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Florencio Marin, Sr., the savior of the sugar industry?



Florencio Marin Sr.

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A number of eyebrows were raised when it was reported that former PUP Cabinet minister, and father of two current Cabinet members, 80-year-old Florencio Marin, Sr., had been contracted to serve as a one-year advisor to the government of Belize, specifically to assist the Sugar Industry Control Board (SICB), in brokering a new commercial agreement between the sugar cane farmers represented by the Belize Sugar Cane Farmers Association (BSCFA) and the company which mills and exports the cane, Belize Sugar Industries Ltd. (BSI). That agreement is due to expire on July 31, 2022, which is roughly two months away, and at this time the industry is being held together by a fragile interim agreement, signed by the parties in January of this year following a standoff that had threatened to derail the sugar harvest.

Notably, the interim agreement that is currently in place was a hastily cobbled-together arrangement that required the mediation of both the Prime Minister and the Minister of Agriculture after an

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BEL moving toward renewable energy



BEL moving to Solar and Wind renewable energy

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Yesterday, senior managers of the Belize Electricity Limited (BEL) held a media briefing at which they provided an update on strides being made by the company to improve energy delivery and the reliability of such energy provision within the country. The

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Stake Bank's appeal denied



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Earlier this week the Supreme Court of Belize denied an application by the attorneys for Stake Bank Enterprise Ltd. for leave to appeal the court's decision in March of this year to strike out the company's claim for judicial review of an

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Above-normal hurricane season predicted!



Hurricane Nana making landfall in Belize 2020
(Photo by AP News)

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The experts at the National Meteorological Service (NMS) in Belize are predicting that the 2022 Atlantic Hurricane Season will be another above-average year, fueled by warm sea surface

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Healthcare providers meet to prepare for potential disasters

by Khaila Gentle

BELMOPAN, Wed. June 1, 2022

At the Ministry of Health & Wellness' annual Health Cluster Committee Meeting held in



The Ministry of Health Annual Health Cluster Committee Meeting

Belmopan this Wednesday, representatives from various organizations and facilities in the health sector discussed their

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PM: Bread price announcement to be made at House meeting!



Hon. John Briceño, Prime Minister of Belize

Prime Minister of Belize, Hon. John Briceño, in reference to an impending hike in the price of bread, said that an announcement about the price of bread will be made at the upcoming meeting of the House of Representatives.

in the price of wheat due to the ongoing war between Russia and Ukraine, which are two of the world's largest exporters of that grain. Confirmation a few weeks earlier from the Controller of Supplies in the Supplies Control Unit of the Ministry of Agriculture Lennox Nicholson, the ADM Belize mills, which produces La Gitana and Bebe Agua flour, had submitted a request for an increase in the controlled prices had further solidified the expectation that a bread price hike could not be avoided. And when

local bakers also submitted requests for permission to increase the price of bread, most Belizeans thought the new prices were a done deal.

But during that last week in April of this year, when a number of bakeries and stores started selling

bread formerly priced at \$1.75 per pack for \$2.50, several members of Cabinet informed the public that the price hike had not been approved.

An AMANDALA article dated Wednesday, April 27, stated that during an interview earlier that week, "Minister

of Education Hon. Francis Fonseca noted that, because the prices of flour and bread are controlled by government, and since government has not yet given the green light for any change in the base prices of those products, any increase in the price of bread is illegal, and store owners selling at new rates are in direct violation of the law."

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

The public was then informed that Cabinet had asked the Minister of Agriculture and Food Security, Hon. Jose Mai, to present a paper on the bakers' request so that a substantive discussion could be carried out before any decision was made.

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

The AMANDALA had thus reported, "Cabinet has announced that there will

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

Today, however, the Prime Minister of Belize, while talking to local reporters, made remarks that seem to indicate that the government might be ready to allow bakers, who have been saying that their expenses now exceed their earnings, to make price alterations so that they can stay financially afloat.

GoB might officially give that green light to the bakers tomorrow, June 3, during the upcoming sitting of the House of Representatives.

Hon. Briceño told local media on Thursday, June 2, that the Minister of Agriculture, Food Security & Enterprise, Hon. Jose Mai, who had submitted to Cabinet the bakeries' proposals for adjustments to the price of a 16-ounce loaf of bread, will be making an announcement at tomorrow's House of Representatives meeting regarding the Cabinet's decision.

"We're trying to find a way to minimize the increase in bread. Everybody knows that price will have to go up, and we're trying to find creative ways on how we can hold down the price as best as we can, and Minister Mai, who's his responsibility, will be making an announcement tomorrow at the House meeting," said PM Briceño.

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In late April, some Belizeans began to notice an uptick in the price of locally produced packs of bread in various grocery stores and supermarkets, and reports began circulating that the price of bread had indeed "gaan up"! For many members of the public, it was an inevitability that they had been expecting, due to the increased prices of various ingredients used by bakers in the preparation of their dough as well as materials used during production and in packaging—most notably the increase

GOB to introduce Bill to amend Belizean Nationality Act

by Khaila Gentle

BELMOPAN, Thurs. June 2, 2022

A bill to amend the Belizean Nationality Act, Chapter 161, of the Laws of Belize is expected to be introduced at the next sitting of the House of Representatives this Friday, June 3. According to a Cabinet brief issued this week, the amendment will provide for the implementation of

Amnesty 2022.

As readers will recall, the Government of Belize is in the process of carrying out the country's third ever amnesty program, which will grant permanent residency to undocumented migrants and registered asylum seekers living in the country. An estimated 40,000 to 60,000 persons are expected to be granted amnesty.

Couple and toddler rescued at sea

CAYE CAULKER, Belize District, Tues. May 31, 2022

A family of three, including a toddler, are lucky to be alive after having been rescued at sea this week. Sometime on Tuesday evening, May 31, Antoine Parham, who is undergoing training to be a tour guide, was departing from the island of Caye Caulker and heading to San Pedro when he noticed what he initially thought were logs. Upon closer inspection, however, Parham realized it was actually a couple attempting to swim to shore, and in their hands was their infant son.

Parham, aided by the passengers on his boat, made his way over to the family, and quickly brought them on board. According to reports, the couple had been kayaking a few miles away from shore when their boat capsized.

Parham told local reporters that he



The moment boaters rescue a family of three

is glad he was there to render aid, adding that he hopes anyone else who comes across similar situations would do the same.

WHO: Monkeypox likely won't become pandemic

The recent outbreak of Monkeypox has made its way to Latin America, with Mexico and Argentina having confirmed one case each this week. One WHO official has stated that currently, the organization is "not concerned about a global pandemic"

by Khaila Gentle

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Multiple clusters of the Monkeypox viral infection—known to cause flu-like symptoms and pus-filled skin lesions—have been identified in over a dozen countries where the virus is not usually reported, including Australia, the United Arab Emirates, and several nations across Europe and North America. As a result of this, the World Health Organization (WHO) has issued a Disease Outbreak News update to raise awareness and inform response efforts to the smallpox-like virus.

According to the WHO, the Monkeypox situation "is evolving" and it is expected that more cases will be identified as surveillance of the virus in non-endemic countries expands. At present, the public health body says that



Image Credit: AP

while there are still many unknowns related to the recent spike in cases, the risk to the general public is still low.

On Saturday, May 28, health officials in Mexico reported the country's first confirmed case—a 50-year-old permanent resident of New York who Mexico's deputy health secretary, Hugo Lopez-Gatell, reported has been kept in isolation and is in stable condition.

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GG attends the Queen's Platinum Jubilee



by *Khaila Gentle*

LONDON, England, Thurs. June 2, 2022

The Governor General of Belize, H.E. Dame Froyla Tzalam, will be attending Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee this week in London. The Platinum Jubilee Central Weekend, which takes place from 2nd to 5th June, is being held in celebration of the 70th year of the Queen's reign.

"The Queen has ruled for longer than any other monarch in British history, becoming a much loved and respected figure across the globe," said a press release from the Governor General's Office.

Queen Elizabeth II is the first British

monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, having reigned since February 6, 1952, and is the longest reigning female monarch in the world. The length of her reign surpassed that of her great-great-grandmother Victoria, who reigned for 63 years, in 2015.

According to the British government, the weekend-long celebration will be a "once-in-a-generation show," mixing "the best of British ceremonial splendour and pageantry with cutting-edge artistic and technological displays."

Dame Froyla Tzalam will be joined by other Governor Generals and Heads of State from across the Commonwealth. During her time away, Ambassador Stuart Leslie will be acting as Deputy Governor General.

Burrell Boom single mom seeks assistance after house collapses



by *Khaila Gentle*

BURRELL BOOM, Belize District, Tues. May 31, 2022

A family of five in Burrell Boom village is asking for the public's help after the recent heavy rains caused their home to collapse. The house, which was supported by wooden beams that had been decaying over time, toppled over on Monday with the family, who narrowly escaped severe injury, inside.

Owner of the home, 46-year-old Merlin Hob, told reporters that she felt

the house rocking in the early hours of the morning. While Hob and four of her five children were able to exit the falling house unscathed, one of her sons was injured, albeit not severely, by a falling fridge.

The single monther, who is seeking to rebuild the home in order to provide shelter to her children, has asked for the public's assistance. For those wishing to help out, whether in the form of food, clothing, building supplies, or financial assistance, Merlin Hob can be contacted at 600-7266.



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Footballer charged for shooting that injured woman, 30

An 18-year-old football player was arrested and charged for firing shots on Monday night that injured a 30-year-old woman who was sitting 50 feet away from the scene of the shooting.

by *Charles Gladden*

BELIZE CITY, Wed. June. 1, 2022

It was reported earlier this week that shots which were fired near the corner of Gibnut and Curassow Streets in Belize City on Monday night, May 30, wounded a 30-year-old woman who was located 50 feet away from the scene of the shooting and who is the older sister of the man who was the gunman's target.

According to police reports, at around 7:15 p.m., Anthony Parham, 19, a Belizean construction worker of Curassow Street, Belize City, was walking on Curassow Street from the direction of Raccoon Street towards Cemetery Road, and was approached by an unknown triggerman who fired a barrage of bullets in his direction when he reached the corner of Curassow and Gibnut Streets.

When the shots were fired, Joanna Parham, 30, who is reportedly the older sibling of Anthony Parham and who was sitting about fifty feet away from the scene of the shooting, was wounded in her body. The bullets that were fired also reportedly damaged two vehicles



Shemar Gillett, arrested and charged with multiple offenses

in the area.

Joanna Parham was transported to the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital for medical treatment.

On Wednesday, June 1, police formally arrested and charged well-known football player, Shemar Gillett, 18, in connection with the shooting.

Gillett has been charged with two (2) counts of use of deadly means of harm, two (2) counts of wounding, and two (2) counts of harm.

BEL moving toward renewable energy

Solar, wind, and battery energy are the future of Belize's energy generation, say BEL's senior managers. BEL is transitioning from reliance on Mexican energy supplier, CFE.

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key point made by the managers was that data drawn from its most recent *Least-costs Generation and Transmission Study* clearly indicates that the best path for the country is a transition to solar, wind, and battery energy, all renewable sources, which will be generated in-country, and according to one representative from BEL, this would reduce the reliance on Mexican power from Comisión Federal de Electricidad (CFE).

Last Friday evening, power supply was interrupted across the country unexpectedly, and BEL, in a release on the matter, had indicated that they lost supply from Mexico's CFE, but were able to reconnect the entire country through the reorganization of power supply from local independent power producers — which taught Karique Marin, Manager of Distribution Planning and Engineering at BEL, a key lesson:

He explained, “BEL lost supply from CFE at approximately 3:55 p.m., due to a fault on the Yucatan grid. The dispatch profile at the time comprised CFE, BECOL, BELCOGEN, Santander, and BAPCOL. At the time of the incident, approximately the 56% of energy to BEL customers was supplied by CFE.” When this supply went down, local producers were able to produce enough energy to keep certain sections of the country connected, but a total grid failure was imminent.

“We did, however, later on, suffer a total power outage for the entire country as our local IPPs were unable to support the demand of these areas that remained online. All the local IPPs were highly responsive during this critical time. When the grid collapsed, that was during the restoration process, and as mentioned, we did not have as much local supply to match the load. So, we did lose the entire grid.” Marin explained, but he noted that they took a little over two hours to restore power, by synchronizing the local IPPs to the grid to re-connect before CFE reconnected.

“The system was restored before we reconnected at the CFE. So, what happened was we brought on local supply that was then synchronized to the grid, and then re-energized most customers within that two and a half hours. Learning from this incident, however, BEL and its IPPs will make adjustments to restore as quickly as possible for any future event.” Marin said.

At this time, BEL is reliant on energy from CFE as the source of 55% of the grid's energy, according to the BEL representatives, with local IPPs producing energy using hydro and biomass sources that together produce approximately 45% of the energy supply needed to maintain the roughly 110-megawatt grid. The company is seeking to put in place more renewable energy generation technology to tap into the local energy potential, and allow those sources to feed the grid and provide our primary source of power,

while the power from Mexico would serve as a backup supply when there are opportunities to take advantage of more competitive prices.

Sean Fuller, General Manager, Commercial and Retail Services, of BEL explained, “The study is saying we can have as much as 45 to 60 megawatts additional solar, on the network. It also speaks of wind technology that we're able to be able to experiment with, based on the studies that are showing the potential for wind in certain areas of the country. It also calls for battery systems, where we will install ten or 20 megawatt-sized battery technology systems for an immediate response when we have issues on the network, and also for solar intermittency.”

He said that while there is room for utilizing natural gas plants as an energy source as well, this current phase of their efforts is focused on generating renewable energy using the sun, wind, and batteries. For solar energy operations, which, as mentioned, have the potential to generate as much as 60 megawatts of power for the grid, the company is looking to distribute solar infrastructure to its customers, which will generate the electricity they need, while any surplus energy would be channeled to the national grid. Persons who already have solar panels are allowed to sell their excess energy to the company.

“We want to be able to compensate customers for the energy they export back to the grid, but we are also contemplating providing, in fact, we've done the studies, we've done the development of customer propositions to be able to offer our customers solar PV systems where we will own and operate the solar on your roof. You will have zero out-of-pocket. We will install the solar on your roof, you will enjoy the benefit of green energy, you will enjoy the benefit of the cheaper sources or the cheaper energy from that solar PV system, you will remain our customer and so there will not be a revenue loss. It will just simply mean that the sources of energy that we have to purchase to supply will also come from you,” Fuller said.

The BEL reps said that the transition to local production of renewable energy will stabilize the cost of power, and reduce the variability of prices by reducing the reliance on fossil fuel, while making Belize an independent power producer itself, with potential down the road to sell excess energy to Mexico and Guatemala.

And while we currently produce renewable energy at the hydro and biomass plants in Belize, reliance on those sources will depend on various environmental factors, driving home the importance of the rollout of the three new proposed sources. The BEL managers said that they expect no additional cost to customers for the rollout of this project and suggested, in fact, a possible reduction in the cost of power for customers when these renewable sources are rolled out.

“As it relates to, obviously there was a

Above-normal hurricane season predicted!

A warm Atlantic basin and prevailing La Niña conditions point to a highly active season ahead.

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temperatures in the Atlantic Basin and ongoing La Niña conditions. Of note, this is the seventh consecutive above-average Atlantic Hurricane Season, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). This year, the Climate Prediction Center at NOAA is indicating that there's a 65% chance there will be above-average storm activity during the season, which runs from June 1 to November 30, while there's a 25% chance of a near-normal season, and a 10% chance of a below-normal season.

It is being projected that between 14 to 21 named storms will form, and between 3 and 6 of those could become major hurricanes (Categories 3, 4 and 5).

Ronald Gordon, Chief Meteorologist, says that the dominant La Niña conditions are the primary factor driving the projections for an active season.

“The first factor this year is indicating that we are unlikely to have an El Niño and more likely to have La Niña conditions. Briefly, an El Niño situation would tend to suppress activity because of the fact that you'd have more storms developing over the eastern Pacific Ocean, and when those storms develop, they tend to vent a lot of strong breeze that at the higher levels of the atmosphere and resulting in what we call wind shear, which will tear tropical systems apart. On the contrary, La Niña, you would have less activity on that size, therefore less vertical wind shear and therefore more support for tropical cyclone activity on the Atlantic side,” Gordon pointed out.

He added, “The other factor is whether the Atlantic basin is warmer than normal or cooler than normal, and that factor is also favorable for tropical cyclone development, because this year, it appears that the Atlantic basin will be warmer than normal. The warmer the sea surface temperatures, the more fuel you have for tropical cyclone development.”

According to NOAA, along with these factors, weaker tropical Atlantic trade winds and an enhanced West African Monsoon will also contribute to the increased activity this season.

“An enhanced West African Monsoon supports stronger African Easterly Waves, which seed many of the strongest and longest lived hurricanes during most seasons,” a recent article from NOAA outlines.

In Belize, the MET office and NEMO held a press conference yesterday to remind citizens of the start of the hurricane season and to advise each family to begin creating a plan in the event of a disaster.

A release from the NMS and NEMO states, “Seasonal predictions give us an indication of how active a particular hurricane season is expected to be, but they do not tell us when a particular hurricane season will develop or where it will track once developed. One or more of the 14 to 21 named storms forecast to develop this season could hit the country, or none at all. Therefore, as a nation located in an area vulnerable to the hazards posed by tropical cyclones, we should be prepared each year no matter what the forecast is.”

Ret'd Lt. Col. Shelton Defour, NEMO Coordinator, reminded all Belizeans to create an emergency plan of action in the event of a storm.

“Important is having your emergency family plan, having some degree of emergency food and water. We know there are some people who would be able to do that, but those who can, need to plan, need to stack up, and as I heard somebody say on a media house this morning, if you don't have your plan on paper stick on your refrigerator, at least have the plan in your mind. You must know what you need to do in times of disaster, and those who can help, we are obligated to help the less fortunate. So it has to be a team effort and a community effort. That is what Belize is built on, so in those times of emergency, we are asking for that mindset to look out for and support those who are needy,” Defour said.

He reminded citizens to also make a plan for pets, often left behind in times of emergency, since animals will not be allowed in hurricane shelters.

“We strongly recommend, based on what we are seeing on the landscape, meaning there are quite a few places now that are available to shelter pets, so we would like to ask people to make plans for their pets, so that they can take their pets to some place of safety before boarding buses or going to shelters... We need to make sure that the priority for saving lives are people, even though we are very close to our pets and we need them,” NEMO Coordinator Defour said.

The NMS will launch a 24-hour forecast for the major municipalities and will “also be issuing a more detailed and graphically enhanced once-weekly tropical weather outlook,” NEMO said in its release.

The last hurricane to make landfall in Belize was Nana, a category 1 storm which struck the country on September 3, 2020, causing minor damage across the country. Later that year, two storms, Eta and Iota, battered Guatemala and caused historic flooding in Belize and across Central America. Last year, the storm that passed nearest to Belize was Hurricane Grace, which made landfall in Tulum, Mexico.

shock [with] the increase in fossil fuels which impact both the generation at Caye Caulker, the generation at the Mile 8 sub-station facility and the BAPCOL facility down south that are reliant on fossil fuels. Niche plans that we have that start

immediately is for us to be less reliant on these facilities and more reliant on renewable energy resources — solar, wind and the cheap power that we can when it's available from Mexico,” Fuller said.



Close the door on Dermens

Former three-time UDP government minister, John Saldivar, has repeatedly told Belizeans about all the wonderful things he was able to do with funds he received from Lev Dermen, a crook whose present residence is a US jail. Mr. Saldivar isn't the first Belizean to receive funds from suspect persons/sources, but he is the one who got burned the worst. Mr. Saldivar won a convention to lead the UDP, and three days later he was forced to step down after his association with the unsavory Dermen was revealed. PM Barrow made it appear that it was his sole decision that Mr. Saldivar's suspect association was too damning for him to hold such a high position, but undercurrents suggest there was considerable pressure from a powerful foreign country.

It is rare, almost unheard of, for someone to give out substantial sums of money with no strings attached. It was revealed that Mr. Dermen, a naturalized American with business ties to Turkey, wanted to be an honorary consul to Belize. His ambition reportedly was frowned on by the US government, but his friends, particularly Saldivar, didn't give up their support for him readily. The fraudster reportedly had discussions with a number of other UDP ministers, in his quest to be a voluntary diplomat.

It isn't known why Dermen was so determined to be appointed as an honorary consul to Belize. OCCRP, the Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project, says that by convention (the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations (1963)) honorary consuls do not have diplomatic immunity, nor are their family members or employees covered by immunity provisions. The honorary consul post aside, Dermen must have felt he was making a great investment. In 2020, Saldivar was a leading

candidate in a convention to decide who would lead the UDP into the next general election, and if fortune smiled on his candidacies, Mr. Dermen, to put it politely, would have had a direct line to the Prime Minister of Belize.

Another unwholesome person who apparently had a business connection with our political leaders was Won Hong Kim, a South Korean. Somehow, Mr. Kim, who was in a jail in Taiwan and could show no records of ever visiting Belize, was issued a Belize passport. Minister of State at the time, Elvin Penner reportedly signed immigration documents for Mr. Kim, for which deeds he was subsequently removed from office. We don't know Mr. Penner's interest; maybe he was a Good Samaritan. We know what Mr. Kim's interest was. Media reports say he was trying to avoid being extradited to South Korea, where he was wanted for embezzling huge sums of money from a shipping company.

Belizeans are not naïve. They have watched local leaders engage with crooks, and with rapacious local and foreign entities that get

extraordinary favors from our governments. They have literally watched local leaders grow fat in office, while the poverty rate in our country increases year after year. Belizeans know that if we will get our governments to serve the people better, we have to control the people who sponsor the political parties. As Marco A. Lopez wrote last week in the *Amandala*, in his article titled, "Fiesta o Partido?", "Our so-called political parties, while they give lip-service to the importance of checking the monster of campaign financing and baggage that comes along with it, make no true attempts to implement the necessary changes, to protect themselves from predators, and more importantly the assets and interests of the Belizean people."

The people's cry for our political system to be protected hasn't been successful, but they keep fighting. A main platform of third parties such as the VIP and the BPP was that we establish campaign financing laws. The NTUCB took to the streets prior to the last general election, and primary among their demands was for politicians to disclose campaign contributions over \$1,000, for limits to be placed on the amounts individuals and businesses could contribute to political parties, and for donors and their donations to be disclosed to the public during election season.

The people thought they had found a champion when the PUP, a party which has held office on a number of occasions but which had been turned away at the polls three consecutive times beginning in 2008, promised to address the problem. In its 2020-to-2025 manifesto, the PUP swore not only to make the Elections & Boundaries Commission more independent, fix election dates, and register political parties, but also to "introduce campaign finance reform with legislation to ensure disclosure of campaign contributions." Speaking on his party's promise to the people, then opposition leader, Hon. John Briceño, told *Channel Five* there was a need to define and set standards for political parties, and that we had to decide if we will have a private, a public, or a private-public model for campaign financing.

No matter the political system, the party that sits in government controls the purse of the country, and both saints and sinners will try to get their tentacles into the ones on top. It's no stroll in the park to control campaign donations. Even the self-proclaimed world's best democracy, the USA, has difficulty protecting their electoral system. Ms. Miriam Marks, in a discussion of timely disclosure of campaign financing in a 2016 article in *Zócalo Public Square, a magazine of ideas from Arizona State University*, exposed deep flaws in their system.

Marks said that by law, information on the financing of political campaigns must be divulged, but the identities of the largest donors to "super PACs (the main money-vehicle through which candidates receive donations) cannot be determined until months after the contributions were made." Also, "social welfare groups that are not required to disclose their donors... exert their influence by funding candidates and super PACs in anonymity."

It's not an easy task to control campaign financing, but it cannot be that vermin and voracious feeders have such easy access to our leaders and so much influence on our electoral process. It is urgent that we devise and implement sensible campaign financing laws. It will take serious work, and if the PUP will deliver on its promise of campaign financing reform, it had better get on with the job.

The party has been in office a year and a half now, and not only has no bill been tabled, but the party hasn't even engaged the people in a discussion. The PUP doesn't mind tabling bills straight from the party's think tank, and having us express our views afterward. This one they haven't come close to touching.

Quite likely the PUP is under "manners" from the suspects who perennially fund their party. No doubt the party loves the status quo very much and would want to ride it some more. But Belizeans have had it with the rotten system. They demand a system that isn't a wide open door to more Dermens.



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Media personality accused of sexual assault

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. June 2, 2022

A well-known media personality from the Cayo District, Javier Gutierrez, has been accused of sexually assaulting a female employee of the Belize Border Management at the Western Border, where Gutierrez was serving as the site manager.



Javier Gutierrez, accused of sexual assault

on May 16 of this year, they issued a warrant for his arrest.

Notably, the allegations made by the victim have been bolstered by the claims of another female worker at the facility who has publicly made similar allegations against Gutierrez.

After Gutierrez was charged for two counts of sexual assault at the Benque

Viejo Police Station, bail was provided for him by a Justice of the Peace, so he was able to avoid a stay at the Belize Central Prison. He is expected to appear in court on Thursday, June 2, for arraignment.

The alleged incident took place on June 20, 2021, when, according to the alleged victim, Gutierrez put his hands inside her shirt and touched her breast. Since that incident occurred, police have been investigating the matter, and

Baby eats poisoned bread

by Charles Gladden

ORANGE WALK, Wed. June 1, 2022

A two-year-old baby girl from San Felipe Village, Orange Walk District, is being treated at the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital after she swallowed a pesticide that is intended for agricultural use but that was being used in her home to kill rats.

The child's mother, Noemi Santos, 33, a San Felipe resident, told police that on Tuesday night, May 31, at about 7:00 p.m., her husband, Orlando Santos, 42, placed pieces of bread soaked in Lannate pesticide on top of the headboard of their bed in order to kill any rats in their home.

A few moments later, their two-year-old daughter, Melanie Santos, was seen eating the pieces of bread left for the rats. Orange Walk police reportedly received a call shortly after (presumably from the alarmed parents) that notified them that a female had ingested poison and was experiencing convulsions.

The child was rushed to the Northern Regional Hospital and then to the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital, where her condition is listed as critical but stable.

In an interview with 7News, Miriam Serrut, Registrar of Pesticides at the Pesticides Control Board (PCB), indicated that Lannate is one of the deadlier agricultural pesticides and is not intended for domestic use.

"... It is a serious issue that concerns us a lot that pesticide retailers are recommending pesticides that are



Lannate poison

intended for agricultural use; they're recommending it for other uses. That practice has got to stop Pesticides are poisons. And Lannate, for example, contains an active ingredient called Methomyl. Methomyl is highly hazardous—all these formulations, they belong to the higher level of hazard. They present the highest level of hazard, especially, well in the case of Methomyl, which is the active ingredient of Lannate. The lethal dose for that is 358 milligrams per kilo of body weight. So it becomes even more critical if we're talking about a child, because it's less body weight."

Serrut also indicated that, fortunately, there is an antidote that can counter the effects of Lannate. It is known as atropine, and this is presumably what's being used to treat the child at the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital.

Police are investigating.



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Que se le cierra la puerta a Dermens

El tres veces exministro de gobierno UDP, John Saldivar, les ha dicho repetidamente a los beliceños sobre todas las cosas maravillosas que pudo hacer con los fondos que recibió de Lev Dermen, un bandido cuya residencia actual es una cárcel estadounidense. El Sr. Saldivar no es el primer beliceño en recibir fondos de personas/fuentes sospechosas, pero es el que más fue quemado. El Sr. Saldivar ganó una convención para liderar el UDP, y tres días después se vio obligado a renunciar después de que se revelara su asociación con el desagradable Dermen. El primer ministro Barrow hizo parecer que fue su única decisión que la asociación sospechosa del Sr. Saldivar era demasiado condenatoria para él para ocupar un puesto tan alto, pero las corrientes ocultas sugieren que hubo una presión considerable de un poderoso país extranjero.

Es raro, casi inaudito, que alguien entregue sumas sustanciales de dinero sin condiciones. Se reveló que el Sr. Dermen, un estadounidense naturalizado con vínculos comerciales con Turquía, quería ser cónsul honorario en Belize. Según los informes, su ambición fue mal vista por el gobierno de los EE. UU., pero sus amigos, particularmente Saldivar, no renunciaron su apoyo a Dermen fácilmente. Según los informes, el estafador tuvo conversaciones con varios otros ministros UDP, en su búsqueda de ser un diplomático voluntario.

No se sabe por qué Dermen estaba tan decidido a ser nombrado cónsul honorario de Belize. OCCRP, Organised Crime and Corruption Reporting Project, dice que por convención (la Convención de Viena sobre Relaciones Consulares (1963)) los cónsules honorarios no tienen inmunidad diplomática, ni sus familiares o empleados están cubiertos por disposiciones de inmunidad. Aparte del cargo de cónsul honorario, Dermen debió sentir que estaba haciendo una gran inversión. En 2020, Saldivar fue uno de los principales candidatos en una convención para decidir quién lideraría al UDP en las próximas elecciones generales y, si la fortuna sonriera a sus candidaturas, el Sr. Dermen, por decirlo con amabilidad, habría tenido una línea directa al Primer Ministro de Belize.

Otra persona malsana que aparentemente tenía una conexión comercial con nuestros líderes políticos fue Won Hong Kim, un surcoreano. De alguna manera, al Sr. Kim, que estaba en una cárcel en Taiwán y no podía mostrar antecedentes de haber visitado Belize, se le emitió un pasaporte de Belize. El Ministro de Estado en ese momento, Elvin Penner, supuestamente firmó documentos de inmigración para el Sr. Kim, por lo que posteriormente fue destituido de su cargo. No conocemos el interés del Sr. Penner; tal vez era un buen samaritano. Sabemos cuál era el interés del Sr. Kim. Los informes de los medios dicen que estaba tratando de evitar ser extraditado a Corea del Sur, donde lo buscaban por malversar enormes sumas de dinero de una compañía de embarque.

Los beliceños no son ingenuos. Han visto a los líderes locales involucrarse con ladrones y con entidades locales y extranjeras rapaces que obtienen favores extraordinarios de nuestros gobiernos. Literalmente, han visto a los líderes locales engordar en el cargo, mientras que la tasa de pobreza en nuestro país aumenta año tras año. Los beliceños saben que si queremos que nuestros gobiernos sirvan mejor a la gente, tenemos que controlar a las personas que patrocinan los partidos políticos. Como escribió Marco A. Lopez la semana pasada en el *Amandala*, en su artículo titulado "¿Fiesta o Partido?", "Nuestros supuestos partidos políticos, mientras hablan de la importancia de controlar el monstruo del financiamiento de campañas y el bagaje que viene con eso, no hacen verdaderos intentos de implementar los cambios necesarios, para protegerse de los depredadores y, lo que es más importante, los bienes e intereses del pueblo beliceño".

El clamor del pueblo para que se proteja nuestro sistema político no ha tenido éxito, pero siguen luchando. Una plataforma principal de terceros partidos como el VIP y el BPP fue que estableciéramos leyes de financiamiento de campañas. El NTUCB salió a la calle antes de las últimas elecciones generales, y una de sus principales demandas fue que los políticos revelaran las contribuciones de campaña superiores a \$1,000, que se impongan límites a las

cantidades que las personas y las empresas pueden contribuir a los partidos políticos, y que los donantes y sus donaciones se darán a conocer al público durante la temporada electoral.

La gente pensó que había encontrado un campeón cuando el PUP, un partido que ha ocupado el cargo en varias ocasiones pero que había sido rechazado en las urnas tres veces consecutivas a partir de 2008, prometió abordar el problema. En su manifiesto de 2020 a 2025, el PUP juró no solo hacer que la Comisión de Elecciones y Límites sea más independiente, fijar las fechas de las elecciones y registrar los partidos políticos, sino también "introducir una reforma financiera de campaña con legislación para garantizar la divulgación de las contribuciones de campaña." Hablando sobre la promesa de su partido al pueblo, el entonces líder de la oposición, el Honorable John Briceño, dijo a *Channel Five* que había una necesidad de definir y establecer estándares para los partidos políticos, y que teníamos que decidir si tendríamos un modelo privado, público o privado-público para el financiamiento de campañas.

No importa el sistema político, el partido que se sienta en el gobierno controla el dinero del país, y tanto los santos como los pecadores intentarán meter sus tentáculos en los de arriba. Controlar donaciones de campaña no es un paseo por el parque. Incluso la autoproclamada mejor democracia del mundo, Estados Unidos, tiene dificultades para proteger su sistema electoral. La Sra. Miriam Marks, en una discusión sobre la divulgación oportuna del financiamiento de campañas en un artículo de 2016 en *Zócalo Public Square*, una revista de ideas de la Universidad Estatal de Arizona, expuso fallas profundas en su sistema.

Marks dijo que por ley, la información sobre el financiamiento de las campañas políticas debe ser divulgada, pero las identidades de los mayores donantes a los "súper comités de acción política (PAC por sus siglas en inglés) (los principales vehículos de dinero a través del cual los candidatos reciben donaciones) no pueden determinarse hasta meses después de que se realizaron las contribuciones." Además, "los grupos de bienestar social que no están obligados a revelar a sus donantes... ejercen su influencia financiando candidatos y súper PAC en el anonimato".

No es una tarea fácil controlar el financiamiento de campañas, pero no puede ser que las alimañas y los voraces alimentadores tengan tan fácil acceso a nuestros líderes y tanta influencia en nuestro proceso electoral. Es urgente que diseñemos e implementemos leyes sensatas de financiamiento de campañas. Requerirá un trabajo serio, y si el PUP cumple su promesa de reformar el financiamiento de campañas, será mejor que se ponga manos a la obra con el trabajo.

El partido ha estado en el cargo por un año y medio y no solo no se ha presentado ningún proyecto de ley, sino que el partido ni siquiera ha involucrado a la gente en una discusión. Al PUP no le importa presentar proyectos de ley directamente del grupo de expertos del partido y que después expresemos nuestros puntos de vista. Este, ni se han acercado a tocarlo.

Es muy probable que el PUP esté bajo los "modales" de los sospechosos que financian perennemente su partido. Sin duda, el partido ama mucho el statu quo y querría aprovecharlo un poco más. Pero los beliceños están hartos del sistema podrido. Exigen un sistema que no sea una puerta abierta de par en par a más Dermens.

Sunday Review News Review Talk Show

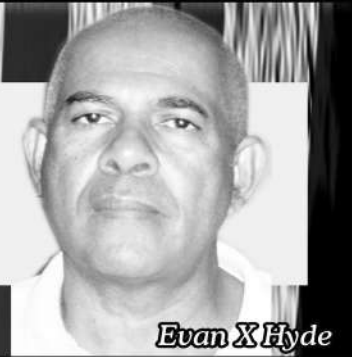
Host: YaYa Marin Coleman

Date: Sunday, 5 June, 2022 Time: 10:30 a.m. to noon

Guest: Bredah Jumoke Ifetayo/The National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America/N'Cobra

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

From the Publisher



Evan X Hyde

This May 29 was the fiftieth anniversary of a major uprising in the streets of Belize City. It was an African Liberation Day march organized by the United Black Association for Development (UBAD), which became a kind of riot on Albert and Regent Streets when dark descended on the old capital, and afterwards became, to a certain extent, an insurgency, apparently organized on the spot.

Over the decades, I have written several times about this incident(s), but I don't believe anybody else has. It's time for other people to comment, or do investigative journalism; otherwise May 29 of 1972 will end up like July 22/23, 1919 — a notable phenomenon swept under the academic rug by powerful people with racist agendas, and then perhaps revived several decades down the road by researchers from abroad.

Whatever, one of the things I want to discuss today is Prohibition, and bootlegging. When the United States outlawed the manufacture and consumption of alcohol in 1919 — this is what is referred to as Prohibition by scholars. (Prohibition lasted until 1933.)

When the U.S. outlawed alcohol, this was not the case in Canada, which is on

the northern border of the U.S., and other British possessions in the region. So those gangster businessmen who wanted to do alcohol business in America had to establish contacts with sources in places like Canada and British Honduras.

My father, who will become 99 a few days from now if God is willing, told me that my grandfather, James Bartlett Hyde, used to run alcohol (whisky and rum) from Belize up along the Mexican Gulf Coast to an area in Louisiana named Westwego. I believe Westwego is near to New Orleans, which I think is Louisiana's largest city. I suppose people from New Orleans would motor to Westwego to pick up the illegal product, whereupon the Belizeans were free to return home.

My grandfather was in the employ of a businessman named Bob Turton (Robert Sydney Turton), who sponsored the trips to Westwego, but there were other prominent Belizeans who owned powerful boats who were in the bootlegging business.

My grandfather on my father's side was very light-skinned. Family members say that he told them he met Belize people in New Orleans who he believed preferred for him to pretend not to know them.

When I was younger, I lamented the fact that so much of our history here is unwritten. But now I understand that rich foundations and universities in the United States finance writers and researchers to study subjects like these in America, and that is why a written record of so many things exists in the U.S., whereas in Belize none of our youth know anything about Hankin Barrow or Slim Terror Cadle. I'm just saying.

There's been a lot of talk in the last few weeks about race and ethnicity in Belize. This is because of a proposed amnesty program which will make black Belizeans even more of a minority in The Jewel. I have not said anything publicly about this, one reason being that I've said so much over the last five-plus decades.

In my best days, the adult support which enabled me to survive was only about four percent of our population. Today, I am an elder, and Belizean society and culture have changed so much that I have become an onlooker, trust me. Perhaps I am now even a dinosaur. There are cameras and phones and electronic devices/communications all around us. Everything has speeded up, spectacularly.

It is said that if you don't know your

history, you are condemned to repeat it. For me, that was the case with May 29, 1972, 53 years after July 22/23, 1919. Our younger Belizean generations, just like ours was, have been deprived of all the recent history of their forebears.

What we didn't fully understand way back in the UBAD days was how important violence and the threat of violence were in our daily lives. British Honduras appeared to be a peaceful British enclave surrounded on all sides by violent Latin republics. When the British cast us adrift in 1981, all we knew how to do was "leave it to God." That is why I have insisted on the value of the Peter Ashdown essay to which I referred a few weeks ago. We Belizeans had been living a colonial lie. We were not ready to co-exist in the violent environment into which political independence thrust us. Our society proceeded to implode.

No disrespect to religion, but in the cases of both Spain and England, they imposed religion on us after they had subjected us to their violence and maintained the threat thereof. That is why Peter Stallard hung Nora Parham. He had to keep us scared. But today, we Belizeans will celebrate the platinum. That is the essence of confusion. Seriously.

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 the below described properties. Sales currently running until 13th 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.

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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 en Español

Este 29 de mayo se cumplió el quincuagésimo aniversario de un gran levantamiento en las calles de la Ciudad de Belize. Fue una marcha del Día de la Liberación Africana organizada por la Asociación Negra Unida para el Desarrollo (UBAD por sus siglas en inglés), que se convirtió en una especie de motín en las calles Albert y Regent cuando la oscuridad descendió sobre la antigua capital, y luego se convirtió, hasta cierto punto, en una insurgencia aparentemente organizado en el lugar.

A lo largo de las décadas, he escrito varias veces sobre este(s) incidente(s), pero no creo que nadie más lo haya hecho. Es hora de que otras personas comenten, o hagan periodismo de investigación; de lo contrario, el 29 de mayo de 1972 terminará como el 22/23

de julio de 1919: un fenómeno notable barrido debajo de la alfombra académica por personas poderosas con agendas racistas, y luego quizás revivido varias décadas después por investigadores del extranjero.

Lo que sea, una de las cosas que quiero discutir hoy es la Prohibición y el contrabando. Cuando los Estados Unidos prohibió la fabricación y el consumo de alcohol en 1919, los académicos se refieren a esto como Prohibición. (La prohibición duró hasta 1933.)

Cuando EE. UU. prohibió el alcohol, este no fue el caso en Canadá, que se encuentra en la frontera norte de EE. UU., y otras posesiones británicas en la región. Así que aquellos negociantes gánsteres que querían hacer negocios con el alcohol

en Estados Unidos tenían que establecer contactos con fuentes en lugares como Canadá y Honduras Británica.

Mi padre, que cumplirá 99 años dentro de unos días si Dios quiere, me dijo que mi abuelo, James Bartlett Hyde, solía transportar alcohol (whisky y ron) desde Belize a lo largo de la costa del golfo de México hasta un área de Luisiana llamada Westwego. Creo que Westwego está cerca de Nueva Orleans, que creo que es la ciudad más grande de Luisiana. Supongo que la gente de Nueva Orleans viajaría en automóvil a Westwego para recoger el producto ilegal, después de lo cual los beliceños podían regresar a casa.

Mi abuelo era empleado por un hombre de negocios llamado Bob Turton (Robert Sydney Turton), que patrocinaba los viajes a Westwego, pero había otros

beliceños prominentes que poseían poderosos barcos que estaban en el negocio del contrabando.

Mi abuelo por parte de mi padre era de piel muy clara. Los miembros de la familia dicen que él les dijo que conoció a personas de Belize en Nueva Orleans que creía que preferían que él fingiese no conocerlos.

Cuando era más joven, lamentaba el hecho de que gran parte de nuestra historia aquí no esté escrita. Pero ahora entiendo que ricas fundaciones y universidades en los Estados Unidos financian a escritores e investigadores para estudiar temas como estos en los Estados Unidos, y por eso existe un registro escrito de tantas cosas en los Estados Unidos, mientras que en Belize ninguno de nuestros jóvenes sabe nada sobre Hankin Barrow o Slim Terror Cadle. Sólo digo.

Se ha hablado mucho en las últimas semanas sobre la raza y el origen étnico en Belize. Esto se debe a un programa de amnistía propuesto que hará que los beliceños negros sean aún más una minoría en La Joya. No he dicho nada públicamente sobre esto, una de las razones es que he dicho mucho durante las últimas cinco décadas.

En mis mejores días, el apoyo adulto que me permitió sobrevivir era solo alrededor del cuatro por ciento de nuestra población. Hoy soy un anciano, y la sociedad y la cultura de Belize han cambiado tanto que me he convertido en un espectador, créanme. Tal vez ahora soy incluso un dinosaurio. Hay cámaras, teléfonos y dispositivos electrónicos/comunicaciones a nuestro alrededor. Todo se ha acelerado, espectacularmente.

Se dice que si no conoces tu historia, estás condenado a repetirla. Para mí, ese fue el caso del 29 de mayo de 1972, 53 años después del 22/23 de julio de 1919. Nuestras generaciones más jóvenes de beliceños, al igual que la nuestra, se han visto privadas de toda la historia reciente de sus antepasados.

Lo que no entendíamos completamente en los días de UBAD era cuán importante era la violencia y la amenaza de violencia en nuestra vida diaria. Honduras Británica parecía ser un pacífico enclave británico rodeado por todos lados por violentas repúblicas latinas. Cuando los británicos nos arrojaron a la deriva en 1981, todo lo que sabíamos hacer era "dejárselo a Dios". Por eso he insistido en el valor del ensayo de Peter Ashdown al que me referí hace unas semanas. Los beliceños habíamos estado viviendo una mentira colonial. No estábamos preparados para coexistir en el entorno violento al que nos empujaba la independencia política. Nuestra sociedad procedió a implosionar.

Sin faltar el respeto a la religión, tanto en el caso de España como en el de Inglaterra, nos impusieron la religión después de habernos sometido a su violencia y mantenido la amenaza de ella. Por eso Peter Stallard colgó a Nora Parham. Tenía que mantenernos asustados. Pero hoy, los beliceños celebraremos el platino. Esa es la esencia de la confusión. En serio.



NOTICE

Belize Electricity Limited (BEL) is pleased to announce the holding of its 2021 Annual General Meeting at the **Best Western Belize Biltmore Plaza, 3½ Miles Philip Goldson Highway, Belize City, Belize on Wednesday, June 29, 2022 commencing at 2:00 p.m.**

Shareholders or their proxies are invited to participate virtually by visiting the Company's website at **www.bel.com.bz/AGM** on the date and time of the meeting. Shareholders and proxies will be asked to provide their contact information along with an electronic copy of a valid identification (ID) such as their Social Security card.

Shareholders who wish to attend in person are required to register no later than June 17, 2022; however, we ask that Shareholders bear in mind that **due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the room capacity limitations will be imposed.**

For Shareholders not attending in person, we invite you to appoint a proxy or you can simply appoint the Company's CEO or the Corporate Secretary as your Proxy to represent you at the AGM. Furthermore, the Company will provide virtual access to the meeting as a courtesy.

Pre-registration for virtual attendance commences on **Tuesday, June 7, 2022 and closes at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 28, 2022.** Shareholders may do so either by visiting the Company's website at **www.bel.com.bz/AGM** or by contacting BEL's Securities Officer at 227-0954 extension 1512 for assistance.

No value for money in hiring "top" lawyers, PM

by Colin Hyde

Junior lawyers in the employ of government weren't too pleased when the PM said they didn't have the savvy to go up against the high-priced bohgz in private employ. Hmm, on a straight line, it is true that junior lawyers will get walloped by senior ones. Why, then, aren't we consoled that the GOB is about contracting senior lawyers to appear for us in court? It is because, when in our employ, they lose all our cases. Whoa there, we don't need them. With the right support, junior lawyers can defend us well.

I think we need to get to the bottom of what's going on here. Let's get this very, very clear. If all the facts are laid on the table, there is no doubt how a case will go. Take Section 53, for example. That was simply a judge's interpretation of rights. The court case was almost only theater. Before Caleb went to court, the judge already knew what he would do, if Caleb's crowd didn't absolutely botch their arguments.

There are cases where all the facts aren't on the table, and that's when the work of lawyers is premium. But lawyers aren't the only group that is capable of gathering facts. The reality is, there's a group that is more capable at gathering information. The daily workload of scientists – doctors, physicists, chemists, agronomists, and pathologists, and the daily workload of historians make those groups the masters of research.

These groups not only know how to dig out facts, but their minds have a clarity that is unmatched in other fields. That explains, in my opinion, why Manuel Esquivel's approach to the BTL case was superior to that of Barrow and his battery of high-priced lawyers.

The following is taken from page 268 of the book, *Still Waters*, which was written by Kathy Esquivel: "Manuel [our

former PM] supported Dean's efforts to take back ownership of BTL...[he] thought that Dean's reliance on his own legal acumen as a guide was unwise...Manuel admits that he does not have a magic formula that would have worked better, but thinks that it was ill-advised to assume that being morally right would be an advantage in foreign law courts." Of course, where this morality angle really sucked was in the UHS case. What were Dean and his party thinking?!

My bwai, gyal, more from *Still Waters*, re: taking back BTL: "[Manuel] believes that it would have been better to take an incremental approach, starting with litigating on the lawfulness of the transfer of the Golden Share to Ashcroft." Go, Manuel!

Look, Braa, you could have taken me, a total dummy on law, off the streets, and I could not have done worse than the brilliant UDP lawyers did. You don't have to go to law school to know that courts abroad will protect foreign investors. You'd have to be naïve to believe that the CCJ's selling point, that in court it would be more responsive than the Privy crowd to situations in our area, would play out in business. That was/is strictly to do with capital crimes and the sensational hanging.

The legal profession doesn't look so good. Why did Senate president Carolyn Trench Sandiford say she decided not to study law? Aiyayai, everyone knows that juries make no sense in murder trials in this era. You don't have to be an A-student; you just have to look at the numbers.

Ah, I've been to court twice. In the first, I told the prosecution that my evidence really belonged to the defense. In court, the defense used my evidence to win the case. The court shocked me when the judge, after his ruling, returned the weapon that was used to cause

injury, to the one who had used it. That judge later got himself mixed up with big lawyer people and was chased out of court.

The second time I went to court, the accused pleaded guilty before I gave my testimony, which would have set him free. I believed the accused stole two dollars from my home, after breaking my window and entering it. He was arrested because he fit the description I had given and because he was found in our village. I expected if I got to the stand that I would have been asked to swear on the Bible that the person in the dock had entered my house. There are a few special individuals who with one glance at a stranger can pick them out of a police lineup of similar-looking people. I'm not gifted that way.

I didn't have any guilt trip later, because the accused had a string of other charges pending that were similar to the breaking and entering charge in my village. But you know why I rehashed those stories? The first is wikidnis. The second is that in a murder trial with a jury, all a defense lawyer has to do is shake an eyewitness testimony, and his client gaan clear. But in a murder trial with a judge, defense lawyers have to do a whole heap more than make a reluctant eyewitness waver.

The lawyers never produced a pound of beef, but they eat rib-eye. Fair enough, if rich people want to pay them the dough. But we can do much better with the ones we can afford, if we give them the support they need. My, former PM Manuel Esquivel hit the nail directly on the head. Ouch, lawyers taking morality to a foreign court against big business. And we paid them through our noses for that! It's nothing but a charade, a sham.

How could any formidable lawyer so misunderstand the system he was brought up in? Bah, Hubert Elrington

once said of our former leader that he was all glitter and no substance. Because our PetroCaribe soft loans and BNE taxes were such a large sum that the UDP couldn't waste it all, along the way, we got some real pretty toys. The fountain at the junction of the George Price and Hummingbird highways is still functional. The Civic Center in Belize City is still a First World sight. And the bridge that was planned over the Belize River near Haulover Creek, was supposed to rival Altun Ha as a tourist attraction. Who cares about poverty; let's look flashy.

We know the real deal about the failed cases. It was all about political mileage, winning elections for the red party. To heck with the people, the UDP wanted to grow up to be like George Price, winning all dem elections, not to be like Philip Goldson, who only cared about the country.

I'm not saying the A's for Eamon and Coye are for *attendance*. I'm saying their stars, like the one of the super smug Godfrey Smith, shone real bright off cases that our GOB mishandled. PM, our junior lawyers can defend Belize well if they are humble enough to accept coupling with willing UB historians and scientists that worked for the government in their day. Manuel Esquivel wasn't a lawyer, but he saw through the weak Barrow approach.

Don't let these high-priced lawyers eat rib-eye and pigtail off our treasury again. You are a businessman, that's what you repeatedly told the Barrow party when the PUP was in opposition. Businessmen are supposed to be good at math. How do we explain the math behind hiring \$500-an-hour, thousand-dollars-an-hour lawyers, in a country where the minimum wage isn't even \$5 per hour?

We have lawyers in our employ who know the fundamentals. We pay them well, \$50,000 a year. With the correct assistance, they can get the job done. Bah, high-priced lawyers go to court and bring back results no junior lawyer would be proud of.

PUBLIC AUCTION SALE:

Mile 5 Placencia Road, Stann Creek District, Belize

BY ORDER of the Supreme Court, Licensed Auctioneer **Fitzgerald A. Joseph** will sell the following Property ON SITE near Mile 5 Placencia Road, Stann Creek District, Belize on Saturday, **11th June, 2022** at **11:30 a.m.**

REGISTRATION SECTION
Placencia North

BLOCK
36

PARCEL
2516



Being a piece and parcel of land containing 2.37 acres situated in Seine Bight Village with lagoon frontage and just a stone throw away from the Itz'ana Belize Resort & Residencies. The parcel is situated approximately 5 Miles from Placencia Village, Stann Creek District, Belize, being the freehold property of **Erix Oswaldo Tobar**.

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

ASR/BSI molasses truck flips on Hummingbird

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. June 2, 2022

A trailer truck owned by the ASR/BSI sugar-milling company that was transporting molasses on the Hummingbird Highway overturned sometime yesterday morning while en route to ASR's Big Creek Facility. The driver of the truck, who was pinned inside the cab of the truck, received aid from persons who were passing by, and is currently receiving treatment at the Southern Regional Hospital. There are reports that his legs were fractured

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PRESS PREDICTIONS

The sports psychic speaks

BOLEDO

“Press” Predictions; 12-35-79
Boledo stats thru 3rd to 10th June 2022

In Boledo News, 03 finally play after 1 year 3 months and 2 weeks. These are my lucky numbers for this week; 79-12-35-41-62-08. These are my lucky Jackpot number; 5827-3861-7255. These are my lucky number Pick-3 numbers; 410-269-387-565-055-963. There are 4 numbers left out over 1 year and more: 55-26-12-47. There are 28 numbers left for the year: 00-08-12-18-24-26-27-30-32-34-35-36-40-41-47-54-55-61-63-67-73-75-80-81-83-85-86-94. Get ready Belize some dinero will be coming our way. You all can form some beautiful Jackpot out of those 28 numbers that are left. 55 are still out for over 1 year 7 months 2 weeks and 4 days now. 12 is still out for over 1 year 1 month and 2 weeks now, 26 is still out for over 1 year 4 months and 1 week now, 47 just joins the crowd, keep your eyes open for 12 and 55. Good Luck to all buyers, 36 and 34 plays 15 times between the 2 of them none as yet, one number with involve a nine ball left, the number is 94. Remember to read your Psalms 91-72-63, next week more lucky numbers.

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

The Boston-Celtics will beat the Warriors in 6 hard games
NBA Finals Predictions and Update.

In N B A Play-offs action, the Boston Celtics edge the Miami Heat in 7 hard games as I predicted, Jason Tatum was the Larry Bird M.V.P of the Eastern conference finals, his teammates Jaalen



Jaylen Brown



Jordan Poole

Brown and Marcos Smart was very

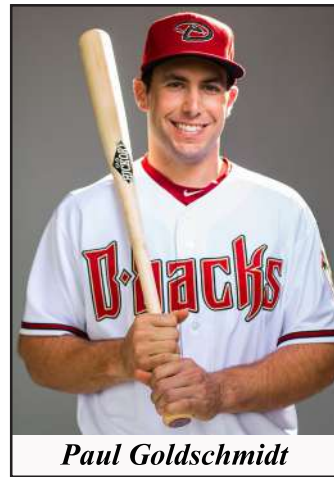
productive. Smart was the regular season best defensive player of the season, Gary Payton was the last guards to win that award enuff respect to jimmy Butler, Ben Ade Bayo, Kyle Lowry and the rest of the Miami players they played their hearts out. They missed Tyler Hero the best sixth man of the year. He was not healthy for the entire series. The Boston Celtics will beat the Golden State Warriors in 6 hard games; Jason Tayum will be the M.V.P of the finals. Steph Curry and Jordon Poole will have to wait until next season for a championship, next week more stats.

INTERNATIONAL BASEBALL

Aaron Judge have 19 home runs already

Baseball Results and Predictions

In Baseball action, the 2 New York Teams are playing very well. The Yankees have the best record at 37-14. Aaron Judge has 19



Paul Goldschmidt

Home Runs already. His team-mates Anthony Rizzo have 13 and Gian Carlo Stanton have 15, they are rolling for Manager Aaron Boone, Justin Verlander for the Houston Astros have the best Era at 1.22 Paul Gold Schmidt is the best hitter for the St. Louis Cardinals, his team beat the Brewers Milwaukee-8 Runs to 3. The Cincinnati Reds edge the San Francisco Giants 3 runs to 2. The Central Division Chicago Cubs are in the fourth spot with a record of 21-29, but they have some very good young players like Japanese Seiya Suzuki, Rafael Ortega and Wayne Miley. There are over 100 games left for all the teams in the league, Mookie Betts is still playing very well for the Los Angeles dodgers; they still leads their division. The



by Gilroy “Press” Cadogan

Toronto Blue Jays are for Real; the Tampa Bay Rays beat the New Yorks Yankees 3 runs to 1. The American League games are more competitive than the National League games, next week more stats.

INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL

Real-Madrid won 14 UEFA Titles

International Football Results.

In International Football action, Real Madrid edge Liverpool 1-0. Brazilian Vinicius Jr. score. The only goal that's Real Madrid 14 titles win for UEFA Champions of Champions league cup ever, Liverpool out played Madrid with position, Salah and Mane tested goalkeeper coutier 9 saves many of times. In the EPL, Manchester City railed after down 2-0 against Aston Villa. They won the game 3 goals to 2 city scores 3 goals in 5 minutes and 36 seconds span. Their fans were very over Joy, they won the EPL by just one point over Liverpool 93 to 92. the World Cup in Qatar 2022 is just 5 months and 3 weeks away, Kylian M'Bappe will stay at PSG. His famil runs his football affairs, his father is his agent. His country France is the defending champions. A lot of big teams in the La Liga wanted him in their club, Next week more stats.



Vinicius Junior

PUBLIC AUCTION SALES: PROPERTIES

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

By order of the Mortgagees, Messrs. Heritage Bank Limited, Licensed Auctioneers Kevin A. Castillo & Christiana R. Castillo are selling ONLINE via belizepropertyauctions.com the below described properties.

Sales currently running until 31st July 2022 with public auction sales expiring bi-weekly on the dates and times listed on the website until the properties are sold.

1. Lot No. 68 Lake Gardens, Ladyville, Belize District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Ladyville/Lord's Bank	16	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.)

2. Parcel No. 3207 DFC Housing Site, San Pedro, Ambergris Caye, Belize District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
San Pedro	7	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)

3. Parcel No. 376 Beverly Lane, Independence Village, Stann Creek District:



ALL THAT piece or parcel of land situate in Independence Village, Stann Creek District and being lot number 376 and shown on Plan 1887 (2 of 2) containing 555.6 square yards and recorded at the Land Titles unit, Belmopan TOGETHER with all buildings and erections thereon. (Being a concrete bungalow dwelling house containing [three bedrooms + two bathrooms + laundry room + semi-enclosed garage] and lot 555.60 S.Y. situate on Beverly Lane, Independence Village, Stann Creek District, the freehold property of Mr. Juan Omar Coc and Ms. Melonie Coc)

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ASR/BSI molasses truck flips on Hummingbird

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during the accident.

It has also been reported that ASR/BSI's supply chain team was on the scene shortly after the accident to provide assistance.

There is no indication at this time what may have caused the accident. What is currently known is that the driver was transporting the molasses from ASR/BSI's Tower Hill mill to the company's Big Creek facility for exportation.

Besides the injuries to his leg, the



driver of the vehicle received cuts on his arms. According to ASR/BSI, he is to be transported to the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital, where, the company says, he will be afforded the best medical attention.



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

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

PROCUREMENT OFFICER

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

1. BACKGROUND

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

2. OBJECTIVE AND SCOPE OF WORK

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

3. RESPONSIBILITIES/ACTIVITIES

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

4. REPORTS/DELIVERABLES

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

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

5. QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCE

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

5.1 Skills, Knowledge and Abilities:

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

6. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

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

7. COMPENSATION

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

8. APPLICATIONS

8.1 CRITERIA for SELECTION

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

8.2 APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

Expression of Interest package should contain:

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

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

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

For clarifications kindly contact:

**Project Coordinator
Project Executing Unit
Strengthening of Tax Administration Project
Charles Bartlett Hyde Building
Mahogany Street, Belize City
Tel: 501-222-5114/E-mail: Gisel.Correa@mof.gov.bz**

Downtown robbers arrested



(l-r) Selvin Waight and Shawn Humes, both arrested and charged with robbery

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Wed. June 1, 2022

Two of three men who were reportedly involved in a robbery at Midtown grocery store on Albert Street on Saturday afternoon, May 28, have been arrested.

It has been reported that at about 3:35 p.m. that day, 22-year-old Shawn Humes and 23-year-old Selvin Waight, who both reside on Wagner's Lane, which is located near to the store, allegedly pointed a gun at the owner of the store, Layas Ahmad, through the security bars and forced him to let them into the establishment. When they were inside, they began what was apparently a search along the aisles of the store, then they reportedly pushed Ahmad to the back of the store, and they began searching behind the counter until they found the spot where Ahmad's cash was stored. They then took the cash and proceeded to leave the establishment, reportedly with a third person who had been on the lookout outside the store while his companions carried out the

robbery inside.

Humes and Waight were caught by police and were arraigned on Tuesday, May 31, before two separate magistrates, despite being charged with robbery for the same incident.

Both men pleaded not guilty; however, due to the nature of the offense, they were denied bail and remanded to the Belize Central Prison until July 25, 2022.

Police are in search of Zerrick Ramos, who they believe was also involved in the robbery and played the role of a lookout.

The robbery on Saturday was the third time that Midtown grocery store has been robbed since it opened in 2019.

Earlier this week, the Police Department's communications director, ASP Yearwood, told reporters, "... I mean, this is a daring Albert Street Robbery, one of the streets that I consider the safest in this city. And for them to come and ruin people's thoughts about Albert Street, by doing something like this, we have to bring them to justice."

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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

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

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

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

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

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



Sacred Heart College

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

Vacancies exist at Sacred Heart College for the post of:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Deadline for Application: June 20th, 2022



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 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

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.

Public Service going digital

GOB and UNDP launch digital transformation course for public officers



Development Program (UNDP) with the aim of equipping Belize's public officers across both local and central government with the tools necessary to address the needs of citizens and customers seeking to access government services online.

CEO of the Ministry of E-governance, Jose Urbina, said that the project is being funded by the UNDP in conjunction with the government of Belize. "Our main objective is for us to be able to facilitate the process for our citizenry so they are able to apply for a birth paper, and apply for a police record, or any services that are facing

their needs in a much easier and resilient manner," CEO Urbina said.

This effort marks the start of the rollout of digital public service, which is a key part of the National Digital Agenda that was launched by the Briceño administration last year, and it is expected that the transition into online service will help remove many of the bottlenecks that have reduced speed and effectiveness of service inside key government offices.

"We've partnered with the UNDP in executing a tailor-made course for public servants ... it's gonna be four modules, whereby they are going to learn best principles in how do we adapt new services going online, what are the principles for infrastructure, but how do we do so in very safe protocols and ensuring that the safety of our citizens is

a priority when we are going online," said Director of the E-Governance and Digitalization Unit, Alexia Peralta.

The course is geared at providing public officers with the skill set that will be necessary for them to engage in capacity building within the public service and various sectors of municipal government. Subsequent to their participation in the course, those public officers and municipal personnel will return to their respective ministries and identify the ways in which they can make the process more efficient. This process of assessment will then bring into clear view the digital gap within ministries so that plans and programs can be designed to address such gaps, said Peralta.

"It's really and truly a program that was highlighted in the National Digital Agenda that we launched last year in highlighting the need to also understand at a micro level, at a ministerial level, what are some of the challenges we have in going online and how do we best support that transition progress throughout the next couple of years," Peralta said.

The Ministry of Governance's CEO, Jose Urbina, said that this transition to a digital public service will hopefully reduce the large amounts of time spent waiting in line to access government services and will reduce the likelihood of exploitation by corrupt public officers who request payment from the public in exchange for the fast-tracking of services.

"Unfortunately, that has been the perception, and in fact the case, not the perception, and what we seek to do is look at high impact areas ... Lands, Vital Statistics, Immigration. Those are the departments where we see long lines, and long lines of frustrated Belizeans, that they need to go apply for a document to be told that they are missing something. The outcome and our vision is for us to facilitate these services and not only to digitize and to allow for digital transformation within these departments but also to connect them together," Urbina said.

This interconnectivity of data from various ministries and departments will aid in fast-tracking the processes used by citizens every day, but could also lead to an increased security risk, since personal information will now be stored in an online environment. CEO Urbina drives home the point that compliance with all security regulations will be key.

"If you have processed or renewed a passport and you have given your information, and you need to go do a police record, for example, and you need to input similar information, then the databases would be shared, and the information would be pulled out and populated in the new form—the digital form that you are now applying for, so this is the interoperability functions that we are seeking to achieve between ministries and, of course, in compliance with all the security and the data-sharing act that we must comply with to ensure that the citizen data is being shared securely across networks," Urbina explained.

BELIZE CITY, Wed. June 1, 2022

An initial cohort of 40 public officers will undergo an intense 4-week training in digital transformation. The coursework that will guide the training—"The Digital Transformation in Belize Course" was tailor-made by the E-Governance and Digitalization Unit and the United Nations



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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

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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SHRIDATH RAMPHAL CENTRE: TRADING THOUGHTS

IS THIS THE CARICOM WE WANT AT FIFTY?

by Dr. Kai-Ann D. Skeete

Forty-nine years ago, regional Prime Ministers agreed to the establishment of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM). Since then, the region has had numerous successes and advancements in deepening regional integration. As the region counts down to CARICOM's 50th anniversary, the author is pondering: What is in store for CARICOM at 50? Will there be an acceleration of integration? Or, will there be a meaningful pause on our progress? This current generation of leadership inherited several trade barriers as a result of outdated legislation prohibiting intra-regional trading within the region. We need to prioritise trading within the region and removing the outdated barriers to regional trade so that goods may move freely.

We continue to speak about achieving food security, but the only way this can be achieved is by comprehensively determining the external and internal factors affecting our countries' food system. Within CARICOM, the regional Presidents and Prime Ministers comprise the main decision-makers; however, they are guided by several technical organs. There is a need to move beyond the ministerial meetings and convene business-to-business meetings, distributor sessions, trade missions and establish regional consumer watchdogs. The region has been missing a dedicated voice of the people, for the people, by the people who will argue that we do want cheaper chicken in our supermarkets from Guyana or Trinidad. The regional consumer watchdog should be the entity to argue that we want access to

the cheapest high nutrient fruits and vegetables across the region, even if it means we can get Belizean oranges that usually sell 10 for US 50 cents or Trinidadian locally grown pineapples that dwarf any imported ones. We need an entity that is truly interested in working around trade barriers to ensure that a basket of goods for a 4-person household in any single CARICOM member state should not exceed a week of minimum pay.

The Private Sector would argue that trading within the region has its unique challenges due to logistics and its desire to trade in large volumes via containers. I would argue that regional businesses should first establish demand within the CSME Member States and settle on at least 2-3 pallets per destination rather than a container load. Rather than imports from the Canadian

manufacturer, Lassonde Industries, the owner of the popular Adam and Eve fruit juices, our supermarkets should stock the entire TruJuice line owned by TradeWinds Citrus Limited from Jamaica. Larger private sector entities should consider establishing intra-regional distribution points as a means of sharing the contents of a bi-monthly container, which should then be distributed across the Caribbean.

The future must include the reduction of regional asymmetries. I remain concerned that the majority of the Caribbean population do not have access to affordable and modern medical science or health care. I'm concerned that in Haiti, the Covid-19 pandemic will live on past the 2022 regional timeline because of the lack of data being collated as to the number of Covid-19 patients and survivors; I'm concerned that in Jamaica the ordinary man's access to vaccines will be determined by a capitalist way of thinking rather than a welfarist position, and I'm concerned that in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, the right of a mother to safely deliver a baby in the public system is woefully inadequate and does not meet a basic regional standard. Could it be that we've dropped the ball and refused to impose standards or even regulations? Could it be that we've stopped being our neighbour's keeper and prefer to operate as islands alone in the big Atlantic Ocean? Could it be that we've stopped prioritising our CARICOM Community?

There must come a time when we choose to look within the region first, and research and determine what services and goods can be provided within the region. Formal policymakers may not consider this, but it is hoped that this message reaches them that the Caribbean region can provide for our needs and wants. Let us not venture out extra-regionally to Third States but consider what can be found intra-regionally. A perfect example of this: the enterprising Barbadian fishermen are now forced to venture 178km to Kingstown, St. Vincent and the Grenadines to refuel their fishing boats with cheaper diesel than in Barbados.

We need immediate bridges, whether by air or via sea or physical bridges connecting the landmasses of the CARICOM region. We need immediate 24-hour connectivity for our goods, people and services to move. With this connectivity, we need a single domestic space to reduce pressure on the ports of entry to ensure that they can truly function and focus on our regional development. Let us create spaces for those amongst us who work directly with cargo; we need to train stevedores and truckers who can facilitate this hourly movement across and within our borders. We need businesses and service providers specialising in sustainable transport and the blue economy.

As the summer of 2022 approaches and the Caribbean Community plans to launch the 50th anniversary celebrations, the region is at the proverbial fork in

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

Closing date for receipt of applications is Friday, June 10th, 2022.

Russia's nuclear Poseidon—final part



by Clinton Canul Luna

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

If you've lost somebody in your life, the United States government, right here

is directly responsible for their war on injections. Now, I also heard from the injections too that they did three different types in some of these big injections. Type one, placebo. Type 2, the actual injection. Type 3 might have parts of medical, all this metal, and all this other stuff into it... Okay? 2016, the DTRA and Ukraine's Health Ministry extended the contract after getting approval from the Ukrainian Defence Ministry. So, the Ukrainian Defence Ministry is actively participating in bioweapons research with the United States Department of Defense. I'm telling you this is wrong. This is a crime against humanity for the people that do, do it. You should be hung for crimes against humanity. How

dare you? How dare you mess with the lives of innocent people because your little inventions could go out of whack and we could all wind up dead...

Now, remember, when he evacuated from Afghanistan, he gave the enemy the Taliban all of our war weaponry, all this war weaponry that's going to be used all over there across the world. That is part of the main thing. I'll go into other stories that are pretty important for America and our security here at home. As you know, he just visited Raytheon in Lockheed Martin and he wanted to say, "hey, thank you for your javelins. They've been so great and thank you for your stingers." I'm going to tell you what the response was. You know what they said? They said, "Mister Biden, you've given away 33% of our javelins and you're giving away 25% of our stingers and China's cut us off from electronics and we can't build these anymore. So, please stop giving them away. You might need them here at home." Did you know that? And this jackwagon, he wants to give the other 50 percent, he wants to give all of our war weaponry away. I'm glad he visited Lockheed Martin and Raytheon and they told him, "look, stop it, and the fact that all of our information is public, like that exposes us, and the only one laughing is Putin, and I'm going to tell you about this war weapon so you understand how it works.

Since it's nuclear-powered, it doesn't have to be a torpedo anymore. Literally fired from a sub. I believe that the Soviet, excuse me, I believe that Russia has put 15 of these in the Northern Hemisphere and fifteen of these in the Southern Hemisphere. And they have the ability to move for years at a very slow, deep, altitude in the ocean. To where a sub can't even go that deep. But when they want to attack, then they're going to go 120 miles an hour. And let me tell you, in the water, that is super, super fast. And they're going to go 120 miles an hour. A cobalt nuclear bomb's going to happen. So again, where they're going to hit America is with this: Seattle, Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Diego, and they're going to hit us there hard because that jet stream will move

across the United States. So, when they threatened Great Britain and Ireland, okay, I thought of us at home here and I was like, huh, and he was explaining how that jet stream would move it over. Because of that, then, there's a scenario they show in New York. Mm. They're not anticipating New York with this weapon, I don't think. I think they're always going to hit a place from the West Coast, but that also brings up Israel, okay? Israel, you have a West Coast too. They're very easily going to give you a nuclear wave while Iran is given nuclear weapons.

Now, I'm going to explain to you what America's doing and why, even if you're an American, if we reverse this, what our government was doing, you'd be extremely pissed off. Let's say Putin gave nuclear missiles to Mexico and Mexico really didn't like us. Would that make you happy? No, it wouldn't. It would remind us of like the Cuban situation with Kennedy. For those of you that are old enough to remember that, but that's not many. So, it's happening today and today, we have a nuclear threat... and that's also I believe why we're seeing all of this talk about Roe versus Wade now, because they're trying to create as many smoke and mirrors as they can so that we're not scared and we don't think about the truth. This is the largest bomber in the world, folks. It can hold these 200 megaton bombs which our B2s don't. Our nukes are much more small. So, this guy's got more nuclear bombs than we do and more ways to deliver it. So, this is something that he's going to be doing Europe, and it looks like a bigger B2 bomber. And these are flying in the air right now. Is he doing it because he's not serious about it? I really don't think so. And that's pretty much the update for everybody here. God bless and hopefully, you know, hopefully I'll see you soon.

(The End)

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May 29, 2022

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Employment Opportunities

We are Accepting Applications for the Following Teaching Positions for September 2022:

1. Primary School Teacher - Fulltime
2. Upper Primary Spanish & IT Teacher - Part-time
3. High School CXC Business Teacher - Fulltime
4. High School CXC Chemistry & Physics Teacher - Fulltime
5. High School CXC Literature & Spanish Teacher - Fulltime

Knowledge, Ability and Skills

Candidates for academic posts will be expected to meet these basic criteria:

- Teach a diverse population including different nationalities, cultures, and religions.
- Demonstrate good written and oral communication, planning and organizational skills.
- Work effectively with a team, collaborate and communicate with colleagues, administration, students, and parents.
- Competence with Online Distance Learning Platforms.
- Computer literacy and familiarity with video conferencing platforms.
- Motivated and driven towards personal and professional EXCELLENCE.
- Approach teaching as a call on your life to impact the next generation for Christ.
- Positive mindset and faith-based approach to managing work-life balance.
- Be an active member in a Bible-believing Christian Church and demonstrate Christian values and principles.
- Have a heart for service and be able to submit proof of honoring long-term work commitments.

Training and Experience:

- ☐ Minimum of an Associate Degree in Primary Education for primary school positions.
- ☐ Bachelor's Degree in Education with focus in specific content area; or Bachelor of Arts with a Diploma or Certificate in Education for high school positions.
- ☐ Valid Belize Teacher's License
- ☐ Current Police Record
- ☐ 2 Letters of recommendation (one from your most recent employer OR professional education referee; and one from the Pastor of your current church) ☐ Teaching experience will provide a distinct advantage.
- ☐ Familiarity with the Abeka K-12 Curriculum will be a plus.
- ☐ Familiarity with the regional CSEC curriculum for secondary schools will be an asset.

The Application Form and Statement of Faith can be downloaded from our website: <https://belizechristianacademy.com/about-us/employment/>

Please submit your **completed** application along with a CV or resume, Teacher's License, Police Record, Letters of Recommendation, copy of Social Security Card, copies of degree(s) and certificates and most recent academic transcript to: principal@belizechristianacademy.com or drop off application packets at our campus M-F between 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Deadline for applications is **Friday, 10th June 2022.**

Please contact us at 614-5076 or via email at information@belizechristianacademy.com for more information.

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Email: information@belizechristianacademy.com www.belizechristianacademy.com

Woman wounded by bullets fired 50 feet away

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Wed. June 1, 2022

On Monday, May 30, a 30-year-old woman was wounded by bullets that were aimed at a man who was passing her home at the time of the shooting and that were fired almost 50 feet from the spot where she was sitting when she was shot. The incident took place near the corner of Gibnut and

Curassow Street in Belize City.

According to initial police reports, at around 7:15 that night, Anthony Parham, 19, a Belizean construction worker of Curassow Street, Belize City, was walking on Curassow Street from the direction of Raccoon Street toward Cemetery Road. When he reached the corner of Gibnut and Curassow Streets,

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Belize Zoo declares Sharon Matola Day

Every first Saturday in June will be the date on which the Belize Zoo honors the legacy of the zoo's founder, who passed away in 2021.

by Khaila Gentle

BELIZE CITY, Wed. June 1, 2022
 The Belize Zoo, known as the “Best Little Zoo in the World,” will be honouring its founder this weekend by declaring this Saturday, and every first Saturday in June, as Sharon Matola Day.



Sharon Matola, founder of the Belize Zoo and Junior Buddy

Matola, who passed away in March of last year at the age of 66, established the Belize Zoo in 1983 after being tasked with caring for a small collection of animals that had been used in a wildlife documentary.

For the zoo's first-ever Sharon Matola Day—which takes place just one day after Matola's birthday on June 3—all Belizeans will be granted free

admission. Jamal Andrewin-Bohn, Conservation Program Manager at the zoo, told us that this is being done to increase accessibility to Belizeans.

“Every first Saturday in June starting this year, 2022, and every year after we will have a day where, first and foremost, Belizeans will be able to come and enjoy the zoo, which is Sharon's legacy. This is what she left behind after forty years of work in conservation for the people of Belize,” he said.

In lieu of the usual admission fees—which Andrewin-Bohn says is one of

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PUBLIC AUCTION SALES: PROPERTIES

San Ignacio Town, Cayo District; Big Falls/Golden Stream, Punta Gorda Town, Toledo District; Belize City, Belize District

BY ORDER of the Mortgagees Messrs. The Belize Bank Limited, Licensed Auctioneers Kevin A. Castillo and Christiana R. Castillo are selling ONLINE via belizepropertyauctions.com the following property. **Sales currently running until 31st July 2022 with public auction sales expiring bi-weekly on the dates and times listed on the website until the properties are sold.**

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



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCELS
San Ignacio	23	313 & 314

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

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



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

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

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



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Punta Gorda	42	704

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

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



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Albert/Mesop	45	1533

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

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



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Fort George/Pickstock	45	1081

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

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



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Caribbean Shores/Belize	16	3171

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

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Full speed ahead for vaccination of kids

by Khaila Gentle

BELMOPAN, Tues. May 31, 2022

The Ministry of Health and Wellness began its campaign for the vaccination of children aged 5 - 11 this week following an official ceremony during which it received 124,800 doses of the Pfizer pediatric vaccine that were donated by the Republic of Slovakia through funding from the European Union (EU).

Speaking at the ceremony, which took place on Tuesday, were Mr. Xavier Canton-Lamousse, Team Leader of the EU Technical Support Office to Belize; Ambassador Amalia Mai, CEO of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Immigration; and Dr. Julio Sabido, CEO of the Ministry of Health and Wellness.

Dr. Julio Sabido remarked that the procurement of COVID-19 vaccines has been one of the country's greatest achievements during the past three years

of the pandemic.

"Throughout all the uncertainties of COVID-19, there is the certainty that COVID-19 vaccines protect against severe disease and death," he remarked, also noting that up until now, children under the age of twelve have been completely unprotected against the virus.

At a press briefing held last week by the Ministry of Health, Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital pediatrician, Dr. Cecilio Eck also highlighted this fact. Eck, a recovering COVID-19 patient, stressed the importance of vaccinations and pointed out that, with the relaxation of COVID-19 health measures, the country's pediatric population remains one of the most vulnerable groups in Belize.

According to the Health CEO, the Ministry's vaccination campaign has so far been received positively by members of the community.

At present, the Pfizer vaccine is the only one with a formulation for 5 to 11-



Pfizer vaccines donated by the Republic of Slovakia

year-olds. The donation of 124,800 doses has provided the country with enough vaccines to give at least a first shot to the entire target population of 76,000 children.

The donation was made possible through the funding of the European Union. During his remarks, Mr. Xavier Canton-Lamousse noted that the EU has

been working in partnership with PAHO for almost 20 years to improve the quality of healthcare in Belize.

NOTE: In a previous article it was reported that the donation was made by the country of Slovenia. The donation of Pfizer pediatric vaccines was given to Belize by the country of Slovakia and was funded by the EU.



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 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

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.



GEORGETOWN TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL
 GEORGETOWN VILLAGE
 STANN CREEK DISTRICT

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

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

All appointments will commence on August 29, 2022.

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

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

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

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

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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



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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	3NIBC11E59L396123
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
TROPIC LURE	11-09-21	2566	TSCW15203833	M & S AUTOSERVICE	10200587	VH	2001 TOYOTA COROLLA	2T1BR12E71C397
TROPIC LURE	24/08/21	2548	TSCW15070757	CORDELL'S AUTO	10038554	VH	2009 NISSAN PATHFINDER	5N1AR18U49C612104
TROPIC MIST	27/07/21	4747	TSCW14975580	CORDELL'S AUTO	9922714	VH	2009 DODGE JOURNEY	3D4GG57V69T133678
TROPIC MIST	06-08-21	2521	TSCW14919433	CORDELL'S AUTO	9854155	VH	2007 FORD EXPEDITION	1FMFU18557LA35187
TROPIC LURE	06-08-21	2521	TSCW14919421	HUGH BOWDEN	9854137	VH	2010 VOLKSWAGEN TOUREZ	WVGFK7A95AD000236
TROPIC LURE	06-08-21	2521	TSCW14923435	HUGH BOWDEN	9858925	VH	2006 BMW X5	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



INVITATION TO QUOTE – GOODS

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

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

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

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

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Cyclist knocked down on Stann Creek Valley Road

by Charles Gladden

STANN CREEK, Wed. June 1, 2022

On Friday night, May 27, Francisco Pop, a 47-year-old field captain, was knocked off his beach cruiser bicycle by a moving vehicle near Mile 14 on the Stann Creek Valley Road.

According to initial police reports, at around 6:00 p.m. that night, Pop was riding his bicycle towards Pomona New Site when he allegedly swerved and collided with a Toyota Rav 4 being driven by Polly Georgina Alford, who was traveling from Belmopan to Dangriga Town.

As a result of the collision, Pop received severe injuries to his head and body and was transported to the Southern Regional Hospital, after which he was transferred to the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital, where he was reportedly admitted in a critical condition.

According to the Communications Director for the Belize Police Department, ASP Fitzroy Yearwood, a urine sample was taken from Alford, and he was served with a Notice of Intended Prosecution.

Police are investigating.

If anyone knows the whereabouts of
Mrs. Shakira Melony Arzu,

please contact the nearest
Department of Human Services

or call us at our Belize City branch phone number:
227-2057/227-7451.

Her DOB is 23rd June 1994. She is currently 27.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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

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

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

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

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

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

VACANCY

• Office Assistant:

WORKING HOURS

Monday- Friday 8:00am-5:00pm
Saturday 8:00am-12:00 noon

APPLICANT MUST HAVE:

- 18YRS AND OLDER
- Minimum High School Diploma
- Bi-Lingual (is an asset)
- 2- Letter of Recommendation
- Valid Social Security Card

APPLY @: FEN LAN CO.LTD,
#892 4 1/2 Mls. Philip Goldson Hwy
Belize City, Belize

OFFICE HOURS: 8am-5pm
Email: royalmotorbelize@yahoo.com.tw

PLEASE Bring: Original Social Security and a Passport size photo.



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

Consultancy Services to Undertake Design Review and Supervision of Infrastructure Works
Services for the Proposed Gales Point Government Preschool Substitution and Primary School
Rehabilitation Sub-project, Gales Point, Belize 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 to undertake design review and supervision of infrastructure works services for the proposed Gales Point Government Preschool Substitution and Primary School Rehabilitation Sub-project, Gales Point, Belize District, Belize (*Medium Sub-project*).

The objective of the consultancy is to provide technical support to the EA during the implementation of the BNTF 10 Country Project. Consulting firms will be required to review existing designs and estimates; advise on scope and adequacy of sub-project intervention; and provide detailed revised designs, revised summary estimates, and revised priced activity schedules. The work must consider thematic areas such as gender and environmental assessments and shall seek to integrate disaster mitigation measures into revised 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).

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

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

The Expression of Interest must be received electronically at the first (BSIF) and second (CDB) address below no later than **2:00 p.m. (Belize time) on Monday, June 20, 2022**. The subject line of the email containing each submission shall be clearly marked "**BNTF10 - Expressions of Interest – Consultancy Services to Undertake Design Review and Supervision of Infrastructure Works Services for the Proposed Gales Point Government Preschool Substitution and Primary School Rehabilitation Sub-project, Gales Point, Belize District, Belize**".

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

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

Consultancy Services for the Design and Supervision of Infrastructure Works for the Proposed
Santa Elena Government Preschool Substitution Sub-project, Santa Elena Town, Cayo 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 GOB 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 Santa Elena Government Preschool Substitution Sub-project, Santa Elena Town, Cayo District, Belize (*Medium 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).

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

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

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

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

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GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE

BELIZE SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND (BSIF)

CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER FOR BSIF

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REQI)

The Government of Belize (GOB) has received financing from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) towards implementing the Belize Social Investment Fund Loan III and the Basic Needs Trust Fund Tenth Programme 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 GOB 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 GOB 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, now wishes to procure consultancy services for **Social Development Officer**.

The objective of the consultancy is the enhancing the knowledge and skills of staff in accessing the social dimensions of development, identifying community needs and resources, and designing and implementing projects. The Social Development Officer will also conduct project appraisals, supervision, and monitoring, and will serve as a resource person for BSIF in conducting social and institutional appraisals. The duration of the assignment is expected to be a period of two (2) years, extendable by mutual agreement in accordance with prevailing Belize legislation as well as results of his/her performance appraisal.

Further details can be found in the Terms of Reference, which can be obtained from Address 1 below.

BSIF 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.¹ 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.

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 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (Belize Time) hours Monday to Friday.

The Expressions of Interest must be received electronically at the first address (BSIF) and second (CDB) below no later than **Monday, June 20, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. (Belize Time)**. The subject line of the email containing each submission shall be clearly marked "**Expression of Interest – Consultancy Services for Social Development Officer for BSIF**".

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. GOB reserves the right to accept or reject late applications or to cancel the present invitation partially or in its entirety. It will not be bound to assign any reason for not 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.

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¹ Occasionally contracts may be financed out of special programs that would further expand or restrict eligibility to a particular group of member countries. When this is the case, it should be mentioned in this paragraph.

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Belize Zoo declares Sharon Matola Day

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the main ways the zoo, a non-profit organization, keeps its animals fed—visitors are encouraged to donate fresh fruits, vegetables, and meat if possible, paying homage to Sharon's strategy of garnering in-kind support to keep the zoo running.

"In the very early days of the zoo, when there was no income, no structured sources of income coming in, she would give free tours and show people around the zoo, and in turn, people would give a little something from their own backyard. So if they had extra mango, some extra live chickens, or whatever it may be, this is how they kept the zoo shored up," he added.

According to Andrewin-Bohn, in-kind donations, especially of fresh produce and other agricultural products, were how the zoo survived not only in its fledgling years but during the COVID-19 pandemic as well.

While the zoo has still not-fully recovered from the effects of the pandemic, it has come a long way: having gone from reducing its total number of employees from 58 to 30 at the height of the pandemic to employing over 40 persons this year.

"We're slowly recovering; we're getting back on our feet. Our programs are coming back ... we're seeing more visitation, so that means that we're in a better position to feed the animals, pay the staff, keep the lights on and do more

of the socially oriented programs that we used to do before the pandemic," Andrewin-Bohn said.

This Saturday, visitors will also have a chance to meet the many faces that help to keep the Belize Zoo and Tropical Education Center up and running, as the entire management and staff will be present on-site along with a host of tour guides.

The zoo will be offering various souvenirs, including commemorative t-shirts as well as free copies of the children's book *Adventures of Hoodwink the Owl*, which Matola authored.

Ever since its establishment in 1983, the primary focus of the Belize Zoo has been showcasing native wildlife and providing a home to animals in need. It was created after Sharon Matola, then in her late twenties, was left to care for 17 animals that had been used in a wildlife documentary. Those animals, tamed and used to humans, could not be placed back in the wild. In a 1995 interview with *The Washington Post*, Matola explained how she was at a crossroads when she had to decide what to do with them.

"I either had to shoot the animals or take care of them, because they couldn't take care of themselves in the wild," she'd stated.

Over the next four decades, what began as a small "backyard" menagerie of a few animals, including two jaguars, two macaws, a boa constrictor, and a few parrots, would grow into a home for over 200 animals belonging to over 45 species, all native to Belize.

All of the animals at the Belize Zoo have either been born at the zoo, rescued, orphaned, rehabilitated, or donated by other institutions—one of the many aspects of the zoo that have earned it the title of "Best Little Zoo in the World".

Public Service going digital

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The Ministry of Public Service is conducting a customer service survey to gauge the customer service capacity of public officers and pinpoint areas for improvement. Minister responsible for both Public Service and E-Governance, Hon. Henry Charles Usher, said that both the survey and the digital transformation will help improve the public service—which he said coincides with an effort within the Quality Service Unit to look at the quality assurances across the public service.

"I look at one department, for instance, Vital Statistics. I can't understand why it is that somebody has to travel all the way here from Toledo to apply for a birth certificate. This should be done online; this should be done digitally," Minister Usher said.

Creating systems that protect citizens' data will be of key importance in this transformation. In Belize and across the Caribbean, cybercrime has been on the rise, largely by smaller groups of hackers and individuals. Forms of cybercrime include phishing, which involves hackers posing as institutions to target users, as seen in attacks on banks and individuals in Belize. Ransomware is used to steal money from businesses by taking their encrypted data for ransom. Data theft occurs when a company's or government's data is stolen by hackers and sold on the black market. There are also brute force attacks on websites and servers to crash or slow down service.

IS THIS THE CARICOM WE WANT AT FIFTY?

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the road. To the left, we continue doing business as usual and failing to implement and advance the regional initiatives. To the right of the fork, we build on our initiatives and chip away the national sovereignty and forever build the regional pool of sovereignty. Choosing the unbeaten path will be difficult, but it will be worth it due to our countless gains in the areas of functional cooperation and collective security.

CARICOM at 50 years old should ensure that the CSME must address practical issues that tangibly benefit our respective pockets, purses and budgets. Caribbean regional integration has to be responsive; it requires systems and measures that will immediately troubleshoot and alleviate problems affecting businesses and the average CARICOM citizen operating across the Caribbean.

Dr. Kai-Ann Skeete is committed to solving regional problems as the Trade Research Fellow of the Shridath Ramphal Centre.



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

Consultancy Services for the Design and Supervision of Infrastructure Works for the Proposed Santa Cruz Government Preschool and Primary School Substitution Sub-project, Santa Cruz Village, Orange Walk District, Belize

Request for Expressions of Interest

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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 Santa Cruz Government Preschool and Primary School Substitution Sub-project, Santa Cruz Village, Orange Walk 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.

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

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

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

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

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GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE

BELIZE SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND (BSIF)

CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR TECHNICAL UNIT COORDINATOR FOR BSIF

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REQI)

The Government of Belize (GOB) has received financing from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) towards implementing the Belize Social Investment Fund Loan III and the Basic Needs Trust Fund Tenth Programme 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 GOB 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 GOB 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, now wishes to procure consultancy services for **Technical Unit Coordinator**.

The objective of the consultancy is the responsibility for the efficient operations of the Technical Unit. He/She will coordinate the work of the Technical to ensure that all projects presented to the BSIF Board of Director (BOD) are properly appraised, and that they conform to the policies established by the Fund. The duration of the assignment is expected to be a period of two (2) years, extendable by mutual agreement in accordance with prevailing Belize legislation as well as results of his/her performance appraisal.

Further details can be found in the Terms of Reference, which can be obtained from Address 1 below.

BSIF 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:

- 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.¹ 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.

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 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (Belize Time) hours Monday to Friday.

The Expressions of Interest must be received electronically at the first address (BSIF) and second (CDB) below no later than **Monday, June 20, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. (Belize Time)**. The subject line of the email containing each submission shall be clearly marked "**Expression of Interest – Consultancy Services for Technical Unit Coordinator for BSIF**".

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. GOB reserves the right to accept or reject late applications or to cancel the present invitation partially or in its entirety. It will not be bound to assign any reason for not 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.

Addresses:

¹ Occasionally contracts may be financed out of special programs that would further expand or restrict eligibility to a particular group of member countries. When this is the case, it should be mentioned in this paragraph.

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| <p>1. Senior Procurement Officer
Belize Social Investment Fund
3rd Floor
#1902 Constitution Drive
Belmopan
BELIZE
Tel. (501) 822-0239; Fax. (501) 822-0279
Email: submissions@sifbelize.org</p> | <p>2. Procurement Officer
Caribbean Development Bank
P.O. Box 408
Willey
St. Michael
BARBADOS, W.I.
Tel. (246) 539-1600
Email: procurement@caribank.org
cc: omar.bispat@caribank.org</p> |
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BELIZE A.D. 2021
(DIVORCE)

ACTION NO. 398 OF 2021

BETWEEN

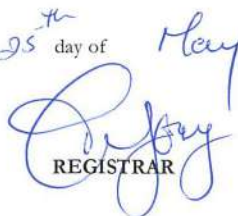
(PEARL ELIECE CABRAL LEWIS	PETITIONER
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(JOHN LEWIS	RESPONDENT

To: JOHN LEWIS

TAKE NOTICE that a Petition for dissolution of marriage dated 23rd 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 25th 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.



Corazon Creek Technical High School
Corazon Creek Village, Toledo District
Belize C.A

Vacancy at Corazon Creek Technical High School, Toledo

The Board of Management of Corazon Creek Technical High School, Toledo, welcomes applications by qualified persons for the following teaching position for 2022-2023 school year:

1 Chemistry / Belizean Studies Teacher – Full Time

1 Mathematics Teacher – Full Time

Qualifications:

- A Bachelor's Degree in the subject area with pedagogical training in education and teaching experience at CSEC level would be preferred.
- Associate's Degree in subject area may be considered.
- Applicant must be willing to teach at CSEC level and must have a valid secondary school teaching license.
- Possess a valid secondary school teaching license in the specific field.
- Be familiar with and supportive of the vision and mission of the institution.
- Demonstrate good classroom management skills.
- Ability to work and communicate effectively with students, staff, administration and rural communities.
- Knowledge, competence and expertise in using technology in teaching.
- Highly motivated, enthusiastic, and committed.
- Willingness to conduct/participate in extra-curricular activities is required.
- Willingness to travel long distance for work.

Salary:

Commensurate with education and experience and in accordance with Government of Belize Pay Scale.

Application Process:

Interested persons are asked to submit a copy of his/ her letter of application, résumé, and certified copies of diplomas, original transcript/s, certified copies of social security card, birth certificate or passport, secondary school teacher's license, original medical certificate, original police record, and two recent recommendation letters.

The deadline for receipt of complete package is **Friday, 17 June, 2022** to:

Human Resources Committee
Board of Management
Corazon Creek Technical High School
Corazon Creek Village
Toledo District



Request for Expression of Interest

HYDRAULIC ENGINEER CONSULTANT

Institution: Ministry of Economic Development
Country: Belize
Project: Resilient Rural Belize Programme
Loan No.: 2000002301
Deadline for Submission of Proposals: June 10, 2022 at 3:00PM.

Project Background:

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

Scope of Service:

Under the direct supervision of the Programme Manager, the Hydraulic Engineer Consultant will be responsible for the Integrated Water Resource Management and allwater related investments under the Climate Resilient Rural Infrastructure (CRRIA) component and those irrigation and drainage investments as identified in the Producer Organization business plan under Component 1. The Hydraulic Engineer Consultant is expected to abide by the Programme Implementation Manual (PIM), and regulations and procedures for supervision of design and civil works as per the applicable legislation of Belize. The Consultancy will span two years.

Duties and Responsibilities:

Some duties and responsibilities of the Hydraulic Engineer Consultant is as follows:

- Lead the implementation of an Integrated Water Resource Management under the Climate Resilient Rural Infrastructure (CRRIA) component.
- Investigate existing irrigation systems and water management systems in the different project areas and develop irrigation maps describing locations or routes of irrigation facilities such as water resources, irrigated areas, canals, and pumping stations. Assess irrigation efficiency of subprojects and incorporate measures to improve efficiency in design with consultants.
- In cooperation with the PMU's relevant staff, participate in information workshops and sensitize rural communities about the component, its objectives, eligibility criteria, and application and selection procedure.
- Assess whether the proposed irrigation, drainage, or water catchment works are required or whether other, more appropriate structures may be more suitable for Producer Organizations.
- Prepare engineering designs for small scale irrigation and drainage works identified under the programme for PO farms.
- Develop Terms of Reference (TOR) for the development of engineering designs for specific irrigation and drainage works proposals selected for funding and implementation under the different Matching Grant Fund Agreements.
(The complete list of duties and responsibilities are outlined in the Terms of Reference)

Academic Qualification and General Experience:

The Hydraulic Engineer Consultant must possess.

- A minimum of a BSc. in Hydraulic Engineering, Irrigation Engineering or related field.

Specific Experience:

The Hydraulic Engineer Consultant must possess the following experience:

- Demonstrate experience in at least two (2) projects similar in nature to that being implemented (irrigation, drainage, water catchment etc.). *Experience with projects funded by an international funding agency would be an asset.*
- A minimum of one (1) year experience in engineering design, design review, and its related aspects for small-scale irrigation and drainage systems. *Specific experience in irrigation works supervision would be an asset.*
- At least two years' experience in developing irrigation and drainage.

Reporting:

The Hydraulic Engineer Consultant will work closely with the Civil Engineer and other technical members of the Resilient Rural Belize Programme Management Unit but will report directly to the Programme Manager.

Individual Consultants interested in receiving the **Request for Expression of Interest (REOI)** document for this consultancy should register their interest by sending an e-mail (with subject: **Request for REOI-Hydraulic Engineer Consultant**) to the Procurement Officer at nvernon.RRB@med.gov.bz giving full contact details of the Consultant. This will ensure that the Consultants receive updates regarding this consultancy.

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

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



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.

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| <p>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</p> | <p>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</p> |
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Belize headed to PanoGrama finals

by Khaila Gentle

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. June 2, 2022

Just five countries from a starting total of ten will be represented in the final round of the 2022 PanoGrama steelpan competition, and Belize is among them after pannist Alexander Evans earned himself a spot with his performance of “Welcome to Belize” by Leela Vernon. Evans, who is representing Belize for the first time in the virtual competition, will be vying on June 12 for a grand prize worth over US \$6,000 alongside skilled pannists from Trinidad & Tobago, the USA, France, and Grenada.

Selections for this year’s semifinals ranged from “Mariage d’Armour” by Paul Senneville to Bob Marley’s “Could You Be Loved”, but Alexander Evans kept things close to home, stating that he wished to use his performance to pay homage to the Queen of Bruksdown herself while also honoring the women



Alexander Evans (Belize) and Shaquille Forbes (Trinidad & Tobago)

artists and culture workers of Belize. He told local talkshow hosts Renata Samuels and Kevin Mendez that it’s time for Belize to start giving its women “their flowers”.

Evans’ performance space, which was curated by the Museum of Belize’s Ilona Smiling, featured the artwork of several Belizean artists: Yaoling Lee,

Briheda Haylock, Shahera Young, and Jacqueline Ewens.

“Typically in most cultures, and I don’t think Belize is any exception, women tend to be the main propagators of culture, you know, and I also think that it’s long overdue that we start giving our women their flowers. There are too many women who have done so much

work in arts and culture who have passed on, you know, not just Leela Vernon herself, but Miss Myrna Manzanares, Beverly Smith-Lopez, Miss Rosita Balthazar ...” he said, adding that his performance was a way of saying ‘thank you’ to all those

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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT CREDIT DELIVERY

JOB SUMMARY

The Administrative Assistant, Credit Delivery provides high quality administrative support to the Credit Delivery Department and the Manager, Credit Delivery. He/she produces reports to facilitate the evaluation of the operational efficiency of the Credit Department, and compiles and prepares the Corporation’s Loan Activity Budget (Approvals & Disbursements). The Administrative Assistant, Credit Delivery also serves the Corporation in accordance with its Code of Conduct for employees. Duty Station is at the Corporation’s Headquarters Office in the City of Belmopan.

QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERIENCE

1. Minimum of an Associate’s Degree in Business Administration or related field.
2. An Advanced Level Certificate in Microsoft Excel.
3. At least three (3) years of verifiable successful experience supporting a Manager, preferably in a financial institution.

REQUIRED SKILLS & ABILITIES

1. Superior communication skills – proficient in English Language (reading, verbal, business writing, proof-reading and editing) and strong inter-personal and public relations skills. Fluency in Spanish Language would be an asset.
2. Ability to take and transcribe minutes of meetings quickly and accurately and effectively organize meetings/ events.
3. Strong organizational, time management and prioritization abilities. The incumbent will be required to juggle multiple and unexpected priorities as a normal part of the responsibilities.
4. Proficient in Microsoft Office Applications.
5. Proven ability to produce reports in Microsoft Excel. The incumbent is required to be proficient in Advance Microsoft Excel.
6. Demonstrate a mature and professional approach and presence.
7. Knowledge of the Corporation’s purpose and objectives.
8. Able to maintain a high level of confidentiality and ethical behavior.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Provide administrative support to the employees of the Credit Delivery Department.
2. Provide full administrative support to the Manager, Credit Delivery.
3. Prepare monthly Budgetary Performance and Statistical reports on approvals, disbursements, and loan portfolio growth.
4. Prepare monthly loan reports on the availability of funds.
5. Prepare Monthly reports on the Status of Loan Enquiries and Applications.
6. Prepare monthly Administrative Expense Budgetary performance reports for the department.

7. Assist with the registration of loans in the Corporation’s loan management software.
8. Compile the Corporation’s (Annual and Revised) organizational budgets for loan approvals and disbursements activities.
9. Prepare the (Annual and Revised) Capital, Training and Administrative Expense budgets for the Credit Delivery Department as directed by the Manager.

ACT NOW

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

Submit application with reference Application for Vacancy:
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, CREDIT DELIVERY

to:

Manager

Human Resources and General Affairs

Development Finance Corporation

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

Applications may be submitted electronically by email to:

vacancies@dfcbelize.org

**DEADLINE:
JUNE 13, 2022**

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The problem of Creole historiography

by Peter Ashdown

The pre-devaluation history of modern Belize is the history of the development and dominance of a Creole society. While other ethnic groups may have inhabited the land area of the country and figured in the census rolls, they were, in the words of Dr. Grant, "... in the colonial society but not OF it."

For all practical purposes, until the political awakening of December 1949, the local politics and economics of the Colony were made and manipulated in the capital, and the capital was Creole and elitist. The values and attitudes of the Creole "aristocratic" families" with whom the Colonial Government shared power were the forces which dictated not only the Colony's constitutional and economic progress, but also the Colony's vision of its own history. That vision, understandably, was one which equated the history of the Colony with

the history of the development of the Creole majority and particularly with the history of the privileged class within that group.

THE TRADITIONAL HISTORY

It was traditionally a glorious history. It originated with the British logwood cutters and their slaves who had successfully beaten back the might of Imperial Spain in 1798. The victory at St. George's Caye, it was held, was only made possible because of the unity of purpose between master and slave — a unity which was unique because "slavery hardly existed in the Settlement." It existed to the degree that emancipation was necessary in 1834, but this too was hailed as a triumph of British liberalism, for it bound black and white together in their devotion to the British throne: a coming together, manifested in the steady creolization of the population after 1838 as intermarriage between the descendants

of the old Baymen and those of the free-coloured and ex-coloured and ex-slaves, became more frequent. Between the end of the apprenticeship and the 1880s, a Creole society had come into being.

It was a society which venerated the European genes in its composition. The mother country was the master of the world and the Creole, of all the disparate groups of the Colony, was the most closely linked with the master race. The elitist sons of that race came from the mother country to administer the Empire's only Central American colony and the Creole aristocracy was on hand to aid them in so doing.

Colonial administrator and Creole aristocrat fed off each other in a community of interest. The one sought to divide and rule by being a separate, privileged class over the inarticulate labour force: the other sought to imitate the overlord's culture and to retain its stranglehold over the Colony's

economy and labour by a show of deference to the Imperial power. In such a way both the loyalty of the Colony to the Empire was retained, and the Creole elite's capture of the Colony's wealth and institutions were preserved and entrenched.

This symbiosis was nurtured not only by the mythology and romance of the past but by continuous contact, blood sacrifice and the aspiration of imperial award. The Creole elite sent its sons to walk in the fair meadows of the Cam and the Cherwell, and encouraged them to regard Oxford, Cambridge, Edinburgh and London as their spiritual homes. For not only did the sons of Empire live to protect those fields and cities, but they died also in Picardy and Flanders and in the Battle of Britain, and were buried in foreign but not alien soils far from the yards they had known as children.

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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, RISK

JOB SUMMARY

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

QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERIENCE

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

REQUIRED SKILLS & ABILITIES

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

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

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

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

ACT NOW

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

Submit application with reference Application for Vacancy:

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, RISK

to:

Manager

Human Resources and General Affairs

Development Finance Corporation

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

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The problem of Creole historiography

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For the survivors, the hope of an imperial decoration was the crowning achievement. In war as in peace, the honours of Empire were as much a part of the Creole elite's aspiration as was the accumulation of wealth in commerce or in the professions.

The commitment to the Empire and the British throne by this privileged class was sincerely held and the rewards sincerely attained, but it could only last while the psychology of Empire lasted. With the attack on imperialism and colonialism after 1945, the Creole elite was faced with a crisis of conscience. The new political forces were not only anti-imperialist but anti-British. It was no longer just the pin-pricks of carping at the lethargy of constitutional change and at economic development, but an attack on the very foundations and fundamentals of the belief in the British way of life. In being so, it was just as much an onslaught on the Creole aristocracy as it was on the British administration, and in the ensuing conflict the privileged class had no choice but to align itself with the old order and against the forces of "treason" and "revolution" which sought to topple the king and sweep away his court and favourites as well.

The outcome of the struggle was never in question, because a new world order was in the making, but apart from the political crisis of 1949-54, which was the manifestation of the Belizean experience of that trauma, there arose and still arises the problem of the redefinition of Belize's history.

(from pgs. 142, 143 of READINGS IN BELIZEAN HISTORY (Second Edition), published by Belizean Studies, St. John's College, Box 548, Belize City, May 1987)

PUBLIC AUCTION SALE: 2Wingle Pickups

21Miles Placencia Road, Stann Creek District, Belize

BY ORDER of Messrs. Belize Bank Corporation Limited, Licensed Auctioneer Fitzgerald A. Joseph will sell the following 2 Greatwall Wingle Pickups at Thunderbirds Marine 21Miles Placencia Road, Stann Creek District, Belize on Saturday, 11th June, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.



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

CORRIGENDUM No. 1

Contract title: Supply for energy efficiency in public buildings



PN-2022-000116 Supply for energy efficiency

European Commission intends to award a supply contract for the installation of energy efficient equipment in selected public buildings in Belize with financial assistance from the Belize Sustainable Energy Roadmap funded under the 11th EDF. The timetable of the ITT has been modified. The new deadline for submission of tenders is 17 June 2022, 11.00h.

The tender dossier is available from EU Technical office, 3358 Floral Park, Belmopan, Belize.

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- 6:30 a.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (LIVE)**
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- 12:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**
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- 3:30 p.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (repeat)**
- 6:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (LIVE)**
- 7:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 8:00 p.m. Ted Talks: The danger of a single story
- 9:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**

SATURDAY

- 9:00 a.m. Documentary: 1804 - The Hidden History of Haiti
- 10:50 a.m. Movie: The Main Event
- 12:33 p.m. Documentary: Safari Africa
- 2:00 p.m. Movie: The Tiger Rising
- 3:43 p.m. Documentary: Stolen Daughters
- 5:00 p.m. Movie: Nightbooks
- 7:45 p.m. Music Videos

SUNDAY

- 10:30 a.m. **Sunday Review (LIVE)**
- 12:00 p.m. Documentary: Lost Civilization - Africa
- 12:49 p.m. Movie: Emma
- 2:53 p.m. Documentary: Stay Alive Science Meets Music
- 3:46 p.m. Movie: Thy Will Be Done
- 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: 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. Documentary: Owl
- 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: Myrna Manzanneres
- 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: Albert Pyrefiette
- 9:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**

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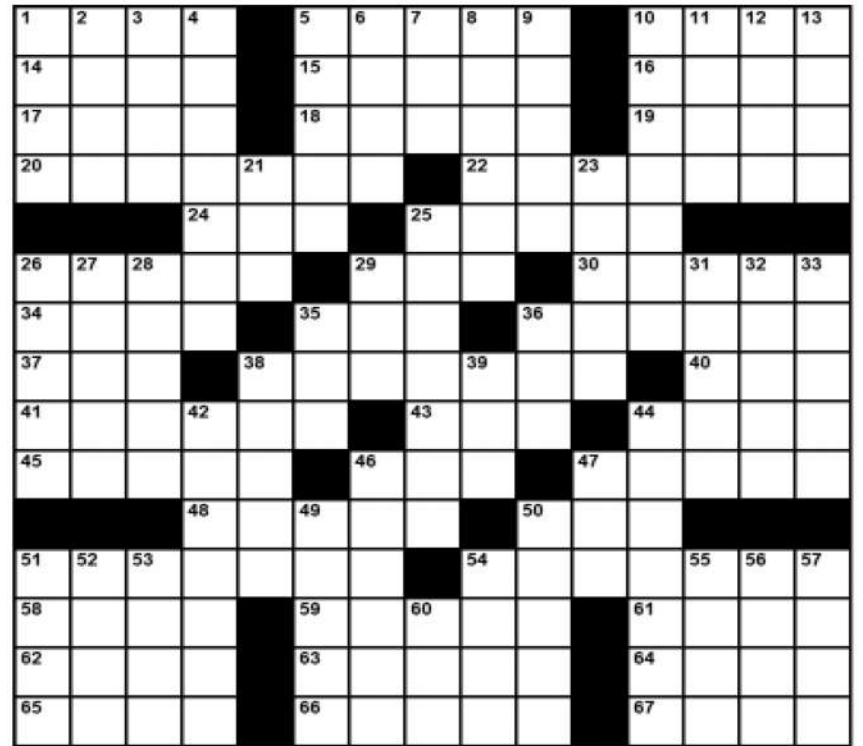
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- 6:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (LIVE)**
- 7:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 8:00 p.m. Ted Talks: The Price of Shame
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- 9:00 a.m. **Morning Stew (LIVE)**
- 12:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**
- 1:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 2:00 p.m. Documentary: Muammar Gaddafi Gaddafi
- 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 Secret of Sugar
- 9:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**



Daily Printable Puzzle - 06-01-2022



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Across

1. Back flows
5. Whole bunches
10. A stypic
14. College bigwig
15. I want in
16. Japanese soup
17. Big do
18. Clio or Edgar
19. A real butte
20. Bright green
22. Temporary stay
24. 90 degree shape
25. Mideastern nation
26. Commandeer
29. 1 billion years
30. British isle
34. Actress Woods and others
35. Gab and gab
36. Closer
37. Cooper's tool
38. Spray can contents
40. Be beholden to
41. Tool for gripping
43. Above, in poems
44. Iris's place
45. Classifications
46. "A Chorus Line" finale
47. Far from sleepy
48. Intermediate state
50. Even the slightest
51. Firmly constructed
54. Random criticism
58. Tailor's case
59. Lesson giver
61. Bubbly beverage
62. Pitcher's blunder
63. Balance sheet item
64. Certain organic compound
65. Danube hue
66. Fundamental particle
67. Bone dry

Down

1. Apply rickrack
2. Radiate
3. Bundle hay
4. Trappers
5. Garment size
6. In a vulgar way
7. Airport info
8. Deteriorate
9. Biblical city
10. Household cleaning item
11. Stead
12. Cold war power
13. Complain nosily
21. Bavarian peak
23. Foolish Games singer
25. Sean Lennon's mom
26. Dull
27. Sorrowfully
28. Opens, in a way
29. Antony's loan request
31. Small group of trees
32. Lumberjack, often
33. Buy a round
35. Affirmative reply
36. And also not
38. Poetry accent
39. Behold
42. Resembling a conger
44. Home hero
46. None to bright
47. Aardvark fodder
49. Bullion, e.g.
50. Big vessel
51. Jack or Clifton
52. Abbr. after a list
53. Comic strip moppet
54. Bard
55. Give an edge
56. Common scent
57. Chaucer product
60. Cookbook meas.

Crossword answers for last edition

The answers below are for the puzzle appearing in the last edition of the Amandala. The answers for the above puzzle will appear in next issue of this newspaper.



Daily Printable Crossword Puzzle - 05-26-2022 - Answers



Belize headed to PanoGrama finals

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women.

Described as the “World Cup of steel pan” PanoGrama was founded during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic by Trinibagonian pannist Nevin Roach, who had been inspired by live entertainment shows on social media. Since then, it has grown into a widely watched competition streamed both on social media and television in the Caribbean, the US, and Canada.

Trinidad and Tobago’s Shaquille Forbes came out on top of this year’s semifinals, having performed a rendition of “Spain” by the late Chick Corea. In second place was France’s Mathieu Borgne, who played Lord Kitchener’s “Sour Apple”, and completing the top three was David Yundi from the USA, who performed “Feel the Love” by Freetown Collective and DJ Private Ryan.

Come Sunday, June 12, at 6:00 p.m. local time, finalists will be competing for a grand prize of an all-expenses-paid trip to the Bahamas courtesy of the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture – Bahamas, a Perfect Steel tenor pan and case, USD 1,000, and a private session with a world-renowned steelpannist.

Woman wounded by bullets fired

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he was approached by an unknown gunman who fired a barrage of bullets in his direction.

When the shots were fired, Joanna Parham, 30, who was 50 feet away from the site of the shooting, was wounded in her body by a bullet. The bullets that were fired also caused damage to two vehicles in the area.

Joanna Parham was transported to the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital for medical treatment.

Police are currently investigating the incident.

It is currently not known if Joanna Parham is a relative of Anthony Parham.



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Deadline: Friday, June 10, 2022



Belize vs Dominican Republic today at FFB Stadium; what it's all about

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. June 2, 2022

As we go to press this evening, our Belize National Male "A" Team, the Jaguars is facing the Dominican Republic in the first round of the 2022-2023 Concacaf Nations League (CNL) tournament. Kickoff time was 4:00 p.m.

at the FFB Stadium in Belmopan.

Belize has long been knocked out of World Cup qualifying, and the sprinkling of Belize fans at today's game, being shown live on Channel 5, is indicative of low fan interest since many fans are not aware of the meaning of the game today,

except that it is an international match.

A concacaf.com release today, "President Victor Montagliani praises all 41 Member Associations ahead of the second edition of Concacaf Nations League," explains the competition process and what is at stake for teams participating in this second edition of the CNL. Following are some excerpts from that release:

"The group stage of the second edition of the CNL will be played in June 2022 and March 2023 with home and away play across the region, prior to a centralized CNL Finals in June 2023 which will include the League A group winners competing to be crowned 2022/23 Concacaf Nations League champions."...

"The CNL was established to create a more consistent set of matches for all men's national teams across the region. Teams were split into Leagues A, B and C and the competition provided an exciting qualification route to the 2021 Gold Cup. The CNL also includes promotion and relegation between editions, creating opportunities for all teams to move within the system as they improve, and to dream of reaching new heights."...

"The 2022/23 CNL will qualify teams to the 2023 Concacaf Gold Cup in a format which will ensure intense competition on the field throughout the group stage. CNL League A group winners and runners-up, and League B group winners will qualify directly to the 2023 Gold Cup group stage. CNL League A group third place finishers, League B group runners-up and League C group winners will qualify to the 2023 Gold Cup Preliminary Round."

"The CNL campaign will commence with six matches on Thursday, June 2, 2022. Anguilla vs Dominica (4pm ET) kicks things off in League C, prior to four League B matches including French Guiana vs Guatemala (5pm ET), Belize vs Dominican Republic (6pm ET),

Barbados vs Antigua and Barbuda (7:30pm ET) and Guadeloupe vs Cuba (8pm ET). A Central American rivalry will kick things off in League A with tomorrow night's Panama vs Costa Rica (730pm ET) match sure to capture the imagination of fans in both countries."

So, Belize is in League B along with French Guiana, Guatemala, Dominican Republic, Barbados, Antigua and Barbuda, Guadeloupe, and Cuba. And in this 8-member group, the goal is to try and at least claim second place in order to earn a spot in the Preliminary Round of the 2023 Concacaf Gold Cup.

Here are some of the scheduled games for Belize in this month of June, according to the published CNL League B schedule, with the home team listed first: Thursday, June 2 - Belize vs Dominican Republic; Sunday, June 5 - Guatemala vs Belize; Thursday, June 9 - Belize vs French Guiana; Tuesday, June 14 - French Guiana vs Belize. Other Belize matches in June at dates yet to be determined are: Belize vs Guatemala; Dominican Republic vs Belize.

The remainder of our League B matches will be in March 2023.

Today's Belize Jaguars' starting roster, as provided by FFB: goalkeeper - #1 Charles Tillett; defenders - #3 Norman Anderson, #5 Eugene Martinez, #17 Deshawon Nembhard #18 Evral Trapp (captain); midfielders - #6 Jovaunn Ramos, #7 Antonio Rocha, #19 Horace Avila; forwards - #9 Deon McCaulay, #16 Angelo Appello, #20 Krisean Lopez. (Substitute List - #12 GK Isaac Castillo, #22 GK Earl Dyck, #2 DF Aaron Lopez, #4 DF Jose Urbina, #8 MF Warren Moss, #10 MF Eldon Reneau, #11 FW Jesse August, #13 MF Luis Torres, #14 MF Darrel Myvett, #15 FW Carlos Bernardez, #21 MF Nana Mensah, #23 DF Donell Arzu.) Head coach is David Perez, and his assistant is Manuel Can.

Le's go, Belize!! (FLASH!! - Belize down by 2-nil to Dominican Republic in second half.)

Kelly Street Bombers undefeated at Week 4 of Belize District 1st Division football

BELIZE CITY, Wed. June 1, 2022

The Belize District Football Association (BDFA) 1st Division Amateur 2021-2022 Closing Season had its Week 4 games on Sunday, May 29, at the MCC Grounds where all 8 participating teams saw action, and at the end of the day league leading Kelly Street Bombers remained at the top of the standings with an undefeated record. They are playing a single round-robin regular season, after which the top 4 teams go on to the playoffs.

In the opener at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, there were two lead changes, as Eagles SC took a 1-nil lead, Stars Academy equalized and went ahead 2-1, but Eagles came back with 3 straight goals to claim the 4-2 victory. Goals for Eagles SC were by Cion Augustine (9' & 62'), Jadon McGregor (72') and Dylan Flores (87'); while for Stars Academy it was Jaymion Cacho (31')

and Kevin Higinio (34').

Game 2 at noon saw undefeated Kelly Street Bombers shutting out Hattieville United YSC, 3-0, with a goal apiece from Francis Andrews (38'), Steven Baizar (60') and Ceron Usher (85').

Game 3 at 2:00 p.m. was another shutout affair, as Lake-I FC blanked Pickstock Ebony, 6-0, with a goal each from Floyd Jones (23'), Laynie Leslie (25'), David McCaulay (38'), Akeem Baptist (44'), Kenrick Cumberbatch (69') and Ryan Simpson (83').

And in the nightcap game at 4:00 p.m., after some early fireworks with the score tied at 1-1 after only 3 minutes of play, Ladyville Rising Stars came away with the 4-3 victory over Port Layola FC. All 4 Ladyville goals were by Deltroy Gamboa (1', 16', 28' & 82'), while Port Layola got a goal apiece from Zinedine Hines (3'), Kenroy Linares (64') and Enfield Nunez (87').

BDFA 1st Division 2021-2022 Closing Season Standings at Week 4, Sunday, May 29, 2022								
TEAM NAMES	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	+/-	Pts
Kelly Street Bombers	4	4	0	0	12	3	9	12
Port Layola FC	4	2	1	1	11	9	2	7
Eagles SC	4	2	1	1	11	10	1	7
Pickstock Ebony	4	2	1	1	12	12	0	7
Lake-I FC	4	1	2	1	11	6	5	5
Stars Academy	4	1	0	3	6	10	-4	3
Ladyville Rising Stars	4	1	0	3	6	13	-7	3
Hattieville United YSC	4	0	1	3	3	9	-6	1

Week 5 schedule at the MCC:

Sunday, June 5

10:00 a.m. - Kelly Street Bombers vs Pickstock Ebony

12:00 noon - Ladyville Rising Stars vs Lake-I FC

2:00 p.m. - Eagles SC vs Port Loyola FC

4:00 p.m. - Hattieville United YSC vs Stars Academy

BDFA 1st Division 2021-2022 Closing Season Leading Scorers at Wk. 4, Sun. May 29, 2022		
TEAM	PLAYER	Goals
Pickstock Ebony	Traveyon Martinez	5
Port Layola FC	Kenroy Linares	5
Kelly Street Bombers	Francis Andrews	4
Ladyville Rising Stars	Deltroy Gamboa	4
Stars Academy	Shemar Thompson	3
Lake-I FC	Ryan Simpson	3
Kelly Street Bombers	Steven Baizar	3

Rained-out Saturday football games in Belize City

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. June 2, 2022

This past Saturday, May 28, all football games scheduled in Belize City, both at the MCC Grounds (BTB Mundialito U-13) and the Marion Jones Sports Complex (BDFA Regional Youth Elite U17 & U20), were postponed due to the condition of the fields as a result of heavy rains.

We have not received any stats on the BTB Mundialito, but the FFB's BDFA Office Administrator, Kursha Pollard assured us that the schedule remains the same this coming Saturday in the Regional Youth Elite U17 & U20 Tournament. So the same Week 3

games that were postponed last Saturday will now be played this coming Saturday, and the rest of the season schedule is pushed back a week.

Repeated BDFA U17/U20 Week 3 schedule: Saturday, June 4, Marion Jones Sports Complex

10:00 a.m. - (U17) Gwen Liz vs Warriors FC

12:00 noon - (U17) Hattieville United YSC vs Sampson Academy

2:00 p.m. - (U20) Lake-I FC vs Warriors FC

4:00 p.m. - (U20) Hattieville United YSC vs Youth & Sports Edu.

Belize's national football team competing for a Gold Cup spot

Twenty-three players were named to represent Belize in a series of games in a bid to qualify for the CONCACAF Nation's League.

by Charles Gladden

BELMOPAN, Wed. June 1, 2022

The Football Federation of Belize (FFB) has announced the names of the twenty-three players who will be representing Belize on the country's men's national team, which will be participating in several matches in the next two weeks in an attempt to qualify for the CONCACAF Nation's League.

The qualifying match is an opportunity for the national team to make it to the seventeenth edition of the CONCACAF Gold Cup in 2023. The selected players include Belizean footballers who are playing in countries such as the United States, Honduras, and the United Kingdom.

Ian Jones, team manager of the national men's team, told reporters, "When we had the opportunity to go to Gold Cup, we lost three points because we were unable to land in French Guiana. This time around, we didn't take that chance. Our tickets have been booked over a month ago; everybody has their French visas to enter, and so French Guiana won't steal three points from us this time. They need to win it on the field. I want the public to know this won't be like last time."

Evril Trapp, captain of the team, expressed optimism about the team's chances for victory at the games. "We have some experienced players and we



Senior male football team

got some young players, and we got a good mix, and I think if we go out on Thursday and move the ball like how the coach [wants] and we do it as a group, I think on Thursday, we should get that victory [that] we need," he said.

Deon McCaulay, a striker on the team, also is hopeful about the team's prospects for qualifying for a CONCACAF Gold Cup spot.

"First of all, I think we have a very talented group of players right here. It is not impossible for us to make the Gold Cup with the team that we have. It is just up to us to give a hundred percent [to] the country, and I would like more passion from the people, not

only on social media but also in the stadium. I personally think that we have a very good group. I know that everybody here is going to give a hundred percent, and with the competition that we have, the hardest team would probably be Guatemala, but we are not [underestimating] anyone. But for us, we are going into each game one at a time and [getting] a result in each of the [games] that we are playing. And if we do that, we'll definitely make it back to the Gold Cup," he said.

Belize will face off against French Guiana, the Dominican Republic, and Guatemala in the upcoming weeks

Stake Bank's appeal denied

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Environmental Clearance Plan (EPC) granted by the Government of Belize to Portico Enterprise Limited, which is aiming to construct a cruise port that would directly compete with Stake Bank's cruise terminal. On April 26, Stake Bank Enterprise Limited, the developers of the Port Coral cruise ship facility, applied, via attorney Andrew Marshall SC, for leave to appeal the decision, but on Monday, Justice Lisa Shoman dismissed that application.

Stake Bank first made its application for judicial review back in July of 2021, asserting that the granting of Portico's EPC was unlawful and did not meet statutory requirements. Its lawyers, Glenn D. Godfrey and Company, represented by William Lindo, Jr., at the time managed to get leave for their case to be heard, but Justice Shoman ruled that they failed to file the substantive application within the mandated 14-day-period. Lindo had insisted, however, that the application had been submitted online before the deadline.

The application was eventually struck down, and the request to appeal Justice Shoman's decision has now also been denied, thus ending this particular legal effort by Stake Bank Enterprise Limited to have an inquiry launched into the economic viability of the construction of other cruise ports within Belize City. This is unless that company decides to take its matter to the Court of Appeal.

Another interested party in this case is Waterloo Holdings Limited, the proposed developer of a cruise and cargo port facility at what is now the Port of Belize Limited. That company's effort to receive environmental clearance for their project was rejected by the National Environmental Appraisal Committee (NEAC). They have appealed to Minister of Sustainable Development, Hon. Orlando Habet, but have since decided to submit a new application. Habet has indicated that, in this case, the appeal will have to be withdrawn.

Recently the Minister of Tourism has pointed to the need for docking facilities in the country that can facilitate the major cruise ships they are in conversations with, and reduce the use of tendering. (He did not indicate whether his ministry had assessed the potential environmental impact of such a move and whether the additional revenue would justify the damage that could be caused.) The construction of Stake Bank Enterprises Limited's Port Coral facility is well underway and is located about 12 miles from the development at Port of Magical Belize. Between the two is Waterloo's proposed cruise and cargo facility.

WHO: Monkeypox likely won't become pandemic

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And as of Sunday, May 29, there have been over 200 confirmed Monkeypox cases in countries where the virus is not endemic. Most of those cases have not been linked to travel to endemic nations.

When asked whether the outbreak has the potential of becoming a global pandemic, Technical Lead for Monkeypox at the WHO, Rosamund Lewis stated "we don't know, but we don't think so."

Lewis also stated that, while the organization is not concerned about a global pandemic, there is currently a window of opportunity for the world to collectively stop the outbreak.

According to a report by CNBC, Sylvie Briand, the Director of Epidemic and Pandemic Preparedness and Prevention at WHO, stated that the organization does not want people to panic and think that the viral outbreak is like COVID-19.

"This Monkeypox disease is not COVID-19; it is a different virus," she

said.

In its Disease Outbreak News update, the WHO outlined ways in which the public can protect itself from the virus, including being aware of symptoms, practicing good hygiene, and practicing safe sex.

The Monkeypox virus causes usually mild flu-like symptoms quite similar to those of now-eradicated smallpox, including a pustular rash, fever, headaches, muscle aches, swelling, and back pain. It is transmitted through lesions in the skin, bodily fluids, or contaminated materials such as bedding. Its incubation period is normally 6 to 13 days. Unlike the Varicella virus, which causes chickenpox, lesions caused by the Monkeypox virus appear mostly on the face, arms, and legs as well as the eyes, mouth, and genitals.

Named after having been identified in monkeys in a Danish lab in 1958, Monkeypox is endemic in several areas in Central and West Africa. While the first human case was identified in 1970, it remained mostly unnoticed until the final stages of the eradication of smallpox.

Health experts have yet to learn more about its genetic makeup apart from the fact that it is a DNA virus, meaning it is unlikely to be transmitted or mutate as easily as RNA viruses such as COVID-19.

According to the WHO, the smallpox vaccine appears to be 85% effective at preventing Monkeypox.

As cases in non-endemic nations continue to rise, the African continent has reported up to three times as many cases in just this year, Associated Press News reports. And while nations like the US and Germany have begun to deploy hundreds of vaccines, Dr. Adesola Yinka-Ogunleye of Nigeria's Monkeypox working group has noted that such measures have never been employed in the countries most affected by the virus.

"It's a bit uncomfortable that we have a different attitude to the kinds of resources we deploy depending on where cases are," noted Dr. Jimmy Whitworth, a professor at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine who called this a "moral failing".

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Florencio Marin, Sr., the savior of the sugar industry?

The senior statesman, long retired, has been contracted by the government to advise SICB in ongoing sugar industry negotiations, Agriculture Minister Hon. Jose Mai says there is no one more experienced in, or knowledgeable of, the sugar industry. PSU president Dean Flowers calls it a “slap in the face” of young public officers.

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impasse in negotiations between BSCFA and BSI caused a delay in the start of the sugar crop in December. It had been initially hoped that earlier that month the two parties would have finalized the terms of a new commercial agreement prior to the scheduled expiration in January 2022 of the agreement that was previously in place. But the BFSCA had insisted that the revenue-and-cost-sharing formulas in the agreement be altered in the new agreement so that farmers could get a larger share of the earnings, while ASR/BSI had insisted that, following the millions they had invested in updating production processes, such a concession was one they couldn't afford to make. Both parties refused to budge, resulting in a week-long postponement of the start of the processing of harvested cane. During that period, members of the BFSCA used their trucks to block the entrance to the ASR/BSI factory, and even after the interim agreement was finalized and operations resumed, the relations between the two parties were still strained—and there were threats of lawsuits by BSI and other northern sugar growers associations for the losses they reportedly incurred as a result of the standoff.

Interestingly, when the interim agreement between ASR/BSI and BSCFA had been signed—thus allowing the commencement of milling at the start of January, the AMANDALA, in an article dated Wednesday, January 5, 2022, had stated, “Joining the Prime Minister in the efforts to broker a truce between the parties were other northern area representatives, Florencio Marin, Ramon Cervantes, Ramiro Ramirez, and Agriculture Minister Hon. Jose Mai. The BSCFA chairman told local media that their involvement fast-tracked the process.”

That article also noted the continuing bitterness in the relations between BSI and BSCFA, when it stated, “The company, in a release issued on December 30, stated, ‘BSI does not condone the illegal tactics and threats of violence to pressure concessions from the mill. There is no place for such a tactic in a modern sugar industry. This will only damage the credibility of the whole industry, and call in question whether under such a volatile atmosphere it will be safe to operate the mill.’”

With the stakes as high as they are, experience and expertise will be key to striking a balance that ensures both parties are willing to continue to play their respective roles in generating sugar export revenue, which is so critical to the well-being of the economy, and both the Prime Minister, Hon. John Briceño, and Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Jose Mai, in the face of questions about the propriety of hiring someone with such close ties to Cabinet, have publicly stated that they believe Marin, Sr. is the

person who is most equipped to salvage the very volatile sugar industry.

During remarks on Friday, Minister Mai said, “Mr. Marin is a very well-respected and known gentleman in the sugar belt. He has a long of friends and people who respect him in the sugar industry. The sugar industry right now in the north is in a very difficult situation because of the new agreement that the farmers and the millers need to sign, and there is a lot of tension. I think that bringing on Mr. Marin, as a person who is well-respected and a very experienced politician, would bring some kind of resolution to this, so to speak, conflict between the cane farmer and the association.”

PM Briceño, for his part, said that the inclusion of Marin in the process might in fact keep the parties at the table in the negotiations to come.

“Everybody knows that Florencio Marin is one of the most knowledgeable persons when it comes to the relation between the cane farmers in BSI. We had in the 28th of December in 2021, we had a strike by the farmers and they shut down the mill for almost about a week. The factory claims that they lost about a million dollars. Farmers lost probably the same, and we believe that at this critical moment when the farmers and BSI continue to negotiate for a commercial agreement, that it is important that we can have someone that is able to speak to both parties and to keep them together without fighting,” PM Briceño said. (Notably, prior to the signing of the interim agreement, cane farmers had marched to the Prime Minister's home and demanded his resignation.)

The Prime Minister said that he asked Marin, Sr., to serve as an advisor who will facilitate the negotiations at a very critical juncture—when both parties (BSCFA and ASR/BSI) are on the edge. And a Ministry of Agriculture memo dated April 26 reportedly confirms that such an arrangement was made with the senior Marin.

“We don't want another strike to occur. We don't want cane fields being burnt down, and that you know, that we have a sabotage. We want to make sure that the sugar industry, an industry that has a direct impact on the people of the north in the Orange Walk and Corozal District, an industry that has a direct impact on our 5,000 cane farmers, that we can keep things calmly, that we can keep both sides together talking at all time, and hopefully for the next year or so that he can help us to be able to move this industry forward,” PM Briceño said.

Members of the United Democratic Party, however, have condemned the decision to hire Marin Sr. (the father

Healthcare providers meet to prepare for potential disasters

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current state of readiness for responding to potential natural disasters and health emergencies as well as ways to bridge existing gaps and shortcomings.

In attendance at the meeting were Regional Health Managers from the Western, Northern, and Southern Health Regions, as well as representatives from the Belize Emergency Response Team (BERT), Red Cross, UNICEF, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), Belize Medical Associates, and Belize Healthcare Partners.

John Bodden, the Ministry's Health Disaster Coordinator, told local reporters about the importance of the annual meeting, normally held before the start of the hurricane season, as well as the importance of collaboration within the health sector.

“We have to recognize that there is no one single entity in this country that can have all the necessary manpower or human resources that are required for a response. And so whenever we come together, we can network, and we can collaborate, and we can agree in terms of how we can provide effective

communication and response to the general public,” he explained.

Bodden also took the time to underscore how important it is for families to prepare for disaster as well. A proper family preparedness plan, he says, is essential for an effective response.

Also present at the meeting was the Chief Executive Officer of the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital (KMH), Chandra Nisbet Cansino. As the only tertiary referral hospital in the country, Cansino noted, the KMH must always be prepared for disaster, and the CEO says that they are.

“Our standard plan is that we withstand up to a Category 3 [hurricane] at the KMH, and anything beyond a Category 3, we evacuate,” she said.

“The critically ill patients would come to the Western Regional Hospital area. And then, we are a referral hospital, so if we have patients that are referred to us, they would then be referred back to their respective hospitals and other patients would be shared between San Ignacio Hospital, Western Regional, and possibly Orange Walk Hospital,” she added.

of the Attorney General, Magali Marin Young, and Minister of National Security, Florencio Marin, Jr.), who will reportedly be paid \$36,000 for his one-year tenure. UDP chairman, Senator Michael Peyrefitte, mentioned during remarks to reporters, that while he respects the veteran statesman, he does not think he should be paid \$36,000.

“I have great respect for him, but one, I don't think he needs thirty-six thousand dollars; two, I don't think you can keep hiring people like that, especially the father of two sitting government ministers in the face of you telling public servants that they can't get their increases back, you can't institute a five-dollar minimum wage. You cannot in that environment hire the father of two ministers to work in the sector,” Peyrefitte said in an interview with local media.

He added, “I don't think that there is a need for Mr. Marin to make an additional salary. Why can't he in the goodness of his heart, with all his experience in the sugar industry just come and offer his services as a friend to the government and as a friend to the people of Belize free of cost?”

Hon. Jose Mai, Minister of Agriculture, however, has stated that Marin Sr.'s involvement will be key to the success of the process.

“I think it will make a difference, bringing him on to try to resolve the situation within the sugar industry right now, a little thinking outside the box, you know, someone that can dialogue with the farmers, you know. There are 5,300 cane farmers, and I don't know if you have ever been to a cane farmers meeting to, it really gets rough. So, Mr. Marin has that type of diplomacy, soft-speaking, and people respect him for who he is and what he has been in the past,” Minister Mai said.

With just two months until the expiration of the current interim agreement holding the industry together, and no signs of

conversations to reach a new commercial agreement suitable to both parties, Marin, Sr. will have his work cut out for him.

Florencio Marin, Sr. served as the deputy prime minister under the leadership of the Father of the Nation, Rt. Hon. George Price, and as leader of the opposition during Rt. Hon. Manuel Esquivel's tenure as PM. He has been active in Belizean politics from 1965 to 2008, when he retired from office, and was replaced by his son in the Corozal Southeast constituency, where Marin, Sr., had been undefeated for over 40 years.

Today, the president of the Public Service Union (PSU), Dean Flowers, in his remarks on the matter, said, “Like most Belizeans, the Public Service Union was surprised to see that recommendation coming from the CEO in the Ministry of Agriculture. It would appear that these kinds of hiring would suggest that we don't have competent public officers within the public service to provide the kind of advice that is necessary to these technical officers.”

Flowers added, “There is a lot of qualified young people who I am certain has submitted their application on the Ministry of Public Service platform to fill any post, vacant post perhaps within the Ministry of Agriculture. It's an insult to the Belizean public and it's a disrespect to the young voters and the young population of this country by this administration...another insult...”

During an interview, today Prime Minister Briceño confirmed that there has been an increase in the price of sugar cane. “As we know the price in the world market has improved, has gone up,” the PM said. He shared that he received a letter indicating this yesterday. “The price has gone up and things are looking good for our farmers and I hope that we can continue going in that upward trend.” The PM said

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El Salvador committing 'massive' rights violations, Amnesty says

At least 18 people have died in state custody during sweeping gang crackdown, Amnesty International says in new report.

Thursday, 2 June 2022

Authorities in El Salvador have committed "massive human rights violations" in a sweeping gang crackdown, Amnesty International has said, including arbitrary arrests, violations of due process, torture and ill-treatment.

In a new investigation released on Thursday, the UK-based rights group said at least 18 people have died in state custody since the administration of President Nayib Bukele in late March declared a state of emergency to stem gang violence.

The figures come from Salvadoran nonprofit organisation Cristosal, which said all those who died had been male. Some died due to lack of timely medical attention and others had shown signs of suffering aggression, such as bruises, it said.

Amnesty also pointed to mass hearings of up to 500 detainees charged at the time. The majority are prosecuted, even in the absence of evidence, according to the report.

"On the pretext of punishing gangs, the Salvadoran authorities are committing widespread and flagrant violations of human rights and criminalizing people living in poverty," Erika Guevara-Rosas, the rights group's Americas director, said in a statement.

"Instead of offering an effective response to the dramatic violence caused by gangs and the historic public security challenges facing the country, they are subjecting the Salvadoran people to a tragedy," Guevara-Rosas said.

Bukele's government declared a state of emergency on March 27 following a record surge in homicides in the Central American nation.

Rights groups and United Nations experts have slammed the move, which sent troops into the streets and gave security forces powers to arrest people without a warrant, among other curbs to civil liberties.

The emergency measure has been extended twice in Congress, where Bukele's party holds a majority.

Since it was first invoked, the police and the army have arrested more than 36,000 people accused of belonging to gangs, including 1,190 minors, according to official figures.

Amnesty International and other rights groups are concerned that innocent people are likely being swept up in the raids. Salvadoran families have also said they are getting little to no information about detained loved ones, who they say were rounded up despite having no gang ties.

In its report, Amnesty said the arrests are often arbitrary, and based on people's appearance, unfounded accusations, being related to a gang member, having a prior criminal record, or living in a gang-controlled neighbourhood.



Despite widespread criticism, Bukele has defended his government's anti-gang campaign [Jose Cabezas/Reuters]

But despite the criticism, the Salvadoran government has defended its policies.

On Wednesday, during a speech marking his third year in office, Bukele said his government was on the verge of "winning the war against the gangs" and questioned the countries and international groups that have accused his administration of abuses of authority and human rights violations.

"Whatever they say, whatever they do, whatever they write, they attack again and again, I tell you: They are not going to stop us. We have God and the Salvadoran people on our side," Bukele said.

El Salvador's presidency, the justice and security ministry, the police and the army did not immediately respond to requests for comment from the Reuters news agency about the content of Amnesty's report.

Gangs thrived during El Salvador's civil war from 1979 to 1992, then spread throughout Central America and into part of Mexico. The Salvadoran authorities have estimated that there are approximately 70,000 gang members in the country.

On Wednesday, Bukele's security minister, Gustavo Villatoro, pledged that the government's "war" on gangs will continue, even though the homicide rate has dropped sharply.

"This war is going to continue for as long as necessary and to the extent that the public continues to demand it," Villatoro said.

"We are going to continue to confront this cancer, and we have said it before and we stand by it, this war will continue until the gangs are eradicated from the territory of El Salvador."

Multiple surveys show that 70 percent of Salvadorans support the government's current measures to reduce gang crime, a problem that has driven thousands of people to leave the country.

The gangs' power is strongest in El Salvador's poorest neighbourhoods, where the state has long been absent. They are a drain on the economy, extorting money from even the lowest earners and forcing businesses that cannot or will not pay to close.

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Agatha claims 9 lives; 4 missing

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. June 2, 2022

The first hurricane for the Eastern Pacific hurricane season, Agatha, made landfall on Monday as a category two storm. Mexican authorities have confirmed that 9 persons lost their lives and 4 others are currently missing as a result of the storm.



Agatha making landfall

Landslides and flooding have already occurred, and officials are warning of the possibility of more of such occurrences.

Hurricane Agatha knocked out power and telecommunication services near the coastal town of Puerto Angel on the Pacific coast before dissipating as it traveled through Mexico—its remnants emerging in the Yucatan Peninsula.

This system was expected to dump heavy rains on northern Belize, prompting the Ministry of Agriculture to issue an advisory to farmers to reap any crop almost ready for harvest in order to avoid any losses resulting from a flood. However, the Chief Meteorologist, Ronald Gordon, has stated that this system is no longer a threat to Belize.

What remains of Agatha, which is

now a tropical disturbance in the Atlantic basin, is headed in the direction of Cuba and Florida, and was located just on the tip of the Yucatan Peninsula today at 4:00 PM CDT.

The system has a 90% chance of formation over the next 48 hours, the National Hurricane Center (NHC) says, adding that heavy rain is expected to continue in the eastern Yucatan, and over the Cayman Islands, and western Cuba.

"Life-threatening flash flooding and mudslides are possible across western Cuba," the NHC states in its first advisory on the system. Tropical storm conditions may develop between Friday night and Saturday.

It is highly likely that the remnant of the first system to develop in the Eastern Pacific will give rise to the first system for the 2022 Atlantic Hurricane Season.

Colombian rescuers inch towards trapped miners

by Vanessa Buschschlüter

Rescue workers in Colombia are working against the clock to save 14 coal miners who have been trapped deep under ground since Monday.

The men were cut off after an explosion thought to have been caused by a build-up of gases ripped through a tunnel.

The blast's expansive wave hit one miner on the surface who has since died from the burns he sustained.

Mining accidents are not uncommon in Colombia, with 148 deaths recorded in 2021.

Relatives of the miners have been holding a vigil by the banks of a little stream not far from the mine entrance.

"We're desperate, but we're clinging to the hope that they're alive," one wife told RCN radio.

Officials and rescue workers have

given different estimates as to the depth at which the men are trapped. The regional mining secretary, Jhon Olivares, said they were 200m (650ft) below ground while some local media reported that they could be as far down as 300m.

Mr Olivares said that the mine was operating legally. It had been closed in 2021 due to a high concentration of gases but had been given the green light to reopen on 19 May, he said.

The rescue work has also been hampered by a build-up of gas as well heavy rains.

"Conditions are very complicated. The impact caused by the explosion was strong and the subsequent fire has generated contaminating gases," Mr Olivares explained.

The explosion was so powerful that flames shot 15m from the tunnel's entrance, where they engulfed Fabio Cáceres, the 37-year-old miner who has since died.

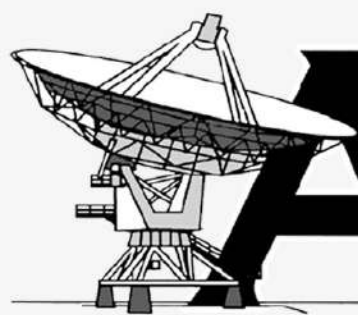
Engineers have been working to ventilate the shafts and officials said the rescue workers had managed to advance 150m so far.

Colombia's civil defence force said it was working around the clock to free the miners.

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The accident happened at La Mestiza coal mine near El Zulia in northern Colombia



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