months**. The post will be for one year, in the first instance, subject to an annual review and evaluation. Salary will be commensurate with the requirements of the post and the qualifications and experience of the selected candidate.

Interested eligible Consultants may obtain further information and a complete Terms of Reference from the Programme Executing Unit of the BISP. Requests should be addressed to [projectcoordinator.bisp@med.gov.bz](mailto:projectcoordinator.bisp@med.gov.bz) during office hours of **9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. local time from Monday to Friday**; or you can visit the Ministry of Economic Development's webpage, [www.med.gov.bz](http://www.med.gov.bz) to download the Terms of Reference. Additionally, the consultancy announcement can be found on the Belize Procurement Notice Board's webpage <https://blzcpnb.caricom.org/epps/home.do>. Further information can be received by calling phone number: **822-0156**

Deadline for submission of Expressions of Interest is **Tuesday June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022**. Expressions of interest along with Resume and supporting documentation (Degrees, Certificates, etc.) must be sent via electronic mail (email) to [projectcoordinator.bisp@med.gov.bz](mailto:projectcoordinator.bisp@med.gov.bz) and copied to [procurementofficer.bisp@med.gov.bz](mailto:procurementofficer.bisp@med.gov.bz) or via direct mail or hand delivered to the address indicated below by **9:00 a.m. on Tuesday June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022**.

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

Ref: CABEL-CS-001-2147/2022 Assistant Project Engineer

**LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED!!**





The Port of Belize Limited hereby gives notice to all those concerned that all vehicles listed below that is not legally removed from the Port of Belize Limited by Wednesday, June 15, 2022 shall be sold at a Public Auction on Saturday, June 18, 2022 at 9:00am sharp at Port of Belize Ltd. facility



VESSEL	ARR DATE	VOYAGE	BL No.	CONSIGNEE NAMES	D/R#	UNIT	DESCRIPTION	VIN #
CARIBE MARINER	23-05-21	609	PEVBZ185428	ALBERT BAILEY	237780	VH	1997 INTERNATIONAL BUS	IHVBFABM9VH465556
TROPIC LURE	04-06-21	2512	TSCW14828566	CORDELL'S AUTO	9741246	VH	2015 CHRYSLER PACIFICA RED	2A8GM68X38R662706
TROPIC LURE	24/12/21	2495	TSCW14553871	HUGH BOWDEN	9408903	VH	2005 FORD EXPLORER WHITE	1FMZU63K45UA37561
TROPIC LURE	24/12/21	2495	TSCW14624029	CHARLES MCCOY AUTO SALES	9492235	VH	2009 NISSAN VERSA WHITE	3N1BC11E59L396123
TROPIC LURE	22/09/20	2480	TSCW14486323	BROWN DOLLAR AUTOS	9327780	VH	1995 FORD RANGER GRAY	1FTCR14U2STA42676
JAN CARIBE	19/09/20	443	PEVBZ178377	M & J IMPORTS	236270	VH	2012 FORD FOCUS	1FAHP3K27CC271046
CARIBE MARINER	31/10/21	629	PEVBZ190279	M & S AUTOSERVICE	238878	VH	2004 TOYOTA CAMRY	4TBE32K74U329301
CARIBE MARINER	31/10/21	629	PEVBZ190276	SOUTHERN WHEELS	238877	VH	2012 FORD FUSION	3FAHP0HA4XCR407667
CARIBE MARINER	31/10/21	629	PEVBZ190278	SOUTHERN WHEELS	238881	VH	2009 FORD FOCUS	1FAHP36N79W128173
VANQUISH	20/09/21	174	PEVBZ189043	M & S AUTOSERVICE	238482	VH	2000 LEXUS GS 300	JT8BDD6850Y008745
TROPIC LURE	11-09-21	2566	TSCW15203833	M & S AUTOSERVICE	10200587	VH	2001 TOYOTA COROLLA	2T1BR12E71C397
TROPIC LURE	24/08/21	2548	TSCW15070757	CORDELL'S AUTO	10038554	VH	2009 NISSAN PATHFINDER	5N1AR18U49C612104
TROPIC MIST	27/07/21	4747	TSCW14975580	CORDELL'S AUTO	9922714	VH	2009 DODGE JOURNEY	3D4GG57V69T133678
TROPIC MIST	06-08-21	2521	TSCW14919433	CORDELL'S AUTO	9854155	VH	2007 FORD EXPEDITION	1FMFU18557LA35187
TROPIC LURE	06-08-21	2521	TSCW14919421	HUGH BOWDEN	9854137	VH	2010 VOLKSWAGEN TOUREZ	WVGFK7A95AD000236
TROPIC LURE	06-08-21	2521	TSCW14923435	HUGH BOWDEN	9858925	VH	2006 BMW X5	5UXFBS35X6LV22648
TROPIC MIST	16-11-21	4775	TSCW151863	CORDELL'S AUTO	10179531	VH	2010 FORD ESCAPE	1FMCUOEGOAKC99885
TROPIC LURE	22-09-21	2553	TSCW151187	GARCIA MOTOR	10097299	VH	2020 CHEVROLET EQUINOX	2GNAXUEV7L6139007
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# KREM Television Program Guide

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Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> 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: White Water
- 3:30 p.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (repeat)**
- 6:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (LIVE)**
- 7:00 p.m. Documentary: Inside Hackers
- 9:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**

**SATURDAY**

- 10:00 a.m. **National Argiculture And Trade Show LIVE Coverage**

**SUNDAY**

- 10:00 a.m. **National Argiculture And Trade Show LIVE Coverage**

**MONDAY**

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

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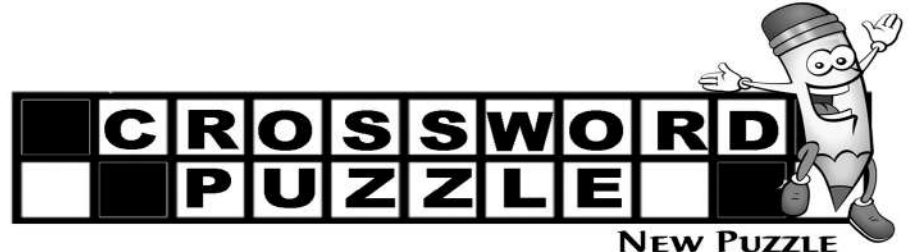
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- 3:30 p.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (repeat)**
- 6:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (LIVE)**
- 7:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 8:00 p.m. Documentary: Muslim Journal
- 9:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**

**WEDNESDAY**

- 6:30 a.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (LIVE)**
- 9:00 a.m. **Morning Stew (LIVE)**
- 12:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**
- 1:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 2:00 p.m. Movie: Yesterday
- 3:30 p.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (repeat)**
- 6:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (LIVE)**
- 7:00 p.m. Belizean Legend: Ras Indio
- 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: A Time To Kill
- 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: Harry Shaw**
- 9:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**



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**Across**

- 1. Come down with
- 4. Gondola guides
- 10. Bridle line
- 14. Arena shout
- 15. Lacking zest
- 16. Gumbo need
- 17. Act the human
- 18. Discards
- 19. Fathomless
- 20. Over satisfy
- 22. Office holders
- 23. Avail oneself of
- 25. English playwright John James
- 27. Instill authority
- 31. Anonymous Jane
- 32. Deposit
- 33. Historic time
- 34. From the top
- 36. Arabian port
- 38. Purchase
- 39. Afflict
- 40. Pretend to
- 41. Brisk energy
- 42. Band of sparks
- 43. Battle group
- 44. Golf vehicle
- 45. Asian gazelle
- 46. Hindu Mr.
- 47. Clear tables
- 48. Final stage
- 50. Quaint
- 54. Crude grunt
- 55. Cold's kin
- 56. At any time
- 57. Anthony of the alleys
- 60. Family dwellings
- 63. Caravansary
- 64. Congressional caucus
- 65. Rather recent
- 66. Ar chaser
- 67. British city
- 68. Editor's word
- 69. An audio tape recording of sound

**Down**

- 1. Dancer Jose
- 2. British peers
- 3. Pulsate
- 4. Ballet step
- 5. Surfing, in a way
- 6. Director Sergio
- 7. Aussie flock
- 8. 18-wheeler
- 9. German composer
- 10. Copland ballet
- 11. Barely manage
- 12. Angry state
- 13. Baby's break
- 21. Mountaineer's refrain
- 24. Austin Powers, e.g.
- 26. Big argument
- 27. Song of sorrow
- 28. Artist Max
- 29. Blow one's top
- 30. Bit of light
- 34. Braves legend
- 35. Kind of battery
- 36. Cliff hanger
- 37. Becomes faint
- 40. Rural hired worker
- 41. Adhesive
- 42. Aquarius, e.g.
- 44. Mouthful for Bossy
- 46. Droop
- 47. Most morose
- 49. Narrow ravine
- 50. Any Elvis recording
- 51. Like Yale's walls
- 52. Intellectuals' group
- 53. German surrealist Max
- 55. Fish alternative
- 57. Chicago lyricist
- 58. According to
- 59. Deterioration
- 61. Andy Taylor's aunt
- 62. 1967 Monkees song

*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 Printable Crossword Puzzle - 05-19-2022 - Answers

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The successful applicant should have:

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2. Name of previous Employer or post- secondary Teacher (if applicable); and,
3. Certificates / Diplomas earned.

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- Research best possible solutions for implementation to retain and increase customer base.
- Train all staff members about the current and new products and services.

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 2022**

*Interested applicants may submit application letter, résumé, and two reference letters to:*

**Chief Human Resources Officer  
Human Resources Department  
Atlantic Bank Ltd.**

**Cor. Cleghorn Street / Freetown Road, P.O. Box 481, Belize City, Belize**

### AMENDMENT No. 1

#### NATIONAL PUBLIC BIDDING PROCESS

N° CABEI-G-004-2147/2022

#### Belize Defense Force (Office Equipment)

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## BDFA Elite U17 & U20 Tournaments under way; Week 3 this Saturday

BELIZE CITY, Wed. May 25, 2022

Without much fanfare, the Belize District Football Association (BDFA) commenced its "Regional Youth Elite U17/U20 Male Tournament" 2022 a couple weeks ago in keeping pace with other Regional Youth Tournaments taking place across the country under the auspices of the Football Federation of Belize (FFB). Games are being played at the Marion Jones Sports Complex football field on Saturdays.

Some fans are asking why so few teams are in this tournament, and what happened to perennial participants Yabra FC with Jerome "Peeloff" Meheia and Ladyville Jaguars with Michael "Wataplat" Flowers. (See current Standings below.)

According to FFB Office Administrator for the BDFA, Miss Kursha Pollard, only 5 teams are participating in each category, and they will be playing a single round robin with the usual 3 points for a win, 1 for a draw, and none for a loss. The semifinals will be a home-and-away series, but the championship final will be one game only. First and second place teams will get medals and trophies.

### Week 1 results

Four games were played in Week 1 on Saturday, May 14, at the Marion Jones Sports Complex field. In game 1 at 10:00 a.m., it was (U17) Ladyville Rising Stars, 2-1, over Hattieville United. Ladyville goals were by Marco Serrano (7') and Kenrick Timmons (12'), while Calvin Thurton (70') scored for Hattieville.

Game 2 at noon saw (U17) Warriors FC prevailing, 4-2, over Sampson Academy. Kaylen McFoy (22') and Scorian Stuart (41', 43' & 53') shook the net for Warriors, while Keydenshay Bowen (19' & 57') got both goals for Sampson Academy.

In game 3 at 2:00 p.m., (U20) Hattieville United bombed Ladyville Rising Stars, 6-2, with goals from Alender Herrera (3'), Jose Almdares (15'), Brandon Smith (34' & 43'), Enoch Rhaburn (45') and Jaylen Clothier (50'); while the Rising Stars got a goal each from Levie Davis (10') and Augustine Smith (18').

Game 4 at 4:00 p.m. was a real slaughter, as (U20) Warriors FC made it a 13-2 score against Youth & Sports in Education (YSE). Sharing the scoring for Warriors were Eshak King (5', 24' & 27'), Ken Galvez (14', 35', 62' & 72'), Kevaghn Tablada (30' & 69'), Ian Reynolds (22'), Keemar James (17'), Ceron Usher (54') and Sanja Pitts (50' PK); while YSE got a goal apiece from Joshua Mejia (37') and Dean Belisle (77').

### Week 2 results

Week 2 was 4 more games on Saturday, May 21. In game 1, (U17) Warriors FC dropped Hattieville United YSC, 2-1, with goals from Shemar Thomas (50') and Jaymion Cacho (53'), while Michael Martinez (65') scored for Hattieville.

In game 2, (U17) Ladyville Rising Stars blew out Gwen Lizarraga FC, 7-0, with goals coming from Steven Rivera (16', 61', 72' & 81'), Marco Serrano (48'), Marvin Card (51') and Angel Montoya (64').

Game 3 saw (U20) Hattieville United YSC gaining the 3-1 victory over Warriors FC. Scoring for Hattieville were Enoch Rhaburn (22' & 45') and Shemar Gillett (85'), while Michael Bradley (88') got the lone goal for Warriors.

Game 4 at 4:00 p.m. was a real tight affair, as (U20) Lake-I FC got the win in injury time, 4-3, over Ladyville Rising Stars. Netting a goal each for Lake-I were Calvin Graham (23'), Maximilliano Jones (27'), Jaylen Oshon (56') and Shane Pratt (90+2'); while Ladyville goals were by Levie Davis (67') and Antonio Banks (76' & 82').

Upcoming Week 3 schedule: Saturday, May 28, Marion Jones Sports Complex 10:00 a.m. - (U17) Gwen Liz vs Warriors FC

BDFA Youth Elite U17/U20 Tournament 2022								
Week 2 Standings at Saturday, May 21, 2022								
U17 MALE TEAMS	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	+/-	Pts
Ladyville Rising Stars	2	2	0	0	9	1	8	6
Warriors FC	2	2	0	0	6	3	3	6
Hattieville United YSC	2	0	0	2	2	4	-2	0
Sampson Academy	1	0	0	1	2	4	-2	0
Gwen Lizarraga	1	0	0	1	0	7	-7	0
U20 MALE TEAMS	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	+/-	Pts
Hattieville United YSC	2	2	0	0	9	3	6	6
Warriors SC	2	1	0	1	14	5	9	3
Lake- I FC	1	1	0	0	4	3	1	3
Ladyville Rising Stars	2	0	0	2	5	10	-5	0
Youth & Sports Edu	1	0	0	1	2	13	-11	0

12:00 noon - (U17) Hattieville United vs Sampson Academy  
 2:00 p.m. - (U20) Lake-I FC vs Warriors FC  
 4:00 p.m. - (U20) Hattieville United vs Youth & Sports Edu.

## Apologies; Women's League in Opening Season

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. May 26, 2022

In our Tuesday issue of May 24, we erroneously called the National Amateur Women's League's (NAWL) current football competition its 2022 Closing Season, when in fact it is its 2022 Opening Season. The winner of Group B in this NAWL 2022 Opening Season will move up to Group A in the NAWL 2022 Closing Season; and the last place team in Group A in the 2022 Opening Season will be relegated down to Group B in the 2022 Closing Season.

See the current standings below and upcoming schedule.

Nat'l Amateur Women's League 2022 Opening Season								
Standings at Week 7, Sunday, May 22, 2022								
GROUP A	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Diff	Pts
Jewel Fury FC	6	4	1	1	13	3	10	13
Sagitun Girlz	6	3	1	2	11	11	0	10
Rumberas FC	5	2	2	1	6	2	4	8
San Pedro Pirates	6	2	1	3	6	11	-5	7
Verdes Rebels	5	0	1	4	5	14	-9	1
GROUP B	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Diff	Pts
Bay City FC	6	6	0	0	53	0	53	18
Cayo Dreamers	5	4	0	1	21	6	15	12
Wagiya United SC	5	2	0	3	14	12	2	6
Santa Elena Strikers	5	1	0	4	2	40	-38	3
Corozal United Warriors	5	0	0	5	1	33	-32	0

Upcoming Week 8 schedule:

### Saturday, May 28

4:00 p.m. - (A) Rumberas FC vs Verdes Rebels FC - M.A. Stadium in Independence

4:00 p.m. - (B) Bay City FC vs Cayo Dreamers - Ricalde Stadium

### Sunday, May 29

4:00 p.m. - Sagitun Girlz vs San Pedro Pirates - M.A. Stadium in Independence

4:00 p.m. - Santa Elena Strikers vs Wagiya United SC - Norman Broaster Stadium

## BBF launches Junior National Team Program

### "Regional Try-Outs for Male U16 Team set for weekend of May 28-29"

BELIZE CITY, Tue. May 24, 2022

The Belize Basketball Federation (BBF) is launching its Junior National Team Program with the aim of maintaining a 20-person player pool in each of the respective junior age groups. Training sessions will be conducted year-round and team rosters for participation in regional and other international tournaments will be filled from the respective qualifying pool(s).

Open try-outs to fill out the Male U16 cohort will be held on the weekend of May 28 - 29, 2022 as follows:

REGION	VENUE	DATE	TIME
Western (Cayo)	Hilltop Basketball Court, Belmopan	Saturday, May 28, 2022	9AM - 12PM
Southern (Stann Creek & Toledo)	Chiste Garcia Auditorium, Dangriga	Saturday, May 28, 2022	2PM - 5PM
Central (Belize incl. the Cayes)	Mexico Center, Belize City	Sunday, May 29, 2022	9AM - 12PM
Northern (Corozal & Orange Walk)	OW Multi Purpose Complex, Orange Walk	Sunday, May 29, 2022	2PM - 5PM

The sessions will be led by Head Coach, Bernie Tarr, assisted by Associate Head Coach, Darwin Leslie and Assistant Coach, Stephen Williams. Those selected will immediately begin training and preparation for this summer's Centrobasket U17 Qualifiers which are tentatively set to take place in Nicaragua in late July to early August.

All players who were born after December 31, 2005 and are eligible for a Belize passport are invited and asked to bring along a birth certificate or other form of ID showing the player's name and date of birth.

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## Pedal by Pedal of Chief's Double Cien Birthday Race on Sat & Sun, May 21st & 22nd



The 3 Champions in the 3 Categories, (l to r) B – Phillip Burns, A – Tyrin Tasher, C – Santino the Chief

BELIZE CITY, Wed. May 25, 2022

Some 77 riders, in one of the biggest cycling fields so far in 2022, lined up for this event, most being Weekend Warriors, Gonz Riders and Over-40 Riders, including 1 Guatemalan and 5 Mexicans. The race was called Double Cien because it was two races of Cien Kilometers, or 62.5 miles.

It boasted 5 nice finishing CASH prizes being \$500, \$300, \$200, \$100 & \$50 for both Category A & B; and \$300, \$200, \$100 & \$50 for the 4 finishers in the C Category, along with beautiful trophies for the Top 3 in each Category and medals

## OWFA 1st Division Amateur Quarterfinal Playoffs this Sunday

ORANGE WALK TOWN, Thurs. May 26, 2022

The Orange Walk Football Association (OWFA) 1st Division Amateur 2021-2022 Closing Season has reached its Quarterfinal Playoffs which take place this Sunday at the Louisiana Football Field. The Quarterfinals will be followed by the Semifinals the following week. Below is the schedule for the Quarterfinals:

- Sunday, May 29, Louisiana Football Field
- 10:00 a.m. – Guinea Grass Lazio FC vs San Antonio FC
- 12:30 p.m. – Galacticos FC vs Progreso FC
- 3:00 p.m. – Palmar FC vs Young Ballerz FC
- 5:30 p.m. – Carmelita FC vs Caribbean Rum Boyz FC

for 4th & 5th. It also had 9 Station Prizes on Saturday and 17 on Sunday for a total of 26 Station Prizes between both days, totaling \$1,700.00.

On Saturday morning the race commenced at 8:45 a.m. at Old Belize, and as the Commissaire blew the whistle, the pace was furious. We averaged 28 miles an hour for the first 10 miles to Hattieville. By the time we hit the halfway point at Jaguar Paw the race was blown to smithereens with bodies all over the road. The return journey was even more brutal in a head wind that was as hard as it was relentless in all directions. At the tape, it was Tyrin Tasher taking the Win and the Leaders Jersey into Stage 2, and Sherwin Roca in 2nd and Edmund Camal in 3rd.

On Sunday morning, those riders who did not abandon on Day One gathered at San Cas Plaza for Day 2. I estimate we started with about 60 to 65 of us, and as we went around the flag monument and got to the Gas Station UNO, we were off again. By the time we entered the Boom Road it was a war of attrition, with a Santino Mexican in the sole lead and an M&M Guatemalan furiously on the pace chasing with the whole Peloton in tow. As we exited Hattieville and made our way to the 8-Mile Roundabout, the pack was closing on the escapee. By the time we turned around, the rider in 2nd place, Sherwin Roca of FAL made his move and escaped. It was M&M's sprinters Roque Matus and Fitzgerald Joseph on the pace to save the day for their Leader, Tyrin Tasher. By the time he was caught just after Prison, more bodies had been left scattered on the Tarmac. Meanwhile, Santino's Mexican David Interian and Sydney Belizaire of Running Rebels made their decisive move and opened a gap which they were barely able to hold to the line at San Cas Plaza. In the end it

## Two shot, one dead ...

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front of 501 Shop in Orange Walk were wounded by gunshots fired by two men on a motorcycle, which drew near to the men before one of the men traveling on the bike unleashed a barrage of bullets. The two men on the motorcycle then headed in the direction of San Antonio Road.

One of the two men who was wounded by the bullets—Reynaldo Zemir Marchand, 38, a driver of a San Francisco Street address, died shortly after while receiving treatment for his injuries at the Northern Regional Hospital. He had been shot twice in his upper body. The other victim of the shooting, Nazir Vasquez, 31, was also also rushed to that hospital, after receiving injuries to his back, legs, and arm. He is reportedly in a stable condition at the Northern Regional Hospital, where he is under heavy police guard.

While canvassing the scene of the shooting, police discovered as many as thirteen 9mm expended shells.

It is being said that the shooting is drug-related, since members of the Police Department's Quick Response Team (QRT) and Mobile Interdiction Team (MIT) have mobilized to the Rambo Town area in Orange Walk Town to search for possible suspects.

A resident of the area who witnessed

the shooting described what took place to local reporters:

"Just before the whole action happened, I was upstairs; they called me to assist in something. Coming down, I put my face in the direction over there. That guy was standing up close to the lamppost and the wall, the one that dropped here. The other one behind him, I never saw at all. It wasn't too long. I came down, I went to sit over there, and all of a sudden in the space of 7 minutes, while still in there, I heard the first pop, then I heard another, then it was like repeating. I couldn't recall how many it was, but I counted about 7. After that, I said everything is now cool so I could see what happened. Reaching this gate, I saw the fellow sitting down bleeding from his neck and I heard he asked for help. His friends came, and they assisted him," he said.

He noted that the area in which the shooting occurred is not a high-crime portion of Orange Walk Town, but is a relatively quiet neighborhood.

Nazir Vasquez is the son of Ermelindo "Milin" Vasquez, who was imprisoned in Chetumal, Mexico, in 2013 along with Hugo Casanova, a resident of Corozal, who was caught with a large quantity of crystal meth valued at an estimated 2 million BZD in the home of notorious Mexican drug dealer, Carlos Cabanas Catzin, known as the "Monster".

## Green light given...

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Economy, after which Blue Economy Minister, Hon. Andre Perez, informed the Cabinet of the ministry's resolve to work with the community to address the issue of erosion on Silk Caye.

After the meeting, a task force comprised of representatives of the aforementioned communities and technical experts was created. That team will now coordinate the work to continue to address the erosion of Silk Caye.

The release from the Cabinet states that the task force includes, "the community leaders, technical advisors from the Ministry of Blue Economy and Civil Aviation, Ministry of Natural Resources, Petroleum and Mining, Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management, and the Belize Coast Guard."

The area, as noted by the Fisheries Department, is in a high-biodiversity conservation zone.

## WJP: bribery, victimization, lack of gov't accountability persist...

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countries. Additionally, only 59% of persons believed that their local government officers were elected through an ethical process. In contrast to this, Belizeans' perceptions of corruption, as well as the country's criminal justice system, have improved slightly since 2019.

The WJP also found, however, that Belizeans generally pay bribes more frequently than respondents in peer countries in the region, particularly when requesting a government permit or document, birth certificates, or

government-issued IDs.

In the areas of crime victimization and victim support, most Belizeans surveyed reportedly are not confident that victims receive enough protection or resources. In fact, 14% of those surveyed had been victims of a crime within the past year.

The Rule of Law Index Report on Belize can be read in its entirety at <https://worldjusticeproject.org/sites/default/files/documents/Belize.pdf>

According to WJP, when a country has effective rule of law, it reduces corruption, combats poverty and disease, and protects people from injustices, large and small.

was Sydney Belizaire winning Sunday's Stage, with David Interian and Edmund Camal of Team Santino's rounding out the top 3. After the officials, Michael Arthurs, Glenn Crawford, Marlon Smith and Chad Ysaguirre did their tabulation of points for both days, the respective winners in the 3 Categories were as follows:

Category A - 1st Tyrin Tasher, 2nd Edmund Camal, 3rd Sydney Belizaire, 4th Athlee Lozano, 5th Sherwin Roca.

Category B – 1st Phillip Burns, 2nd Sherman Thomas, 3rd David Interian, 4th Bob Gabourel, 5th Roque Matus.

Category C – 1st Santino the Chief, 2nd Isaiah Willacey, 3rd Barrington Bomber Young.





**Belize High School of Agriculture**  
**San Lazaro/Trinidad**  
**P.O. Box 161**  
**Orange Walk District**  
**Tel: 662-4142**



## Vacancy

Belize High School of Agriculture invites application from suitably qualified individuals to fill the following teaching posts:

Literature Teacher – Temporary (August, 2022 – November 30, 2022)

Math teacher- Temporary (August, 2022- November 30, 2022)

Information Technology- Temporary (August, 2022- November 30, 2022)

Qualifications: The candidate shall possess a Full License at the secondary level and a Bachelor's Degree in the subject area. Associate Degree in the related field may be considered.

Remuneration: Commensurate with qualifications

Interested persons are to submit their letter of application accompanied by resume, two letters of recommendations, medical certificate, police record, certified copies of transcript, diplomas, social security card, birth certificate/passport and teachers license to the following address:

Board Chairman  
 Belize High School of Agriculture  
 P.O. Box 161  
 Orange Walk District

Submit application with all relevant documents by June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022



## Sacred Heart College

P.O. Box 163, San Ignacio, Cayo,  
 Phone: (501) - 824 - 2102, 824 - 2758, Fax: 824 - 3759  
 Office of the President

Vacancies exist at Sacred Heart College for the post of:

1. One Temporary English Teacher (August 2022 – November 2022)
2. One Temporary Accounting/EDPM Teacher (August 2022 – November 2022)
3. One Temporary Chemistry teacher (August 2022- November 2022)

Applicants must have a B.Sc. in the teaching subject area with a Diploma in Education, or B.Ed. in the teaching subject area. Experience in these areas will be an asset.

**Remuneration is commensurate with MOE approved salary scales. Successful applicants should have a valid Teacher's License.**

Application packages should include the following: a signed letter of application, a copy of a university diploma showing the highest earned degree, official university transcript(s), two named referees, and a copy of a valid Teacher's License.

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

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

**Deadline for Application: June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

# MADISON'S

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BY ORDER of the Mortgagee, Messrs. Ascendancy Belize Limited, Licensed Auctioneer, Sylvano Guerrero, is selling by way of ONLINE AUCTION via [www.madisons.bz](http://www.madisons.bz) the following properties with reserved prices. Auctions are now open for bidding and will close on Tuesday, May 31, 2022 at 12:00pm.

**TERMS: 10% DEPOSIT. BALANCE IN 14 DAYS**



**Block 1, Parcel 134**  
**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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# VACANCY NOTICE:

## ASSISTANT LAND SURVEYOR

### MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING



Applications are invited from suitable qualified persons to fill one (1) vacant position of Assistant Land Surveyor, Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing.

#### **Basic Purpose of Position**

The basic purpose of the Post is to build capacity and provide general support with conducting engineering, topographical and cadastral surveys for expeditious to facilitate project management, execution and supervision of civil works undertaken by the MIDH Team. This will involve carrying out traverses and various surveying operations to ensure high degree of accuracy is obtained major horizontal and vertical control work operations.

#### **Qualifications/Experience**

The Assistant Land Surveyor should preferably be in possession of a Higher National Diploma with three (3) years relevant experience, or alternatively, an Associate Degree in Building and Civil Engineering with at least (5) years' experience in carrying out engineering, topographical and cadastral surveys.

#### **Essential Skills:**

Possess the following essential skills:

- (i) Able to lead and inspire staff to work hard and to take personal responsibility for his own decisions and work
- (ii) Have competency in using a total station, an RTK and Automatic Level Instruments to perform various types of land surveys
- (iii) Assist draughtmen with preparing plans showing findings of his field surveys. diagnosis and to present them verbally to his supervisor

#### **Responsibilities and Duties:**

The Assistant Land Surveyor shall provide the following services:

- (i) Coordinate, plan and conduct engineering, topographical and cadastral surveys on assignments approved by the Chief Engineer
- (ii) Assist draughtmen with preparing plans showing findings of survey field work
- (iii) Assist with setting out of approved projects
- (iv) Assist with monitoring of works done through MIDH or on contractual basis.
- (v) Supervise survey technicians and workmen under his charge.
- (vi) Prepare time sheets for those under his charge
- (vii) Attend and participate in all meetings convened by the Ministry
- (viii) Collaborate with peers and motivating team members to provide outstanding dependable and high-quality products and service.
- (ix) Be available to conduct field visits to all sites countrywide when directed by his supervisor.
- (x) Be available to respond to emergency call-out for matters pertaining to the Ministry's legislated portfolio.
- (xi) Be available for emergency call-out to assist the NEMO with Disaster duties whenever the National Emergency Management Organization of Belize is activated.

#### **Reporting Responsibility**

The Assistant Land Surveyor will report to the Chief Engineer.

#### **Salary**

Remuneration depends on qualifications and experience.

Interested Persons in possession of the required qualifications and experience and who have the aptitude for the post are to submit their application, with copies of qualifications, resume and two (2) references to the Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing, #1 Power Lane, Belmopan, Belize, **no later than Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022.**





# VACANCY NOTICE: EXECUTIVE ENGINEER

## MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING

Applications are invited from suitable qualified persons to fill three (3) vacant positions of Executive Engineer, Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing.

### **Basic Purpose of the Post**

The basic purpose of the post is to provide the following:

- (i) To build capacity and provide general technical support to the Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing in respect to structural design, assessment, supervision and maintenance of buildings and bridges which falls under the legislated portfolio of the Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing
- (ii) Provide a range of engineering services required in the design, selection of contractors and suppliers, quality control monitoring of construction materials in respect of the civil works and other activities to be implemented by the Government. These functions shall be carried out in accordance with the Public service Regulations, Stores and Financial Orders and the finance and Audit Reform Act of 2005.

### **Qualifications /Experience**

The Executive Engineer should be in possession of a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil or Structural Engineering with a minimum of 6 years relevant experience in providing technical and civil engineering services particularly, design, analysis and construction supervision of public buildings and bridges. The Executive Engineer must be a professional engineer registered with the Association of Professional Engineers of Belize or other accredited international institution recognized by the Government of Belize.

### **Essential Skills:**

The essential skills are as follows:

- (i) Lead and inspire staff to work hard and to take personal responsibility for their own decisions and work
- (ii) Able to read, comprehend and summarize verbally or in writing complex reports;
- (iii) Prepare and interpret contract documentation
- (iv) Able to read and interpret for others complex designs, specifications and drawings
- (v) Write clear comprehensive reports, and to present them verbally to superiors and non-technical groups
- (vi) Fully competent in the theory and design of timber, steel and concrete building structures
- (vii) Competent in making all measurements and calculations relating to design and analysis of bridges and building structures
- (viii) Competent in making all measurements and calculations relating to repairs and maintenance of bridges and building structures
- (ix) The Executive Engineer, during the performance of his services, shall work closely with the Chief Engineer, Ministry of on all technical matters for successful delivery of services.
- (x) The Executive Engineer will be required to do field visits to all sites of works and activities during the performance of his duties as set out in the TOR.

### **Responsibilities and Duties:**

The Executive Engineer shall provide the following services:

1. Design of building structures in accordance with internationally accepted codes and standards and prepare all engineering drawings or sketches that may be required for the works.
2. Inspect and conduct a detail assessment in accordance with internationally accepted codes and standards of Public Building for the purposes of valuation, determination of its structural integrity and maintenance needs.
3. Inspect and conduct a detail assessment of bridges in accordance with internationally accepted codes and standards for the purposes of valuation, determination of its structural integrity and maintenance needs.
4. Prepare Bill of Quantities for any maintenance works, renovation, retrofitting or new construction of buildings and bridges identified by the Ministry.
5. Supervise and monitor any maintenance works, renovation, retrofitting or new construction of buildings or bridges as directed by the Chief Engineer. Prepare and maintain inspection and engineering reports and records to adequately document the progress and performance of the works.
6. Evaluate contractors' price proposals offered through direct contracting and/or a competitive bidding process and present the findings in a tender evaluation report to the Chief Engineer.
7. Submit monthly updates to the Chief Engineer on the progress of the works, the contractor's performance, quality of works and the project's financial status and forecasts.
8. Attend and participate in all meetings convened by the Ministry;
9. Examine and make recommendations on all claims from contractors for time extensions, extra compensations, work or expenses or other similar matters and recommend the issuance of variation orders as necessary.
10. Furnish timely assistance and direction to contractors in all matters related to the interpretation of the contract documents, ground survey controls, quality control testing, and other matters relating to contract and progress of the Program.
11. Advise the Ministry with regards to any matter which may be the subject of arbitration, inquiry or litigation and, when requested, assist the Ministry before any court or in any arbitration or at any inquiry dealing with any matter arising from or in connection with the execution of the works.
12. Conduct field measurements and compute quantities of approved and accepted work and materials, check and adjust as necessary and certify the contractor's interim and final payment certificates.
13. Review all contractors' working drawings, shop drawings, erection drawings, and drawings for temporary works and act as appropriate thereon.
14. Inspect the safety and environmental protection aspects (as defined in Belizean Laws) of construction works and methods to ensure that every reasonable measure has been taken to protect life, environment and property.
15. Perform any and all other items of works not specifically mentioned above, but which are necessary and essential to successfully supervise and control the construction activities in accordance with the plans, specifications and terms of contract.
16. Be available to respond to emergency call-out by the Chief Engineer for matters pertaining to the Ministry's legislated portfolio and having to do with protection of life, public safety and its public infrastructural assets.
17. Be available to respond to emergency call-out to assist the Ministry and the Government of Belize with Disaster duties whenever the National Emergency Management Organization (NEMO) of Belize is activated.

### **Reporting Responsibility**

The Executive Engineer will report to the Chief Engineer.

### **Salary**

Remuneration depends on qualification and experience.

Interested Persons in possession of the required qualifications and experience and who have the aptitude for the post are to submit their application, with copies of qualifications, resume and two (2) references to the Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing, #1 Power Lane, Belmopan, Belize, **no later than Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022.**





May 18 2022

### Press Release

The Public Sector Workers Trust (PSWT) was created via an agreement between the Public Service Union, Belize National Teachers' Union and the Government of Belize to create projects for those individuals whose increments were frozen from 1995 to 1997. The Trust has launched its first project which is the Preventative Healthcare Project, which aims to provide a complete range of modern diagnostic tests to all its beneficiaries, inclusive of laboratory tests and a consultation with a physician to discuss the test results. For beneficiaries who opt not to access these services, an alternative option is a health care credit which provides a specific sum to their preferred medical provider to defray costs of services and medication.

The PSWT has now signed agreements with the Belize Healthcare Partners, Belize Medical Associates and Northern Medical Specialty Plaza.

All beneficiaries of the PSWT who would like to access the project to contact the PSWT at 223-7799/223-2877/ 673-7798 to set an appointment. A list of beneficiaries has been published on the PSWT website at <https://pswt.org.bz/new-publications/#>. Beneficiaries are asked to kindly review the list to determine if their names are there to access the service. In the event that a beneficiary's name is not on the list certified documents must be submitted to the office of the PSWT for verification before these services can be accessed.

Finally, the health project will be extended to the western and southern part of the country on a phased basis.

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#### FOUR STEPS TO ACCESS PSWT HEALTH CARE

1. Check PSWT website at <https://pswt.org.bz/new-publications/#>. to ascertain if name if on the list
2. If name is on list, call PSWT Offices at 223-7799/223-2877/ 673-7798 to schedule appointment to obtain the required forms
3. After obtaining forms, visit the medical provider of your choice
4. If name is NOT of the list, certified documents are to be provided to the Trust Office including but not limited to an employment declaration provided by the Belize Social Security Board, years of service document signed by management/ ministry or any other documentation that provides proof you were working with GOB during the period 1995-1997.

A: NGO Crescent, Belize City  
T: 223-7798 • F: 223-0977  
E: [publicsectorworkerstrust@gmail.com](mailto:publicsectorworkerstrust@gmail.com)





# VACANCY NOTICE:

## EXECUTIVE ENGINEER

### MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING

Applications are invited from suitable qualified persons to fill two (2) vacant positions of Executive Engineer, Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing.

#### **Basic Purpose of Post**

The basic purpose of the post is to provide the following:

- (i) To build capacity and provide general technical support to the Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing (MIDH) in respect to design, assessment of civil works and construction supervision and maintenance of roads and drainage systems which falls under the legislated portfolio of the MIDH.
- (ii) Provide a range of engineering services required in the design, selection of contractors and suppliers, quality control monitoring of construction materials and geotechnical investigations in respect of the civil works and other activities to be implemented by the Government. These functions shall be carried out in accordance with the Public Service Regulations, Stores and Financial Orders and the Finance and Audit Reform Act of 2005.

#### **Qualifications/Experience**

The Executive Engineers should be in possession of a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil, Highway, Hydraulic or Transportation Engineering with a minimum of 6 years relevant experience in providing technical and civil engineering services particularly, design, analysis and construction supervision of Roads and Drainage Systems. The Executive Engineer must be a professional engineer registered with the Association of Professional Engineers of Belize or other accredited international institution recognized by the Government of Belize.

#### **Essential Skills:**

The essential skills are as follows:

- (i) Able to lead and inspire staff to work hard and to take personal responsibility for their own decisions and work;
- (ii) Able to read, comprehend and summarize verbally or in writing complex reports
- (iii) Able to prepare and interpret contract documentation
- (iv) Able to read and interpret for others complex designs, specifications and drawings
- (v) Able to write clear comprehensive reports, and to present them verbally to superiors and non-technical groups
- (vi) Fully competent in the theory and design of paved and unpaved roads, Urban Traffic Control Systems, and road drainage systems.
- (vii) Competent in making all measurements and calculations relating to design and analysis of Roads and Drainage Systems.
- (viii) Competent in making all measurements and calculations relating to repairs and maintenance of roads and drainage systems.
- (ix) The Executive Engineer, during the performance of his services, shall work closely with the Chief Engineer, MIDH on all technical matters for successful delivery of services.
- (x) The Executive Engineer will be required to do field visits to all sites of works and activities during the performance of his contractual obligations as set out in the TOR.

#### **Duties and Responsibilities:**

The duties and responsibilities of the Executive Engineers shall be as follows:

1. Design roads and drainage systems in accordance with internationally accepted codes and standards and assist with preparing all engineering drawings or sketches that may be required for the works.
2. Inspect and conduct a detail assessment of roads and drainage systems in accordance with internationally accepted codes and standards for the purposes of determination of its structural integrity and maintenance needs.
3. Prepare Bill of Quantities for any maintenance works, renovation, retrofitting or new construction of roads, bridges and drainage works identified by the Ministry.
4. Supervise and monitor any road maintenance, rehabilitation or new construction of roads and drainage systems as directed by the Chief Engineer. Prepare and maintain inspection and engineering reports and records to adequately document the progress and performance of the works.
5. Coordinate, plan and assist with Geotechnical Investigations and have a good working knowledge to interpret results of Laboratory and Field Tests.
6. Evaluate contractors' price proposals offered through direct contracting and/or a competitive bidding process and present the findings in a tender evaluation report to the Chief Engineer.
7. Submit monthly updates to the Chief Engineer on the progress of the works, the contractor's performance, quality of works and the project's financial status and forecasts.
8. Attend and participate in all meetings convened by the Ministry;
9. Examine and make recommendations on all claims from contractors for time extensions, extra compensations, work or expenses or other similar matters and recommend the issuance of variation orders as necessary.
10. Furnish timely assistance and direction to contractors in all matters related to the interpretation of the contract documents, ground survey controls, quality control testing, and other matters relating to contract and progress of the Program.
11. Advise the Ministry with regards to any matter which may be the subject of arbitration, inquiry or litigation and, when requested, assist the Ministry before any court or in any arbitration or at any inquiry dealing with any matter arising from or in connection with the execution of the works.
12. Conduct field measurements and compute quantities of approved and accepted work and materials, check and adjust as necessary and certify the contractor's interim and final payment certificates.
13. Review all contractors' working drawings, shop drawings, erection drawings, and drawings for temporary works and act as appropriate thereon.
14. Inspect the safety and environmental protection aspects (as defined in Belizean Laws) of construction works and methods to ensure that every reasonable measure has been taken to protect life, environment and property.
15. Perform any and all other items of works not specifically mentioned above, but which are necessary and essential to successfully supervise and control the construction activities in accordance with the plans, specifications and terms of contract.
16. Be available to respond to emergency call-out by the Chief Engineer for matters pertaining to the Ministry's legislated portfolio and having to do with protection of life, public safety and its public infrastructural assets.
17. Be available to respond to emergency call-out to assist the NEMO, Government of Belize with Disaster duties whenever the National Emergency Management Organization of Belize is activated.

#### **Reporting Responsibility**

The Executive Engineer will report to the Chief Engineer.

#### **Salary**

Government Payscale 16 of \$27,154 x \$1,179 - \$49,555 per annum.

Interested Persons in possession of the required qualifications and experience and who have the aptitude for the post are to submit their application, with copies of qualifications, resume and two (2) references to the Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing, #1 Power Lane, Belmopan, Belize, **no later than Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022.**





# VACANCY NOTICE: SENIOR ARCHITECT

## MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING

Applications are invited from suitable qualified persons to fill one (1) vacant position of Senior Architect, Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing.

### **Basic Purpose of Post**

The Basic Purpose of the Post is to provide the following:

- (i) To build capacity and provide general technical support to the Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing (MIDH) in respect to Architectural design, assessment of civil works and construction supervision and maintenance of roads and drainage systems which falls under the legislated portfolio of the MIDH.
- (ii) Provide a range of architectural services required in the design, selection of contractors and suppliers, quality control monitoring of construction materials and geotechnical investigations in respect of the civil works and other activities to be implemented by the Government. These functions shall be carried out in accordance with the Public Service Regulations, Stores and Financial Orders and the Finance and Audit Reform Act of 2005.

### **Qualifications /Experience**

The Sr. Architect should be in possession of a Bachelor of Science Degree in Architecture or Architectural Engineering with a minimum of 6 years relevant experience in providing architectural services particularly, architectural design, layout and construction supervision of buildings and related Works. The Sr. Architect must be a professional Architect registered with the Association of Professional Architect of Belize or other accredited international institution recognized by the Government of Belize.

### **Essential Skills:**

The essential skills are as follows:

- (i) Lead and inspire staff to work hard and to take personal responsibility for their own decisions and work
- (ii) Read, comprehend and summarize verbally or in writing complex reports
- (iii) Prepare and interpret contract documentation for buildings and civil works
- (iv) Have competency to interpret complex designs, specifications and drawings
- (v) Write clear comprehensive reports, and to present them verbally to superiors and non-technical groups
- (vi) Competent in making all measurements and calculations relating to repairs and maintenance of Building Structures
- (vii) The Sr. Architect, during the performance of his services, shall work closely with the Chief Engineer, MIDH on all technical matters for successful delivery of services.
- (ix) The Sr. Architect will be required to do field visits to all sites of works and activities during the performance of his contractual obligations as set out in the TOR

### **Duties and Responsibilities**

- (i) Develop and prepare architectural designs for environmentally friendly buildings in accordance with internationally accepted codes and standards and reflecting the client needs
- (ii) Design Architectural Layouts based on Client's needs
- (iii) Conduct structural assessment of building structures in accordance with internationally accepted codes and standards
- (iv) Conduct valuation of a building structure in accordance with internationally accepted codes and standards for the purposes of valuation, determination of its structural integrity and maintenance needs
- (v) Prepare Bill of Quantities for any maintenance works, renovation, retrofitting or new construction of buildings identified by the Ministry.
- (vi) Prepare construction drawings for various types of building structures and related civil works.
- (vii) Supervise construction of buildings and related civil works. Prepare and maintain inspection and engineering reports and records to adequately document the progress and performance of the works.
- (viii) Evaluate contractors' price proposals offered through direct contracting and/or a competitive bidding process and present the findings in a tender evaluation report to the Chief Engineer.
- (ix) Submit monthly updates to the Chief Engineer on the progress of the works, the contractor's performance, quality of works and the project's financial status and forecasts.
- (x) Attend and participate in all meetings convened by the Ministry
- (xi) Examine and make recommendations on all claims from contractors for time extensions, extra compensations, work or expenses or other similar matters and recommend the issuance of variation orders as necessary.
- (xii) Furnish timely assistance and direction to contractors in all matters related to the interpretation of the contract documents, ground survey controls, quality control testing, and other matters relating to contract and progress of the Program.
- (xiii) Advise the Ministry with regards to any matter which may be the subject of arbitration, inquiry or litigation and, when requested, assist the Ministry before any court or in any arbitration or at any inquiry dealing with any matter arising from or in connection with the execution of the works.
- (xiv) Conduct field measurements and compute quantities of approved and accepted work and materials, check and adjust as necessary and certify the contractor's interim and final payment certificates.
- (xv) Review all contractors' working drawings, shop drawings, erection drawings, and drawings for temporary works and act as appropriate thereon.
- (xvi) Inspect the safety and environmental protection aspects (as defined in Belizean Laws) of construction works and methods to ensure that every reasonable measure has been taken to protect life, environment and property.
- (xvii) Perform any and all other items of works not specifically mentioned above, but which are necessary and essential to successfully supervise and control the construction activities in accordance with the plans, specifications and terms of contract.
- (xviii) Make himself available and respond to emergency call-out by the Chief Engineer for matters pertaining to the Ministry's legislated portfolio and having to do with protection of life, public safety and its public infrastructural assets.
- (xix) Make himself available and respond to emergency call-out to assist the Ministry and the Government of Belize with Disaster duties whenever the National Emergency Management Organization of Belize is activated.

### **Location of Work:**

Place of Employment will be Belmopan.

### **Reporting Responsibility**

The Sr. Architect will report to the Head of Engineering and Planning.

### **Salary**

Government Payscale 21 of \$34,296 x \$1480 - \$62,416 per annum.

Interested Persons in possession of the required qualifications and experience and who have the aptitude for the post are to submit their application, with copies of qualifications, resume and two (2) references to the Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing, #1 Power Lane, Belmopan, Belize, **no later than Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022.**





# VACANCY NOTICE: ARCHITECT II



## MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING

Applications are invited from suitable qualified persons to fill one (1) vacant position of Architect II, Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing.

### **Basic Purpose of Position**

The basic purpose of the Post is to

- (i) To build capacity and provide general technical support to the Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing (MIDH) in respect to Architectural design, assessment of civil works and construction supervision and maintenance of roads and drainage systems which falls under the legislated portfolio of the MIDH.
- (ii) Provide a range of architectural services required in the design, selection of contractors and suppliers, quality control monitoring of construction materials and geotechnical investigations in respect of the civil works and other activities to be implemented by the Government. These functions shall be carried out in accordance with the Public Service Regulations, Stores and Financial Orders and the Finance and Audit Reform Act of 2005.

### **Qualifications/Experience**

The Architect II should be in possession of a Bachelor of Science Degree in Architecture or Architectural Engineering with a minimum of 6 years relevant experience in providing architectural services particularly, architectural design, layout and construction supervision of buildings and related Works. The Architect II must be a professional Architect registered with the Association of Professional Architect of Belize or other accredited international institution recognized by the Government of Belize.

### **Essential Skills:**

Possess the following essential skills:

- (i) Able to lead and inspire staff to work hard and to take personal responsibility for his own decisions and work
- (ii) Have competency in using a total station, an RTK and Automatic Level Instruments to perform various types of land surveys
- (iii) Assist draughtmen with preparing plans showing findings of his field surveys. diagnosis and to present them verbally to his supervisor

### **Responsibilities and Duties:**

The Architecture II shall provide the following services:

1. Prepare bill of quantities, architectural drawings and approvals for proposed public housing developments;
2. Supervise building construction inspectors & monitor the construction of houses under the low-income housing program within the Southern Zones (Cayo, Stann Creek and Toledo Districts);
3. Conducts on-site field reviews and inspections in conjunction with the Central Building Authority and Municipal Authorities as it relates to community zoning regulations to ensure compliance to building codes and standards;
4. Prepare draft contracts for building contractors;
5. Issue Work Order and Certificates by phases for payment of construction work;
6. Prepare Inspection reports, progress reports, completion reports at assigned sites for management meeting and for Director of Housing;
7. Serves as a Urban Planner/Designer on assigned community development projects as well as housing improvement projects for urban and rural communities;
8. Coordinate work assignments of building inspectors and building maintenance personnel for housing improvement projects, for the different housing programs initiated by the Ministry;
9. Serves as a liaison with the public by responding to requests for information on building plans and processes;
10. Exercise functional and technical supervision over assigned technical staff;
11. Liaise and inform other government agencies, departments on matters for urban planning and development matters;
12. Arrange formal communication channel with public utilities: Belize Electricity Limited (BEL), Belize Water Services Limited (BWSL), Public Utilities Commission (PUC) as regards community housing program; (Southern Zone)
13. Update on modern Technology & Innovation in the housing sector;
14. Represent Ministry at workshops and meetings;
15. Disaster Management Duties;
16. Any other duties assigned from time to time.

### **Reporting Responsibility**

The Architect II will report to the Chief Engineer.

### **Salary**

Government Payscale 16 of \$25,154 x \$1179 - \$49,555 per annum.

Interested Persons in possession of the required qualifications and experience and who have the aptitude for the post are to submit their application, with copies of qualifications, resume and two (2) references to the Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing, #1 Power Lane, Belmopan, Belize, **no later than Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022.**



# PUBLICAUCTIONS SALES: PROPERTIES & VEHICLES

## Countrywide

BY ORDER of the Mortgagees, The Belize Bank Limited, Licensed Auctioneers Kevin A. Castillo and Christiana R. Castillo are selling ONLINE via [belizepropertyauctions.com](http://belizepropertyauctions.com) the below described properties and vehicles. Sales currently running until 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022 with expiration dates and times appearing on the website.

**N.B. Properties and vehicles will remain on this website with bi-weekly sales until conclusion.**

1. Bacab Eco Park, Ridge Lagoon Residential Estate, Burrell Boom Road, Belize District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Ladyville/Lord's Bank	16	64
The freehold property of Mr. Francis Smith & Maria Smith/Messrs. BACAB Eco - Park .		

2. Parcels Nos. 4278 & 4279 Teakettle Village, Cayo District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Ladyville/Lord's Bank	16	6969
The freehold property of Ms. Stella Marie Rudon		

3. Parcels Nos. 4278 & 4279 Teakettle Village, Cayo District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCELS
Society Hall	24	4278 & 4279
The freehold properties of Ms. Mishell McKenzie.		

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



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

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



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

6. 147.228 Acres, San Marcos Agricultural Area, Toledo District:



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

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



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

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



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

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



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

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



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

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



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

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



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

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



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

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



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

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



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

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



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

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



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

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



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

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



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

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



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

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



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

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



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

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



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

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



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

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



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

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



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

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



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

28. 200.35 Acres Eastern Side Southern Lagoon, Manatee Area, Belize District:



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

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



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

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



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

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



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

**VEHICLES:**

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# PUBLIC AUCTION SALES: PROPERTIES

Orange Walk District: Orange Walk Town; Trial Farm Village; San Jose Palmar Village/ Douglas Village; Belize District: Maskall Village/ San Pedro, Ambergris Caye/ Belize City; Cayo District: Paslow Falls Area; Ontario Village; Stann Creek District: Hope Creek Village; Hummingbird Community; Dangriga; Toledo District: San Miguel Village/ Punta Gorda Town

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

1. Parcel No. 2990 Mayflower Street, Orange Walk Town:



REGISTRATION SECTION: Orange Walk Town  
BLOCK: 4  
PARCEL: 2990

(Being three buildings: Building No. 1 – single dwelling house [869 sq. ft.] 2 bedrooms + 1 bathroom + living/dining/ kitchen; Building No. 2 - a concrete structure [57 sq. ft. + open area 65 sq. ft.] laundry room; Building No. 3 – concrete structure [43 sq. ft.] lavatory TOGETHER with Lot [454.510 S.M.] situate at Parcel No. 2990 Mayflower Street, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District, the freehold property of Mr. Gabriel Pate)

2. Parcel No. 285/1 Trial Farm Village, Orange Walk District:



REGISTRATION SECTION: Trial Farm  
BLOCK: 4  
PARCEL: 285/1

(Being a concrete bungalow dwelling house [583 sq. ft.] containing 2 Bedrooms + 1 Bathroom + Living/Dining/Kitchen TOGETHER with Lot [1190.95 sq. yds. (995.780 S.M.)] situate in Trial Farm Village, Orange Walk District, the leasehold property of Mr. Harold Flowers)

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



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

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

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



REGISTRATION SECTION: Orange Walk Town  
BLOCK: 4  
PARCEL: 3091/1

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

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



REGISTRATION SECTION: San Jose Palmar  
BLOCK: 4  
PARCEL: 808

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

6. 28.91 Acres of land on the Douglas/San Pablo Road, 1.6 kilometers west of the Douglas Road/Phillip Goldson Highway, Orange Walk District:



REGISTRATION SECTION: Douglas Rural  
BLOCK: 4  
PARCEL: 118

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

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

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



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

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

8. 2 Acres San Pedro, Ambergris Caye, Belize:



REGISTRATION SECTION: North San Pedro  
BLOCK: 7  
PARCELS: 5434 & 5435

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

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



REGISTRATION SECTION: San Pedro  
BLOCK: 7  
PARCEL: 2112

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

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



REGISTRATION SECTION: Queen Square  
BLOCK: 45  
PARCEL: 1406

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

**D: Cayo District: Paslow Falls Area; Ontario Village**

11. 10 Acres of Land situate near the Mopan River, Paslow Falls Area, Cayo District:



ALL THAT piece or parcel of land Block No. 6 (+/- 10 acres) being a portion of Lionel Balan subdivision survey of Grant No. 505 of 2007 comprising 20.86 acres of land and the survey of a strip of National Lands comprising 1 acre situate along the Mopan River, Paslow Falls Area, Cayo District TOGETHER with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon. (Being +/- 10 acres of vacant land with high vegetation and numerous trees, the freehold property of Ms. Mary Carridi)

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



REGISTRATION SECTION: Society Hall  
BLOCK: 24  
PARCEL: 1323

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

13. Parcel No. 2427/1 Ontario Village, Cayo District:



REGISTRATION SECTION: Society Hall  
BLOCK: 24  
PARCEL: 2427/1

(Being two buildings - Building 'A' concrete bungalow dwelling house [1083 sq. ft.] containing 3 bedrooms + bathroom + Living/Dining/Kitchen + porch; Building 'B' shop [222 sq. ft.] and lot [555.56 sq. yds.] situate at Ontario Village, Cayo District, the leasehold property of Mr. Humberto Patt.)

**E: Stann Creek District: Hope Creek Village; Hummingbird Community; Dangriga**

14. Lot No. 132 Hope Creek Village, Stann Creek District:



ALL THAT piece or parcel of land containing 1388.89 square yards being Lot No. 132 situate in Hope Creek Village, Stann Creek District TOGETHER with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon. (Being a 2-storey concrete/timber dwelling house [1,001 sq. ft.] containing Ground Floor: 2 bedrooms + living room + kitchen; First Floor 2 bedrooms + 1 bathroom apartment and lot [1388.89 square yards] situate in Hope Creek Village, Stann Creek District, the freehold property of Mr. Eduardo Saravia)

15. Lot No. 54 Hummingbird Community, Stann Creek District:



ALL THAT piece or parcel of land containing 785.259 square meters being Lot No. 54 situate in the Hummingbird Community Village, near Mile 25 Hummingbird Highway, Stann Creek District TOGETHER with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon. (Being an elevated timber dwelling house [751 sq. ft.] containing 2 bedrooms + 1 bathroom + living/dining/kitchen + storeroom TOGETHER with lot [785.259 S.M.] situate in the Hummingbird Community Village, Mile 25 Hummingbird Highway, Stann Creek District, the freehold property of Mr. Armando Coye)

16. Parcel No. 1294 Canal Street, Dangriga, Stann Creek District



REGISTRATION SECTION: Dangriga South  
BLOCK: 31  
PARCEL: 1294

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

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

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



REGISTRATION SECTION: Big Fall/Golden Stream  
BLOCK: 42  
PARCEL: 577

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

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