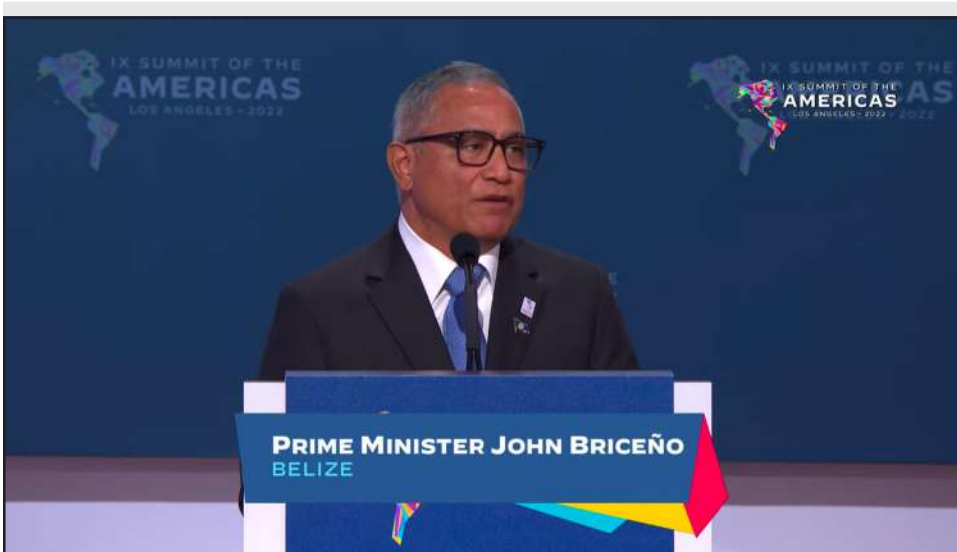


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# PM's "real talk" at 9<sup>th</sup> Summit of the Americas



**"Geography, not politics, defines the Summit of the Americas," Prime Minister Hon. John Briceño said in his official remarks at the summit in Los Angeles.**

*by Marco Lopez*

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. June 9, 2022

On Monday, June 6, the 9<sup>th</sup> Summit of the Americas commenced under the theme, "Building a Sustainable, Resilient, and Equitable Future". This summit has already been marred by the

exclusion of three countries in the hemisphere: Cuba, Venezuela, and Nicaragua, which United States officials have tried to justify through claims that this meeting is held for "democratic states" only. Nonetheless, the Biden

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## Father says schools rejected his son because of dreadlocks



*by Khaila Gentle*

LADYVILLE, Belize District, Wed. June 8, 2022

A frustrated Ladyville father says that his 5-year-old son was denied

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## Big Creek's \$30 mil facility



*Ribbon-cutting for Big Creek Facility*

*by Charles Gladden*

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. June 9, 2022  
On Wednesday, June 8, members of

the local media toured ASR/BSI's \$30-million facility at the Big Creek Port in Stann Creek, where sugar-loading operations which were previously

carried out at the Port of Belize are now taking place. Mac McLachlan, Country

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*Hon. "Shyne" Barrow & UDP caretaker for Orange Walk South, Lupe Magana*

## Shyne: The carrots are spoiled!

*by Khaila Gentle*

SAN CARLOS, Orange Walk District, Thurs. June 9, 2022

There has been lots of talk about carrots over the last few weeks. It is a conversation within the community that started when farmers in San Carlos village in Orange Walk, which is located within the constituency of Agriculture Minister Jose Abelardo

Mai, began to complain that, as a result of the presence of imported carrots and onions in local markets, their crops were not being sold, and a large portion of their carrots had been left in the ground—unsold and rotting. It is an issue that was then highlighted by Albert area representative Tracy Pantón, who reportedly had even

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# Ivan Ayuso, accused embezzler, receives disclosure

by Khaila Gentle

BELIZE CITY, Wed. June 8, 2022

In January of 2021, Ivan Ayuso was arrested and charged for embezzling over a million dollars of public funds from the National Sports Council, where he had been employed as a senior pay clerk. Today, he returned to court, where he was served with a full disclosure of the evidence that the Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) will be using against him in his upcoming case.

The 43-year-old Ayuso was accused of mismanagement of public funds and embezzlement in 2020 after a report from the then Auditor General, Dorothy Bradley, indicated that he had been manipulating pay sheets at the National Sports Council so that he could be paid multiple times. That report also found that Ayuso, over the course of the year covered by the report, had diverted somewhere around \$400,000 (\$416,228) into three of his personal accounts. Eventually, however, it was discovered that more than twice that estimated amount—over one million dollars—was actually unaccounted for at the Council. Ayuso was arrested and charged for theft, uttering upon a forged document, and money laundering of one million, ninety thousand, two



(Source 7 News)

Former senior pay clerk of the National Sports Council, Ivan Ayuso

hundred and twenty-seven dollars and thirteen cents. His bail was set at \$300,000, but he was unable to meet it and was remanded to the Belize Central Prison.

Ayuso was represented in court today by Senior Counsel Ellis Arnold, while the FIU's Janelle Thomas Sharp was the case's prosecutor.

Ayuso is expected to return to court on August 19, when he will stand before Senior Magistrate Aretha Ford for the preliminary inquiry into the case. If Magistrate Ford determines that enough evidence against him exists, he will then head to the Supreme Court for trial.

Back in 2004, Ayuso, who was a cashier at the time, was accused of setting a fire that caused the Paslow Building to burn down. It was alleged that he did so to presumably ensure the destruction of certain records in order to cover up an earlier misappropriation of funds, but he was acquitted a year later.

# Hartin is not off the hook, says COMPOL



Jasmine Hartin and Chester Williams — Commissioner of Police

by Charles Gladden

BELMOPAN, Tues. June 7, 2022

When he spoke to reporters on Monday during a police press briefing, Commissioner of Police, Chester Williams seemed to indicate that, unlike many Belizeans who are doubtful about the allegations that Jasmine Hartin, facing charges for the death of Police Superintendent Henry Jemmott, had contracted local gangs to carry out a "hit" on both Williams and a local magistrate, he has reason to believe that there could be some truth in the claims.

The Police Commissioner indicated that, although Hartin, after being questioned about the allegations in mid-May, had been subsequently released due to the lack of any evidence to support any claims that she had contracted someone to kill the COMPOL, he has not ruled out the possibility that she could be guilty of ordering such a hit. He is basing this suspicion on disturbing text messages that he said he had previously received from Hartin.

"She is not completely off the hook as yet. The investigators are still doing certain things. Certain things were said,

and I personally have received a number of text messages from Ms. Hartin. How she got my number, I don't know. But, she has found ways to message me, prior to the alleged threat being made. That is why I have no difficulty believing that she might have made some threats, because of the content of the message I had received from her. Be that as it may, I am not involved in the investigation, and for good reasons. I don't want to come across as if I am influencing the investigation, because I am a subject of it, in terms of being a complainant. But, the investigators have certain things to do to be able to ascertain if in fact the threats were made, and then we see how we proceed from there," said COMPOL Williams.

The claims that Jasmine had ordered a hit on the Police Commissioner were made by Lionel Neal, her former maintenance worker who, according to a police report filed by Jasmine, had been trying to extort her. That maintenance worker had subsequently been charged for attempting to sexually assault her, although he claimed he had been in a sexual relationship with her.

# Manatee calf found dead—cause unknown



Manatee calf found dead in Corozal

LOS PINOS, Corozal District, Thurs. June 9, 2022

On Saturday, June 4, a male manatee calf was found dead within the Corozal Bay Wildlife Sanctuary (CBWS)—the first such death reported for this year. The young male, in seemingly perfect health, washed up on the beach and was found in Los Pinos, Corozal, a few miles west of Sarteneja village. The research team from the Sarteneja Alliance for Conservation and Development went to the scene promptly and performed a necropsy on

the male calf.

It was a little over 5 feet, 5 inches, or 169 centimeters, in length with a thick body fat layer indicative of a healthy manatee. There were no signs of injury or swelling, nor was any indication of trauma to the internal organs found, so at this time its death remains a mystery.

"Further examination was conducted, however, the cause of death remained undetermined. All observations were recorded by the

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# Collet Montejo appointed to Redistricting Task Force

Former PUP senator, Collet Montejo, was appointed as a member of the Redistricting Task Force

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. June 9, 2022

The Elections and Boundaries Commission has announced via a press release issued on Thursday, June 9, that PUP senator, Collet Montejo, has been appointed as a member of the Redistricting Task Force.

The task of Montejo is to supervise all the fieldwork for the gathering and provision of all information that is to be considered by the task force regarding the physical layout of each electoral division, the various facilities within those divisions and the level of accessibility to transport within each constituency, as well as the distribution of the population across those constituencies throughout the country.

The task force is responsible for



Collet Montejo

making recommendations to the Elections and Boundaries Commission as it proceeds with a redistricting exercise.

The Commission says that it continues to place a high priority on this critical exercise, which is expected to be completed in 2023.

# Climate Change key on 9<sup>th</sup> Summit of Americas agenda

LOS ANGELES, California. Thurs. June 9, 2022

Climate Change and the realities of ever-increasing global temperatures are currently a prominent topic of discussions at the 9th Summit of the Americas taking place in Los Angeles. Today the Prime Minister of Belize, Hon. John Briceno, held a meeting with leaders from CARICOM and Latin America who had a sit-down with Canadian president Justin Trudeau. According to a Facebook post by PM Briceno, during the meeting he explained a little about the Blue Bond debt-for-conservation swap initiative in Belize.

“I explained our Blue Bond initiative as Belize’s response to debt and fiscally responsible management as well as innovative climate change action. Belize does its part and the developed countries need to step up and do their share while lobbying others to do same,” Prime Minister Briceno stated in his Facebook post today. When he was interviewed yesterday, he made a similar point — telling developed countries that mere access to loans to address the various crises will no longer be enough.

“Climate Change is a clear and present danger for Belize and the Caribbean. The issues of climate change that have been caused by the developed countries like the United States...,” the PM said. He added, “We are continuing to put pressure on developed countries like the United States, Canada, and Mexico, to be able to do more work to reduce the



emission that causes the Earth to get warmer, because we are facing the consequences.”

He said that recognition of this issue must be followed by discussions about the accompanying issue: access to financing.

“We can’t continue to finance our way out of crisis. The pandemic is a good example. We have borrowed a lot of money in the region, Belize, and by the time we got into government, it was already at 133% of GDP. Janet Yellen, the Secretary of the Treasury, and Blinken, the Secretary of State, have sent a letter to the Caribbean. Certainly I got a letter where they said that they are prepared to work with the World Bank, IDB, and other IFIs to make it easier for

countries like ours to access funding at lower interest rates whenever we are facing these crises, but for us, it’s more than that. We cannot continue to borrow ourselves out of these crises. I believe that the United States and developed countries have a moral responsibility to countries like us; they are the ones that have caused this problem. We are doing our part, we are protecting our forest, we are protecting our ocean space, we are doing more than they are doing, so they then now need to be able to give us the money so that we could continue to do the work, to do the adaptation changes that needs to be done...,” the PM remarked.

In speaking about addressing the climate crisis, President Joe Biden, during his remarks at the inaugural

ceremony of the summit, said, “When I hear ‘climate’, I think jobs — good-paying, high-quality jobs that will help speed our transition — to a green economy of the future and unleash sustainable growth; jobs in developing and deploying clean energy; jobs in decarbonizing the economy; jobs in protecting biodiversity of our hemisphere; jobs that will provide dignity of being able to feed your family, give your children a better life, and envision a future of possibilities.”

Projects aimed at achieving this include the Renewables in Latin America and the Caribbean Initiative, which seeks to accelerate the transition to clean energy in LAC. The major goal

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## Nora Parham posthumously pardoned

*On the 59<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her execution, Nora Parham was posthumously pardoned.*

*by Charles Gladden*

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. June 9, 2022

On Wednesday, June 5, 1963, at 8:00 a.m., Nora Parham was executed at the old Belize Central Prison on Gaol Lane, and on the 59<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that wrongful execution by the state, she was posthumously pardoned.

Parham was the only woman to be hanged in Belize’s history after she pleaded not guilty to the charges of setting her abusive common-law husband, Ketchell Trapp, on fire in their family latrine—an incident which Trapp himself had admitted was not Nora’s fault before passing away.

And 59 years later, she was posthumously pardoned in Belize City in a ceremony attended by several government officials, along with her eight sons.

“Today, the family looks at this event, having sad and painful memories, but with great joy. It speaks volumes in favour of concern and needed action for relief and protection of abused women and victims of domestic violence. Every major town in Belize should have some place, man, with personnel that take these issues seriously and take it compassionately. Where each case is recorded and



*Nora Parham, deceased*

appropriate action is taken. We have heard the government’s sentiment and desire to make these issues a priority; we are proud to be associated with this,” stated Harold Parham, son of Nora Parham.

During the ceremony, Prime Minister of Belize, Hon. John Briceño, gifted Harold Parham the Belizean National Flag in honor of his mother.

To make the pardoning official, Cabinet Secretary Stuart Leslie read the legal instrument which put into effect the pardon in the absence of Governor-General Froyla Tzalam.

# Peyrefitte sends more FOIA requests

BELIZE CITY, Wed. June 8, 2022

The chairman of the United Democratic Party, Senator Michael Peyrefitte, has sent two additional letters invoking the Freedom of Information Act in his quest to access information about the amount of money paid by government to lawyers and other professionals who hold ministerial posts or other high-ranking positions in the administration. One of the two most recent letters was sent to the Governor-General, H.E. Dame Froyla Tzlam, requesting the declarations of permission given to Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance, Hon. Christopher Coye, and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Immigration, Hon. Eamon Courtenay so that their firm, Courtenay Coye LLP, could be contracted by the government of Belize. (The Belize Constitution bars ministers and senators from entering into contracts with the government without expressed permission from the Governor-General.)

This is Peyrefitte's second set of letters in just a little over two weeks. The first was sent directly to the office of the Prime Minister requesting a list of the specific amounts paid out to Courtenay and Coye, who have become the government's go-to legal representatives. The request called for disclosure of payments already disbursed and sums owed to the law firm and to Queen's Counsel Douglas Mendes.

The Prime Minister, Hon. John Briceño, had given his assurance that the information would be provided before the end of the 14-day period following the request, as required by legislation governing such matters. Additionally, Courtenay and Coye have publicly stated that they have nothing to hide, and while Peyrefitte says that he had received some documents, he says that they were not official and until those documents and an official response letter are sent,



Michael Peyrefitte – Chairman, UDP

he is doubling down on his efforts.

The recent request made to the Governor-General is for the letters of permission she would have had to sign to allow the two members of the National Assembly, Courtenay and Coye (who are members of both the Cabinet and the Senate) to have their firm handle cases for the government. Without this letter, Peyrefitte points out, they both would have to vacate their seats in the Senate forthwith.

The Belize Constitution, section 64(2) states, "A Senator shall also vacate his seat in the Senate if he shall become a party to any contract with the Government for or on account of the public service, or if any firm in which he is a partner or any company of which he is a director or manager shall become a party to any such contract, or if he shall become a partner in a firm or a director or manager of a company which is a party to any such contract."

The proviso annexed to this subsection, however, allows members to declare their business to the Governor-General before contracting with the government or at least as soon as possible after any such contract has been entered.

"...the Governor-General, acting in his own deliberate judgment, may exempt any Senator from vacating his seat..." the proviso states.

As mentioned, none of the documents that were requested have yet been officially disclosed.

# COMPOL: Sr. Supt Arzu free to run in Georgeville

BELIZE CITY, Wed. June 8, 2022

This week, Commissioner of Police, Chester Williams, when questioned by reporters, confirmed that Senior Superintendent Daniel Arzu of the Police Department is free to be a candidate for village council chairman in the village council elections that will soon take place in his home village of Georgeville, since he will be heading into pre-retirement leave shortly; and since he is running as an independent candidate and not aligned with any political party.

While Arzu has not yet entered retirement, he has been nominated to be a candidate for the village chairman post and has signaled his intentions to contest the village council elections—



Senior Superintendent of Police Daniel Arzu running as an independent candidate in village council elections

an action which in any other case would have been a breach of section 60(1) of the Public Service Regulations, which forbids public servants from participating in elections held under any

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# PM's "real talk" at 9<sup>th</sup> Summit of the Americas

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administration has high hopes and expectations for this would-be hemispherical assembly. Prime Minister of Belize, and current Chairman of CARICOM, Hon. John Briceño, flew out to Los Angeles yesterday to attend the Summit from the 8th to the 10th of June, despite CARICOM taking an initial stand with the three excluded countries. That stance taken by the regional body later disintegrated—with most leaders from the Caribbean in LA for this summit.

"I believe that as the Chairman of CARICOM and the Prime Minister of Belize it was important for us to be here so that they can hear us not only as CARICOM but also so that they can hear us as Belize," PM Briceño remarked in an interview yesterday. He added, "CARICOM generally decided that who wants to participate or wish to participate they can. We do not have a list of who is going to be able to be here or not here, but we just decided that those that can make it, should make it, and several of us are going to be here."

Yesterday, during a meeting of the Summit Implementation Review Group that was broadcasted live, the US Secretary of State, Antony Blinken, and the Secretary-General of the OAS, Luis Almagro, delivered remarks. Blinken said that this summit will focus on five major areas: greater health and pandemic resilience, closing the digital divide, accelerated transition to clean energy, doubling down on investment in climate resilience, and finally, advancing democracy.

"We all know the democratic process is not always easy or swift. That's true within a single democracy. It's amplified when we bring together dozens of democracies, as we've done for this summit. But the fact is, we also acknowledge our shortcomings. They're out in the open. We don't sweep them under a rug. And we work to try to address them together, and ultimately that is the greatest strength that we bring to the table as democracies. And there are few regions in the world like this one, where you see so many democracies – from the left, from the right, from the center – that are able to set out a shared roadmap for addressing complex problems. I think that's something to celebrate even as we're clear-eyed about all of the work that we have ahead of us," stated Blinken.

During Secretary General Almagro's remarks, he emphasized the need to achieve a democratic governance instrument to strengthen democracy across the region.

"Throughout the years, we have achieved important advances to achieve prosperity, democracy, and security in the Americas. However, though some of the challenges we faced at the time still persist, the current challenge have no precedent, in contrast to the first summit with a true consensus around democracy. Today, we definitely have to ensure that we achieve a democratic governance instrument as one fundamental to strengthen the democratic charter of the Americas,"

Almagro said. He went on to say that the summit is an opportunity for leaders in the region to reaffirm their commitment to democracy.

"Citizens who achieve this and the peoples who achieve this authority is through the adoption of a plan of action geared to strengthen this democratic governance. That's why it's more important than ever now that the governments, institutions, enterprises, and the citizens of the Americas work together to deal with these challenges and to create new opportunities to advance in the – with the objectives of the ninth summit," Almagro said.

The White House stated in a release issued yesterday, June 7, "Our Administration and partners will push back against the threats to our democracies by fortifying democratic institutions, investing in civil society, strengthening independent media, and following through on a regional digital transformation that is transparent and equitable."

To forward this agenda, the administration intends to implement the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance, invest in civil society; devote \$42 million to the Voices (Voces) Initiative to protect, defend, and promote civic space in Central America; and promote independent media and information integrity and global partnership for action on gender-based online harassment and abuse.

Notably, Brazil's Jair Bolsonaro and Mexico's Andrés Manuel López Obrador decided not to attend the Summit due to the Biden administration's exclusion of Cuba, Venezuela, and Nicaragua. Belize's Hon. John Briceño had signaled his intention to attend after "extensive consultations" with other leaders in the region, and he had remarked that it would be a good opportunity to speak about the assistance needed by the region to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and regional debt.

During his official remarks today, in the presence of the other heads of state, he took the opportunity to also highlight the region's position on the exclusion of the three nations. He said, "The power of the Summit of the Americas is the space it provides for all the countries of the Americas to dialogue and to agree on joint actions. This summit belongs to all of the Americas. It is therefore inexcusable that all countries of the Americas are not here, and the power of the Summit is diminished by their absence. It is incomprehensible that we would isolate countries of the Americas which have provided strong leadership and contributed to the hemisphere on the critical issues of our times. Cuba has provided consistent unmatched cooperation in health to almost two-thirds of the countries in this hemisphere, including Belize. The illegal blockade against Cuba is an affront to humanity. In fact, it is un-American. The time has come, Mr. President, to lift the blockade and build back bonds of friendship with the people of Cuba. Similarly, Venezuela has done so much toward energy security for the

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## BTL's investment in "content": likely a big plus for Belize

Commenting on Belize Telemedia Limited's (BTL) acquisition of Alternative Networks Ltd. (ANL), Leader of the Opposition, Hon. Shyne Barrow, sounded a lot like Lord Ashcroft when he said BTL was buying into "a dying industry", that cable is a "dinosaur." Back in 2021, on his television station, Channel Five, a smirking Lord Ashcroft said, "When you hear things that, ah, Belize Telemedia is thinking of buying cable companies, where cable is a dying industry...you say, what is happening here? Is there a plan?" Lord Ashcroft opined that the best bet Belize had for BTL was to sell it to an international operator to raise much needed foreign currency.

Lord Ashcroft spoke as if he had genuine concern for BTL and the Belizean people, but we have seen that every counsel he gives and decision he makes is calculated to increase the profits of his businesses. Our fortunes and his are not always mutually exclusive, but far too often in our associations with him we end up bust. Claiming to have no financial interest in negotiations that would return BTL to public ownership in 2015, he and PM Barrow concluded a settlement agreement in Miami that included a not insubstantial allocation of funds which Barrow said would be "spent in Belize on charitable projects for the good, welfare and wellbeing of the people of this country." We are yet to see any of these charitable projects.

Returning to Ashcroft's counsel, the management at BTL appeared to be not too interested in it. From the get-go, when he took over the chairmanship of BTL, former senator Mark Lizarraga promised that the company would be exploring every avenue to increase profits for the company's many small local shareholders and the government and people of Belize.

After doing its due diligence, for over a year, BTL decided to acquire ANL. According to *Krem News*, the relatively small and unknown ANL is a "cable company out of the West which offers internet access to Belmopan, Belize City and surrounding areas, (and) provides IP-TV service or internet television via the application SWITCH TV for mobile phones and homes, (an app that is) akin to Netflix..."

Interestingly, *Krem News* noted that "both the Minister of Public Utilities and the Prime Minister told the media they knew nothing about the purchase..." The Leader of the Opposition, besides saying the acquisition of cable makes no sense, said BTL paid \$6 million for the company, a price which he considered exorbitant, corrupt. The "sweethearts" at ANL are believed to belong to both of our country's major political parties. That wouldn't be a new thing. Numerous big companies and law firms feature affiliates from both sides of the aisle.

There are technical matters and the cost of the acquisition of ANL (when it is revealed), which we are

waiting for independent local experts to comment on. The deal has major political implications. For a long time now, much of the fortunes of our main political parties have ridden on the stewardship of BTL. The UDP pulled a very fast one in 2015, when PM Dean Barrow announced a great victory re: the reacquisition of the company, and before the people realized they'd been had, he raced off to the Governor General and called a general election, which his party won. In time the people found out it was a poorly negotiated deal, and in 2020, the next general election, the UDP was obliterated at the polls. Of course, it's little consolation to punish political leaders when they fail.

There will be the inevitable discussions about value for money, about whether our majority publicly-owned telecommunications company made a great transaction or this deal was improper and impractical. Mr. Lizarraga, like former senator, Godwin Hulse, has a big reputation to defend. When the day is done, so much depends on the integrity and competence of the captains we put to steer our various public enterprises.

At the very least, the eyebrows of the owners/managers of local companies that provide internet and content went up when they heard the announcement of BTL's acquisition, for the intent here is for the national company to take a greater share of the market. It is to be seen how much of a win it will be for rank-and-file Belizeans, but if the prime minister's argument for competition holds, there will be benefits coming our way.

On Tuesday, BTL's CEO, Ivan Tesecum, told *Love FM's* Hipolito Novelo that the acquisition is all about "quad play" — BTL creating a one-stop shop of fixed phones, mobile phones, internet, and content (streaming movies). One of the big stories at BTL has been the tremendous fiber optic capacity the company possesses that wasn't being exploited. Tesecum said the entry of BTL into the delivery of legitimate content was "a natural evolution", similar to what other like companies abroad have done and are doing, and it will allow the company to maximize on its fiber-to-home asset.

Interestingly, Tesecum made no mention of cable, which might be an oversight or a decision by BTL that the cable doomsayers are right. There aren't any published statistics on the viewing habits of Belizeans, but BTL's due diligence might have shown it to be different from that of Americans. In the US, cable is trending downward, but it is far from being on life support. Sara Lebow, reporting in *eMarketer* on research done on the viewing habits of people in that country recently, said "among those ages 55 and older, 38% spend more time watching content on cable than on any other platform", while 40% spent "most of their video viewing time with those digital services." She also reported that 21% of adults between 42 and 55, 16% of adults between 26 and 41, and 9% of adults under 25, still watch cable.

There could be positives beside the improvement of BTL's bottom line. The potential for cheaper and better services could be a big win for users of telecommunication products. There is also much room for the production of local content.

Presently, the content on television is predominantly foreign. In the area of Belizean content, the staples for local television stations are limited to talk shows, karaoke contests, and sporting events. There is little investment in the production of documentaries, sitcoms, and movies, largely because they are too costly and private companies are consumed with quick profits. BTL, the national company, has the resources and should have the vision, to invest in content that will advance the culture and cultures of Belize.

As the Prime Minister keeps saying, competition is good. Today, with BTL's expansion, there should be more profits for our company, we should get better and cheaper services, and owners/producers of local content should have a new business on the block vying for their products.



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# More than 1500 Covid-19 cases

There are now 1,655 active cases in the country

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. June. 9, 2022

The daily COVID-19 report issued by the Ministry of Health and Wellness on Thursday, June 9, indicated that 201 more persons have tested positive for the virus, which brings the total number of active COVID-19 cases in the country to 1,655.

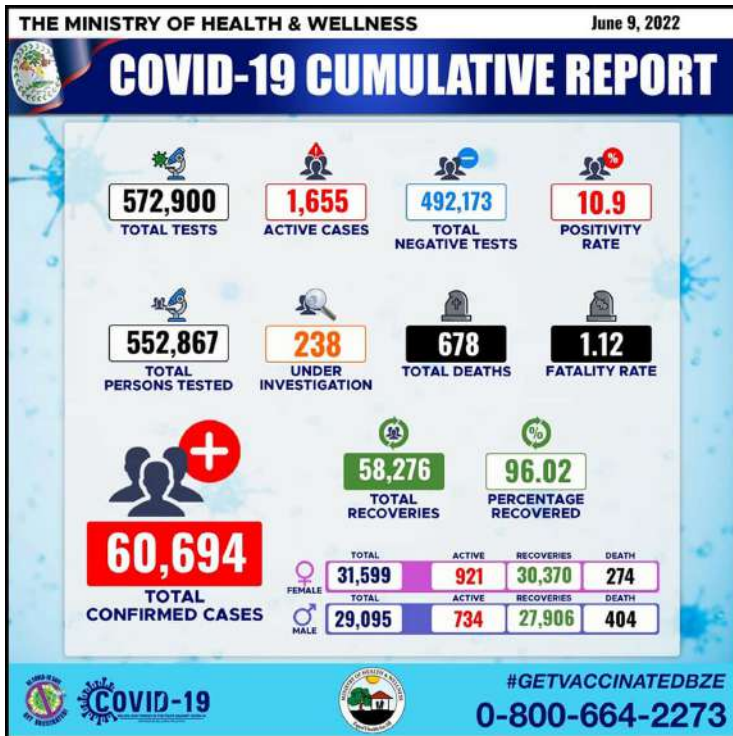
While the Ministry of Health and Wellness COVID-19 infographic illustrates a steadily rising number of such cases, it is also notable that in Thursday's report, no new death was reported, but a total of 81 recoveries was recorded. However, there are 9 infected persons hospitalized at the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital.

The Belize District leads the other districts in the number of new infections, with 90 new cases, followed by the Cayo

District with 64 cases, Stann Creek with 24 cases, and San Pedro Town with 10. The Toledo and Orange Walk districts registered 5 cases, and there were three new cases in Corozal.

According to the MOHW's statistics, the positivity rate stands at 18.01%.

Collected data from the MOHW for June 6 to 8 shows that there were 705 new cases, 438 recoveries, and no reported deaths related to COVID-19 over that three-day period.



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### PUBLIC AUCTION SALES: PROPERTIES

Lake Gardens, Ladyville; San Pedro, Ambergris Caye, Belize District; Independence Village, Stann Creek District

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REGISTRATION SECTION: Ladyville/Lord's Bank  
BLOCK: 16  
PARCEL: 5710

(Being a concrete bungalow dwelling house [32 ft. X 40 ft.] + [22 ft. X 25 ft.] + veranda [9 ft. X 13 ft.] + deck [22 ft. X 32 ft.] containing master bedroom (bathroom, walk-in closet, and study) + 2 bedrooms each with bath + kitchen + dining + living + laundry rooms TOGETHER with proposed lake/canal side lot 1500.01 S.Y. (13,500 sq. ft.) situate in Lake Gardens, Ladyville, Belize District, the freehold property of Ms. Susan Fuller.)

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REGISTRATION SECTION: San Pedro  
BLOCK: 7  
PARCEL: 3207

(Being residential/commercial timber building TOGETHER with lot containing 416.67 square yards situate in DFC Area, San Pedro, Ambergris Caye, the freehold property of Cesar Augusto Cerpa)

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# PC Trapp's and Min. Espat's lawyers face off

**An altercation during the Teakettle village council elections between Minister Julius Espat and WPC Alicia Trapp has led one side to call for an arrest and the other to threaten to bring a defamation suit if an apology is not given.**

BELIZE CITY, Wed. June 8, 2022  
 What could turn out to be an extensive legal joust has begun between the attorneys representing WPC Alicia Trapp, a female police officer whose common-law husband was reportedly a candidate in the recent Teakettle village elections, and Cayo South area representative, Minister Julius Espat. Both sides are making serious allegations against the other. The initial allegations were made by WPC Trapp, who claimed in a Facebook live video that Minister Julius Espat had made insulting remarks to her and pointed his finger near to her face on Sunday afternoon in front of a Teakettle village

council election polling station. In a letter sent yesterday to the Commissioner of Police by Trapp's lawyer, well-known UDP attorney Orson "OJ" Elrington, however, the nature of her allegations were notched upward—with references to both verbal and physical assault being made in Elrington's correspondence. The response from Espat and his legal representative, Andrew Marshalleck, SC, was swift. Marshalleck, an attorney from Barrow & Company LLP, has sent a letter to WPC Alicia Trapp demanding an apology for what he and his client call a "patently false" statement that "constitutes a grave



Minister Julius Espat



WPC Alicia Trapp

libel upon our client". They have demanded an apology forthwith for Elrington's assertions in the letter to the COMPOL that Trapp was "verbally and physically attacked" and a publication of a retraction statement on her behalf.

The letter issued by Marshalleck states, "While you claim to have several witnesses who are willing to be witnesses to a criminal trial, if necessary, we are to say that our client is in

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## La inversión de BTL en “contenido”: probablemente una gran ventaja para Belize

Al comentar sobre la adquisición de Alternative Networks Ltd. (ANL) por parte de Belize Telemedia Limited (BTL), el líder de la oposición, el Honorable Shyne Barrow, sonaba mucho como Lord Ashcroft cuando dijo que BTL estaba comprando parte de “una industria moribunda”, que el cable es un “dinosaurio”. En 2021, en su estación de televisión, Channel Five, un sonriente Lord Ashcroft dijo: “Cuando escuchas cosas que, ah, Belize Telemedia está pensando en comprar compañías de cable, donde el cable es una industria moribunda... dices, ¿qué está pasando aquí? ¿Hay un plan? Lord Ashcroft señaló que la mejor apuesta que Belize tenía para BTL era venderla a un operador internacional para recaudar la moneda extranjera que tanto necesitaba.

Lord Ashcroft habló como si tuviera una preocupación genuina por BTL y el pueblo beliceño, pero hemos visto que cada consejo que da y cada decisión que toma están calculados para aumentar las ganancias de sus negocios. Nuestras fortunas y las suyas no siempre se excluyen mutuamente, pero con demasiada frecuencia en nuestras asociaciones con él terminamos en quiebra. Afirmando no tener ningún interés financiero en negociaciones que devolverían BTL a la propiedad pública en 2015, él y el primer ministro Barrow concluyeron un acuerdo de solución en Miami que incluía una asignación no insignificante de fondos que, según Barrow, se “gastarían en Belize en proyectos caritativos para el bien, el bienestar y el confort de la gente de este país”. Todavía no hemos visto ninguno de estos proyectos caritativos.

Volviendo al consejo de Ashcroft, la gerencia de BTL parecía no estar demasiado interesada en ello. Desde el principio, cuando asumió la presidencia de BTL, el exsenador Mark Lizarra prometió que la empresa exploraría todas las vías para aumentar las ganancias de los muchos pequeños accionistas locales de la empresa y del gobierno y el pueblo de Belize.

Después de hacer su debida diligencia, durante más de un año, BTL decidió adquirir ANL. Según *Noticias Krem*, la relativamente pequeña y desconocida ANL es una “compañía de cable del oeste que ofrece acceso a Internet a Belmopán, la Ciudad de Belize y las áreas circundantes, (y) brinda servicio de IP-TV o televisión por Internet a través de la aplicación SWITCH TV para teléfonos móviles y hogares, (una aplicación que es) similar a Netflix...”

Curiosamente, *Noticias Krem* señaló que “tanto el Ministro de Servicios Públicos como el Primer Ministro dijeron a los medios que no sabían nada sobre la compra...” El Líder de la Oposición, además de decir que la adquisición del cable no tiene sentido, dijo que BTL pagó \$6 millones por la empresa, precio que consideró exorbitante, corrupto. Se cree que los “favorecidos” de ANL pertenecen a los dos principales partidos políticos de nuestro país. Eso no sería algo nuevo. Numerosas grandes empresas y bufetes de abogados cuentan con afiliados de ambos lados del pasillo.

Hay cuestiones técnicas y el costo de la adquisición de ANL (cuando se revele), sobre los que estamos esperando que los expertos locales independientes comenten. El acuerdo tiene importantes implicaciones políticas. Durante mucho tiempo, gran parte de la fortuna de nuestros principales partidos políticos ha dependido de la administración de BTL. El UDP nos tomó el pelo en 2015, cuando el primer ministro Dean Barrow anunció una gran victoria en relación con: la readquisición de la empresa, y antes de que la gente se diera cuenta de que los habían engañado, corrió hacia el gobernador general y convocó elecciones generales que ganó su partido. Con el tiempo, la gente descubrió que era un acuerdo mal negociado, y en 2020, en las próximas elecciones generales, el UDP fue barrido en las urnas. Por supuesto, es de poco consuelo castigar a los líderes políticos cuando fallan.

Habrán discusiones inevitables sobre la relación calidad-precio, sobre si nuestra compañía de telecomunicaciones de propiedad mayoritariamente pública hizo una muy buena transacción o si este trato fue inapropiado y poco práctico. Lizárraga, al igual que el exsenador Godwin Hulse, tiene una gran reputación que defender. Al final del día, mucho depende de la integridad y competencia de los capitanes que ponemos para dirigir nuestras diversas empresas públicas.

Por lo menos, las cejas de los dueños/gerentes de las empresas locales que brindan internet y contenido se levantaron cuando escucharon el anuncio de la adquisición de BTL, ya que la intención aquí es que la empresa nacional tome una mayor participación en el mercado. Está por verse cuánto de una victoria será para los beliceños de la base, pero si el argumento del primer ministro a favor de la competencia se mantiene, habrá beneficios en nuestro camino.

El martes, el CEO de BTL, Ivan Tesecum, le dijo a Hipólito Novelo de *Love FM* que la adquisición tiene que ver con “quad play”: BTL creando una ventanilla única de teléfonos fijos, teléfonos móviles, Internet y contenido (transmisión de películas). Una de las grandes noticias en BTL ha sido la enorme capacidad de fibra óptica que posee la empresa y que no estaba siendo explotada. Tesecum dijo que la entrada de BTL en la entrega de contenido legítimo fue “una evolución natural”, similar a lo que han hecho y están haciendo otras empresas similares en el extranjero, y permitirá a la compañía maximizar su activo de fibra hasta el hogar.

Curiosamente, Tesecum no mencionó el cable, lo que podría ser un descuido o una decisión de BTL de que los agoreros del cable tienen razón. No hay estadísticas publicadas sobre los hábitos de espectadores de los beliceños, pero la diligencia debida de BTL podría haber demostrado que es diferente a la de los americanos. En los EE. UU., el cable actualmente tiene una tendencia a la baja, pero está lejos de estar en soporte vital. Sara Lebow, informando en *eMarketer* sobre una investigación realizada recientemente sobre los hábitos de visualización de personas en ese país, dijo que “entre los mayores de 55 años, el 38% pasa más tiempo viendo contenido en cable que en cualquier otra plataforma”, mientras que el 40% pasa “la mayor parte de su tiempo de visualización de videos con esos servicios digitales”. También informó que el 21 % de los adultos entre 42 y 55 años, el 16 % de los adultos entre 26 y 41 años y el 9 % de los adultos menores de 25 años aún ven cable.

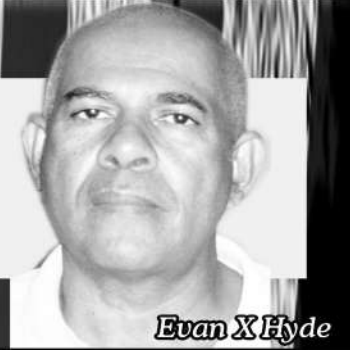
Podría haber aspectos positivos además de la mejora de las ganancias de BTL. El potencial de mejores y más baratos servicios podría ser una gran victoria para los usuarios de productos de telecomunicaciones. También hay mucho espacio para la producción de contenido local.

Actualmente, el contenido en la televisión es predominantemente extranjero. En el área de contenido beliceño, los elementos básicos de las estaciones de televisión locales se limitan a programas de entrevistas, concursos de karaoke y eventos deportivos. Hay poca inversión en la producción de documentales, comedias y películas, en gran parte porque son demasiado costosas y las empresas privadas se consumen con ganancias rápidas. BTL, la empresa nacional, tiene los recursos y debe tener la visión para invertir en contenido que promueva la cultura y las culturas de Belize.

Como sigue diciendo el Primer Ministro, la competencia es buena. Hoy, con la expansión de BTL, debería haber más ganancias para nuestra empresa, deberíamos obtener servicios mejores y más baratos, y los propietarios/productores de contenido local deberían tener un nuevo negocio en la escena buscando sus productos.



# From the Publisher



Evan X Hyde

The British, of course, are something special. I'm not talking morality: I'm talking diplomacy.

I remember when I was a child here in the 1950s, the British would always enter a British Army team in the Belize City senior football competitions. The soldiers would usually be very good, very organized, totally committed to the team concept, but towards the end of first halves the tropical heat would normally cause them to begin to fade. But I personally can't remember the British players being anything other than gentlemanly, even when they began to lose.

The diplomacy in the process had to do with the fact that the British were, essentially, humbling themselves before us black Belizeans who were, in every single respect, their subjects. The master was bowing down before his servant.

I can't move on in this column without recounting a Stretch Lightburn joke, courtesy of the one Paul Cain. Stretch said that the great Paul Cain said one time that we Belizeans were the only black people in the world who were guarded by white men when we

went to bed. We're talking, again, about the 1950s, when British Honduras was a colony protected from Guatemala by British soldiers.

In the last couple months, I've had sit-downs, separately, with two of my third form Belize Technical College students from the 1968/69 school year. Perhaps I will tell you about these conversations sometime, but the reason I brought up the subject was the controversy which has recently erupted at two Ladyville pre-schools because they were refusing to admit a dreadlocked child to their classes. Both are religiously affiliated schools — Christian.

I believe I got to know the father involved, Kevin Pollard, when we both lived in the First Street area of King's Park (late 1970s, 1980s). Kevin has chosen a road of courage and principle which may lead to problems for his son. I say this because religion is so very, very powerful in the school system of this country, and all responsible parents have their children's education as a primary consideration.

I have said to you before that

Rastafarianism is a religion which emerged in the 1930s in Jamaica with its roots in Garveyism. But I think most Belizeans are reluctant to accept Rastafarianism as a religion.

But I have also said to you before that most of the power of Roman Catholicism, just as an example, comes largely from its superb collection of schools all over the world. When Ignatius Loyola organized the Jesuit order of clerics in the 1540s, his express intention was to use education to fight the Protestant forces in Europe which had the previously invincible Roman church

The school is dear to me because I taught there as my first job in Belize after returning home; my maternal uncle, Buck Belisle, was the vice-principal there; and his oldest daughter, Georgia, was to have become the Technical principal to succeed Owen Morrison in the early 1990s until party politics intervened. Oh, and my oldest son, Mose, is a Technical high school and Sixth Form graduate.

Technical's incredible success was of concern to the Roman Catholic hierarchy, so much so that the legendary Fr. Leo Weber, S. J., the

boss of St. John's College, opened a vocational section at SJC in the early 1960s. But that was just educational competition, I presume. I now sincerely believe that Technical incurred the wrath and hatred of the People's United Party (PUP) when Socorro Bobadilla led Technical students on a city-wide rampage which closed down all the Belize high schools during the Heads of Agreement uproar in 1981.

The incident has never been properly investigated, but recently what I got to understand was that the



Socorro Bobadilla

reeling in countries like England, Scotland, Germany, France, the Netherlands, and so on. In this respect, the Jesuits have been very successful. They are in the vanguard of Roman Catholic missionary work. Incidentally, my second son, Cordel, went to an American university on a half-scholarship from the Jesuits.

The mention of Belize Technical College factors into this essay because Technical was the first government secondary school established in British Honduras. This was in 1952, when we were still a British colony. Technical was fabulously successful.

Technical administration and staff did not intervene to prevent Socorro from leading the insurrection. This would never have happened at any of the religious schools in Belize.

We can't deal with this subject adequately in a newspaper column. I surely admire Kevin for his courage and principle. Courage, I say, because we know the Romans used to feed Christians to lions.

In other words, courage can be a problematic proposition. I worry about the implications for his son. I saw what the power structure in Belize did to Technical. I still don't believe my eyes.



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# FROM THE PUBLISHER en Español

Los británicos, por supuesto, son algo especial. No estoy hablando de moralidad: estoy hablando de diplomacia.

Recuerdo que cuando era niño aquí en la década de 1950, los británicos siempre metían un equipo del ejército británico en las competencias de fútbol senior de la Ciudad de Belize. Los soldados solían ser muy buenos, muy organizados, totalmente comprometidos con el concepto de equipo, pero hacia el final de las primeras mitades el calor tropical normalmente hacía que comenzaran a desvanecerse. Pero personalmente no puedo recordar que los jugadores británicos fueran otra cosa que caballeros, incluso cuando comenzaban a perder.

La diplomacia en el proceso tuvo que ver con el hecho de que los británicos, esencialmente, se estaban humillando ante nosotros, los beliceños negros, que éramos, en todos los aspectos, sus súbditos. El amo se inclinaba ante su sirviente.

No puedo continuar en esta columna sin contar un chiste de Stretch Lightburn, cortesía de Paul Cain. Stretch dijo que el gran Paul Cain dijo una vez que nosotros, los beliceños, éramos los únicos negros en el mundo que estaban protegidos por hombres blancos cuando nos acostábamos. Estamos hablando, nuevamente, de la década de 1950, cuando Honduras Británica era una colonia protegida de Guatemala por

soldados británicos.

En los últimos dos meses, tuve reuniones, por separado, con dos de mis estudiantes de tercer grado del Colegio Técnico de Belize del año escolar 1968/69. Tal vez les hable sobre estas conversaciones en algún momento, pero la razón por la que mencioné el tema fue la controversia que estalló recientemente en dos escuelas preescolares de Ladyville porque se estaban negando a admitir a un niño con trenzas rastas en sus clases. Ambas son escuelas afiliadas religiosamente: cristianas.

Creo que conocí al padre involucrado, Kevin Pollard, cuando ambos vivíamos en el área de First Street de King's Park (fines de los 70, 1980). Kevin ha elegido un camino de valentía y principios que puede traerle problemas a su hijo. Digo esto porque la religión es muy, muy poderosa en el sistema escolar de este país, y todos los padres responsables tienen la educación de sus hijos como una consideración primordial.

Les he dicho antes que el rastafarianismo es una religión que surgió en la década de 1930 en Jamaica con sus raíces en el garveyismo. Pero creo que la mayoría de los beliceños son reacios a aceptar el rastafarianismo como religión.

Pero también les he dicho antes que la mayor parte del poder del catolicismo romano, solo como ejemplo, proviene en gran parte de su magnífica colección de

escuelas en todo el mundo. Cuando Ignacio de Loyola organizó la orden jesuita de clérigos en la década de 1540, su intención expresa era usar la educación para luchar contra las fuerzas protestantes en Europa que tenían a la anteriormente invencible iglesia romana tambaleándose en países como Inglaterra, Escocia, Alemania, Francia, los Países Bajos y demás. En este sentido, los jesuitas han tenido mucho éxito. Están a la vanguardia de la obra misionera católica romana. Por cierto, mi segundo hijo, Cordel, fue a una universidad estadounidense con una media beca de los jesuitas.

La mención del Colegio Técnico de Belize es un factor en este ensayo porque el Colegio Técnico fue la primera escuela secundaria gubernamental establecida en Honduras Británica. Esto fue en 1952, cuando aún éramos una colonia británica. El Colegio Técnico tuvo un éxito fabuloso. La escuela es muy estimada por mí porque enseñé allí como mi primer trabajo en Belize después de regresar a casa; mi tío materno, Buck Belisle, era el subdirector allí; y su hija mayor, Georgia, se convertiría en directora del Colegio Técnico para suceder a Owen Morrison a principios de la década de 1990 hasta que intervino la política partidaria. Ah, y mi hijo mayor, Mose, se graduó de la escuela secundaria y de sexta forma del Colegio Técnico.

El increíble éxito del Colegio Técnico

preocupó a la jerarquía católica romana, tanto que el legendario p. Leo Weber, C. de J., el jefe del Colegio San Juan (SJC por sus siglas en inglés), abrió una sección vocacional en SJC a principios de la década de 1960. Pero eso fue solo una competencia educativa, supongo. Ahora creo sinceramente que el Colegio Técnico provocó la ira y el odio del Partido Unido del Pueblo (PUP) cuando Socorro Bobadilla dirigió a los estudiantes del Colegio Técnico en un alboroto en toda la ciudad que cerró todas las escuelas secundarias de Belize durante el alboroto por el Preámbulo de Acuerdo en 1981.

El incidente nunca ha sido debidamente investigado, pero recientemente lo que llegué a entender es que la administración y el personal del Colegio Técnico no intervinieron para evitar que Socorro liderara la insurrección. Esto nunca hubiera sucedido en ninguna de las escuelas religiosas de Belize.

No podemos tratar este tema adecuadamente en una columna de periódico. Seguramente admiro a Kevin por su valor y principios. Valor, digo, porque sabemos que los romanos solían alimentar a leones con cristianos.

En otras palabras, el valor puede ser una proposición problemática. Me preocupan las implicaciones para su hijo. Vi lo que la estructura de poder en Belize le hizo al Colegio Técnico. Todavía no puedo creer lo que ven mis ojos.



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## TECHNICAL AND POLICY ADVISORY SUPPORT

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### The Belize Crime Observatory

**Project:** The Evidence Based Information Management for Citizen Security in Central America and the Dominican Republic (INFOSEGURA) Project

The TECHNICAL AND POLICY ADVISOR will:

1. Provide support to the Ministry of Home Affairs and New Growth Industries, through the Belize Crime Observatory, to advance the process for developing the following documentation for the establishment of Belize's Crime Intelligence Architecture:
  - a. Memorandum of Understanding (MoU);
  - b. Data Sharing Protocols and Procedures; and
  - c. White Paper on the need for a Crime Data Governance Policy.
2. Participate in the engagement of interagency partners and relevant stakeholders, to build awareness on the initiative to establish the Crime Intelligence Architecture; and
3. Provide relevant technical support to the Belize Crime Observatory and policy advice to the Ministry of Home Affairs and New Growth Industries, as needed.

#### A. EXPECTED OUTPUTS AND DELIVERABLES

- (1) Documented recommendations for the drafting of the MoU;
- (2) Documented recommendations for the drafting of Data Sharing Protocols and Procedures; and
- (3) Crime Data Governance Policy White Paper.

For more information, e-mail [bco@nsc.gov.bz](mailto:bco@nsc.gov.bz)

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DEADLINE: 24 JUNE 2022

# Every sinner and sympathizer must vote to prevent surprise victory

by Colin Hyde

It's not impossible—improbable, yes, but not impossible, nothing is under the sun. The greatest chance for a victory by the local anti-weed gang (AWG) if the EBC, ehm, shocks with a report that there are sufficient legitimate petitions, is if the GOB sticks with the bill/law as it is. If the AWG wins, my friends, all hell will break loose.

Whoa there, rum hounds, winos and suds suckers, gamblers, and prostitutes and those who love the breed, look out, because if they get by weed, as night follows day they'll be coming for the rest of us. I'm sure you've all read the poem, "First They Came", by the German pastor, Martin Neimoller, the first line of which says, "First they came for the socialists, and I didn't speak out—because I was not a socialist", and the last line of which states, "Then they came for me—and there was no one left to speak for me."

Ah, some years back Scott Stirm and his friends said they were looking for a foothold after they lost hope in the US, and their eyes settled on us, we, lee Belize, and here they made their stand.

Personally, although I have some beefs with some of their ways, I feel for that religious crowd, especially

those who lived in the US. Do you know that over there a faysi gay can look at a baker and say, "you, bake my wedding cake", and bah, if the poor religious one doesn't do their bidding, they are taken to court. We should always count our blessings. Our bakers think they have troubles because our GOB ordered them to sell a 16-ounce loaf at a controlled price. They should go to the States; there they'll get the sense.

If not for their aggressiveness, the LGBT would be a natural to enlist for the solidarity stand. Oh boy, they have legitimate fears. But I'm just too averse over that cake story. I believe in live and let live. Go and find your own baker. I'm sure gays bake nice cakes too.

My biggest beef with the AWGs is the lengths they'll go to, to gain their ends. In an emergency, the ends can justify the means. Keeping it simple, if you're trying to give courage to someone who is in danger of drowning, no one can complain against you if you tell them the shore is only a mile away when it is more like five. But if in a drawn-out debate you will use warped data, debunked data, cherry-picked information, you are flying in the face of sacred truth, and your wings should be clipped.

A one like me, I have to harden my

heart. Though I feel for my evangelical friends, I can't go soft on their dangerous contradiction. They act like this is their playground, when they've said it themselves, called earth the Devil's workshop, said what is for heaven is for heaven and what is for earth is for earth. It is not in the plan for them to win here. It's in the first pages of the Bible. Adam yielded to temptation and ate the aapl!

This is serious business, and I'm not about taking no for an answer from sinners and should-be sympathizers. I'm warning them, step up! I swear on my bottle that if through apathy and ignorance the others allow the AWGs to snuff out weed, I'll lift a finger only to defend my vice when the trouble comes. Oh please, let us not go that way. Let us link arms, let us swear an oath, all for one and one for all—to fell that anti-weed gang.

### You got testy, PM

It's no easy task, taking over a country with a sluggish economy in the teeth of a global pandemic. The PUP had all their plans to "recover" the economy, make all of us win, and then the world ground to a halt. The PUP picked up an economy which the former prime minister said needed a lot of prayers to turn around. It must have crossed PUP minds to withdraw and let the UDP deal with the mess, but those desperate blue bohgaz had been out of office too long, 13 years, and they couldn't countenance remaining on the wrong side of the aisle. That would have driven them into the deepest depression, so it was a near unanimous vote when they chose to be lords of empty coffers over suffering under obnoxious dishonest reds.

Every day is stress for the PUP. At every turn there are Belizeans shouting, 'when are we going to win?' And there are the gamblers who invested in the party and are now tugging at their coats for full returns on their contributions. Hey, all that to say to the PUP gang that they wouldn't be human if they weren't frazzled to no end. But you can't afford to get testy with us, PM.

We gave you our biggest job. If the salary we give you isn't sufficient, you knew the pay scale before you applied for the post. Your family is Belizean royalty now. It goes with the territory that they will be under the microscope. Remember Billy, Jimmy Carter's maverick brother, and the Bush brother Neil? Your family members might be saints, and exemplary; still you must expect questions, all kinds. When answering, don't get testy.

### Thanks to Steve, now everyone can run

I read the report on the Crooked Tree Village Council elections, and man, did former village vice-chairman Steve Anthony get a walloping. It would be interesting to look at all the factors that allowed Steve to become vice-chairman over a decade ago, and all the political currents this time around. I guess the *Morning Stew* superstar must have explained some to his audience, and I missed it.

Put those explanations aside, what I want to say today is that our country owes Steve a big thank you, for losing so badly. His brother, Patrick, all of the third party crowds, and the publisher of this newspaper know the definition of electoral debacle, but none of them had/have the national popularity of Steve. I say, if a man as popular as Steve could get such a thorough trouncing, nobody shuda feel shame by voter rejection. Henceforward, getting drubbed that way will be a badge of honor.

### You need to start with the neck, Mr. Cromwell

I saw on *Breaking News* a Ruben Morales Iglesias story, that the trainer for lightweight boxer, Rolando Romero, who went up against Tank Davis for the championship a couple weeks ago, is a Belizean. Of course I checked, and indeed, Mr. Cromwell Gordon's place of birth is the Jewel. Rolando is a good fighter; it was close on the scorecard until he ran into a Tank left hook and crumpled to the canvas.

Mr. Gordon and his charge are back in the gym, and we have to support Belizeans everywhere, so I'm sending this advice, hoping it reaches him. Braa, you have to get your pugilist a better neck. The great question for all boxing trainers is the stiffness of the jaw of their charge. A boxer can be the master of the sweet science, have everything the crowd will pay for, but if they can't take a lick, their career will reach an abrupt end.

Davis said he didn't even hit Romero with his best shot, and he went down and couldn't stand when he got up. Rolando was still on wobbly legs a couple minutes later as his dad supported him to his locker. You can't really build up the jaw muscles, unless, as Father William said, you get into law. You can build up the neck muscles. Evander Holyfield survived Mike Tyson and became heavyweight champ because of his thick neck.

## MADISON'S

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## PUBLIC AUCTION

BY ORDER of the Supreme Court of Belize, Sylvano Guerrero, is selling by way of ONLINE AUCTION via [www.madisons.bz](http://www.madisons.bz) the following property with a reserve price. Auction is now open for bidding and will close on Wednesday, June 22, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.



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<b>San Pedro</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3841 (H51)</b>

All that piece or parcel of land being strata lot with Parcel I.D. 7-42-3841(H51) containing 1461 square feet (Unit Entitlement) situated in Royal Palm Villas, San Pedro, Registration Section, Belize District.

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The subject property is held by Land Certificate in the name of James Janmohamed.

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# PRESS PREDICTIONS

The sports psychic speaks

## BOLEDO

“Press” Predictions 86, 34, 12  
Boledo stats thru 10 to 17 June 2022

In Boledo News, First time in the history of Boledo playing 2 doubles have the lead at 5 times each played already 22 and 88. These are my lucky numbers for this week: 86-34-12-94-67-08. These are my lucky jackpot numbers: 1524-7636-8900. These are my Pick-3 Numbers: 853-242-618-098-782-101. Get ready Belize some dinero will be coming our way 33 refuse to play for over 1 year 7 months 3 weeks and 3 days now, 26 is still out for 1 year 4 months 2 weeks and 4 days now. 12 is still out over 1 year 1 month 2 weeks and 3 days now, then 47 just joins the crowd out over 1 year 1 month 1 week and 2 days now. 22 and 88 played the most 5 times each followed by 5 numbers played 4 times each already. The twenties and the sixties series yet to play on a Sunday, some new numbers will be out this week. 72 numbers played already, 28 numbers left to play. There are sets of back and front numbers left: 08, 80, 18, 81, 36, 63. The thirties and the eighties series have 5 numbers left: 30, 32, 34, 35, 36, 80, 81, 83, 85, 86. Good Luck to all buyers and remember to read your Psalms 91-72 & 63. Next week more stats.

## NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

The Boston Celtics will win their 18<sup>th</sup> Titles  
N.B.A Finals Results and Predictions

In NBA Finals Results, the Boston Celtics won game I by some 12 points. Al Horford had 26 points with some very big three pointers, Jason Tatum had only 12 points but he had 13 assists, Marcos Smart set the pace on the defensive end the Celtics beat them in the fourth quarter, Steph Curry top score with over 30 points, he made 10 three pointers Klay Thompson and Dreymond Green played their heart out, but in 2 they were much better. Jason Tatum

and the Celtics do not lose back to back game this year play-offs as yet. The Celtics will still win the series in 6



Stephen Curry

Hard games. Tatum will be the finals M.V.P this will be Steph Curry 6th finals appearance, he will have 3 more chance in his career, next week more results on the Finals.

The New York



Jayson Tatum

## INTERNATIONAL BASEBALL

Mets are rolling right now  
Baseball Results and Predictions

In Baseball actions, the New York Mets are leading the National League East Division; Francisco Lindor is their star shortstop. They get him from the Cleveland Indians.

The Mets have some very good hitters right now. They beat the



Francisco Lindor

Rockies

12 runs to 5. The Milwaukee Brewers have a 3 game lead on the St. Louis Cardinals, the Chicago Cubs are 255-34, Seiya Suzuki from Japan is the Cubs



Mookie Betts

best hitter. The Los Angeles Dodgers are leading their West Division, Mookie Betts is still playing very well. In the American League, the New York Yankees still have the best record, Aaron Judge have 24 home runs already. They will go to Wrigley Field in Chicago this week. The Boston Redsox are rolling after a very shaky start. The Hoston Astros and Justin Verlander will be dangerous in



by Gilroy “Press” Cadogan

the second half of the season. Because Verlander is one of the best pitchers in Baseball right now. The Tampa Bay Rays are some 4 games behind the Yankees, the Toronto Blue Jays are playing very well. Wladimir Guerrero Jr. is one of the best hitter in the game today. The Chicago Whitesoxs have Tony Larussa as their manager. Dusty baker still manager the Astros. They are 2 of the oldest manager in the game right now. There are lots of very exciting game almost every night on the MLB channel, next week more stats.

## INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL

Wales going to the World Cup after 64 years

International Football Results and Updates.

In International football action, the UEFA Nations League is on Portugal crush Seveden 4-0, Marcedonia edge France 2 to 1. Kylain M’Bappe was a mark man, then in some world cup qualifiers, Wales beat Uk— 1 Nil on a Garreth Bale goal, that’s their first appearance in 64 years. Ukraine and Italy the 4 times World Cup Champions will not be in the World Cup for 2 consecutive times now. The World Cup in Qatar is just 5 months and 2 weeks away. There will be 32 countries participating. This will be the 22<sup>nd</sup> World Cup in the History of Football, Brazil win 5 times.

Italy and Germany won 4 each. Then Uruguay, France and Argentina win 2 each, England and Spain won once. There are only 8 countries to win World Cup. The new World Cup in 2026 will have 3 different countries will host, USA will have 20 games, Canada will have 10 games and Mexico will have 10 games, next week more stats.



Gareth Bale

## FOR SALE

### 2016 Chevy Impala - 6 Cylinder



The vehicle may be viewed at Heritage Bank Limited #106 Princess Margaret Drive, Belize City, Belize and interested parties can contact the Recoveries unit at 223-0559/223-6783/223-6784.

## Sunday Review

### News Review Talk Show

Host: YaYa Marin Coleman

Date: Sunday, 12 June, 2022 Time: 10:30 a.m. to noon

Guest: Pambana Gutto Bassett & Justin Jimenez/Witness for Peace Solidarity Collective/Havana, Cuba.

Sunday Review will be repeated at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 12, 2022

# Fisherman charged over \$150,000 for Fisheries violations!

**A fisherman who was ordered in the Magistrate Court to pay a total of roughly \$150,000 for fishing violations, said that he only did it to pay outstanding school fees for his kids.**

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Wed. June 8, 2022

On Sunday, June 5, the Belize Fisheries Department, along with the Belize Coast Guard, successfully conducted two major busts at Lighthouse Reef and Glover's Reef respectively—both of which involved the discovery of prohibited catch in the possession of fishermen who, in the case of the two men found at Glover's Reef, had ventured into protected areas where they should not have been fishing. In total, five fishermen were detained and were facing a raft of charges for a number of fishing offenses, for each of which they would have to pay a fine.

The final tally for the long list of offenses was staggering—over a hundred and fifty thousand dollars for one of the men.

On Tuesday, June 7, the three fishermen who were caught out at Hat Caye, along the Lighthouse Reef—38-year-old Leroy Samuel Ruiz, 26-year-old Denielle Anselmo Solis, and 28-year-old Wilbert Omar Rivas, were arraigned in the Magistrate's Court in Belize City and were read five fisheries offenses jointly.

The charges read to the trio were for possession of Nassau Grouper fillet (1 count), possession of fillet fish without a skin patch (1 count), and possession of prohibited fish (3 counts) - which included 12 angelfish, 12 triggerfish, and

76 parrot fish.

Only one of the three men, Leroy Ruiz, would take responsibility for all the offenses, however—thus paving the way for the charges against the other two (Rivas and Solis) to be withdrawn. Ruiz, after pleading guilty to the offenses, told the court that his desperate need to pay outstanding school fees for his children had driven him to commit what he had known were violations of the current Fisheries laws.

Because it was Ruiz's first offense, the magistrate fined him \$10,000 for each of the five listed offenses, which, together with the \$5 cost of court fee for each offense, totaled \$50,050. To this was added a fine of \$100 each for the grouper fillet, a \$3,400 fine for the 68 fish fillets without the patch, \$24,000 for the angel fish and triggerfish, and \$76,000 for the parrot fish, which had all been found in a white crocus bag on the boat in which the men had been fishing. In total, Ruiz will thus have to pay a fine of \$153,525 between September 30 and



Fish confiscated

December 3 of this year if he is to avoid a 9-month prison sentence that he would have to serve in lieu of payment. It is also possible that, if he fails to pay the fines, the authorities will seize his personal property, including household items of his, to cover the amount he has been ordered to pay.

After the charges against Solis and Rivas were withdrawn by prosecutor Calmam Hall, however, they were free to leave the court.



## Vacancy Exists for the position of: General Manager

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Applications along with a CV or resume must be sent in writing along copy of Social Security Card and copies of Diplomas.

Applications should be addressed to:  
 Human Resources Department  
 Royal Kahal Beach Resort  
 San Pedro, Belize  
 Or email: wendy\_fairbairn@hotmail.com



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Interested applicants must possess the following skills and qualifications:

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- High School Diploma
- Between the ages of 25 to 45 years
- Former military or police training is an asset
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- Must have a valid driver's license for automatic and standard vehicles

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- Basic knowledge of computers
- Good command of oral and written English
- Ability to work in a demanding environment
- Ability to work flexible hours to meet changing demands
- Ability to work professionally in stressful situations
- Ability to work effectively as part of a team
- Take initiative and good judgment
- Knowledgeable in handling a weapon
- Any other duties assigned

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 2022**

Interested applicants may submit application letter, resumé, 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

# BDF's Camp Belizario gets refurbished kitchen



**Hon. Florencio Marin, Jr.,  
Minister of National Security**

by Charles Gladden

CENTRAL FARM, Cayo District, Tues. June 7, 2022

A ceremony was held on Tuesday, June 7, to mark the completion of the refurbishment of the kitchen at the Belize Defence Force's Camp Belizario in Central Farm, Cayo District, which had been in a state of disrepair for almost two years.

Minister of National Security, Hon. Florencio Marin, Jr., told local reporters that the renovation project began in November of last year.

"... The overall structure was good so we basically just needed to clean it out inside, but we cleaned it up so that it is clean and it is [healthy] for our soldiers to be in a good environment. I believe they had to refix the roof. I saw a video where it was coming down. It was just really horrible. We couldn't

have our soldiers eating out of this kitchen. Thankfully, now, we have something good that they could have a decent meal," stated Minister Marin.

Lt. Col. Jermaine Burns, Commanding Officer for the 2nd Infantry Battalion for the BDF, also noted, "The makeshift kitchen that we had in place to feed the men wasn't close to as large as the space. So the first thing is the expansion of the area that we will be feeding the men and providing meals from. We were using a very small building at the back of this same existing building. The building gives us the opportunity now to do our butchering, our storage, our dining, and preparation of the meals all in one. And it still has extra offices for our quarter masters that administrate approximately ninety men at a time with their goods and services that they require with respect to logistics," said Burns.

Additional renovations to other buildings on the grounds will also be carried out through a loan from the Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEL).

"We have an unlimited amount of work that we need to get done—the office headquarters, the medical center that is in the background, the communication center, and definitely we have the sleeping quarters of the soldiers. We just need to tackle them one by one, and when the economy grows, and suddenly we can do it at a more accelerated pace," said Minister Marin.

The cost of the refurbishment of the Camp Belizario Kitchen is estimated to be a little less than \$100,000.

# Husband of Min. Dolores charged with traffic offense

BELIZE CITY, Wed. June 8, 2022

In a press release issued yesterday, the United Democratic Party (UDP) called for the husband of Minister of Human Development, Families and Indigenous People's Affairs, Hon. Dolores Balderamos Garcia—Jose "Pepe" Garcia, to be arrested, and for charges to be brought against him for an accident that occurred at about Mile 3 on the Philip Goldson Highway last Friday evening, June 3, near the Hisam Diab building, where Garcia's vehicle reportedly "ran into the back of a passenger bus", according to the UDP release.



Front portion of Jose "Pepe" Garcia's vehicle

The Commissioner of Police, Chester Williams, at a police press conference on Monday, said that Garcia has since been charged with at least two offenses, although he did not confirm what specific charges were brought against him. He had assured reporters at that press conference, however, that the police press office would release more information about the charges that

Garcia was facing. "Think one is driving without due care and attention ... I'll have the press office release them to you", Williams had said, but as of Wednesday afternoon, no such report had been sent out by the police press office.

The release from the UDP states, "Except for the words of Commissioner Williams, no police report has been issued on charges levied, against Garcia and no results on a test of his urine sample if any was taken."

Footage of the accident on Friday

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## PUBLIC AUCTION SALE: PROPERTIES

Dangriga, Hope Creek & Independence Villages, Stann Creek District

By order of the Mortgagees, Messrs. The Belize Bank Limited, Licensed Auctioneers Kevin A. Castillo & Christiana R. Castillo are selling ONLINE via [belizepropertyauctions.com](http://belizepropertyauctions.com) the below described properties. Sales currently running until 13<sup>th</sup> August 2022. These online public auction sales will expire bi-weekly on the dates and times listed on the website until a sale is determined within this period.

1. Parcel No. 355 Simeon Joseph Street, Dangriga, Stann Creek District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Dangriga South	31	355

(Being a bungalow dwelling house [1,368 sq. ft.] containing 3 bedrooms + 1 bathroom + kitchen/dining/living rooms + laundry room + front & rear porch TOGETHER with lot [482.87 S.M.] situate on Simeon Joseph Street, Dangriga, Stann Creek District, the freehold property of Mr. Ian Rosado)

2. Lot Nos. 90 & 91 Hope Creek Village, Stann Creek District:



ALL THAT piece or parcel of land being Lot Nos. 90 & 91 situated in Hope Creek village, Stann Creek District containing 766.202 & 766.202 S.M. TOGETHER with all buildings and erections thereon. (Being a concrete bungalow dwelling house containing [1,472 sq. ft.] 3 bedrooms + 1 bathroom + living/dining/kitchen rooms TOGETHER with two lots [1,532 S.M.] situate in Hope Creek Village, Stann Creek District, the leasehold property of Ms. Myrna & Mr. Carlos Murillo)

3. Lot No. 33 Independence Village, Stann Creek District:



ALL THAT piece or parcel of land being Lot No. 33 comprising of 1671.873 sq. metres (1999.56 sq. yards) situate in Independence Village, Stann Creek District bounded and described as shown by Plan No. 1283 of 2003 attached to Minister's fiat Grant No. 1283 of 2003 TOGETHER with all buildings and erections thereon. (Being a two storey concrete dwelling house containing [1,304 sq. ft.] Ground floor - 2 bedrooms + 1 bathroom + living/dining/kitchen + porch; First Floor - 2 bedrooms + 1 bathroom + living/dining/kitchen + porch TOGETHER with lots [1671.873 S.M.] situate in Independence Village, Stann Creek District, the freehold property of Mr. Venerio Salam)

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## Anglican Diocese of Belize VACANCIES

The Anglican Management is seeking qualified persons to fill teaching positions in primary schools in Belize from September 2022 to November 2022.

Applicants should be i) committed to the well-being of children and to their education ii) spiritually grounded and willing to support the principles and practices of the Anglican Church. Academic and professional qualifications must be consistent with the standards of the Ministry of Education.

Teaching positions are available in the following Districts: Corozal, Orange Walk, Belize, Stann Creek and Toledo Districts.

Application forms are available from the Diocesan Office located at 25A Southern Foreshore in Belize City or may be requested by email at [bzediocese@btl.net](mailto:bzediocese@btl.net). Completed forms must be submitted with all required documentation (two recommendations, original transcript, certified copies of: a valid license to teach, a valid police record, social security card, birth certificate, medical report, highest academic certificates/degrees) to:

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

**Deadline: June 24<sup>th</sup> 2022**



## Public Utilities Commission



### Press Release

In exercise of the powers conferred upon it by the Public Utilities Commission Act, the Water Industry Act, the Water and Sewerage (Tariffs) Byelaws, and all other powers thereunto enabling, the Public Utilities Commission (hereinafter referred to as “the Commission”) hereby notifies the general public that it has made and issued the **Belize Water Services Limited (BWSL) 2022 Annual Review Proceedings Initial Decision** (hereinafter referred to as “the Initial Decision”).

On May 3, 2022, BWSL made a submission for an Annual Review Proceeding under Article 27 of SI 67 of 2002 citing that they faced Exceptional Circumstances in its execution of its Business Plan with the financial effects caused by COVID-19. In its Submission, the Company claimed that rising input prices and lower sales revenues had resulted in an accelerating in the Mean Water Rate (MWR), and therefore requested the Commission approve an increase in revenue yields of 5% by changing the tariff structure and adding a fixed charge to non-residential customers.

On June 2, 2022, the Commission made an Initial Decision, accepting the condition of Exceptional Circumstances as presented by BWSL, but made a determination that BWSL has scope to grow its business and lower its cost structure thereby maintaining the MWR below the currently approved \$17.49 per 1,000 gallons. Therefore, the Decision of the Commission is that the Tariffs, Fees and Charges levied by BWSL will remain unchanged for the period April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2025.

The Initial Decision may be viewed in its entirety at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission at #4 Princess Margret Drive, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Marina Towers, Belize City, or on the PUC website at [www.puc.bz](http://www.puc.bz).

The Licensee and Interested Parties representing users of at least 10% of the water supply by BWSL in the last calendar year may submit written comments, including objections, on the Initial Decision at the PUC’s office or by email to [info@puc.bz](mailto:info@puc.bz) by Friday, June 17, 2022.

Service Classification: Branches:	April 1, 2022 - March 31, 2025			
	Water Only Mainland	Water and Sewer Belize, Belmopan	Water and Sewer San Pedro	Water Only Caye Caulker
<b>Consumption Blocks:</b>				
0 - 1,000	8.72	10.47	25.57	23.46
1,001 - 2,000	13.95	18.02	30.22	26.98
2,001 - 3,000	15.12	19.76	32.54	29.61
3,001 - 4,000	15.69	20.92	34.87	32.50
4,001 - 5,000	16.27	22.09	37.19	35.67
5,001 - 6,000	17.44	23.25	44.17	39.14
6,001 - 7,000	18.60	23.82	52.31	42.96
7,001 - 8,000	19.17	24.41	58.11	47.15
>8,000	19.76	24.99	63.93	51.75
Minimum Bill for Consumption less than 1,000 US Gallons	8.72	10.47	25.57	23.46



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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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## Dead man found in OW cemetery

by Charles Gladden

ORANGE WALK TOWN, Wed. June 8, 2022

Shortly before noon on Tuesday, June 7, the lifeless body of 51-year-old Roberto Botes, a resident of San Joaquin Village, Corozal District, was found dead in a face-up position on one of the tombs at the Pie Monte Cemetery in Orange Walk Town.

The body of Botes was spotted by a passerby who was walking past the area and who notified police.

Shortly before 1:00 p.m., the body was removed from the area and was transported to the Northern Regional Hospital morgue where it will undergo a post-mortem examination.

While it has been reported that Botes was suffering from liver complications due to excessive drinking, an injury was observed at the back of his head when his body was discovered.

Police are investigating.

## Husband of Min. Dolores charged with traffic offense

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evening shows a badly damaged front portion of a white SUV (a Toyota RAV 4) that was supposedly being driven by Garcia in the middle of the road. A bus with a severely damaged rear bumper, also parked on the road, is also seen. (Some media reports are indicating that the Toyota RAV 4 hit the bus while attempting to overtake it.)

The UDP also took the opportunity in its press release of accusing COMPOL Williams of politicizing his office in an effort to seek the favor of the ruling party.

"The chair of the Commissioner of Police should be no seat for a political puppet auditioning to masters for an electoral run. It is no wonder why morale in the Police Department is at an all-time low," the UDP release stated.

Commissioner Williams, however, in contrasting the manner in which the accident involving Garcia was handled with the way an accident last week that involved the UDP's OJ Elrington was dealt with, noted that all procedures were followed in the case of Garcia's accident.

After being asked by a reporter if a urine sample had been taken from Garcia, COMPOL Williams said, "I can say that all the procedures regarding accidents were followed in that particular instance, as opposed to when OJ crashed and the procedures were not followed. In this case all were followed, and Mr. Garcia has been arrested and charged in respect to that accident."

Commissioner Williams also said that, in his view, it was a minor accident.



## VACANCY

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons to fill the role of **ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT OFFICER** for the Global Fund Project Management Unit, National Health Insurance Services (NHI), Belmopan.

### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Associate Degree in Business, Management, Business Administration or other closely related discipline, with two (2) years working experience in any one or combination of the following areas: office administration/office management, customer service/customer relationship management. Working knowledge of Spanish and experience or formal training in paralegal studies are considered assets.

Visit our website at [www.socialsecurity.org.bz/vacancy-announcement/](http://www.socialsecurity.org.bz/vacancy-announcement/) to view further details on this position.

### APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Complete application package containing application letter, resume, two (2) recent letters of recommendation, copies of relevant academic credentials or certification and current police record or receipt for record may be submitted **via email** to:

- Manager, HR Strategies, HR Services, SSB Headquarters, [dlindo@socialsecurity.org.bz](mailto:dlindo@socialsecurity.org.bz)
- HR Advisor, Policy & Strategy, HR Services, SSB Headquarters, [fphillips@socialsecurity.org.bz](mailto:fphillips@socialsecurity.org.bz)
- Copy: General Manager, Human Resources, SSB Headquarters, [odakers@socialsecurity.org.bz](mailto:odakers@socialsecurity.org.bz)

Indicate in email subject line: "Application for Admin Support Officer, GF/NHI"

**DEADLINE: JUNE 22, 2022**



# John Has Big Dreams



by Clinton Canul Luna

John is a young adult who comes from a very humble and poor family. He is trying to survive. He has big dreams. Someday, he would like to be a doctor, an engineer, or an architect. He looks around him and sees so many well-dressed people with nice cars. He walks the streets and sees beautiful buildings, houses where people from the elite class live, and poor John thinks to himself,

“What can I do to at least have a roof over my head where I can rest and water doesn’t come in when it rains, or the sun doesn’t peek through the cracks in the mornings and the overbearing heat at noon where I have to leave so early because, well, I can’t stand being in my shack so hot. What am I going to do to get a good job

and not be getting a little thing from here to there, sweeping the street, removing mud from places, or chopping a place where they don’t pay me more than a few cents, since labor is so cheap?”

While John was working, he met a man who had asked him to do his errands, and John, a young man, although poor, badly dressed, was honest, and one day he asked the man, “What could I do to improve my living conditions?”

The man told him, “My son, you need to study.”

**John:** “But how am I going to study when I don’t even have elementary school?”

**The man:** “Look, there are some good schools here in Belize where

you can study for a degree, and once you have your certificate or diploma that you are a qualified person in the degree you decide to take, you are going to earn very good money.”

And John says, “How do I come in? The man replied, “Well, go raise your money, save it and when you have enough you apply to be accepted in the school of studies.”

Well, John did what the man had told him. He obeyed, took into account and began to raise his little money. But to do that he had to stop eating what he ate, which was almost nothing, and he decided to eat tortilla with salt, and some pepper to give it a little flavor with a bottle of water, but it wasn’t one of those purified bottled waters that they sell now. No, it was just any old bottle, and he would refill it at a faucet one way or another, that is. He didn’t have the means to buy purified water, so he filled the bottle wherever he could, and with that he ate, supported himself, raised his little money until he had the amount to enroll in this very renowned school.

He was finally able to submit an application, which was accepted, and he was able to start studying. He continued doing the little jobs that he always did, and little by little he paid until he finally graduated. He felt happy and finally said to himself, “I have achieved my dreams.” The government had made a salary table, and his salary as a specialist in his career was \$100 an hour, since the minimum wage was \$5 an hour and he, as an engineer, obviously already a specialist, also qualified at such a renowned institution, well-known throughout the world; damn, that is the official salary that he should receive. Poor John did not know that there was another school around the corner that gave a certificate to do the same work that he did, for which persons were paid \$10 an hour.

And there you have John, looking for a job, and nobody wants to hire him because he is very expensive; they have to pay him \$100 an hour; it is impossible. But he was lucky enough to be hired by the government. Well, yes, the government obviously has a lot of money, with the people’s taxes, and he was well-compensated, oh yes. But how many of those Johns are there with certificates? Are they all going to work with the government? They won’t fit. They do not fit. Thousands upon thousands with their Bachelor’s degrees, their doctorates, and their Master’s degrees—they don’t fit in government. It’s not possible. The government doesn’t make that much money for that. Could it be? Well, there they are without work. But that person who has his certificate where he earns \$10 an hour, had a job. So much so, that he was able to go to work with a person who earned a salary of \$5 an hour, and that person was able to save \$20 of his salary to pay two hours of work to the \$10 qualified person to do the same job that the engineer would do that

charged \$100 an hour.

What kind of world is this right? So many speeches are heard which are so convincing, whereby we believe. All that is true is that there is hunger: 60 percent of the people of Belize are messed up, are suffering. They do not have a job, they do not have a way to support themselves, and this is not something that has just recently been happening. This was from before the pandemic. Poverty is immense in Belize, very immense. And there are investments here and there, investments that the banks give, investments from such and such a country which donated an amount of money for this and that, so much money that they donate, so much money here and there, so many loans that they make, but, where is it? Where is it? People are still hungry; there are no jobs; smuggling continues.

There are PUP smugglers, there are UDP smugglers, and so on. You change the government, there are smugglers from that government; you change to the other government, there are smugglers from that other government. It’s just that. Nothing more. The other had 13 years, that’s good. Hopefully those who had the opportunity got rich. How many years is this one going to get? Who knows, but let those who are close to them take advantage, because, well, once they no longer have money, they no longer have a job. Once the people kick them out, well, it’s over. I mean, what’s the use of a role that makes you an engineer or an architect or a doctor or whatever, if there’s no work. There isn’t.

There are no medications. How many people complain, how many people are asking for assistance to buy medicine, because there aren’t any? Of course, they are in pharmacies for sale, but they are very expensive; it is for people who have the money to buy. How do they do that? Who knows. But there is no Tylenol for children or adults at the public clinic. What? Don’t these people have the right to live? What are they talking about? Sometimes I wish they would explain themselves better, because they are not understood. They speak a language that who knows what it is, both one and the other, cannot be understood. Forty-one years of independence, and there is still immense poverty. It’s not only in Belize, it’s worldwide. And don’t tell me that ‘Russia is to blame’; please don’t talk nonsense. Enter into history and you will realize what the human being is. That’s where the answer to any question is. The past tells us what is in the present, and the present shows us the face of the future.

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June 4, 2022  
Finca Solana  
Corozal Town



## ATTORNEY GENERAL’S MINISTRY VACANCY NOTICE

Suitably qualified applicants are invited to fill the position of:

### SENIOR LITIGATOR

Applicants for the position of Senior Litigator:

- a) must be:
  - i. qualified to practice as an attorney-at-law 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 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.

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.



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)).

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Government of Belize  
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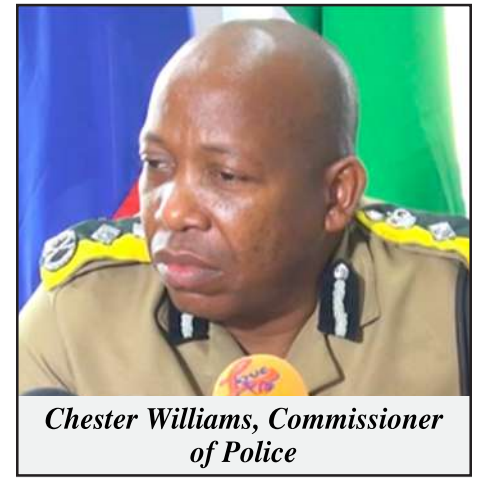
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## Public Notice of Investment

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Social Security Act, Chapter 44 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2017, that the Social Security Board, as per its Investment Framework, Section 49, has proposed to purchase the amount of **Twelve Million Dollars (BZ\$12,000,000.00)** of Government of Belize Five-Year Fixed Rate Notes with a coupon rate of 3.5%. Interest on the Notes is payable semi-annually on November 17 and May 17 in each year until maturity.

## COMPOL points to lull in crime



*Chester Williams, Commissioner of Police*

*by Charles Gladden*

BELMOPAN, Tues. June 7, 2022

At a police press briefing held on Monday, it was the Commissioner of Police, Chester Williams, rather than the Police Department's Communications Director, ASP Fitzroy Yearwood, who addressed members of the media, and the Police Commissioner took the opportunity to highlight a recent lull in weekend crime that he attributed to efforts made by the Police Department and the Leadership Intervention Unit (LIU) to reduce gun violence in the city.

"Certainly, there is a lot being done by the police. And as you know, we have the multi-sectoral approach to fighting crime, where we now have the input from different organizations, particularly on the Southside of Belize City. We also have the ongoing basketball tournaments for the different groups in Belize City, and the Belize District, by extension. And we believe that the efforts of everybody on the ground, including the police officers who are policing the different areas, are bearing fruits," Commissioner Williams said.

He then added, "We're not going to celebrate as yet. There's still a lot of work to be done. There are still many ongoing tensions with different groups in the city that we try to deal with. But what we try to do as best we can is to utilize the LIU in conducting interventions. As we hear of some issues between two different parties or a group, then we would normally send LIU to bring them to the table, see what the issues are, and try to resolve them."

He pointed as well to other initiatives that are in the pipeline: "In the near future, we're looking at taking some of these guys to Punta Gorda Town for somewhat of a retreat. And then, we're also going to sign very shortly the MOU between the police and a private citizen with respect to twenty-five acres of land by the Rhaburn Ridge Area that will be used for farming by these young men again. And then we have the activity we were planning for Mountain Pine Ridge with them. So, there's a lot we're doing with these youths with a view to see if we can bring them to the table and try to diffuse their issues in a way that is not going to bring violence, as opposed to them taking a gun and try to resolve issues, when in fact that only make the issues worse," said COMPOL Williams.

## 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:**

- Patrol of Pier, Transit Sheds, Compounds, Office. Low Berth etc. as instructed
- Control of Entry and exit points of Facility
- Surveillance of cargo from ship to delivery
- Deposits to the banks
- You are to be verse with the Port of Belize Limited Surveillance System & Security Manual
- 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:**

- knowledge of current security threats and patterns;
- recognition and detection of weapons, dangerous substances and devices;
- recognition of characteristics and behavioral patterns of persons who are likely to threaten security;
- techniques used to circumvent security measures;
- crowd management and control techniques;
- security-related communication;
- operations of security equipment and systems;
- testing, calibration and maintenance of security equipment and systems;
- inspection, control, and monitoring techniques, and
- 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.

# Belize celebrates its barrier reef's 10,000th birthday

World Oceans Day, June 8, falls in the middle of a week-long celebration of the UNESCO World Heritage Site's 10,000 years of existence.

by *Khaila Gentle*

BELIZE CITY, Wed. June 8, 2022

The Ministry of Blue Economy & Civil Aviation, along with the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), has been celebrating the 10,000th anniversary of the formation of the Belize Barrier Reef with a week of special programs and events, which included a World Oceans Day Expo held on June 8 at the Buttonwood Bay Park in Belize City.

World Oceans Day is celebrated annually on June 8. Nadia Bood, Senior Program Officer at the WWF Mesoamerica, spoke with AMANDALA about the significance of such a day and the importance of promoting the preservation of Belize's marine environments.

"Today we're doing this expo to showcase our marine environment—our reef system—and the goods and services that it provides to our country," she said.

Bood explained that the World Oceans Day Expo provides an opportunity for the Government of Belize, conservation NGOs, and businesses whose livelihoods are tied to the barrier reef to interact with members of the public, raising awareness about the important role that oceans—and the reef—play in the lives of everyone on the planet, which is an effort that could ultimately bring about change.

Oceans, which make up over 70% of

the planet and produce over 50% of the world's oxygen, are becoming increasingly threatened by the effects of climate change, pollution, acidification, and reduction in biodiversity. By raising awareness about all the ways in which humanity is reliant on the oceans, and promoting the increased implementation of sustainable practices, Bood said, we can continue to benefit from the environment in the long term.

"We want to continue to benefit from our marine resources, and to be able to do so, we need to engage the public; we need to engage the stakeholders that are dependent on these ecosystems to let them know that, together, we can make this happen for the long term," she stated.

Opening the day's events was the Director of Blue Economy, Maxine Monsanto, who shared the theme for this year's World Oceans Day: "Revitalization: Collective Action for the Ocean". She also highlighted some of the goals of this year's celebrations, which include gaining a better understanding of the importance of the oceans as well as raising awareness about the importance of Belize's marine environment.

The expo featured booths from various conservation and marine protection organizations such as Oceana Belize, the Belize Audubon Society, the Coastal Zone Management Authority & Institute (CZMAI), the Belize Fisheries Department, and the Wildlife Conservation Society

(WCS) Belize. Also at the expo were several small businesses that utilize marine resources in their work, including Ale's Beach Treasures, which specializes in creating sea glass jewelry, and Belioness, a Sarteneja-based enterprise that sells jewelry made from invasive lionfish.

Two other events that were a part of the Belize Barrier Reef's 10,000th birthday celebrations was a gala held under the theme "A Night Under the Sea" on Friday, June 3, and a Family Fun Day in Placencia on Sunday, June 5. The final event will be a Sargassum Community Beach Clean-Up on San Pedro, Ambergris Caye, this Friday. The Belize Barrier Reef, approximately 185 miles long, was made a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1996 as a result of its

physical and cultural significance. In 2009, the reef was at risk of losing its status after being placed on the UNESCO List of World Heritage in Danger sites but was removed from that list almost a decade later due to a series of conservation efforts which included an imposed moratorium on offshore drilling and oil exploration in Belize.



*The Blue Hole Natural Monument—one of the Belize Barrier Reef's seven protected areas (Source: BTB)*



## 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.



## Independence High School

Independence Village

Stann Creek District

Telefax: 523-2220/523-2499

Email Address [ind\\_highschool@yahoo.com](mailto:ind_highschool@yahoo.com)

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

### INDEPENDENCE HIGH SCHOOL

- 1 Spanish Teacher
- 1 Electrical/Building Teacher

#### Temporary Posts (3 Months)

- 1 English Teacher
- 1 Agriculture Science Teacher
- 1 Science Teacher

A Bachelor Degree in the respective subject area is preferred. However, applicants in possession of an Associate Degree may apply. In addition, experience in teaching at CXC level would be an asset.

All applicants must be in possession of a valid teaching license.

### INDEPENDENCE JUNIOR COLLEGE

- 1 Social Science/Spanish Teacher

A Masters Degree in the respective subject area is preferred. However, applicants in possession of a Bachelor Degree may apply. Salary is based on qualification and experience and is in accordance with Government's pay scale. Completed application package should be forwarded by Monday, June 13, 2022 to:

**Secretary**  
**Board of Governors**  
**Independence High School**  
**Independence Village**  
**Stann Creek District**

Applicants will be interviewed at the high school on Thursday, June 16, 2022 @ 9:00 a.m.

# From the Publisher

Reproduced from page 9 of the Tuesday, June 6, 2022, #3059 issue of Amandala

In the interests of academic accuracy, I simply must point out to those of you who are serious readers that the section of Peter Ashdown's article ("The problem of Creole historiography") which was reproduced on pages 28 and 29 of last weekend's issue of this newspaper is only that -- a section. (The original article stretches from pages 142 to 152 of the Second Edition of READINGS IN BELIZEAN HISTORY, a May 1987 St. John's College publication.)

I chose not to reproduce the entire article, thus making it mandatory for serious readers to do their own research, because at one point Ashdown criticizes a prominent Belizean personality (now deceased), and I think that if this newspaper published the entire article, it would open an old UBAD wound.

Now, of course, the younger Belizean generations have heard almost nothing about UBAD, and I'm not going to try to educate them in this column, for different reasons.

I will say this, however, that after all these fifty years, I have come to the conclusion that when the UBAD riot of May 29, 1972, threatened to become an outright insurgency, as president of the organization I should have acted in a more proactive manner. I should have put down my foot, because my instincts told me at the time that it was time for us to disperse, to disappear. I had too much respect for the officer who had become inflamed, and chose to go about the business of taking some of the Miss Afro Honduras candidates to their homes in an automobile. In retrospect, I gave up my leadership that night, and, also in retrospect, that was the beginning of the end of UBAD.

In February of 1970, a situation which

was somewhat similar had developed with respect to UBAD Minister of War, Charles X "Justice" Eagan. He was twice my age, and much more experienced in the streets than I. The seditious arrests of myself and the late Ismail Shabazz had suggested to me that the ruling People's United Party (PUP) had raised the stakes of the quarrel between us to a point where my book learning/training would become somewhat irrelevant.

Whatever, Justice became the de facto UBAD leader. Justice, myself, and Charles X Stamp ended up being tried in the Supreme Court in January of 1971. X Stamp and I were acquitted, but Justice went to jail.

I want to end this short column by saying to the attorney Godfrey Smith, who is not and has never been my friend, that his research into the devastating tragedy which ended the people's revolution in Grenada in 1983 is of massive importance. I give credit where credit is due.

What happened in Grenada, a small Eastern Caribbean island and former British possession which was the site of the only successful black power rebellion in the 1970s (1979), is that the two major leaders, Maurice Bishop and Bernard Coard, ended up in a violent confrontation. Bishop was slaughtered by machine gun fire, the United States invaded, and Coard spent decades in jail.

In 2022, as we Belizeans face the potential trauma of this International Court of Justice (ICJ) hearing in the months and years ahead, the pressure on our various leaders will be immense. This ICJ faceoff with Guatemala is serious business, and we can see now, 2022, that regional white power rules almost absolutely in these parts. Belizeans, we have a problem.

# From the Publisher en Español

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En aras de la precisión académica, simplemente debo señalar a aquellos de ustedes que son lectores serios que la sección del artículo de Peter Ashdown ("The problem of Creole Historiography") que se reprodujo en las páginas 28 y 29 de la edición del fin de semana pasado de este periódico es sólo eso: una sección. (El artículo original se extiende desde las páginas 142 a 152 de la segunda edición de READINGS IN BELIZEAN HISTORY, una publicación de St. John's College de mayo de 1987).

Elegí no reproducir el artículo completo, para que así fuese obligatorio que los lectores serios hagan su propia investigación, porque en un momento Ashdown critica a una prominente personalidad beliceña (ya fallecida), y creo que si este periódico publicara el artículo completo, abriría una vieja herida UBAD.

Ahora, por supuesto, las generaciones beliceñas más jóvenes no han escuchado

casi nada sobre UBAD, y no voy a tratar de educarlos en esta columna, por diferentes razones.

Diré esto, sin embargo, que después de todos estos cincuenta años, he llegado a la conclusión de que cuando el motín de UBAD del 29 de mayo de 1972 amenazó con convertirse en una insurgencia abierta, como presidente de la organización yo debería haber actuado de una manera más proactiva. Debería haber adoptado una actitud firme, porque mi instinto me dijo en ese momento que era hora de que nos dispersáramos, de desaparecer. Le tenía demasiado respeto al oficial que se había inflamado, y opté por dedicarme a llevar a algunas de las candidatas a Miss Afro Honduras a sus casas en un automóvil. En retrospectiva, renuncié a mi liderazgo esa noche y, también en retrospectiva, ese fue el comienzo del fin de UBAD.

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## PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

### Roaring Creek Village, Cayo District

BY ORDER of the Mortgagees, Messrs. National Bank of Belize Limited (NBB), Licensed Auctioneer Jonathan Mulligan, will be selling by way of Public Auction, the following property **ONSITE** on Saturday July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 11:00am.

REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Society Hall/Roaring Creek Village	24	922



Being a two-story wooden house measuring 1,416 square Feet, having three bedrooms, one bathroom, living, dining, and kitchen, with a porch at the northwestern corner of the upper flat, this home is also complimented by a fully fence, 0.25-acre yard. This property is within walking distance of primary schools, churches, public playgrounds, basic shopping facilities, and a petrol filling station. It is also within walking distance of the George Price Highway. Secondary and Tertiary level educational institutions, banks, and a wider range of good and services are available in Belmopan, which is approximately 2 miles away. **Freehold Property of Dale Pelayo & Bernice Pelayo.**

TERMS: STRICTLY CASH

JONATHAN MULLIGAN

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## PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

### SANTA RITA HILL, COROZAL DISTRICT

BY ORDER of the Mortgagees, Messrs. National Bank of Belize Limited (NBB), Licensed Auctioneer Jonathan Mulligan, will be selling by way of Public Auction, the following property **ONSITE** on Saturday July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 11:00am.

REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Santa Rita Hill/Corozal North	1	3499



This concrete bungalow house measures an impressive 1,740 square feet in space, and boast three bedrooms, 1 bathroom, 2 living rooms, dining room, and a spacious kitchen. The house is complimented by a front porch, and a huge, enclosed back porch. The yard measures in at 50 feet by 100 feet with an area of 555.4 square yards. Property is located in Santa Rita Hills at the "Chactemal Estates", which is a modern, well planned, private housing community that comprises of medium to high income homes. Financial Institutions such as banks, grocery stores and a wider range of goods and services are available in Corozal Town, which is approximately 1/2 mile away. Property is also but a 10-minute drive away from the Belize/Mexico Border. **Freehold Property of Lyndon Russell Gillett and Rhyma Ann Gillett.**

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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	IFMZU63K45UA37561
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	3FAHPOHAXCR407667
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	JT8BD6850Y008745
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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	5UXFB535X6LV22648
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
TROPIC MIST	22-07-21	4747	TSCW149968	M & S AUTOSERVICE	9947893	VH	2021 KIA SELTOS	KNDETCA25M7049626
TROPIC LURE	01-06-21	2520	TSCW149276	EMILIO LEIVA	9863836	VH	2005 DODGE CARAVAN	2D4GPZ4R15R308731
CARIBE MARINER	18/4/20	573	PEVBZ174675	SOLECITA CIMASOSA	235542	VH	07 FORD ESCAPE	1FMYU03155KA25852
CARIBE MARINER	18-11-17	490	PEVBZ144522B	AL BROWN AUTO	225929	VH	05 FORD ESCAPE	1FMYU03127KA63025

# Water taxi fares are up!



Photo by Meritt Thomas

by Khaila Gentle

BELIZE CITY, Wed. June 8, 2022

Persons who use water taxis to travel to and from the cayes—whether for a recreational outing or for work purposes etc.—will now find themselves paying up to 50% more than they had previously been spending to cover the cost of traveling to or from the islands, since the Belize Port Authority has finally authorized an increase in the cost of both one-way and round trip tickets for water taxis this month—after it had blocked earlier attempts in March by water taxi operators to up their rates. According to Port Commissioner Major H. Gilbert Swaso, the increases, seen at both major water taxi operators, are the direct result of rising fuel prices.

Readers will recall that back in late March some operators attempted to raise boat fares but were prevented from doing so after the Belize Port Authority (BPA) issued a release stating that those price hikes were “unlawful and illegal”.

This week, Swaso explained to local reporters that such a move was made by the BPA because those operators

were increasing their fares “arbitrarily”. Subsequently, however, those operators submitted formal requests for an increase in passenger fares which have since been approved by the BPA and took effect on June 1.

And while the new prices, which include what Swaso has labeled a fuel surcharge, are not permanent, they are expected to increase and decrease based on the local market prices of fuel.

With the newly approved increases, a roundtrip ticket from Belize City to San Pedro, originally \$55, will now cost travelers a total of \$79 while the price of one-way tickets has gone up from \$31 to \$41. Persons traveling from Belize City to Caye Caulker will now have to pay \$61 for a roundtrip ticket with Caribbean Sprinter (formerly Ocean Ferry) and \$59 with San Pedro Belize Express as opposed to the previous \$37—increases of around 60%.

According to the Belize Port Authority, official personnel will be sent to the various water taxi terminals to ensure that operators are compliant and also that passengers are not being overcharged.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BELIZE A.D. 2021  
(DIVORCE)

ACTION NO. 398 OF 2021

BETWEEN

(PEARL ELIECE CABRAL LEWIS	PETITIONER
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(JOHN LEWIS	RESPONDENT

To: JOHN LEWIS

TAKE NOTICE that a Petition for dissolution of marriage dated 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2021 endorsed with a notice to you to appear and answer the charges therein has been filed in the Supreme Court of Belize by Pearl Eliece Cabral Lewis of Placencia Village, Stann Creek District, Belize, AND THAT you are required within 30 days after the second publication herein, inclusive of the day of such publication, to enter an appearance either in person or by your Attorney-at-Law at the Registry of the Supreme Court, should you think fit so to do and thereafter to make answer to the charges in this Petition, and FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that in default of your so doing the Court will proceed to hear the said charges proved and pronounce judgment your absence notwithstanding.

The Petition is filed and this Notice to appear is by COURTENAY COYE LLP of No. 15 A Street, Belize City, Belize District, Belize, Attorneys-at-Law for the Petitioner, Pearl Eliece Cabral Lewis.

DATED the 25<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022.

REGISTRAR

Note: Any person entering an appearance must at the same time furnish an address for service within two miles of the Supreme Court.

## From the Publisher en Español

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En febrero de 1970, se había desarrollado una situación algo similar con respecto al Ministro de Guerra de UBAD, Charles X “Justice” Eagan. Él tenía el doble de mi edad y tenía mucha más experiencia en las calles que yo. Los arrestos sediciosos de mí y del finado Ismail Shabazz me habían sugerido que el gobernante Partido Unido del Pueblo (PUP) había subido las apuestas de la disputa entre nosotros a un nivel hasta donde mi aprendizaje/entrenamiento académico se volvería algo irrelevante.

Sea como fuere, Justice se convirtió en líder de facto de UBAD. Justice, Charles X Stamp y yo terminamos siendo juzgados en la Corte Suprema en enero de 1971. X Stamp y yo fuimos absueltos, pero Justice fue a la cárcel.

Quiero terminar esta breve columna diciéndole al abogado Godfrey Smith, quien no es y nunca ha sido mi amigo, que su investigación sobre la devastadora tragedia que puso fin a la revolución

popular en Granada en 1983 es de enorme importancia. Doy reconocimiento donde se debe reconocimiento.

Lo que sucedió en Granada, una pequeña isla del Caribe Oriental y antigua posesión británica que fue el sitio de la única rebelión exitosa del poder negro en la década de 1970 (1979), es que los dos principales líderes, Maurice Bishop y Bernard Coard, terminaron en una violenta confrontación. Bishop fue asesinado por fuego de ametralladora, Estados Unidos invadió y Coard pasó décadas en la cárcel.

En 2022, mientras los beliceños enfrentamos el trauma potencial de esta audiencia de la Corte Internacional de Justicia (CIJ) en los próximos meses y años, la presión sobre nuestros diversos líderes será inmensa. Este enfrentamiento de la CIJ con Guatemala es un asunto serio, y podemos ver ahora, 2022, que el poder blanco regional gobierna casi absolutamente en estas partes. Beliceños, tenemos un problema.

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# KREM Television Program Guide

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Questions or comments may be forwarded via email to

Phone: 202-5848

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Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, June 16<sup>th</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: Thy Will Be Done
- 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. Ted Talks: Body language - the power is in the palm of your hands
- 9:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**

**SATURDAY**

- 9:00 a.m. Documentary: Ethiopia and The History Not Seen
- 9:56 a.m. Movie: Soylent Green
- 11:17 a.m. Documentary: 12 Years a Slave
- 1:31 p.m. Movie: Something to Think About
- 2:52 p.m. Documentary: Malcolm X
- 5:11 p.m. Movie: Emma
- 6:15 p.m. Documentary: Lucky Dube - The Man & The Music
- 8:00 p.m. Music Videos

**SUNDAY**

- 10:30 a.m. **Sunday Review (LIVE)**
- 12:00 p.m. Movie: I Can Only Imagine
- 1:50 p.m. Documentary: The Rising Countries - Dubai, China, Russia, India, Korea
- 2:34 p.m. Movie: The Butler
- 4:39 p.m. Documentary: The Great Barrier Reef
- 5:30 p.m. **Sunday Review (repeat)**
- 7:00 p.m. Sunday Jazz
- 8:00 p.m. Music Videos

**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: 42
- 3:30 p.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (repeat)**
- 6:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (LIVE)**
- 7:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 8:00 p.m. Documentary: The Zionist Story
- 9:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**

**TUESDAY**

- 6:30 a.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (LIVE)**
- 9:00 a.m. **Morning Stew (LIVE)**
- 12:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**
- 1:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 2:00 p.m. Belizean Legends: RAYMOND SIXTEEN THOMPSON WAS 1970S BELIZE'S BOXING TRUTH
- 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 Legends: GOLDBURN "STAMA" MIDDLETON THE BELIZEAN DERBY
- 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: Harriet
- 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. Ted Talks: How to Achieve Your Most Ambitious Goals
- 9:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**

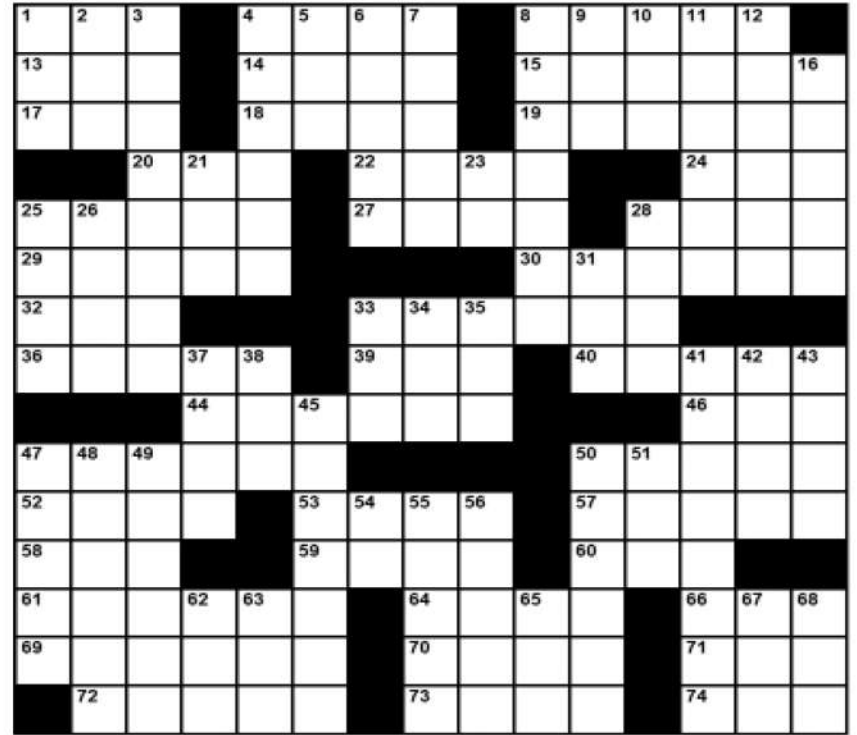
**THURSDAY**

- 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. Documentary: Safari Africa
- 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: Internet Hackers
- 9:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**



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**Across**

- 1. Assistance
- 4. Annoyed interjection
- 8. Be grandiloquent
- 13. Anti anti
- 14. Tailor's case
- 15. Floating
- 17. Electric fish
- 18. John Dickson or Vikke
- 19. Jackson bill
- 20. Acorn bearer
- 22. Corn territory
- 24. Bit of advice
- 25. Grave risk
- 27. At any time
- 28. A 1977 movie
- 29. Agave root
- 30. Acre's acres
- 32. Fleur de ---
- 33. Free oxen
- 36. Drover's implement
- 39. Bearing pivot
- 40. Not mine
- 44. Fluffy quilts
- 46. Denial in Glasgow
- 47. Game outing
- 50. Make malicious remarks
- 52. Contemporary of Horace
- 53. Filthy stuff
- 57. Kind of charge
- 58. Love, in a sense
- 59. Actor Wilder
- 60. NAFTA member
- 61. Rich elaborate cake
- 64. Extra seed coating
- 66. Ring around the collar
- 69. Big bargains
- 70. Invitation encl.
- 71. Dachshund doc
- 72. Blow one's top
- 73. Be introduced to
- 74. Author's last word

**Down**

- 1. Be unoriginal
- 2. Angry state
- 3. Mournful, musically
- 4. Pick on the comic
- 5. Airport info
- 6. Marie or Pierre
- 7. Ballet company
- 8. Smallest Great Lake
- 9. Damp and cold
- 10. Breakfasted
- 11. Buddhist religious literature
- 12. Lead astray
- 16. Of a sort
- 21. Afflict
- 23. Both of us
- 25. Sensory organ
- 26. Abu Dhabi ruler
- 28. Black-and-white cookie
- 31. Blue above
- 33. Comanche kin
- 34. And also not
- 35. Affirmative reply
- 37. Deceased
- 38. Formal address
- 41. Gastropod
- 42. Violate
- 43. Cassandra, for one
- 45. Gross out
- 47. Album cuts
- 48. Fly a plane
- 49. Strain
- 50. Emulate Rodin
- 51. Answers for Nanette
- 54. Yours truly
- 55. Render harmless
- 56. Brief
- 62. Fr. liquid
- 63. Bavarian peak
- 65. Common contraction
- 67. Still, in verse
- 68. --- never work!

**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 - 06-01-2022 - Answers**







**GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE**  
**MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING**

**PHILIP GOLDSON HIGHWAY AND REMATE BYPASS UPGRADING PROJECT**

**CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A GENDER-SENSITIVE COMMUNITY AND SCHOOLS PUBLIC EDUCATION PROGRAMME**

**RE-ADVERTISEMENT: REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

The Government of Belize (GOBZ) has received financing from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) and the United Kingdom Caribbean Infrastructure Partnership Fund (UKCIF) towards the cost of the **Philip Goldson Highway and Remate Bypass Upgrading Project** and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this financing 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 Agreements. The Financing Agreements prohibit withdrawals from the Financing Accounts 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 Agreements or have any claim to the proceeds of the Financing.

The Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing (MIDH) through its Project Execution Unit (PEU), the Executing Agency, now wishes to procure consultancy services to design and conduct outreach to, and sensitisation/training of, schools and communities in the Project area, about Gender-based Violence (GBV), human trafficking/smuggling and transmission of Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) and HIV/AIDS.

The objective of the consultancy is to develop and implement a Community and School training and public education/awareness programme for schools and communities along the Philip Goldson Highway and the Remate Bypass. Specifically, the consultancy will:

- (a) Produce communication materials through consultation with stakeholders within the community and school via multiple media channels relating to GBV generally, human trafficking/smuggling specifically, as well as STD/HIV/AIDS prevention, including an Educational Toolkit to be used in schools; and
- (b) Conduct public gender education sessions on prevention and response to GBV, including trafficking in persons/smuggling and sexual and reproductive health issues with Project-affected communities.

The assignment is expected to be implemented over a period of **15 months**. The MIDH now invites interested eligible firms or joint ventures (JV) to submit Expressions of Interest indicating qualifications and experience required to provide these consultancy services.

A Firm/JV shall be eligible to participate if:

- (a) in the case of a body corporate, it is legally incorporated or otherwise organised in an eligible country, has its principal place of business in an eligible country and is more than 50 per cent beneficially owned by citizen(s) and/or *bona fide* resident(s) of eligible country(ies) or by a body(ies) corporate meeting these requirements;
- (b) in the case of unincorporated firms, the beneficial owners are citizens or *bonafide* residents of an eligible country; and
- (c) in all cases, the firm or JV 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. Interested eligible firms/JVs 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.

In the assessment of submissions, consideration will be given to technical competence, qualifications and experience, local and regional experience

on similar assignments, financial capability and existing commitments. The Firm/JV shall have:

- (a) At least five (5) years of professional work experience in gender-based violence, gender equality, behavioural change programming, or other relevant programme is required.
- (b) At least three (3) years of relevant work experience in social marketing and public education in development advocacy and communication campaigns to promote gender equality and or the elimination of gender-based violence including the use of traditional and new digital media strategies, including experience in communications for promoting gender equality and social inclusion of vulnerable groups. Experience in messaging around GBV, trafficking in persons/smuggling and STD/HIV/AIDS prevention and knowledge management would be an asset.
- (c) A combination of experience and/or formal training in communications, public relations, digital and social media strategy, graphic design and video production.
- (d) Provided technical assistance in coordinating and liaising with government agencies and civil society and community-based organisations to implement comprehensive gender-based violence services would be an asset.

Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

Expressions of interest must be submitted in English, electronically, by email, in pdf format, to both addresses below no later than 10:00am, local time on **Friday 1st July 2022**. The email subject line should state "**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A GENDER-SENSITIVE COMMUNITY AND SCHOOLS PUBLIC EDUCATION PROGRAMME**" and the email body must state the name and address of the applicant. The Expression of Interest will be deemed to have been received at the time that it is received by the receiving office named in the first address below. The burden of proving receipt of the e-mail will be on the applicant and will not be met solely by a read receipt or sent items report generated by the applicant's computer.

The selection method for the award of the consultancy shall be Selection Based on the Consultants' Qualifications Selection (CQS). Following the assessment of submissions, the most qualified and experienced Firm/JV shall be asked to submit a combined technical and financial Proposal and, if such Proposal is responsive and acceptable, be invited to negotiate a contract to undertake the assignment.

GOBZ 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 engaging the services of any applicant and will not defray any costs incurred by any applicant in the preparation and submission of Expressions of Interest.

Further information may be obtained from the first address below between 8:00am and 5:00pm local time Monday to Friday.

**1. Attention: Mr. Evondale Moody**  
Project Execution Unit  
Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing  
Power Lane  
Belmopan  
Cayo District  
**BELIZE C.A.**  
Tel: +501-828-5220  
Fax: +501-822-0563  
Email: [peu@midh.gov.bz](mailto:peu@midh.gov.bz)

**2. Procurement Officer**  
Procurement Policy  
Unit Caribbean Development Bank  
P. O. Box 408  
Wilkey  
St. Michael  
**BARBADOS, W.I.**  
Tel: +1-246-539-1600  
Email: [procurement@caribank.org](mailto:procurement@caribank.org)



## NOTIFICATION OF CONTRACT AWARD (Selection and Contracting of Consulting Services)



Financing Institution: Government of Belize / Inter-American Development Bank / Belize Water Services Limited

Procurement Type: Consulting Services

Sector: Water and Sanitation

Country of project (or Beneficiary country): Belize

Project name: Design of Wastewater Treatment Solutions in Coastal Areas

Loan/Credit/Grant No.: BL-T1125

Contract/Bid No.: IDB-21/22-01

Bid/Contract Description: To conduct diagnostic assessment and prepare detailed designs of the preferred viable sewerage system option for the village of Caye Caulker, Belize. Consultants are also expected to prepare detailed bidding documents for such works.

During the selection process for the consulting services indicated above, under the selection method *Quality and Cost-Based Selection (QCBS)* the consulting firms listed below submitted proposals. The scores evaluated for the Technical and Price Proposals of each consulting firm, and their final scores follow below.

### List of consulting firms

*Project Planning and Management Ltd (JV-lead)*

**Technical proposal score:** **84.60**  
**Price proposal:** US \$199,840.00  
**Final score:** 89.20, 1<sup>st</sup>

*Hydroplan\**

**Technical proposal score:** N/A  
**Price proposal:** N/A  
**Final score:** N/A

*\*Consulting firm did not qualify.*

Any Consultant is entitled to a debriefing to ascertain the grounds on which its proposal was not selected, by making a formal request at the address indicated below.

**Awarded Bidder:** Project Planning and Management Ltd. (JV-lead)  
**Country of Awarded Bidder:** Barbados  
**Contract Amount:** US \$199,840.00  
**Date contract signed:** May 16, 2022  
**Duration of contract:** 12 months

**UNDB Reference number:** IDB-C988901-06/22

Executing Agency: **Belize Water Services Limited**  
**Attention: Resident Consultant Engineer**  
**#7 Central American Boulevard**  
**Belize City, Belize**  
**Telephone: +1 501-222-4757**

### Beneficial ownership information:

Consultant	Identity of Beneficial Owner	Directly or indirectly holding 25% or more of the shares (Yes/no)	Directly or indirectly holding 25% or more of the voting rights (Yes/No)	Directly or indirectly having the right to appoint a majority of the board of directors or an equivalent governing body of the consultant (Yes/No)
<b>Project Planning &amp; Management Ltd. (Lead consultant)</b>	Gregory Hazzard Citizen of Barbados Country of Residence: Barbados	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Doychin Stoyanov Citizen of Bulgaria Country of Residence: European Union	Yes	No	No
	Borislav Stoyanov Citizen of Bulgaria Country of Residence: European Union	Yes	No	No
<b>Alpha Engineering &amp; Design Ltd.</b>	Fazir Khan Citizen of Trinidad Country of Residence: Trinidad	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Kieran De Freitas Citizen of Trinidad Country of Residence: Trinidad	No	Yes	No
<b>Young's Engineering Consultancy Ltd.</b>	Carlton N. Young Citizen of the United States of America and Belize Country of Residence: Belize	Yes	Yes	Yes

# PUBLIC AUCTION SALES: PROPERTIES

Orange Walk District: Orange Walk Town; Trail Farm Village; 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

BY ORDER of the Mortgagees, Messrs. Ascendancy Belize Limited, Licensed Auctioneers Kevin A. Castillo and Christiana R. Castillo are selling ONLINE via [belizepropertyauctions.com](http://belizepropertyauctions.com) the below described properties. **Sales currently running until 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2022. These online public auction sales will expire bi-weekly on the dates and times listed on the website until a sale is determined within this period.**

**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, Orange Walk District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Orange Walk Town	4	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 Trail Farm Village, Orange Walk District:



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

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

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



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Orange Walk Town	4	3091/1

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

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



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
San Jose Palmar	4	808

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

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	BLOCK	PARCEL
Douglas Rural	4	118

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

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

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



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

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

8. 2 Acres San Pedro, Ambergris Caye, Belize:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCELS
North San Pedro	7	5434 & 5435

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

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



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
San Pedro	7	2112

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

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



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Queen Square	45	1406

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

**D: Cayo District: Paslow Falls Area; Ontario Village**

11. 10 Acres of Land 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	BLOCK	PARCEL
Society Hall	24	1323

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

13. Parcel No. 2427/1 Ontario Village, Cayo District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Society Hall	24	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	BLOCK	PARCEL
Dangriga South	31	1294

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

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

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



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Big Fall/Golden Stream	42	577

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

**“FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION & PHOTOGRAPHS PLEASE VISIT WEBSITE”**

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GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE

## SECOND ROAD SAFETY PROJECT

### CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR PROCUREMENT OFFICER

#### REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

The Government of Belize has received financing from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) towards the cost of the Second Road Safety Project and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this financing to eligible payments under a contract for which this invitation is issued. Payments by CDB will be made only at the request of *Government of Belize* 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 *the Government of Belize* shall derive any rights from the Financing Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the Financing.

The Ministry of Finance, **Economic Development** and Investment (MED), the Executing Agency, now wishes to procure consultancy services for a *Procurement Officer*.

The objective of the consultancy is to plan, supervise and coordinate procurement activities for goods and services; prepare bidding documents; finalize Terms of References; prepare relevant reports, and carry out other relevant activities. The duration of the assignment is expected to be for a period of *ten (10)* months.

Prospective candidates should have a minimum of the following qualifications: A Bachelor's Degree in Procurement, Management, Business Administration, Finance, Logistics and Supply Chain Management or other related field from a recognized university; and at least 4 years' experience in Procurement Management with projects funded by International Funding Institutions (IFIs). Experience with CDB's Procurement Procedures is desirable.

MED now invites interested eligible individual consultants to submit Expressions of Interest indicating qualifications and experience required to provide these consultancy services.

Consultants shall be eligible to participate if:

- (a) the persons are citizens or *bona fide* residents of an eligible country; and
- (b) 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

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of CDB's Guidelines for the Selection and Engagement of Consultants (2011), setting forth CDB's policy on conflict of interest.

In the assessment of submissions, consideration will be given to qualifications and experience on similar assignments. All information must be submitted in English. Further information may be obtained from the first address below between 9:00am and 4:00pm local time, Monday to Friday.

*Electronic* copies of the Expressions of Interest must be received at the first address below no later than 3:00pm local time on June 24, 2022 and must be emailed simultaneously to CDB at the second address below. The email subject line should state, "Expression of Interest – Consultancy Services for Procurement Officer for the Second Road Safety Project - Belize". The Expression of Interest will be deemed to have been received at the time that it is received by the receiving office named in the first address below. The burden of proving receipt of the e-mail will be on the applicant and will not be met solely by a read receipt or sent items report generated by the applicant's computer.

Following the assessment of submissions, the most technically capable and appropriately experienced applicant will be invited to negotiate a contract to provide the consultancy services. Government of Belize 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 engaging the services of any applicant and will not defray any costs incurred by any applicant in the preparation and submission of Expressions of Interest.

Address 1

**Second Road Safety Project**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 1904 Construction Drive  
Belmopan  
Email: projectmanager.rsp@med.gov.bz  
Tel: 822-3517  
Attention: Project Manager  
cc: financeofficer.rsp@med.gov.bz

Address 2

**Procurement Officer**  
Caribbean Development Bank  
P.O. Box 408  
Willey, St. Michael  
Barbados W.I. BB11000  
Tel: 246 539 1600  
Email: procurement@caribank.org



## VACANCY

The British High Commission, Belmopan has a vacancy for a full time Housekeeper/Cook.

#### **Main purpose of the job:**

Offer a high quality service to the High Commissioner, guests and visitors at the High Commission Residence by providing and maintaining a high standard of cooking, housekeeping and laundry services; and supporting official functions as required including catering and serving meals and drinks.

#### **Roles and responsibilities/ what will the jobholder be expected to achieve?**

Responsible for the overall cleanliness of the High Commission Residence, including the High Commissioner's private living areas, entertaining spaces, guest rooms and service areas to an excellent standard including:

- Ensure high quality cleaning: dust, sweep, mop floors/polish all surfaces/clean glass surfaces/polish silverware
- Provide full laundry service: washing/ironing /arranging dry cleaning/ minor repairs
- Plan, cook and serve meals, liaising with the High Commissioner
- Perform weekly fire / incident alarm test
- Maintain inventories of linen and kitchen equipment
- Report maintenance issues and safety and security hazards and ensure all maintenance jobs are attended in coordination with the Estate Department
- Ensure high standard of hygiene and food safety in food storage and preparation
- Ensure care and maintenance of all kitchen equipment
- Escort workmen around the Residence to ensure safety of assets

#### **Events / Visits:**

- Prepare events meal budgets
- Set tables to a high standard
- Prepare meals for events and official functions
- Provide waiting service at official functions
- Prepare floral arrangements for dinner functions
- Prepare beverages and serve / set up bar for official entertainment
- Tidy up and after official functions and events

#### **Ad hoc:**

- Ad hoc office support – e.g. crisis management, visits
- Attend staff meetings e.g. weekly staff meetings, Post Management Committees etc
- To take on work of the Senior Housekeeper as required when she is on leave or ill.
- Work evenings and weekends to deliver official functions or when official guests stay at the Residence.

#### **Essential on arrival:**

- Have good communication skills and a good command of the English language - both oral and written
- At least 2 years' work experience in the hospitality industry
- Maintain a customer focus approach
- Willing to take initiative and to be flexible and proactive ("Can do" attitude)
- Able to effectively prioritise and have a proven ability to work under pressure with limited supervision
- Able to work effectively and supportively with colleagues, both individually and in a team
- Able to act with discretion at all times
- Have good IT Skills – familiar with Microsoft Office (Word, outlook, excel)
- Have a positive outlook
- Keen attention to detail

#### **Desirable:**

- Previous relevant working experience in a hotel, diplomatic residence or equivalent
- Experience in maintaining inventories

Salary will be BZ\$ 1,413.32 per month

#### **How to Apply**

Interested persons should use the preferred method of applying online at <https://tinyurl.com/4whpkkxt>.

The Deadline for applications is 4:00pm on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022**. Only those candidates who are short-listed will be contacted. Please be aware that all applicants must have a legal status to work in Belize. Confirmation of appointment is subject to the satisfactory completion of a probationary period and security clearance.

*The British High Commission in Belize is an inclusive and diversity-friendly employer. We value difference, promote equality and challenge discrimination, enhancing our organisational capability. We welcome and encourage applications from people of all backgrounds. We do not discriminate based on disability, race, colour, ethnicity, gender, religion, sexual orientation, age, veteran status or other category protected by law. We promote family-friendly flexible working opportunities, where operational and security needs allow.*

# PC Trapp's and Min. Espat's lawyers face off

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possession of photographs and video of the surrounding events showing your behavior and indeed has witnesses in the hundreds willing to testify that there was in fact no such verbal or physical attack by our client."

As was reported in the Tuesday issue of the AMANDALA, in the Facebook live video, Trapp, who was dressed in civilian clothing at the time, claimed that she was approached by Espat, who attempted to scold her for her wearing a red shirt and being under a tent with UDP supporters. Trapp went on to assert that she was approached because of the color of what she was wearing, a red sports shirt which bore no printed insignia or message that indicated a UDP affiliation. She said that as a police officer of 9 years, she felt ashamed and disrespected.

"Mr. Julius Espat came to my face and pointed and tell me I cannot be [expletive] there underneath the UDP tent. What's wrong with this minister, ah? First Abelardo Mai disrespected Mrs. Tracy Panton; now this next minister wah come and disrespect me just because I da wa police officer and I inna civilian clothes? And he tell me I can't wear no red shirt. What is wrong with him? I can wear any color I choose to, and even if I mi want wear wa white or wa blue shirt, I know who I will vote for. Da none

ah his business that," WPC Trapp said during her live video, in which Espat could be seen a stone's throw away.

However, this week, when interviewed by 7News, Espat gave a slightly different account of the events that took place that day and in fact indicated that it was WPC Trapp who was initially the aggressor.

"We were out there. There are two tents out there, as you're aware of how politics happens. You had the UDP tent, which she was under, and you had the PUP tent where we were. A supporter of ours came up and took a picture of her, and I was beside him. She saw him and took a picture of her. She walked up to us and aggressed us and said, 'Why are you taking a picture of me?' And a conversation started. It was seconds, and then, it ended. Then all of a sudden, this thing [got] blown out of proportion, with so many cameras out there, so many people there. Every single movement that is made, if it was such, an issue would have been caught on camera. It's not like you have to go buy a large Panasonic camera, these days. Every phone has a camera on it. And so, she did not—when she made her statement to the police is recorded, she did not say it was physical abuse. Now, today, her attorney is saying it's physical abuse ...," stated Minister Espat.

He further commented, "The only thing I could say ... is when you start a lie, you have to continue lying. I

was surprised today when I saw a letter written by her attorney and to the Commissioner of Police. It was sent to me by various media houses. In that letter, she alleges that I verbally and physically abused her. But you have to go back to what happened when she was doing a live broadcast of the event, which was supposedly seconds after we had our conversation. And in that live, if you go through it step by step, there is absolutely no mention of any physical abuse. And so, all of a sudden now, a physical abuse allegation comes up. This is not something that was held behind closed doors. This was something that was held in front of hundreds of people. There were police officers out there. Everything is there. So, I am now forced to have my attorney deal with the situation and I will. I will take it all the way because they have now gotten to the point of defaming my character, and that is important."

And indeed a letter was sent promptly by Hon. Espat's attorney to the Commissioner of Police, Chester Williams. In the letter, Marshalleck requested an update on the investigation into the allegations made against Espat by WPC Trapp, since a formal report was made on Sunday evening with allegations of assault and battery against Espat.

The Commissioner of Police, Chester Williams, also received a letter from Trapp's attorney, OJ

Elrington, who in that piece of correspondence, challenged Commissioner Williams' assertions that the Public Service Regulations forbade WPC Trapp from openly participating as a UDP party supporter at the village council elections, and that she would be disciplined for those actions and for breaching the police social media policy by making public comments via a Facebook live video after the supposed altercation. (Those comments were made by Commissioner Williams at a police press briefing on Monday.)

Elrington in his letter posited that the COMPOL, by making those comments, misinformed the public, and he indicated that any attempt to punish his client would be met with "swift legal action," since, he said, it would amount to a direct breach of her constitutional rights.

Elrington is contending that the set of rules to which his client, a junior police officer, is subject, is laid out in the Police Act and not the Public Service Regulations, as stated by Williams during an interview with local media. Williams has actually confirmed that there are regulations in the Police Act that outline the code of conduct required of police officers like Trapp, but he pointed out that there are provisions in that legislation that bar police officers from involvement in political activities.

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# AG plants to speed up digital transformation of courts with Caribbean Agency for Justice Solutions

by Khaila Gentle

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. June 9, 2022

Executive Director of the Caribbean Agency for Justice Solutions (CAJS), Bevil Wooding made a courtesy call on Belize's Attorney General, Hon. Magali Marin-Young, this week, during which she expressed a desire to continue digitally transforming Belize's court system through the aid of the agency. It was with the technology of CAJS that electronic filing and the transition from paper-based processes to digital operations were introduced to the Belize Supreme Court and Court of Appeal.

A press release issued by CAJS today stated that during the meeting with Director Wooding and his delegation, Hon. Marin-Young made clear her current key focuses: improved court services, speedier justice delivery, and the significant cost savings derived as a result. The Attorney General also



Mr. Bevil Wooding, Executive Director of the Caribbean Agency for Justice Solutions; and Hon. Magali Marin-Young, Attorney General of Belize

(Photo Credit: The Caribbean Agency for Justice Solutions)

highlighted the fact that CAJS is the only regional body dedicated to supporting digital transformation and capacity building in the justice sector.

"CAJS is continuing to enhance the

technology solutions it has developed for courts, attorneys general, mediation firms, bar associations, and legal aid clinics," the release stated.

According to the press release, the

agency will also soon be providing additional training to the courts and the Bar Association as well as providing support for increasing public awareness of the new digital tools being deployed in Belize.

## PC Trapp's and Min. Espat's lawyers face off

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According to Commissioner Williams, going live on social media for political reasons amounts to a "major offense" according to subsections 1(a) and 2 of Section 24A of the Police Act.

Section 24A 1(a) states that no police officer shall "in any public place or in any document or via any social networking website or other medium or means of communication, whether or not within Belize, publish any information or express any opinion on matters of national security interest or with national or international political implications."

Erlington's justification of Trapp's behavior, however, hinges on his focus on subsection 24A 1(b)1, which appears to suggest that officers are only barred from holding official roles and cannot be barred from being a supporter of a political party.

Subsection 24A (1) is subject to subsection (3), which states that police officers may depart from section 1 if they are acting on official instruction in the execution of their duties, or if the information is published as a lecture approved by the Commissioner of Police given at an educational institution, or an article approved by the Commissioner.

While legal debate is ongoing about whether Trapp violated the regulations governing the conduct expected of a police officer, and whether she should be subject to disciplinary measures for any such violation, the United Democratic Party is calling for a more severe type of punitive action to be taken against Hon. Espat. The party is in fact calling for charges to be brought against him, and for his arrest. A press release issued by the UDP yesterday states, "It has now been more than 48 hours since the report was filed and still no charges have been levied against Espat. To add insult to injury, the police officer assaulted by Julius Espat is now facing disciplinary action by Commissioner Williams while the alleged abuser has not even been approached by police."

It added, "Police officers are constantly being abused by PUP politicians and their goons with no support from the Commissioner."



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## FFB calls National U17 Men's Team to camp

BELMOPAN, Wed. June 8, 2022

The Belize National U17 Men's Team is continuing its training preparations for the CONCACAF U17 Men's Qualifiers to be played from August 23<sup>rd</sup> to the 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

The Technical Staff have selected twenty five (25) players to continue training preparations.

The Football Federation of Belize (FFB) wishes the National U17 Men's Team all the best as they report to camp from Saturday, June 11, at 8:30 a.m. until Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Players called to camp, with their home club and region (Stann Creek – scr; Belize – bze; San Pedro – snp; Mid-South – mds; Toledo – tol; Belmopan – bmp; Corozal – czl; Orange Walk – owk; Cayo – cyo; and Benque – ben), are as follows: **goalkeepers** – Carlos Palacio (Wagiya SC, scr), Edward Humes (Kelly Street FC, bze), Gerrardo Reyes (Sea Warriors FC, snp) and Orlando Jackson (Mid-South Elite, mds);

**defenders** – Clay Flores (New Site FC, scr), Sharlon Martinez (Chuck and Ducks FC, tol), Javier Tobar (Roaring Creek United, bmp), Alexis Mendez (Concepcion Consentidos FC, czl), Kenrick Gordon (Ladyville Rising Stars, bze), Jahlique Lopez (Roaring Creek United, bmp), Brandon Rogers (HUYS, bze), and Dylon Gongora (Roaring Creek United, bmp); **midfielders** – Diego Chan (Caribbean Rum, owk), Daniel Cadle (501 Spartans, mds), Stiven Rivera (Ladyville Rising Stars, bze), Steven Almendarez (San Pedro FC, snp), Kenyon Smith (Stars Academy, bze), Naitan Pastrana (Napoles FC, bmp) and Zylin Flowers (Roaring Creek United, cyo); and **attackers** – Jaheim Mena (Georgetown Ibayani, mds), Arthur Flores (Medina's FC, bmp), Dixon Gamboa (Warriors FC, bze), Santiago Makin (501 Spartans, mds), Keffer Perreau (Stars Academy, bze), and Jayden Lennan (Z Boys FC, ben).

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## San Ignacio & Santa Elena Basketball Association (SSBA) welcomes new Executive

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo District, Wed. June 8, 2022

The San Ignacio & Santa Elena Basketball Association (SSBA) is an independent association composed of local basketball teams which are involved in and are responsible for all aspects of the sport of basketball in the San Ignacio and Santa Elena communities.

Elections were held on Tuesday, June

7, and newly elected executive members are as follows: President – Mark O'Brien; Vice President – Demi Awe; Vice President – Elmer Martinez; General Secretary – Jonelle O'Brien; Treasurer – Karim Juan; Executive Members – Reymundo Rodriguez, Neville Lisbey, Anna Juan, Joe Trapp, Jeffrey Jones, Jovanne Zetina, Vaneene Juan, and Stephanie O'Brien.

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## NSC Recreation & Wellness Basketball Tournament reg. season ends

BELIZE CITY, Mon. June 6, 2022

Ten weeks have gone by already to complete the regular season in the National Sports Council's (NSC) 2022 Belize City Recreation & Wellness Basketball Tournament being played on Friday nights at the Mexico Center courts of the Marion Jones Sports Complex in Belize City. Quarterfinals are next.

The 3 games last Friday night, June 3, were all in Group B.

In the opener, BWS got the 56-47 win over Bowen & Bowen "Belikin Bruwers". Alejandro Baptist of BWS and Clive Reyes of "Belikin Bruwers" each netted 13 points to lead their respective teams.

Game 2 was a convincing 75-53 victory for National Sports Council "Valley" over Department of Youth Services (DYS). Jarret Davis was top scorer with 22 pts for NSC "Valley", while Raheem Flowers led DYS with 15 pts. The "Injectors" was led by Godfrey Arnold with 22 pts, while Francis Sutherland netted 17 pts for Central Bank.

The upcoming Quarterfinals will match the top 4 teams from Group A against the Group B top 4.

GROUP A	GP	W	L
Belize Healthcare "Shooting Stars"	5	1	4
Belize Tax Services "Kollectaz"	5	1	4
Belize Defence Force "Snipers"	5	2	3
Digi	5	3	2
Belize City Council "Dragons"	5	5	0
Customs & Exercise Department	5	3	2

GROUP B	GP	W	L
Department of Youth Services	5	1	4
KMH "Injectors"	5	3	2
National Sports Council "Valley"	5	4	1
Central Bank	5	0	5
BWS	5	4	1
Bowen & Bowen "Belikin Bruwers"	5	3	2

Week 11 Quarterfinals schedule:

Friday, June 10

6:00 p.m. - (A) Belize City Council "Dragons" vs (B) Bowen & Bowen "Belikin Bruwers"

7:15 p.m. - (A) Customs & Excise Department vs (B) KMH "Injectors"

8:30 p.m. - (A) Digi vs (B) BWS

8:30 p.m. - (A) Belize Defence Force "Snipers" vs (B) National Sports Council "Valley"

## Belize in Concacaf Nations League action

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. June 9, 2022

We're hoping for some good news to report on the Belize National Male "A" Team, the Jaguars, who are today playing their third game in the Concacaf Nations League qualifying tournament.

On Thursday, June 2, at the FFB Stadium, Belize lost, 2-0, to Dominican Republic.

Our Jaguars then travelled to Guatemala where they also lost by a 2-0 score to Guatemala on Sunday, June 5.

Today, back home at the FFB

Stadium, they are still scoreless in first half, and Belizean fans are hoping that we will get to see a first goal scored by Belize in this tournament.

We've seen a lot of different lineups, and nothing seems to have worked so far, prompting some fans to question this whole "new style" that our national team is supposed to be playing or learning to play. Notably, Deon McCaulay has started this game on the bench, so it is expected he will come in fresh later on in the game.

Le's go, Belize!

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# FOOTBALL IN BELIZE – THE SAME OR WORSE SINCE BERTIE CHIMILIO



by Wellington C. Ramos, former national football player

On June 9, 2011, I wrote an article that was published in *Caribbean Life* newspaper about the state of football in Belize under the management of the then FFB president Bertie Chimilio and the problems FIFA was having with bribery to vote for their representatives. Since Chimilio left the scene about eleven years ago, the football situation has not improved much, and some can argue that it has gotten worse. All the presidents who replaced him made several promises, to improve the quality of football that is being played in our country, but they have failed to do so. The challenge for our country of Belize is to still develop a football team that can play football competitively in the region and the international arena to

compete and win a World Cup.

The FIFA organization was able to recover from their scandals and concentrate on football development in the countries that are FIFA members. They got rid of most of the incompetent officials who were elected because of payoffs and bribes to get votes from their organizations. Some of them had little experience, expertise, knowledge, or love and passion for the sport of football. All they were interested in was the money that FIFA gave them to manage the sport in their respective countries. For the football players, former football players, fans, business sponsors, supporters and the Government of Belize to allow FFB to continue running football in Belize the way they are managing it and expect better results is wishful thinking. Nothing will change unless we all come together and demand some drastic changes in FFB. Problems remain in league elections,

funding, youth development, training, staffing, primary school

competition, high school competition, college/university competition, inter-district competition and the methods in selecting a national team.

Our government of Belize cannot wait for FIFA to discipline their officials before they plan for the improvement of football in the country. The Minister of Sports must become proactive and get himself involved in this process. I think the Minister should formulate a Sports Commission, to examine the problems with all sports in Belize. At the conclusion of their findings, they will be asked to make recommendations to our country, as to what we can do to improve our quality of sports.

Over the years, judging from my own experience when I played football in Belize, selecting a national football team was always unfair. Many of the people who were chosen to represent the country, were not selected because of their abilities and capabilities. A majority of them were selected because of favoritism. A selection committee should be formed that will be empowered to manage this process.

Through their committee, they can select three of the best players for each position and send them to the training camp to compete among themselves for the positions. However, they must bear in mind that some of our country's rated players are out of the country playing and must be allowed to meet their contractual obligations, but as Belizeans these players should be given the opportunity to participate in the process to represent our country.

In the United States there are many Belizean American players, in a wide range of sporting fields with excellent training, talent, experience, and professional skills. I am not too sure about the new way in selecting our country's national football team. I was told that over the years the country used the team that won the national football tournament as the core team. Then they added other players from several teams to make up the national team. I am opposed to this method and prefer when a national committee is formed, to select three of the best players countrywide for each position.

They will then subsequently attend training camp to compete among themselves for the positions. Belize has six districts, with each one having a president and committee members

who are familiar with the players. Among themselves they should be able to formulate the rules and regulations for selecting the best players for each position in their districts. In addition they could also consider having the fans vote for the best player for each position in the country. This could make the selection process look more transparent, like what is done in the United States for some sports. The government of Belize will have to start soliciting funds for this project, and I am more than convinced that many diehard football fans, businesses, former football players and others will be glad to contribute towards this worthy cause. Sports can be a way to generate employment and income in our country.

For that to occur, we must change our views about it and organize the way the games are being played. We can no longer afford to look at sports from an entertainment perspective only, but as a business also. This is a golden opportunity for the Minister of Sports to demonstrate how serious he is. If he waits too long, he will give the FFB the opportunity to regroup, mobilize and continue to control football in the same fashion in Belize with little success. Since Chimilio left FFB, the organization has received millions of dollars to improve football, but nothing much has improved. I was informed that they even received money to establish a Belize Football Hall of Fame (BFHF) for our players, and they have not done it. If they have failed to show appreciation to our players, then they are not serious, in my opinion. When you are spending more money and you are not getting much return on the money you spend, it is time to rethink about the way you are conducting your business.

The Belize football national team is yet to qualify for the Second Round in the World Cup qualifying games. We are still in the doomsday scenario of football in Belize. Belizeans have been waiting too long to see a high-caliber football team represent their country. The recent failures for Belize to qualify for the World Cup and the CONCACAF tournaments, give us a golden opportunity to change the way football business is being conducted in our country. I am now calling on the Minister of Sports to use his power and act. This chaos and confusion over football in Belize must come to an end, if we are to have any future in this sport.



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## Belize U15 Girls lose, 7-0, to El Salvador in UNCAF Tournament in Costa Rica

BELIZE CITY, Wed. June 8, 2022

Our Belize Girls U15 National Team are currently in San Jose, Costa Rica participating in an UNCAF FIFA Forward 2022 tournament comprising 7 teams – 5 from Central America and 2 from the Caribbean. The tournament, which is supposed to be a "preparation tournament" for the big UNCAF Central American tournament

in August of this year is divided into two groups of 4 and 3 teams, respectively. Belize is in the 3-team Group B along with El Salvador and Dominican Republic.

In our first match yesterday, El Salvador blasted our girls, 7-0. And tomorrow our U15 girls get to redeem themselves against Dominican Republic.

Le's go, Belize U15 Girls!!

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# Youth Services Department launches fatherhood skills training program

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. June 9, 2022

On Monday, June 6, the Department of Youth Services, in partnership with the Leadership Intervention Unit (LIU), launched a fatherhood training program, which is aimed at providing participants with key skills and insights that will enable them to be better fathers.

A group of 30 at-risk young men, many of whom did not grow up in a household in which their father was present, will be the first set of program participants and will be taught about the various roles that a father should play in his children's lives and how to effectively carry out the duties of a father.

Kevin Dawson, Director of the Leadership Intervention Unit, in his comments at the launch of the program, highlighted the purpose of the workshop and noted the critical role played by a parent, particularly a father.

"This workshop is not to suggest that the guys we're working with are not good fathers, but what we want them to do is to understand the nature and responsibility

of being a parent. I'm hoping that there are some tips that they can gather from this workshop that they can use in their everyday lives so that they can improve the relationship with their children," he said.

He further remarked, "... there is a stigma that surrounds these young men in terms of gang violence, and so we want them to understand that where their children are concerned, there must be a level of responsibility and concern that cannot have their families involved in whatever their everyday lifestyle is that will affect them either by going to prison or dying or getting affected by violence in the streets and family comes first; that's the key thing."

Kevin Cadle, Director of the Department of Youth Services, mentioned that a Christian group from the US called "Band of Brothers" will be taking the young men on a retreat from June 8 to the 11, and it is there that the education process will commence.

"We're actually launching an official camp for young men who have to a certain extent not had the opportunity to really and truly reach out to their own children



Fatherhood training

and be fathers to their children. And therefore, as a result of that, we have reached out to a group of Christians in the United States called, 'Band of Brothers' and through our relationship, we're getting ready to launch an official program whereby in the first instance we will literally take the young men out to Matachica, a retreat center, where they will actually teach them about fatherhood," Cadle said.

"... What we have in Belize is a situation, especially in Southside Belize City, is a situation of matrifocality. And matrifocality is whereby women are actually the mother and father in their homes. And so we're trying to see how we can work that gap and strengthen our men so that they can become fathers and be able to take care of their children, which also will lead to a reduction of crime and violence in our society," continued Cadle.

## Summit of the Americas: A squandered opportunity at critical time

by Lucia Newman

9 June 2022 (ALJAZEERA)

A fiasco, a flop, a disappointment: These are just some of the ways that political analysts and Latin American and Caribbean leaders are describing the Summit of the Americas, which is being hosted by US President Joe Biden in Los Angeles.

Even before the summit began this week, the main subject of conversation was not how regional leaders would tackle key common challenges, such as migration, climate change, and economic disparity and cooperation.

Nor was it about how the United States would take advantage of a unique opportunity to put its relationship with Latin America back on track, after four years of neglect under former President Donald Trump.

Instead, even before it began, what fractured the only venue in which the heads of all the countries in the Americas can sit down face to face was Biden's decision to exclude the presidents of three nations: Nicaragua, Cuba and Venezuela.

It is not an issue of support for those countries' respective leaders, Daniel Ortega, Miguel Diaz Canel, and Nicolas Maduro. Most countries in the region

consider them authoritarian and undemocratic, as does Washington.

But by unilaterally excluding three nations that are part of the Americas, arguing that they do not meet the necessary democratic requirements, the White House has turned the clock back to the pre-Obama era.

"It was a mistake and we will say so at the summit," said Chile's President Gabriel Boric as he arrived in Los Angeles.

"No one can save him or herself alone. We have to join forces to achieve better development. We have a right to say that exclusion is not the way. Historically it has never achieved results. And when the United States attempts to exclude certain countries, ultimately it only serves to reinforce their [leaders] actions at home."

A boycott

Mexico's President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador had warned Biden that he would boycott the summit if he excluded the three countries, prompting pleas from the White House, which sent former Democratic Senator Christopher Dodd to the region to try to contain the looming crisis.

But the Mexican leader made good on his threat and stayed home, as have representatives of Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador, Bolivia and several Caribbean



US President Joe Biden [Kevin Lamarque/Reuters]

nations.

Such a snub underscores just how much US influence has waned in its own region.

Mexico's Foreign Minister Marcelo Ebrard, who is attending the summit in his president's place, said the decision to not invite Cuba has set the summit back a decade. "It is a serious error to freeze out countries," Ebrard said.

In a bid to ensure that the leader of Latin America's largest democracy would also not stay home, the White House cut a deal with Brazil's President Jair Bolsonaro, a staunch ally of former President Trump.

Biden agreed to hold bilateral talks with his Brazilian counterpart, but according to the White House, he refused a request to not bring up thorny issues, such as the Amazon and Bolsonaro's attacks against the country's Supreme Court and Electoral Tribunal.

Just before leaving for Los Angeles, Bolsonaro shot back, saying that he was still not convinced that Biden has not stolen the 2020 presidential election from Trump – a provocation that does not bode well for discussions between the leaders of the two largest economies in the Americas.

A question of priorities

The summit also begs the question: how does Biden expect to manage an unprecedented migration crisis in the Americas when Venezuela, a country from which more than six million people have

fled, is not part of the conversation?

Neither are Cuba and Nicaragua, home to tens of thousands of migrants who are heading mostly to the US.

It all seems to go back to the question of priorities, and the fact that for decades Latin America has not been near the top of the list for the US.

Former Peruvian President Pedro Pablo Kuczynski once commented on a conversation he said he had with Trump. "He told me that Latin America was like a good sleeping dog, and that there was no need to wake it up," said Kuczynski.

Recent events suggest that such a view is not only shortsighted, but counter-productive for US strategic interests. China is now the number one trading partner for South America's largest economies – Brazil, Argentina, Chile and Peru – which produce much of the world's copper, lithium, soy and corn. And while China's influence grows steadily in Central America as well, Washington's once-unchallenged leadership in its former "backyard" has arguably descended to historic lows.

The Summit of the Americas, which has taken place every three years since 1994 (delayed only by the coronavirus pandemic), is a key event that once drew much excitement. "I promise you Americas may be remembered as a squandered opportunity at a critical time.

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## Manatee calf found dead..

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team and will be shared with experts for further analysis," the report from SADC says.

While there is no indication that the manatee was run over by a watercraft, boat strikes remain the most common cause of these tragedies. The alliance continues to urge those who traverse CBWS to remain attentive.

An SADC post on Facebook said,

"We, therefore, continue to urge users of the CBWS to remain attentive when piloting watercraft, since we are guests in these gentle giant's habitat! We also remind the public that if you are out in the Bay and notice any marine mammals (or any wildlife!) acting weirdly, please contact SADC personnel using Facebook Messenger (24/7) or by calling 671-1440 (Mon-Fri; 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.). One call can save a wild-life!"

## Big Creek's \$30 mil facility

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Manager at ASR Group-Belize Sugar, mentioned to reporters during the tour, "This facility came about because the owners of Big Creek Port took a decision to dredge this port to 11 meters depth and permits much larger vessels to come in to load on the caye side here. So that 11 meters depth allows the vessel which you see this morning which is a 30,000-ton bulk carrier to come and berth alongside the caye and get loaded alongside the caye... This is the first time a vessel of that size has come and berth and loaded a raw material such as sugar from the caye side itself. That enables us to get a much faster loading rate, and when I say much faster, I mean we used to load 500-tons of sugar a day [and now] we're looking at between 5 and 7,000-tons a day."

He further stated, "The way raw sugar is marketed in the world is against a global price; we call it the New York number eleven price. It's the raw sugar price and it is a traded price, so it is there all the time. But that price is based on the fact you could load sugar at least four thousand tons a day. Now in the past, we couldn't achieve that, so every ton of sugar we were selling, there was a discount for the amount of time it was

taking to load that sugar. We just today, well yesterday when the loading started, overcome that bottleneck and that barrier. That enables us to get a much faster loading rate. And when I say much faster, I mean we used to load, say, 500 tons of sugar a day. We're now looking at somewhere between five and seven thousand tons a day. So that is a major saving for the whole industry."

"It boils down to what you used to have—weeks of loading, it's now down to days and it took a lot of hard work, a lot of investment. If you don't make the investment, you can't think about the payback coming through. And this is a significant investment that BSI has made," highlighted Zaid Flores, Managing Director at the Port of Big Creek.

McLachlan additionally explained, "The facility itself is a major warehousing facility and a molasses storage facility. It's got all the things that go with that, the conveyor systems and everything else, and of course, a major fleet of vehicles to bring sugar and molasses from Tower Hill, down to this facility to enable the loading to take place, and of course, a very state-of-the-art conveyor system for loading into the ship, which is portable. You can move it up and down the ship's length."

## Father says schools rejected...

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admission to not one but two Ladyville primary schools because of the child's dreadlocked hairstyle. Since then, he has taken to the media to express his outrage at what he has called blatant discrimination against a child with dreadlocks.

Kevin Pollard, who first took to social media to voice his frustration with the two schools, Ladyville Evangelical Primary School and Ladyville Seventh Day Adventist Primary School, has claimed that, despite explaining that his son's long, locked hair is a part of their family's customs and religious beliefs, the management of both schools refused to enroll the child.

Pollard spoke with AMANDALA on Wednesday and told us that, since then, he has gotten no closer to enrolling his child in primary school. And as the start of the new school year draws closer, his frustrations have only been mounting.

"Well, at this time I've been trying to get him into other schools, but we are running out of time. I've tried two other schools so far, but they don't have any space, so I'm still trying at this time," he said.

Earlier this week, in response to the aggrieved father's accusations, the General Manager of the Union of Evangelical Churches of Belize Schools (UECB), Eutemio Chi, spoke with reporters from 7News. He claimed that the 5-year-old boy was rejected not because of his hair but because the school had already enrolled the maximum number of students that it could accommodate and simply could not accept any more students.

According to Chi, Pollard came to enroll his son after the school's May 19 registration deadline and was told that the school, Ladyville Evangelical, had no more space. The school administration then informed him that his child could be put on the waiting list. Had they been denying the boy's enrollment for any other reason, said the General Manager, they would not have suggested placing him on the list.

We asked Pollard about the alleged miscommunication, and contrary to Chi's claims, he told us that he had gone as far as sending the principal of the school photos of his son and that, initially, there was no issue. The school administration

even went as far as getting what he says was the last available admission form and giving it to him, making no mention of a waiting list the first time he spoke with them.

"The second day when I went, the principal was not there. I spoke to the vice principal. The vice principal now said 'we don't have space'... I think that's a sign right there that, okay you know what, you're not going to allow my child to come to this school," he said.

"Now you're telling me to go to other schools because you have a long waiting list—you did not tell me this the day before," he added.

According to Pollard, other parents have had similar experiences with the school.

We reached out to the second school, Ladyville SDA Primary School, but the principal was unavailable on both occasions.

Of note is that, according to Chapter 36 of Belize's Education Act (Revised Edition 2003), refusing admission of any citizen or resident of Belize into a school based on race, ethnicity, language, political affiliation, or perceived social and economic status is unlawful, as is the refusal of admission into a government-aided school based on religion.

Despite his frustration, Pollard says that he is not looking to take any legal action.

"I just would like for the schools to follow the rules. They want us to follow the rules, then they need to follow the rules as well. I've been speaking to other people that went through the same thing and they filed lawsuits and they won. With this being said, you would think that across the board, this would be something that is law, meaning that this school cannot say 'oh we're not gonna do this' and this other school can say 'we're gonna do this'. That shouldn't be," he stated.

Pollard told us he feels that, in a society where persons with dreadlocks are government CEOs, ministers, lawyers, and business owners, a child should never be prevented from continuing their education because of their hair.

Nevertheless, countless persons, Belizean and otherwise, have over the years found themselves subjected to antiquated policies that, whether directly or indirectly, promote hair-based discrimination.

## Climate Change key on 9<sup>th</sup> Summit of Americas agenda

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is to achieve 70% renewable energy across the region by 2030.

During his official remarks today at the summit, Prime Minister Briceno said, "Action must include the Paris 2030 delivery agenda. We demand firm plans for developed countries for emission reduction targets in line with the 1.5 degrees centigrade Paris Agreement Temperature goal, a plan to scale up climate finance beyond the floor of the \$100 US billion annually through 2025, and doubling of adaptation finance."

"Today, Vice President Harris announced the U.S.-Caribbean Partnership to Address the Climate Crisis 2030 (PACC 2030). PACC 2030 is the Biden-Harris Administration's new initiative involving fresh commitments to — and integration of — climate adaptation and resilience and clean energy programs across the Caribbean region." A statement from the White House noted.

The overarching goals are Strengthening Energy Security and Promoting Climate Adaptation and Resilience, with four pillars intended to forward those objectives; those include: Improving Access to Development Financing, Facilitating Project Development, and Investment, Enhancing Local Capacity Building, and Deepening Collaboration with Caribbean Partners.

Harris made this announcement in the

presence of CARICOM heads of state today. The first pillar looks at access to financing.

"Recognizing that access to financing is critical to achieving the region's climate and clean energy objectives, PACC 2030 will work to expand existing access to project financing and unlock new financing mechanisms to support climate and clean energy infrastructure development in the region. Key actions under this pillar will include increasing U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (DFC) financing for climate and clean energy projects in underserved Caribbean countries, as well as collaborating with multilateral development banks (MDBs) and multilateral climate and environmental trust funds to improve the policy environment and unlock access to additional infrastructure financing, for the Caribbean." The statement from the White House is outlined in explaining the first pillar.

CARICOM Secretary-General, Carla Barnett in her remarks following Harris' address said, "We are therefore pleased to have this conversation we are aware that our own public sector fiscal constraints limit the extent to which our governments can finance a transition to renewables and therefore the undertaking to provide sources of financing that our private sector can access is really very important."

We will have more on the PACC 2030 initiative in a subsequent issue.

## COMPOL: Sr. Supt Arzu free...

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of four listed Acts. Notably, however, the Village Council Act is not included explicitly on the list.

The legislation states, "A public officer shall not participate actively on behalf of any political party or candidate in any elections held under the — (a) Representation of the People Act; (b) Belize City Council Act; (c) Belmopan City Council Act; (d) Town Councils Act."

During a recent interview, Minister of Public Service and Constitutional Reform, Hon. Henry Charles Usher, noted the aforementioned absence of the Village Council Act, Chapter 88 from the list to which the prohibition in the Public Service Regulations applies, and he pointed out that such elections within villages were meant to be neutral and that section 60(2) only restricts participation by public officers who are representing a political

party. By all indications, Arzu is thus free to contest the Georgeville village council election.

During Monday's police press conference, COMPOL Williams said, "For the most part, if he were to be elected the chairman of Georgetown, he would not be a police officer. He would be out by then. That is one. Two, he is not aligned with a political party. He is running as an independent in Georgetown."

This is in contrast, the COMPOL said, to WPC Trapp, who may face sanctions from the Professional Standards Branch for her apparent participation in village council elections in Teakettle and her subsequent publication of a live video in which she railed against alleged insults which she said were hurled at her by PUP Cayo South area representative, Hon. Julius Espat, during Sunday's Teakettle village council elections.

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## Shyne: The carrots...

**After Minister of Agriculture Hon. Jose Abelardo Mai lambasted the Opposition for their claims that local farmers are suffering losses as a result of their crops rotting in the ground due to poor sales, Leader of the Opposition, Hon. Moses "Shyne" Barrow visited San Carlos, Orange Walk, where he found that the crops are indeed rotting.**

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commented about the matter on her Facebook page.

Those comments, however, prompted a crudely worded rebuttal by Minister Mai at the most recent sitting of the House of Representatives last Friday, June 3. "She spoke about carrots and putting old pictures from under their term, Madam Speaker. She is confused...", he had remarked.

He went on to say, "Confusing carrots for something else, definitely. You are confused, my dear. So, Madame Speaker, when you put nonsense on Facebook like that, it is shaming, man. Let me tell you something, you need to correct yourself. Unconfuse yourself. When you go and sit down on the carrots and take a photograph, I will believe it. The next time you go to San Carlos, you go and sit on the carrots and take a photograph and make it evidence. Do not come here and lie. You are deceiving people. Unconfuse your sensation, please," he had said.

And while Hon. Panton did not take a trip to the Orange Walk village, the Leader of the Opposition, Hon. Moses "Shyne" Barrow did, and he confirmed that the carrots are indeed rotting.

"Thousands of dollars in spoiled carrots in San Carlos, Orange Walk!" wrote the Opposition leader on his social media page Wednesday, alongside a photograph of himself inspecting the crops.

In a subsequent public statement he said, "... it was very disheartening to see thousands and thousands of dollars in carrot crops, and onions as well, completely spoiled and wasted. Which is exactly the report that the Honourable Tracy Panton, my colleague from Albert, gave to the Minister."

Barrow said that he paid a visit to the farmers of San Carlos alongside Lupe Magana, Orange Walk South caretaker for the UDP, to "address their concerns about their spoiled crops". He claimed that the carrots had flowered and spoiled "due to Minister Mai allowing import license for Mexican carrots" and also blamed the Government's inability to control contraband.

In a video also shared by the Opposition Leader, the UDP caretaker can be heard explaining that the carrots, ready to be harvested, have been in the ground for about six months now.

Hon. "Shyne" Barrow has proposed that the Government make a greater effort to ensure that local farmers sell all their produce before

opening the market to imported vegetables. He criticized the Briceño administration for approving licenses for the importation of Mexican produce without giving farmers the opportunity to sell their crops.

Notably, Minister Mai, when the reports of the rotting carrots had first surfaced, had stated, "But I do not know of carrots rotting in the fields. My technicians were asked to go out and give me a comprehensive report. The report hasn't come in as yet this morning, but from the preliminary report I got, there are no carrots rotting in the field. But there is a slow movement of carrots, because again, they over-supply, and we're trying to ensure that no contraband comes. We're trying to manage that well."

Minister Mai had also indicated that he had attempted to establish a trade arrangement with El Salvador, through which carrots grown in Belize would have been bought by that country, but he said that locally produced carrots did not meet El Salvador's size requirements, and as a result Belize has not been able to sell its carrots to that foreign market.

Just one day after news of the rotting carrots broke, the Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security, and Enterprise issued a press release informing that "for the first time in the history of Belize, carrot farmers are on track to produce enough carrots to supply the local market for up to 10 months." The release also addressed Barrow's accusations that the Government has been excessively approving importation licences, stating that since October of last year, no new permits have been issued and that any imported carrots on the local market are the result of contraband.

According to the release, up until 2020, local farmers were only able to supply the local market with carrots for six months, hence the need for importation. The press release then goes on to applaud the efforts of local farmers in carrot-growing communities, including San Carlos.

Previously, the Minister of Agriculture had stated that while there were supposedly no carrots rotting in the fields, farmers were having trouble selling them due to overproduction.

"The ministry categorically states that, at this time, there is no massive oversupply of carrots, only a shift in supply from the rest of the country to San Carlos and Concepcion," said the release.

The Ministry also added that it is normal to have 3% to 5% of losses in carrots in the field, claiming that anyone saying otherwise is misleading the Belizean public and is engaging in "political mischief" and "recklessness".

## PM's "real talk" at 9<sup>th</sup> Summit...

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Caribbean region, through its innovative financing programs. Venezuela's absence is unforgivable."

Prime Minister Gaston Brown of Antigua and Barbuda, despite strong comments on the matter of exclusion of the three states, also departed for LA yesterday, and Jamaica's Prime Minister, Andrew Holness, is in attendance at the summit as well. Mia Mottley, the Prime Minister of Barbados, is also in attendance. By all indications, the only Caribbean leader reportedly not in attendance is Prime Minister of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Prime Minister Ralph Gonsalves.

The Secretary-General of the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America (ALBA), Sacha Llorenti, said in a press conference on May 31 that the 9th Summit of the Americas has already failed and that it is "neither a summit nor a Summit of the Americas."

He said, "The United States has no interest in promoting democracy or human rights", and "what it wants is for its conditions to be imposed and its interests prioritized above the common interests of the region."

Reports are that the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) has planned a summit parallel to that of the one being hosted in Los Angeles where representatives from Cuba, Venezuela, and Nicaragua could participate.

"Since the outbreak of COVID-19, Venezuela, Syria, and Iran have been grappling with severe difficulties with a struggling economy and strained medical resources due to prolonged US sanctions. Under such circumstances, the US, rather than halting those sanctions, redoubled them, making things even worse for these countries." China's Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Zhao Lijian said in a recent press conference.

He added, "Under the pretext of so-called democracy and human rights, the US has been ganging up to suppress countries that have different opinions, wantonly abused unilateral sanctions, and interfered in and manipulated the internal affairs of countries in Latin America and the Caribbean. This is typical hegemony that gravely violates the purposes of the UN Charter and the basic norms governing international relations, and seriously contravenes the sovereignty and dignity of countries in the region. China firmly rejects this. I would like to stress that Latin America is by no means a 'front court' or 'backyard' of a certain country, and the Summit of the Americas is not a 'Summit of the United States of America'. The US scheme to interfere in regional affairs by taking advantage of its capacity as the host of the Summit of the Americas is doomed to fail."

It must be noted that a caravan of thousands of migrants is en route to the US-Mexican border in hopes of

crossing over to California while President Biden is still in that state. The US Migration Policy Institute says that Los Angeles is the home of more immigrants from Mexico than anywhere else in Central America.

On the issue of migration, Prime Minister Briceño stated that they have made requests to access a portion of the \$1.9 billion in private-sector funding being provided to boost job opportunities in the region in hopes of stemming the tide of migration into the United States. PM Briceño said we will need funds to protect our own borders, and he pointed out that most of the caravan headed to the US are coming from El Salvador, Honduras, and Guatemala, some of our direct neighbors.

"The US refers to them as the Northern Triangle, and have been talking to them as to how they could address the threat of migration to the US. Now we are told that Vice-President Harris is going to announce a \$1.5 billion to assist these three countries to be able to control the migration coming into the United States. We've said it to them already, and I'll repeat it again: we feel very strongly that we should also be included with these other three countries, because once you block off those other three countries, what are they going to do? They are going to come to Belize; we don't have the resources; we don't have the manpower to be able to stop a migrant caravan of 5, 10 thousand people. So, we feel strongly that we should be included in a part of this discussion and also with the funds that are being made available in Central America," PM Briceño said.

During his official remarks this evening at the summit, the PM took the opportunity to illustrate the economic reality of CARICOM member states in light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and recent strains brought on by the war in Ukraine.

"Notwithstanding the six percent recovery in global growth in 2021, CARICOM member states, except for Guyana, recorded an average growth rate of one percent. A few member states experienced even further GDP losses, ranging from negative one percent to negative 6.3 percent. Member states were expected to record a stronger growth performance in 2022, but the effects of the war, rising inflation, rising oil costs, and further supply chain distributions have led the IMF to downgrade growth projections for the region. We cannot continue on this path; the recession was not of our making. We have come to Los Angeles to agree on specific deliverables on climate change, debt relief, access to concessionary financing, energy, and food security," PM Briceño said.

The summit concludes on Friday, June 10. Prime Minister Briceño returns on the 11th.

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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 45, Parcel 2349  
Port Loyola, Belize City**

All that piece or parcel of land being Block #45, Parcel #2349, situated on Faber's Road, Port Loyola, Belize City, together with all erections thereon. It is located in one of the newest developing areas of Belize City on the Southside and has a total area of 481.71 sq.yds (402.266 sq m). Access to the property is by way of the gravel road off the George Price Highway.

The subject property is held in the Freehold Interest in the name of Richard Menzies.



**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 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.



**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.



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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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