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A company listed as Forest Carbon Offsets LLC is selling carbon credits from the Boden Creek Forest Carbon Project; sales are being verified by an out-of-date Verra Registry. The CEO in the Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management, Kenrick Williams, says no regulated market for the sale of carbon credits has yet been established in Belize

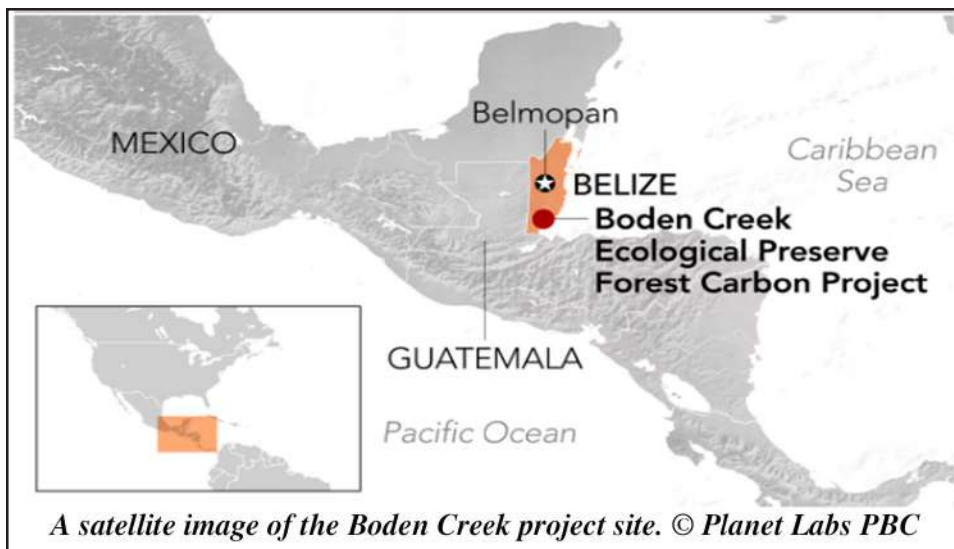
by Marco Lopez

BELIZE CITY, Wed. June 15, 2022

Yesterday, the Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change, and Disaster Risk Management issued a release warning “companies purporting to sell carbon credits from within the country” and noting that the government has not sanctioned those transactions

and that all authorization to engage in those sales would have to be given by the government. While the release was issued in response to some posts on social media that alluded to such unsanctioned sales, AMANDALA has come across an investigative report done by The Nikkei Asia, the largest financial newspaper in the world, which indicates that carbon credits issued for the Boden Creek Ecological Preserve Forest Carbon Project (BCEP) are still being issued after CO2 reduction work in the area ended under the project.

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Guns and drugs found in WPC's home



WPC Stephanie Patten

by Charles Gladden

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Stephanie Patten, a 24-year-old woman police constable, was detained on Tuesday, June 14, after a police raid of her Orange Walk home led to the discovery of two handguns, a high-

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Hon. Eamon Courtenay

Chartered flights from Haiti to be denied

Foreign Affairs Minister Hon. Eamon Courtenay says that, in addition to dealing with an uptick in Cuban migrants, the Government will be cracking down on the smuggling of Haitian nationals through the country.

by Khaila Gentle

BELIZE CITY, Wed. June 15, 2022

Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade, and Immigration, Hon. Eamon Courtenay has said

that the government will soon be cracking down on the smuggling of Haitians through the country by preventing the landing of chartered

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British-South African resort owner killed in PG

by Charles Gladden

SAN ANTONIO, Toledo District. Thurs. June 16, 2022

The lifeless body of Kevin Brown, 70, a British-South African retiree and owner of a small resort with an organic farm known as Farm Inn, which is located about a mile away from San Antonio Village on the Jalacte Road in the Toledo District, was found at the resort with apparent gunshot wounds on

Monday, June 13. There have been conflicting reports about the specific location on the property at which the discovery of the body was made—with initial reports indicating that he was found floating face-up in a pool on the grounds of the resort, while subsequent reports have stated that he was found on the floor of his office.

According to police, Brown

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Kevin Brown, deceased

CARICOM trying to restore correspondent banking—PM

by *Khaila Gentle*

BELIZE CITY, Wed. June 15, 2022

At the first official press conference held by the Prime Minister since his being elected into office in November 2020, Hon. John Briceño spoke on several foreign affairs issues concerning the country and the region, including correspondent banking. The derisking carried out by US banks, which have ended their relationships with several banks in the region in order to avoid possible sanctions due to strict banking regulations, have caused numerous challenges for small CARICOM countries, and was a topic that was brought up during a side meeting at the IX Summit of the Americas, where the Prime Minister and other CARICOM Heads of State were, once again, able to meet with US congresswoman Maxine Waters.

During that meeting, a discussion was held on how the region could restore correspondent banking relationships with the US.

“In the meeting with Maxine Waters, what she was suggesting is to hold a congressional committee meeting and to invite CARICOM leaders to go and to talk about it, and she’s hoping that eventually, she could have a carve-out for the Caribbean to see how we can have these banks provide services to the region,” he stated.

“Because as we pointed out that there is a more responsibility from the banks that you can’t just cherry-pick your customers, you need to provide services to everyone,” he added.

The Prime Minister noted that getting the US to address the issue has, in the past, been frustrating since, before now, neither the banks nor Congress have

been willing to cooperate.

“As I mentioned at our meeting, we feel like a ping-pong ball, because they are saying that it is not them, it is the banks, and the banks are saying that it is not them, it is Congress and it seems that no one is prepared to make a definitive decision in trying to resolve this problem,” said the Prime Minister.

Foreign Minister Hon. Eamon Courtenay also spoke on the matter, and he described the double standard that currently exists in the world of banking—where the rich countries that condemn smaller nations for money laundering and terrorism are never condemned themselves—as “a bit difficult to stomach.”

“We find it curious that the Caribbean, let’s speak about the Caribbean, is being pressured on money laundering and anti-terrorism. But it was curious that once the sanctions were announced against Russia, the billions of dollars that they say is the proceeds of money laundering were found in London, in New York, in Geneva,” said Minister Courtenay.

In April of this year, at the Caribbean Financial Access Roundtable Meetings held in Bridgetown, Barbados, Prime Minister Mia Mottley expressed similar sentiments, pointing out that while the countries routinely placed on anti-money laundering lists receive relatively little international financing of any sort, those that have never and will never be listed are where most money laundering, regrettably, takes place. That meeting was where Prime Ministers Mottley and Briceño were first able to meet with Congresswoman Waters.

Over the years, Belize has lost about 85% of its previously established correspondent banking relations.

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An out-of-date carbon-reduction projects database controlled by Verra, a US-based NGO, lists BCEP as the main operator of the project; this is despite a takeover by Forest Carbon Offsets as the main operator in October 2017, and a reported temporary control by a US coal company in 2017 also. The issue here is that there is every indication that 190,000 tons of carbon credit were produced up until 2015, and none after that period, suggesting the US-based controllers and successor of the BCEP stopped forest conservation activities.

In 2021, however, Japan Petroleum Exploration (JAPEX) purchased 120,000 tons of carbon credits from the BCEP to offset a vessel of liquified natural gas sent to Japan. The credit purchase was verified by Verra, the company says. The company, Verra, has still not updated its database, according to the investigative report.

In 2021, Fauna and Flora International purchased the land covered by the carbon offset program to prevent it from being converted to farmland, its spokespersons say. That non-profit

organization will not be paid for any credits, since they do not control the project itself.

While the sale of old carbon credits is not itself a violation of any current law, it brings to the fore how important it is that carbon credit buyers vet the quality of the carbon offset projects from which they purchase credits to achieve their carbon neutrality goals.

Experts think this case in Belize is just the tip of the iceberg; reports of forests being mowed shortly after carbon credit certificates were issued in India and Uruguay have surfaced. A call for increased and independent oversight, to ensure that carbon credits are not purchased from defunct or old projects is now seen as absolutely necessary.

“The discovery of outdated information published by a certification organization points to a major lapse of oversight. Buyers of credits issued for the Belize project were not aware that the main project operator had changed,” the Nikkei article states.

The project description outlined on the REDD project database website states, “The core objective of this project is to commercialize the forest

El Salvador loses \$50 M as cryptocurrency market crashes

by *Khaila Gentle*

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador, Thurs. June 16, 2022

With the rapid decline of the cryptocurrency market and a recent sharp drop in the value of Bitcoin, El Salvador has reportedly lost over fifty percent of what it invested in the market.

According to VICE News, El Salvador’s government purchased a total of 2,301 Bitcoins for \$105.6 million. Those Bitcoin reserves, however, lost 51% of their value on Monday and are now only worth \$51.6 million, representing a loss of more than fifty million dollars for the Central American nation.

Earlier, in January, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) had

recommended that the country liquidate its Bitcoin reserves and fully abandon using the cryptocurrency as legal tender. The country’s government, however, outright refused.

Despite the possible threat that the cryptocurrency crash poses to the country’s economy, El Salvador’s government remains seemingly unperturbed. On Monday, Finance Minister Alejandro Zelaya said at a press conference that there is still an “extremely minimal” fiscal risk, noting that the decline in the value of Bitcoin does not represent more than 0.5% of the national budget.

In September 2021, El Salvador became the first country to accept Bitcoin as legal tender, amid much criticism from both inside and outside the nation.

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suffered gunshot wounds in the center of his chest, his left palm, the right side of his back, and near his left ear.

His body was reportedly found at about 3:00 p.m. on Monday afternoon by Jim McArthur, a farmer and friend of Brown who lived nearby and who went to visit him, but found that the front door of the home/establishment was locked. He reportedly shouted Brown’s name and knocked more forcefully, but there was no reply. Recent reports are indicating that McArthur then entered the home through an open door at the back and discovered Brown’s lifeless body on the floor.

McArthur subsequently contacted Brown’s wife, who resides in Placencia, to inform her of what had happened, then he called the police.

After police arrived at the scene,

Brown’s body was transported to the Punta Gorda Hospital, and moments after 6:00 p.m. on Monday night, he was pronounced dead.

When asked about the incident by local reporters, Commissioner of Police Chester Williams stated, “From what investigators are seeing or what investigators saw on the scene, it would appear to be a robbery gone wrong, and the place was ransacked and several items were missing, including the deceased’s licensed shotgun, and so there are persons that we are looking at with the hope that we’ll be able to get some positive leads to be able to solve this murder in Punta Gorda.”

Police are yet to detain any persons in connection with Brown’s death.

Brown’s daughter is reportedly offering a \$2,000 reward for any information that leads to the arrest of her father’s murderer.

carbon offsets at the Boden Creek Ecological Preserve near Punta Gorda, Belize, Central America. This property has been the site of a groundbreaking effort to use eco-tourism as a funding source for land preservation. Before project implementation, the land was under immediate threat of land conversion for agriculture, containing international protected biodiversity. The Boden Creek Ecological Preserve is a private preserve that owns the project site, leased to Belize Lodge and Excursions (BLE). BLE is an ecotourism enterprise with four eco-lodges and tourism packages that promote conservation, community development, and the use of sustainable practices within BCEP.”

According to the available data, the project started in 2005 and is listed to end in 2029, but the available information was last updated in June of 2020 and does not reflect FFI’s purchase of the project area since they acquired the land in 2021. Today, CEO of the Ministry of Climate Change, Kenrick Williams, told local media during an interview that a framework for the sale of carbon credits from the country has not yet been finalized. He said that there are entities selling carbon credits under the voluntary system.

During his remarks, CEO Williams said, “We just want to notify that company should engage the ministry, as it is legislatively, there’re no penalties. That legislative framework is being outlined as we speak ... other ministries are in a process of developing that legislative framework to guide this process. Now, all of this fits in the broader framework of, again, the UN framework convention on Climate Change. The outcome of COP26, for example, influences how this market works, and this itself is not very clear. The negotiations continue, and so we have been trying to devise a framework based on some of the outcomes of the decision at COP as it will influence the national and international markets.”

He stated that small-scale and commercial projects will impact the national carbon project—although no reference was made to the Boden Creek project during his remarks.

“What the Ministry of Sustainable Development is concerned about is as it relates to the carbon budget. Once you purport to sell 100 tons of carbon, that affects our total quota available ... based on our forest stand, nationally.

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Minister Courtenay: US's exclusion of 3 countries in region "myopic, shortsighted, misguided"

"Bilateral discussions are taking place, but they want us to believe that when it comes to the entire hemisphere these countries are dictatorships. Well, if they can have relations with them, and we can have relations with them, and this is Summit of the Americas, there is absolutely no justification for excluding them ...," Senator Eamon Courtenay said.

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Prime Minister Hon. John Briceño's speech at the Summit of the Americas was lauded by the *New York Times* as "remarkable", and was described by that newspaper as a public chastisement of US president Joe Biden. The PM's remarks were delivered just a moment after Biden left the lectern. In the joint press conference he held yesterday with Minister of Foreign Affairs, Hon. Eamon Courtenay, however, Prime Minister Briceño objected to assertions that he had chastised President Biden.

"No, I was not publicly chastising the president. I need to point out, first, that was publicly known what was CARICOM's position, and I went there to speak as the Chairman of CARICOM, and at the same time for Belize. Belize has been very clear that the Summit of the Americas should be inclusive; it is a summit that is defined by geography, not by ideology, and I felt strongly that all countries should be invited ...," PM Briceño said.

Foreign Affairs Minister Hon. Eamon Courtenay subsequently pointed out that the United States has been engaged in diplomatic relations with both Cuba and Venezuela recently, and moreover, that the Summit belongs to the Americas, unlike the United States Summit of Democracy held last December that PM Briceño attended.

"The 9th and 10th of December last year, President Biden hosted the Summit of Democracies, Prime Minister Briceño attended. Cuba, Nicaragua, and Venezuela were not invited because that was an American conference, an American summit. As the Prime Minister has said, the Summit of the Americas does not belong to the United States; the United States merely hosted the summit. The summit belongs to the Americas; the last two Summits these countries attended. It is curious to me, that less than a month ago the United States announced new measures with Cuba's supposed dictatorship. It is curious to me that about two months ago the United States and Cuba actually had bilateral talks on immigration, one of the main topics of the summit," Senator Courtenay said.

In regard to relations with Venezuela, Senator Courtenay remarked, "It is curious to me that less than a month ago the United States announced a waiver to do business with Venezuela. It is curious to me that less than a month ago, the United States National Security Council sent a delegation to negotiate with Venezuela. Bilateral discussions are taking place, but they want us to believe that when it comes to the entire hemisphere, these countries are dictatorships. Well, if they can have relations with them, and we can have relations with them, and this is the Summit of the America, there is absolutely no justification for excluding them ...," Senator Eamon Courtenay said.

Hon. Courtenay further noted that a

key purpose of the summit was to look at the pressing issues (such as migration within the hemisphere) that were being hashed out in discussions at the summit, and he said that the exclusion of Cuba, Venezuela and Nicaragua defeated the purpose of the talks.

"How can we talk about migration as a hemispheric problem and two of the countries that are countries of origin—how hundred and thousands and millions are excluded? How do you find a solution for the problem if you exclude those countries? How can you talk about COVID-19 recovery—when the country that was on the frontline around the world when there was no vaccine is not invited to be part of the discussion on dealing with the continuing problem and future pandemics? We regard that as myopic, we regard that as shortsighted, we regard it as misguided. Mr. Barrow [the Leader of the Opposition, who condemned PM Briceño's objection to the US's exclusion of those three countries] appears to be trapped in a mindset set in the Cold War ...," Senator Courtenay said.

During the recent UDP press conference, UDP leader, Hon. Moses "Shyne" Barrow, who, as previously mentioned, had indicated that the country should not be supporting "dictatorships" simply because it has received some form of aid from such nations, pointed out that his remarks were personal and do not reflect the collective view of the UDP.

"My position, my position, my position – we have not had an opportunity as a party to discuss, because people ask for reform, but do you really want reform? Or do you want the thing to continue the way they did for the last 40 years. I don't believe in that. I also don't believe in homogenous democracy, I believe in diversity ... in Cuba, you don't even have a press corps, and I have a problem with that. I appreciate what they have done for Belize, but I have a problem with dictatorships as a leader of the opposition. In Cuba, those people who are publicly chiming me and attacking me that are part of the party, they would go missing in Cuba. That's what dictatorship looks like ... I am not saying as prime minister I would not have relations with Venezuela and Cuba, but that would not be a wholesale relationship that, okay, you give Petro Caribe, you give medical scholarships and I will say you know, human rights violations don't matter, democracy doesn't matter ...," said Barrow.

Senator Courtenay stated, however, that Belize's diplomatic position remains non-judgmental of the internal politics of countries—noting that even in the United States, there are many who question the legitimacy of election results.

"For Belize, we have an activist foreign policy where we are friends to all and enemies to none. We work to advance the interest of Belize and the region without judging the internal politics of any country," Senator Courtenay said.



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PM away on 3-week working trip

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. June 16, 2022

For the first time since he took office in November 2020, the Prime Minister of Belize, Hon. John Briceño, alongside the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Hon. Eamon Courtenay, met with members of the local media at the Laing Building in Belize City, on Wednesday, June 15, and at that press conference he announced he will be out of office for three weeks.

The PM's extended absence from the country commences on Thursday, June 16, when he will embark on travels that will see him visit three continents to hold meetings with a number of international organizations. His first stop will be in Brussels, Belgium, where he will attend the EU Development Days Conference, to which only three other CARICOM leaders have been invited, and his last stop will be in Guyana, to which he will be making an official visit.

The objectives of Prime Minister Briceño's international trip are to establish connections with the other Commonwealth countries, strengthen relationships face-to-face with the European Union partners, which play a crucial role in Belize's development, and surrender chairmanship of CARICOM.

"I leave for the summit, and yes, it is early, because I will be in Brussels, where I have been invited to attend the EU Development Days Conference to discuss development issues. Only three CARICOM Heads have been invited: Belize, Dominica, and Trinidad and Tobago. In Brussels, I'll be meeting with the EU heads of government, including the Prime Minister of Belgium. I'll be pushing for the establishment of an EU delegation in Belize and continue our campaign for VISA-free access to the EU. As you all know, the EU is one of our largest donors and our second-largest trading partner," PM Briceño told local media on Wednesday.

He further explained, "... From Brussels, Belgium, I go to Rwanda for the Commonwealth Heads of Governments Summit. There will be the



**Hon. John Briceño,
Prime Minister of Belize**

election of the secretary-general. Foreign Minister Johnson Smith, and Baroness Scotland are vying for the post. We also have some bilateral lined up with Commonwealth partners. On the way back, I will stop off in Lisbon, Portugal for the World Oceans Summit. Here Belize will be featured for our successful negotiation on the Blue Bonds. I'll also going to be meeting with potential investors on the matter of renewable energy. We want to see how we can harness all that sargassum and turn it into electricity, so I'll be having some meetings on this as well."

"Finally, from Lisbon, I go to Suriname to hand over the chairmanship of CARICOM to the incoming president pro-temperate, President Santokhi of Suriname. The CARICOM Heads will be meeting over three days to discuss regional matters. Thereafter, [at] the invitation of President Ali, I travel to Guyana for an official visit," concluded PM Briceño.

According to PM Briceño, the cost of his international travels will be covered by a number of international financial institutions.

During his absence, Deputy Prime Minister, Hon. Cordel Hyde, will be acting as Prime Minister.

A press release issued this evening states, "The Office of the Prime Minister informs that the Hon. John Briceño departed the country, today, en route to Kigali, Rwanda, to attend the 22nd Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM)."

Guns and drugs found in WPC's home

Stephanie Patten, charged with keeping firearms and ammunition without a gun license and possession of controlled drugs with intent to supply



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powered rifle, a large stash of ammunition, a small amount of cocaine and crack cocaine, some GSU uniforms, and a bulletproof vest. There were three other persons in the home at the time—one of whom, according to initial media reports, is an individual that has previously been arrested for drug trafficking and armed robbery, as well as an individual whom *7News* initially referred to as a “mystery Mexican”. The names of those three men are Joshua Brandon Hall, 24, a Corozal Town resident; Alden Lara, 22, a Belize City resident; and Misael Contreras Varela, who is reportedly a laborer from Quintana Roo, Mexico.

Patten and the three men subsequently appeared in the Magistrare Court in Belize City (where members of the Police Department’s G13 unit were present to ensure heightened security) and were charged for possession of controlled drugs with intent to supply, keeping prohibited ammunition (2 counts), keeping ammunition without a license (2 counts), illicit trafficking of firearms, and possession of unregistered bulletproof vests — a total of seven counts.

Alifah Elrington, who is prosecuting the case, told the court that she would indicate to the court within 14 days whether the matter would be handled summarily or on indictment. Magistrate Tricia Pitts Andersen thus decided not to allow the four detainees to submit a plea, and after the case was adjourned, they were remanded to the Belize Central Prison until August 9, but will have the opportunity to apply for Supreme Court bail.

Patten was represented by attorney Richard “Dickie” Bradley in court, but attorney Leeroy Banner, who is representing the three men, was not present in court for the arraignment.

In reference to the operation which led to the arrest of the four persons, Commissioner of Police, Chester Williams told reporters yesterday, “There was an operation launched in Orange Walk Town by police, and during that operation, the home of a female police officer was searched. That search yielded one M4 Carbine rifle, two nine-millimeter pistols, [and] several .223 rounds of ammunition, as well as several nine-millimeter rounds of ammunition, including some cocaine, [and] some crack cocaine.”

Reports are that the police officers who conducted the operation spotted two bags which contained 200 rounds of ammunition along with magazines and a 9 millimeter pistol upon their entry into the home, and they went on to discover 13 more rounds of 9 millimeter ammunition when they searched

Constable Patten’s room. The three men were in another room, and when police searched that room they found one black Glock 22 .40 caliber pistol with an extended magazine, in which there were twenty-one (21) live rounds. Additionally, they came across another extended magazine, in which there were twenty-seven live rounds and an M-4 carbine rifle with a magazine containing twenty-five (25) live rounds. Finally, in a third room they found three bulletproof vests and several GSU uniforms — a type which is no longer being used by the Police Department.

The prohibited features on the rifles — including the extended magazine on one pistol and a modification on one firearm that converts it into a fully automatic weapon with the push of a button — suggest that they were not being kept for legal purposes, but were part of the arsenal of a criminal operation.

According to Patten’s attorney, Richard “Dickie” Bradley, however, she was in no way associated with any such operation, and the items found in her home were taken there without her awareness or consent.

“What happened is clearly acting on some kind of tip-off, the police actually did a raid at a residence in which they broke down the door, went in and were very successful in finding the various items, including prohibited firearms, about 200 rounds of ammunitions, assorted ammunitions fitting the different firearms that were found — 3 firearms in total. They throw in bulletproof vests; they also claim that they found a small quantity, 9 grams, of crack somewhere in the residence. What this is, is somebody took a large quantity of ammunition and 3 firearms into a property without getting any permission and so on and so forth and everybody that is found in that property, the police have a duty to arrest all of them,” Bradley told a *7News* reporter.

Questions are now arising among members of the public, however, about the extent of Patten’s possible involvement in the criminal underworld, since her recent arrest is not the first time she has been detained for a criminal offense. Patten, who according to one local television newscast, is reportedly married to another police officer, was charged in 2018 for physically assaulting a female patron inside a nightclub in Orange Walk Town. Two years later, in 2020, Patten was once again facing criminal charges after she, along with three women and a female minor, was found with 23.4 pounds of marijuana.

One of the other women, however, took sole responsibility for the possession and trafficking of the drugs, and as a result the charges against Patten were dropped. Her association with

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flights from the Caribbean nation.

At a press conference held on Wednesday, at which both the Foreign Minister and Prime Minister Hon. John Briceño spoke to the media, Hon. Courtenay revealed that over the next six weeks, the government will be declining all requests for chartered flights from Haiti to land in Belize.

“We have taken a decision this week, and I informed Cabinet yesterday, that we have requests over the next six weeks for a number of flights to come—charter, Haiti-Belize—in collaboration with Civil Aviation. We are not going to allow them to land, and if we have to reverse the provision of Haitians coming to Belize without a visa, we are going to do so,” he said.

About a year ago, Minister Courtenay sought the approval of Cabinet for Haitians to be allowed visa-free entry to Belize, because, as he noted, that is a requirement under the revised Treaty of Chaguaramas. According to the Minister, however, since then there has been a significant number of Haitians arriving in the country on a one-way ticket with no hotel reservation but claiming that they are tourists. This, combined with a recent Yahoo News article that revealed charter flights are being used to smuggle Haitians out of their country, is what spurred the Minister’s decision.

The article, titled “Charter business thrives as US-expelled Haitians flee Haiti”, explains how Haitian influencers

have been advertising businesses that offer charter flights to South America for persons who were previously expelled from the US and are seeking to return. Those businesses, says the National Coordinator of Immigrants in Chile, have been exploiting desperate Haitians for profit.

“Many of the customers are Haitians who had been living in Chile and Brazil before they made their way to the Texas border in September, only to be expelled by the Biden administration and prevented from seeking asylum. They are using the charter flights to flee Haiti again and return to South America ... Some, clearly, plan to make another try to enter the United States,” states an excerpt of the article.

According to Minister Courtenay, the Ministry of Immigration seeks to protect migrants from being abused and trafficked by smugglers. According to him, the Ministry of Immigration is currently trying to “clean up a very difficult situation.”

A cabinet brief released late this evening states, “The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Immigration informed Cabinet of the increase in requests for permits to allow charter flights from Haiti to Belize with Haitians. The ministry has carefully assessed these applications and is satisfied that they are not genuine tourist flights. Accordingly, in consultation with the Ministry of Blue Economy & Civil Aviation, permission to land will not be granted. The minister is considering revoking visa-free travel to Belize for Haitians.”

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Let’s say, for example, we estimate that there is 100 metric ton that is available as a country to sell. X company decides to sell 20 tons of those credits, that affects the national quota, so that means there are only 80 tons on the market left. What is missing from this process is that there is no review verification of the methodology, ensuring that there are real benefits that

are going to the forest, and the land tenure—there are several assessments that we would have to look at to ensure that is a viable project and it’s not greenwashing or carbon washing ... because again it affects the available carbon we have on sale on the market,” CEO Williams said.

We reach out to CEO Williams on the matters highlighted but have received no reply up to press time this evening. We will continue to follow.

such persons, however, and her previous run-ins with the law might have been seen as a sufficiently strong indication that she possibly was not fit to serve as a law enforcement officer, but when faced with queries about why Patten had not been removed from the Police Department, Police Commissioner Williams noted that she previously had not been convicted of any drug trafficking charges, but that it is less likely that she will be able to evade prosecution following this most recent bust.

“Well, she was charged, but someone else took the rap, and she got off. In this case, it’s different now. The items are found in her home. I don’t see if someone goes and pleads guilty how she can get off...,” Williams commented.

It appears, however, that a similar attempt was made by one of the three men today to take responsibility for the weapons and drugs found in Patten’s home. However, because Magistrate

Tricia Pitta Andersen did not allow the submission of pleas, that person was not allowed to plead guilty. In regard to that attempt to submit a plea, attorney Richard “Dickie” Bradley said, “... One of the persons asked to speak to the magistrate after all the charges have been read and they were already told they were remanded — one of the persons said that ‘I am taking responsibility for the items that were found, but I would like to speak to my attorney, who is not me.’”

Commenting on the possible presence of rogue officers within the Police Department, Commissioner of Police Chester Williams said, “Every day we try our best to keep our officers out of line, and when we find that they step out of line and where we find they have stepped out of line, we do our best to discipline them, and I can tell you again, we are dismissing police officers every day..”



Will PM's waves at 9th Summit of Americas wash good things ashore?

Hon. John Briceño, our Prime Minister and Chairman of CARICOM, made some big waves at the 9th Summit of the Americas held in Los Angeles, USA, when he challenged the host nation for its failure to invite Cuba, Nicaragua, and Venezuela to the sessions, and called on the hosts to work harder at addressing the problems in our region. Hon. Briceño said the non-invitees should have been there because "geography, not politics, defines the Americas." Several nations in the Americas boycotted the Summit to protest the exclusion of the three countries, who weren't invited because their governments are out of favor with the US. Sonia Pérez D., of the Associated Press, said Guatemala, also a no-show, stayed away because the Biden administration had criticized its government for reappointing an attorney general "the U.S. accuses of protecting the corrupt."

PM Briceño said we need a more "socially just Americas", and he warned that the region and the world "are at the tipping point", facing "existential threats" such as climate change, a crushing debt crisis, poverty, irregular migration, and division. He praised Cuba and Venezuela for the excellent support they have given to the less developed countries in our region over the years. He described the six-decades-long US embargo on Cuba as an "illegal blockade", and declared it to be "un-American."

Mark Keller, Elizabeth Gonzalez, Hope Wilkinson and Carin Zissis, in a story published by AS/COA (Americas Society, Council of the Americas), said the 1st Summit of the Americas was convened by US president Bill Clinton in 1994 and its aim was to develop a/ new relationship/ with the hemisphere in the post-Cold War environment. The Summits are held every three or four years, and only democratically elected leaders in the Americas are invited. Cuba, the story

says, traditionally "has not participated, though it joined both the 2015 and 2018 Summits."

The US has been leading the Western Hemisphere for around 200 years. With the announcement of the Monroe Doctrine in 1823, the US declared that it was taking charge in the West. The US's National Archives says the Monroe Doctrine is "the best known U.S. policy toward the Western Hemisphere" and its mission was to warn "European nations that the United States would not tolerate further colonization or puppet monarchs." After WWII, US dominance would extend beyond the Americas, across the globe to Europe, Africa, and Asia, everywhere.

A former colony of the British, the US insisted it wasn't interested in making colonies of the nations in the Americas, but implicit in the Monroe Doctrine is that it expects us to cooperate. It's not a one-sided arrangement. In return for American business folk/businesses getting royally handled, the US ensures that there is stability in the West. When governments fail to "cooperate," they are destabilized, through interference in the democratic

process, or through orchestrated insurrection.

How the US handled Panama's separation from Colombia is instructive. The website history.com says, "In 1903, Panama declared its independence from Colombia in a U.S.-backed revolution," and after the dust settled "the U.S. agreed to pay Panama \$10 million for a perpetual lease on land for the canal (Panama Canal), plus \$250,000 annually in rent."

The US has failed numerous times as the leader of the Americas. The US was cozy with the corrupt Cuban dictator, Fulgencio Batista, who stymied the democratic process and allowed his country to become a playground for American gangsters. When Fidel Castro and his band overthrew Batista in 1959, the US, instead of recognizing its failure in Cuba and trying to make amends, allied with anti-Castro elements that sought to violently remove him. This forced the Castro regime to turn to the USSR, to bolster their revolution.

In 1954, ruthless CIA agents overthrew Jacobo Arbenz, the democratically elected president of Guatemala. According to files from the *Baltimore County History Labs Program*, the American multinational, United Fruit Company (UFC), apart from owning Guatemala's telephone and telegraph system and much of its railroad track, had gained control of 42% of Guatemala's land and won exemption "from paying taxes and import duties." Arbenz's reformist government redistributed undeveloped private lands to landless farmers, and he allowed Guatemala's 4,000 communists to participate in the country's politics. When Arbenz expropriated idle lands from UFC, the company rejected the compensation the government had proposed and swung into action, screaming that the Arbenz government was communist.

Repeatedly, the greed of some US citizens has hurt their image and caused pain in the region. John Dulles was US Secretary of State, and his law firm represented UFC; Dulles brother, Allen, was the Director of the CIA. They and other highly connected Americans who had interests in UFC, conspired and drove Arbenz out of government. The Baltimore papers say a surprised Arbenz turned to the US government for support when he came under attack, not knowing that the US's CIA had organized the coup against him. After the US betrayal, Guatemala would fall into a bloody civil war that lasted 36 years.

Apart from facilitating rapacious US businessmen, US foreign policy has engendered environments where local elites amass millions, while crushing poverty is the lot of the masses. The Americans fight communism, while their policies have helped make many countries in the Americas hotbeds of discontent. Its war against cocaine has made Belize, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Mexico some of the most murderous places on earth.

The people of the Americas are grateful to the US for the relative stability in our region, admire its democracy, and yearn for its standard of living. We know the US doesn't have all the blame for the problems in our region. But it has played no small role. Disappointingly, the single leader who showed the compassion and understanding the Americas need is reviled at home. Jimmy Carter, the US's 39th president (1977-81), cut back support to cruel military regimes in the region, helped Belize on its path to independence, eased as much pressure as he could off Cuba, and signed a treaty with Panama that gave the people of that country ownership of the canal in 1999.

After Carter left office, the US returned to its brand of "colonialism" that gives unfettered run to American businessmen and local elites, and leaves the masses to scramble for crumbs. Today, just about the only hope for destitute people living south of the Rio Grande is to join caravans, trek through Mexico, and scale their (American) wall that was built to keep us out.

PM Briceño spoke boldly. There are many challenges presently plaguing our region—crushing poverty, unbelievably horrific levels of violence, and escalating global warming-induced natural disasters. Our banking system is crippled by severe US-instituted restrictions. These are critical times, and the people of the Americas need the US to engage us in meaningful dialogue. That's why the PM made waves when he spoke at the summit.

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Dickie: "hit" allegations against Jasmine are bogus.

Amid allegations that she hired gang members to kill a local magistrate and the Commissioner of Police, and following the departure of her ex-partner, Andrew Ashcroft, from the country with their twin 5-year-old children, Jasmine Hartin has taken her plight to the Canadian media, and through those outlets has begged Prime Minister Justin Trudeau for help.

by Khaila Gentle

BELIZE CITY, Wed. June 15, 2022

The attorney for Jasmine Hartin, set to stand trial for the May 2021 killing of Police Superintendent Henry Jemmott in San Pedro and accused of ordering a hit on both the Commissioner of Police and a local magistrate, says that the allegations being made against his client, at least in regards to the purported hit, are "bogus".

Richard "Dickie" Bradley spoke briefly with the media on Wednesday about the fact that Hartin is still being investigated for threats made against the Police Commissioner, Chester Williams, as well as the alleged hit.

"In regards to the allegations against poor Miss Jasmine, that she is trying to

kill, she is trying to make arrangements to kill the Commissioner of Police, that is hogwash," stated Bradley.

Hartin was taken into police custody for questioning regarding the matter back in May but was released shortly after. This month, however, Commissioner Williams told local reporters that Hartin is not yet off the hook. Still, Bradley is confident that nothing will come out of the investigation and, subsequently, the case.

"Now, by now you know that the police have gone through every phone—the alleged hit person, all his phones have been thoroughly checked; Jasmine's phone was taken away, likewise, every phone, everybody's phone was checked. Nothing," he added.

According to the Police

Commissioner, Jasmine Hartin has, on numerous occasions, sent him "disturbing" text messages, the content of which makes it easy for him to believe that she made attempts to harm him. Hartin's attorney asserts, however, that those texts are irrelevant to the allegations being made against her.

Bradley also spoke to local media about the departure of Andrew Ashcroft, Hartin's ex-partner, who just a few weeks ago was granted legal custody of their two children, from the country.

On Monday, Ashcroft issued a press release stating that he, along with the



Andrew Ashcroft and Jasmine Hartin

children, would be leaving Belize for the Turks and Caicos to develop a hotel similar to the Alaia.

"I hold no ill will or malice towards Jasmine and wish her well with the court proceedings in which she is facing charges of manslaughter, cocaine possession, and common assault," he wrote.

Ashcroft further noted that he had gifted Jasmine ten percent of the shares of the holding company of The Belize Alaia Hotel and that he intends to provide her with their fair value "after obtaining an independent valuation."

"You ever hear somebody announce that they're leaving the country?" Bradley questioned sardonically, "when supposedly, and I use the word guardedly, supposedly, the matter of the custody decision is being appealed in the Supreme Court of the country?"

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PRE-QUALIFICATION OF BIDDERS FOR SUPPLY OF SECURITY GUARD SERVICES – COUNTRYWIDE

Belize Water Services Limited (BWS) is in the process of reviewing its Security Services needs and, as a result, is preparing to request tenders for all or any portion of the following Security Guard Service locations for the period October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023, with the option to extend to December 31, 2023.

- All BWS offices/facilities countrywide

Interested contractors must provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. As a minimum, the following information must be provided as part of this Pre-Qualification of Bidders process:

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 - b. Principal owners/shareholders
 - c. CV of management staff
 - d. Principal place of business
 - e. Include 4 or 5 references
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 - b. List areas of speciality
 - c. List the areas where services are currently offered
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 - a. List the basic types of equipment used
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 - a. Recruiting guidelines
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 - i. Methodology & type
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 - i. Methodology/protocol

Pre-Qualification packages must be delivered in-person (hardcopy) or via email to the address specified below no later than **Friday July 8, 2022 at 10:00am**. Contractors will be shortlisted based on their responsiveness to the information requested above, after which, shortlisted contractors will be issued Tender Packages with further instructions and additional details on the scope of services by July 15, 2022.

Additional information on this request for Pre-Qualification of Bidders, including a complete list of "All BWS office/facilities countrywide", must be requested in writing to rce@bws.com.bz.

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Attn: Resident Consultant Engineer

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Email: rce@bws.com.bz

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5th Women in Fisheries Forum held

by Khaila Gentle

PLACENCIA, Stann Creek District, Wed. June 15, 2022

Women from coastal fishing communities will be participating in the fifth ever Women in Fisheries Forum (WIFF) this Wednesday and Thursday. The forum, which will take place in Placencia and Monkey



Photo by Michiel Ton

River Village, is being held under the theme “Gender and Climate Change – Understanding the Link” and is a part of the Green Climate Fund (GCF) readiness project entitled “Enhancing adaptation planning and increasing climate resilience in the coastal zone and fisheries sector of Belize.”

The workshop is expected to bring together key stakeholders, experts, and policymakers from the coastal zone and fisheries sectors.

The WIFF’s main goal is to support women in coastal fishing communities in their efforts to utilize their knowledge, skills, and leadership positions to respond to climate change within their communities. It also seeks to achieve an additional four goals: establishing a basic understanding of the link between gender and climate change; highlighting

the role of women involved in fishing and the coastal zone sector in responding to the impacts of climate change within their communities; engaging participants in the development of a gender strategy for Belize’s small-scale fisheries and coastal zone sector; and allowing participants to reflect on and identify opportunities for building climate-resilient coastal communities.

The forum is being hosted by the Ministry of Blue Economy and Civil Aviation (MBECA), in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Representative for Jamaica, the Bahamas, and Belize; Belize’s National Designated Authority to the Green Climate Fund (GCF) and the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS).

NOTICE

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

CLAIM NO. 210 OF 2022

(SUPPLIES PLUS DISTRIBUTORS COMPANY LIMITED CLAIMANT

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BETWEEN (AND

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(JASON GRANT DEFENDANT

TO: JASON GRANT of 33 Freetown Road, Belize City, Belize District, Belize

TAKE NOTICE THAT Claim No. 210 of 2022 has been commenced against you in the Supreme Court of Belize by **SUPPLIES PLUS DISTRIBUTORS COMPANY LIMITED** of 3754 Central American Boulevard, Belize City, Belize District, Belize in which the Claimant claims damages for breach of contract for failure to make payment for goods had and received from the Claimant together with interest and costs.

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Dated the 15th day of June, 2022.

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Belmopan, Cayo District; Dangriga & Placencia Stann Creek District

BY ORDER of the Mortgagees Messrs. The Belize Bank Limited, Licensed Auctioneers Kevin A. Castillo and Christiana R. Castillo are selling ONLINE via belizepropertyauctions.com the following properties. **Sales currently running until 15th August 2022 with public auction sales expiring bi-weekly on the dates and times listed on the website until these properties are sold.**

1. No. 2325 Unity Boulevard, Belmopan, Cayo District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCELS
Belmopan	20	736 & 737

(Being a two-storey concrete building [3,360 sq. ft.] containing Ground Floor: 3 bedrooms + 1 bathroom + living/dining/kitchen + laundry room; First Floor: 2 bedrooms + 3 bathrooms + living/dining/kitchen + car port TOGETHER with two lot [919.740 S.M.] situate on Unity Boulevard, Belmopan, Cayo District, the freehold properties of Mr. Jahangir Abadi)

2. Parcel No. 1620 off Stann Creek Valley Road, near Mile 1, Dangriga, Stann Creek District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Dangriga South	31	1620

(Being a two storey concrete building TOGETHER with lot [2,661.650 S.M.] situate off the Stann Creek Valley Road near Mile 1, Dangriga, Stann Creek District, the freehold property of Mr. George Dueck)

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REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Placencia North	36	2889

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REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Orange Walk Town	4	111

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¿Las olas del PM en la 9. Cumbre de las Américas traerán cosas buenas a tierra?

El Honorable John Briceño, nuestro Primer Ministro y Presidente de CARICOM, causó gran revuelo en la IX Cumbre de las Américas celebrada en Los Ángeles, EE. UU., cuando desafió a la nación anfitriona por no haber invitado a Cuba, Nicaragua y Venezuela a las sesiones, y llamó a los anfitriones a trabajar más duro para abordar los problemas en nuestra región. Briceño dijo que los no invitados deberían haber estado allí porque "la geografía, no la política, define a las Américas". Varias naciones de las Américas boicotearon la Cumbre para protestar por la exclusión de los tres países, que no fueron invitados porque sus gobiernos no están favorecidos por EE. UU. Sonia Pérez D., de Associated Press, dijo que Guatemala, que tampoco se presentó, se mantuvo alejada porque la administración de Biden había criticado a su gobierno por volver a nombrar a una fiscal general "a la que EE. UU. acusa de proteger a los corruptos".

El primer ministro Briceño dijo que necesitamos una América más "socialmente justa", y advirtió que la región y el mundo "están en un punto de inflexión", enfrentando "amenazas existenciales" como el cambio climático, una crisis de deuda aplastante, pobreza, migración irregular, y división. Elogió a Cuba y Venezuela por el excelente apoyo que han brindado a los países menos desarrollados de nuestra región a lo largo de los años. Describió el embargo estadounidense de seis décadas contra Cuba como un "bloqueo ilegal" y lo declaró "antiestadounidense".

Mark Keller, Elizabeth Gonzalez, Hope Wilkinson y Carin Zissis, en un artículo publicado por AS/COA (Sociedad de las Américas, Consejo de las Américas), dijeron que la Primera Cumbre de las Américas fue convocada por el presidente estadounidense Bill Clinton en 1994 y su objetivo era desarrollar una nueva relación con el hemisferio en el entorno posterior a la Guerra Fría. Las Cumbres se realizan cada tres o cuatro años, y sólo son invitados los líderes democráticamente elegidos de las Américas. Cuba, dice la nota, tradicionalmente "no ha participado, aunque se unió a las Cumbres de 2015 y 2018".

Estados Unidos ha estado liderando el hemisferio occidental durante unos 200 años. Con el anuncio de la Doctrina Monroe en 1823, Estados Unidos declaró que se hacía cargo de Occidente. Los Archivos Nacionales de EE. UU. dicen que la Doctrina Monroe es "la política estadounidense más conocida hacia el hemisferio occidental" y su misión era advertir a las "naciones europeas que Estados Unidos no toleraría más colonizaciones ni monarcas títeres". Después de la Segunda Guerra Mundial, el dominio estadounidense se extendería más allá de las Américas, por todo el mundo hasta Europa, África y Asia, en todas partes.

Una antigua colonia de los británicos, EE. UU. insistió en que no estaba interesado en hacer colonias de las naciones en las Américas, pero implícito en la Doctrina Monroe está que espera que cooperemos. No es un arreglo unilateral. A cambio de que los empresarios/negocios estadounidenses se manejen como reyes, EE. UU. se asegura de que haya estabilidad en Occidente. Cuando los gobiernos no logran "cooperar", son desestabilizados, a través de la interferencia en el proceso democrático o a través de la insurrección orquestada.

Es instructivo cómo Estados Unidos manejó la separación de Panamá de Colombia. El sitio web history.com dice: "en 1903, Panamá declaró su independencia de Colombia en una revolución respaldada por Estados Unidos", y después de que el polvo se asentó, "Estados Unidos acordó pagarle a Panamá \$10 millones por un arrendamiento perpetuo de tierra para el canal (Panamá Canal), más \$250,000 anuales en renta".

Estados Unidos ha fracasado en numerosas ocasiones como líder de las Américas. Estados Unidos se mostró cómodo con el corrupto dictador cubano, Fulgencio Batista, quien obstaculizó el proceso democrático y permitió que su país se convirtiera en un patio de recreo para los gánsteres estadounidenses. Cuando Fidel Castro y su banda derrocaron a Batista en 1959, Estados Unidos, en lugar de reconocer su fracaso en Cuba y tratar de enmendarlo, se alió con elementos anticastristas que buscaban destituirlo violentamente. Esto obligó al régimen de Castro a volverse hacia la URSS, para impulsar su revolución.

En 1954, despiadados agentes de la CIA derrocaron a Jacobo Arbenz, el presidente democráticamente elegido de Guatemala. Según archivos del Programa de Laboratorios de Historia del Condado de Baltimore, la multinacional estadounidense United Fruit Company (UFC), además de ser propietaria del sistema de teléfonos y telégrafos de Guatemala y gran parte de sus vías férreas, había obtenido el

control del 42% de las tierras de Guatemala y obtuvo la exención "del pago de impuestos y derechos de importación". El gobierno reformista de Arbenz redistribuyó tierras privadas no desarrolladas a agricultores sin tierra y permitió que los 4.000 comunistas de Guatemala participaran en la política del país. Cuando Arbenz expropió las tierras ociosas de la UFC, la empresa rechazó la compensación que había propuesto el gobierno y entró en acción, gritando que el gobierno de Arbenz era comunista.

Repetidamente, la codicia de algunos ciudadanos estadounidenses ha dañado su imagen y causado dolor en la región. John Dulles fue Secretario de Estado de los Estados Unidos y su bufete de abogados representó a la UFC; El hermano de Dulles, Allen, era el director de la CIA. Ellos y otros estadounidenses altamente conectados que tenían intereses en UFC, conspiraron y sacaron a Arbenz del gobierno. Los periódicos de Baltimore dicen que Arbenz, sorprendido, recurrió al gobierno de los EE. UU. en busca de apoyo cuando fue atacado, sin saber que la CIA de los EE. UU. había organizado el golpe en su contra. Luego de la traición de Estados Unidos, Guatemala caería en una cruenta guerra civil que duró 36 años.

Además de facilitar a los rapaces empresarios estadounidenses, la política exterior estadounidense ha engendrado entornos en los que las élites locales acumulan millones, mientras que la pobreza aplastante es la suerte de las masas. Los estadounidenses luchan contra el comunismo, mientras que sus políticas han ayudado a que muchos países de las Américas sean focos de descontento. Su guerra contra la cocaína ha convertido a Belize, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras y México en algunos de los lugares más asesinos del mundo.

Los pueblos de las Américas están agradecidos con los Estados Unidos por la relativa estabilidad en nuestra región, admiran su democracia y anhelan su nivel de vida. Sabemos que Estados Unidos no tiene toda la culpa de los problemas de nuestra región. Pero no ha jugado un papel menor. Lamentablemente, el único líder que mostró la compasión y la comprensión que las Américas necesitan es villipendiado en casa. Jimmy Carter, el presidente número 39 de los EE. UU. (1977-1981), redujo el apoyo a los crueles regímenes militares de la región, ayudó a Belize en su camino hacia la independencia, alivió toda la presión que pudo sobre Cuba y firmó un tratado con Panamá que otorgó al pueblo de ese país la propiedad del canal en 1999.

Después de que Carter dejó el cargo, EE. UU. volvió a su tipo de "colonialismo" que da rienda suelta a los empresarios estadounidenses y las élites locales, y deja a las masas luchando por las migajas. Hoy en día, casi la única esperanza para las personas indigentes que viven al sur del Río Grande es unirse a las caravanas, caminar por México y escalar el muro (estadounidense) que se construyó para mantenernos alejados.

El PM Briceño habló con valentía. Hay muchos desafíos que actualmente aquejan a nuestra región: pobreza aplastante, niveles de violencia increíblemente horribles y desastres naturales inducidos por el calentamiento global en aumento. Nuestro sistema bancario está paralizado por las severas restricciones instituidas por los Estados Unidos. Estos son tiempos críticos, y los pueblos de las Américas necesitan que EE. UU. nos involucre en un diálogo significativo. Es por eso que el primer ministro hizo olas cuando habló en la cumbre.

Dickie: "hit" allegations against Jasmine are bogus.

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Just one day after Ashcroft's departure, Hartin, once again, turned to an international audience to plead her case, this time via the Canadian media. In a video recording sent to the *Toronto Sun*, Hartin asks Prime Minister Justin Trudeau for his intervention:

"Dear Mr. Trudeau, my name is Jasmine Hartin. I'm a Canadian citizen living in Belize. I was involved in a terrible accident last May that resulted in the death

of my friend," she says.

In the recording, Hartin also claims that, since her arrest following the shooting death of Superintendent Henry Jemmott, she has been denied a proper investigation and has often been harassed and threatened.

"I've been told I'm not safe if I remain in this country," she states.

Additionally, Hartin claims that she has often been "very vocal" about the

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Supt. Arzu, not yet retired, elected chairman of Georgetown village council

by *Khaila Gentle*

GEORGETOWN, Cayo District, Tues. June 14, 2022
Senior Police Superintendent Daniel Arzu, following his victory in the Georgetown village council elections this week, is set to become the new Georgetown village council chairman. But Arzu, who was nominated as an independent candidate in his home village earlier this month, is not expected to retire from his position as the Police Department's Southern Regional Commander until later this year, according to Commissioner of Police Chester Williams.



Police Superintendent Daniel Arzu

retirement leave very shortly. For the most part, if he were to be elected the chairman of Georgetown, he would not be a police officer. He would be out by then," he had stated.

Previously, The Minister of Public Service, Hon. Henry Charles Usher, had told *News5* earlier this month that, under Section 60 (2) of the Public Service Regulations, public officers are allowed participation in village council elections because "village councils are, by their very nature, they should be neutral."

When approached by local reporters this week about whether the fact that village council elections have recently been politicized will result in a change in that policy, COMPOL Williams stated that it is a matter for the Public Service Minister and his C.E.O.

When Arzu's plans to vie for the village council chairman post were first announced, the legality of the senior officer's candidacy came under some scrutiny, due to what was seen as a potential conflict of interest. Those concerns, however, were dismissed by Commissioner Williams, who had noted that, since Arzu is an independent candidate and is not aligned with any political party, he was completely free to run.

The Police Commissioner had also suggested that by the time Supt. Arzu possibly became the Georgetown village council chairman, he would have already been retired.

"Mr. Arzu is proceeding on pre-

Dangriga punta artist reportedly killed by minor

Well-known Dangriga punta rock artist, Robert "Culu" Coote, was allegedly killed by a 17-year-old male.

by *Charles Gladden*

DANGRIGA, Stann Creek District, Wed. June 15, 2022

Robert Michael Coote, a well-known punta rock artist and fisherman of Dangriga Town in the Stann Creek District, was shot dead on Monday night on St. Vincent Street in Dangriga, and there are reports that the person who has been detained for the shooting is a 17-year-old minor.



Robert Michael Coote, deceased

According to initial police reports, Coote, also known as "Culu" or "Kunku Man," was standing in front of a Chinese gaming establishment at around 7:45 on Monday night when he was approached by a male individual who fired a number of bullets in his direction. As many as 9 of those bullets wounded Coote (who was reportedly known as a "mediator" in his family) in his chest, arm, pelvic area, and legs. Coote was transported to the

Southern Regional Hospital for treatment, but succumbed to his injuries shortly after.

At the scene, investigators found seven 9mm expended shells and four fragments.

Shortly after the shooting, police apprehended a 17-year-old male minor who they believe is the alleged triggerman, and who at the time he was stopped by police was carrying a 9mm pistol which police believe is the murder weapon.

Anglican Diocese of Belize VACANCIES

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

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

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

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Russia removes its U.S. Embassy amid nuclear talks—Part 1



by Clinton Canul Luna

It seems as if the Monroe Doctrine was doing good for a while for the US through its recolonizing here and there, but as all great empires, there is a time of rise and fall, based on what is taking place in the geological, socio-political and economic system throughout the world, we can expect the fall of an era and the birth of a new time. Anyhow, our dear readers of this column, permit me to present to you, once more, the analysis or the way of thinking of the American, Chris Sanders, who communicates his ideas to his country, people and the world through his channel, American News Network. The following was posted on YouTube under the heading “Russia removes its United States Embassy amid Nuclear Talks and Saudi King MBS sides with Putin,” dated June 9, 2022. It is as follows:

Artillery in the sea—probably trying to explode any munitions there so that they can keep everything going. And it looks like Putin’s preparing to go to war. And I say this because of the chess pieces that he’s laying down. And by that what I mean is we see his marines. How they’re getting ready to attack or go in from the south now and squeeze out Odessa. This is going to give him complete control from the ocean. And everybody’s been getting on to him

about grain export out of Odessa and of Ukraine. So, he’s as such taking complete control of the ocean as we speak, and the things that make me think that this is him closing in is we’ve had him do talks with pulling his embassies out of the United States, and that’s pretty huge. So, also he took off this relatively large aircraft that hasn’t been used in active combat since the Soviet Union was around, and as he’s taken that off, we’ve seen that he’s actually, he bombed Kiev. So, these are missiles [images shown] flying over Kiev, and it wasn’t good.

A lot of us in the west did not hear nothing like that at all, and so he’s hit Kiev at this point and a lot of the ammunition that the Americans have sent over there and he wanted to expand his threat and he wanted us to know that every country that is helping Ukraine is on his target list. This means the United States, since we’re supplying weaponry to Ukraine. This means he’s directly threatening us. And this was about three or four days ago. And then we had Biden go over to the Middle East. Guess what happened? MBS, the King, Prince of Saudi Arabia, said ‘don’t talk to me’.... And because of the whole LGBTQ thing, the entire Muslim Empire, just like I said, has joined forces with Putin. So, just like I

thought, they’re not making negotiations with the Quran or the Bible, and Putin is a hardcore Christian, folks. Lot of people don’t know that, and he’s like, if you want to have abortions and have all that LGBTQ stuff beyond America’s side and beyond NATO’s side. Now, I’m going to tell you something. Do you think this is NATO against Russia? Cuz if so, you don’t know what’s going on at all. So, listen up. This is NATO against BRICS, and what is BRICS? That is B for Brazil, R for Russia, I for India, C fo China, and the S used to be South Africa, but it’s all of South Africa, it’s all of Africa at this point. And it’s all the Middle East. So it’s 85% of the world versus 15% of the world. And they’re ready to smash us.

India. So, what did they do just recently? As they’re preparing to talk about smashing us, India launches its first nuclear war weapon in a while. One of their ICBMs. And it was successful. So, here it is going off behind us here. And they successfully launched this[video clip shown]. So, what’s hovering over there is India and Pakistan are going to be in an alliance against us. Now, Imran Khan was fed up with the United States just as much as most Americans are, umm, doesn’t

believe in the Biden administration either. So he defected from that side, and they’re trying to put a puppet in there basically for Pakistan. So Pakistan is a wobbler. But they’re also going through bankruptcy. So they don’t know what they’re going to do, and they’re really just bankrupt looking for a way out. Even though they’re looking at the Cashmere in other places. They were stronger under Imran Khan, but with the way they are now ... it’s what puppet they’re going to put in place. This is going on as India is up to their nuclear testing stuff. So we have India, China. Now what is the Ukraine to us? I’mma tell you. The Ukraine to us is what North Korea is to China. It’s what Syria has been to Russia. Near all the little proxy war places that are fighting each other through. It’s the big giants not fighting each other directly but indirectly. But what Putin did here was he grabbed a hold of the food supply and the oil supply. And by him alliancing

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REGISTRATION NUMBER	- CZL-C-04326
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Correction: it's not the Barrows' party

by Colin Hyde

A lot was explained over the week just gone by. When the Leader of the Opposition rebutted the PM's brave speech at the 9th Summit of the Americas, the hood on the wizard running the UDP was removed, and my, my, it isn't Barrow, it's—Finnegan. For the entertaining, risqué Mr. Finnegan, it's not about leadership, it's about getting elected. George Price did say, well I believe he did, that political parties exist to win office, so it might be that Finnegan borrowed the script.

Mr. Finnegan represents a Kriol demographic that is neither L&POB or Will and Sharper. The game there is making it by playing futsi ball with the rich & famous and white supremacists. Every man's got a right to survive, but

in the national interest, that narrow view had better remain inside receptive pockets in Mesopotamia.

Another correction: my apologies for adding years to the age of former Deputy PM, Florencio Marin. My bad, I got it from an inaccurate file.

Not the "USSR" we knew

As many leading thinkers on the African continent have noted, Russia is not the USSR that helped South Africa, Namibia, and Angola escape the grip of white supremacy, apartheid. Many Africans feel the South African president, Cyril Ramaphosa, was wrong when he blamed Russia's invasion of Ukraine on NATO. Ukraine, a former member of the USSR, had expressed the desire to get closer to the European

Union, and Russia, the largest member of the former USSR, used its military might to cross into and bombard that sovereign nation. Ramaphosa did say he preferred negotiations over the use of guns and bombs, and economic sanctions.

The USSR, a union of 15 republics, broke up around 1990. The USSR was considered communist, but as separate states, none followed that economic philosophy. According to one Wikipedia page, presently the only communist countries in the world are China, Cuba, Laos, and Vietnam. It's fascinating to describe China as communist. That description can't mean what it did some years ago. Wow, only one country in the world has more billionaires than China! According to Kevin Bergin, on *Quora*, "there are 705

billionaires in the United States, 285 in China, 146 in Germany, 102 in Russia, and 97 in the United Kingdom."

Whoa there, 102 billionaires in "communist" Russia? How did they do it? The Wikipedia page says that when Boris Yeltsin became president in 1991, Russia transitioned to a market economy – I think they call that capitalist – and "well-connected entrepreneurs who started from nearly nothing" became rich via connections with corrupt elected officials. My, everywhere you go, the slippery politicians sell out the people's assets to their friends. Aha, the Wiki says the new Russian rich stashed billions in Swiss bank accounts.

You see why diplomatic relations with Russia weren't sufficient for our GOB; no, in January they made it so that Russian citizens could visit without a tourist visa. What a thing when you have billionaires with yachts.

My inexpert view joins with those who say the story here is mostly about expansionism. This is a story straight from the Hitler books. The "Russians" lost the Cold War, and they are hell bent on winning back to the fold the territories that broke off to go on their own. There are deep issues here. At its simplest, it's a story of man refusing to let his lover walk away. In Belize, we always side with the lover.

"Time Fu Eat"....way too, ehm, authentic for me

I've been meaning to turn my thumbs down on "Time Fu Eat" for some time now, and if I keep postponing, one of my detractors will be at me again for being so untimely. The show was in the news a couple or few weeks back, but so many heati things keep coming up in Belize one after the other, with no rest, and that's why my, ehm, review kept getting pushed back. Well, no más, no escape, da paas time fu Carlo get di sense.

My, that brother's a big talent, international; we saw that when he was featuring often before the Covid-19 came and shut everyone down. I knew that he and his friends in Belize's movie world, led by the I-will-persevere-until-we-break-through Suzette Zaiden, were up to keeping hopes alive, but I have this bad habit of never making opening nights. People who like revenge have said it is best had cold. That's the way I like my movies. Long after the folk that will pay the scalpers fees have exhausted their interest, I'll make my way into the half-empty theater. So, I'm late to the show, I'm not surprised, and Carlo and his cast will wish that I hadn't made it ataal.

Carlo told Seven's Cherisse Halsall: "I think it's like a dark comedy, I think that's the way I look at it, and it's interesting because writing it, we wanted to make something real, and so we don't know where that fits, and we think maybe drama, but reading it over it's like you know this is actually funnier than I thought it would have been, and that's I think a testament to Belizean people too and culture in that

CARETAKER OF CEMETERY

CAREER OPPORTUNITY

Reports to: Public Health & Cemetery Manager



The Belize City Council is seeking applicants to fill the post of **Caretaker for Eternal Garden Cemetery.**

All interested persons must submit their application packages in a sealed envelope, addressed to the **Acting Human Resources Manager**, no later than **Monday, June 27, 2022.**

Application packages should include the following:

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

Duties and Responsibilities

1. Keep records of every burial done at the Eternal Garden Cemetery.
2. Ensure that the Eternal Garden Cemetery is properly maintained.
3. Be knowledgeable of Part III of the Public Health Act, the Public Cemetery By-Laws, and the Council's Policy on the Cemetery.
4. Ensure that persons who are carrying out work in both Cemeteries have a permit issued by the Revenue Department.
5. Continuously update the inventory of used and unused, Cemetery spaces.
6. Ensure that no monuments are broken at the Eternal Garden Cemetery.
7. Ensure that all hand and power tools are properly stored at all times.
8. Ensure the Security of the building being occupied as well as the entire compound of the Eternal Garden Cemetery is properly secured each night.

9. Prevent unauthorized personnel from entering or damaging the property.
10. Document any occurrences that may transpire at the Eternal Garden Cemetery.
11. Ensure that the premises are clean and free of hazardous materials.
12. To oversee the operation of the Eternal Garden Cemetery to ensure smooth flow operation.
13. Report all debris to the coordinator to be removed from the site.
14. Ensure that all protocols, procedures, and guidelines are used at all times in carrying out assigned duties.
15. Ensure that professionalism is displayed at all times when carrying out duties.
16. Perform any other related duties that may be assigned from time to time.
17. Report to work immediately in the event of a disaster and after the city has suffered a disaster.

REQUIRED SKILLS:

- The ability to operate and control equipment
- To be thorough and pay attention to detail
- To be flexible and open to change
- The ability to work well with other
- Excellent verbal communication skills
- The ability to use, repair, and maintain machines and tools
- The ability to work well with your hands
- Knowledge of public safety and security

QUALIFICATIONS

- High School Diploma
- Experience in grounds keeping or buildings and grounds maintenance work

PRESS PREDICTIONS

The sports psychic speaks

BOLEDO

“Press” Predictions; 36-55-00, Boledo stats thru 17th to 24th June 2022

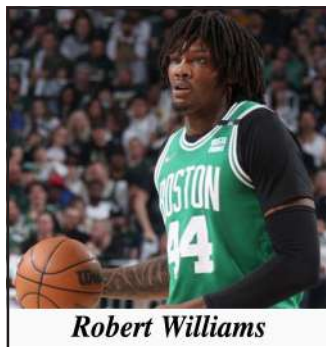
In Boledo News, 65 finally play on a Sunday. These are my lucky numbers for this week; 36-55-00-67-41-27. These are my lucky Jackpot numbers: 6826-7434-9118. These are my lucky Pick-3 numbers: 107-683-249-565-918-089. These are my 26 numbers that left for the year to play: 00-08-12-18-26-27-30-34-35-36-40-41-47-54-55-61-63-67-73-75-80-81-83-85-86-94. You all can form some beautiful Jackpot out of those 26 numbers. Good luck to all buyers, 55 is still out for over 1 year 8 months and 2 days now. 26 is still out for over 1 year 4 months 3 weeks 2 days now, 12 is still out for over 1 year 1 month 2 weeks and 5 days now. 47 is still out for over 1 year 1 month 1 week and 5 days now. Keep your eyes open for 12 and 94, those 2 numbers are the only numbers involve a 2 ball that left to play, and the only 9 ball that left to play. The teens plays some 18 times already, the thirties series only play 8 times now. The least 3 years the thirties series plays the most, then the eighties. The ending 6 ball was the hottest ball last year plays some 46 times. There will be a lots of low numbers this week, 22 and 88 have the lead followed by 5

numbers plays 4 times each already: 68-01-57-74-02. Then 10 numbers plays 3 times each. The twenties series is the only series left to play on a Sunday, these are the only front and back numbers that are left: 08-80-18-81-36-63. Get ready Belize some dinero will be coming our way. Remember to read your Psalms 92-63-72, Next week more stats and lucky numbers.

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

The Boston Celtics will still the champions, NBA Finals Results and Predictions

In NBA finals action, both teams refuse to lose back to back games in the play offs. The Celtics won game three 116 to 100. They have a collective effort; they are the better defensive team. The Golden State Warriors won game 4 in the Garden; Steph Curry had a monster game with a swollen foot. Klay



Robert Williams

Thompson is struggling right now. Jordan Poole and Gary Payton Jr. are playing very well Robert Williams the center for the Celtics brings a lots of energy every time, Marcos Smart set the momentum on the defensive side, Jason Tatum will bring his “A” game on my birthday Monday night game 5.



Gary Payton

The Celtics are the best road team in the NBA right now. They are seeking their 18th title the Los Angeles Lakers wins 17. The Chicago Bulls and the Golden State Warriors won 6 titles each. They are tied up at the 3 spot over all time in championship Banners. The 2 teams are evenly matched. The Celtics are much bigger, but the Warriors are fast than the Celtics. Steph Curry wants a finals M.V.P very badly, next week the results on the finals.

INTERNATIONAL BASEBALL

The Los Angeles Dodgers scores the most runs right now, Baseball Results and Predictions.

In Baseball action, the Los Angeles Dodgers leads the National League West Division, Mookie Betts and Cody Bellinger are playing very well, they leads the league with most runs scores. They almost score 300 runs already. The Milwaukee Brewers leads their Central Division over the St Louis Cardinals by some 3 games. The Chicago Cubs pitcher staffs have to improve.



Justin Verlander

The New York Mets are rolling, Francisco Lindor is their leader. The Mets have a very good pitching staff. Paul Goldschmidt is one of the best player in the game today, he have a lots of power and always find a way to get on the bases. In the American League, Aaron Judge for the New-York Yankees have 28 homeruns already. He is on fire right now, Anthony Rizzo also playing very well alongside Giancarlo Stanton, they leads the East Division by some 4 games over the Tampa Bay Rays. The Houston Astros and Justin Verlander will always be a contender because he have the best ERA in the game, Verlander recover from a Tommy John career threatening surgery. The Toronto Blue Jays and the Los Angeles



by Gilroy “Press” Cadogan

Angel are competing. Some hitters are getting hit by the pitchers again, some pitchers were blaming those ball from the MLB. The ball moves much faster than before, next week more stats.

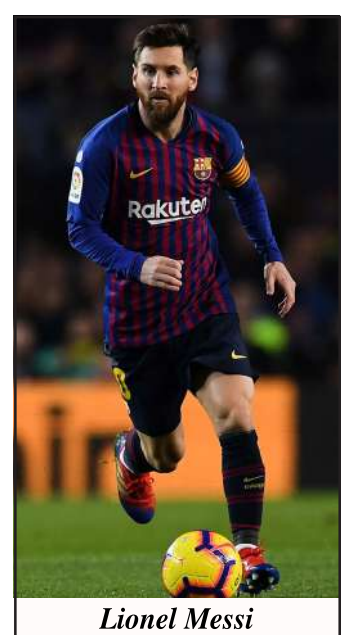
INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL

Belize drew with French Guyana 1 goal apiece, International; Football Results and Predictions.

In International Football action, the UEFA Nation League and the concacaf Nation League are on right now. Portugal beat Sweden 3 nil, Cristiano Ronaldo scores 2 beautiful goals. Czech Rep—upset Spain 2 goal to 1. Then Grenada drew with El Salvador 1 goal apiece. Then Belize drew with French Guyana 1 goal a piece also. Charles Tillett the Belize goalkeeper had a very good game. Enough respect to



Cristiano Ronaldo



Lionel Messi

Nana Mesa and Everal Trapp, they both played their heart out, the game was not well attend but those fans still enjoys a 1-1 nil lead until the last 3 minutes and 18 seconds to play, then French Guyana gets the equalizer, they are the leaders of the group with 7 points. They beat Guatemala and the Dominica Republic already. Lionel Messi will be celebrating his 36 Birthday next week Friday on the 24th of June, that will be his last world cup in Qatar some 5 months and 5 days away. The Argentine’s players will play hard for him, next week more stats.

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- High School Diploma
- Between the ages of 25 to 45 years
- Former military or police training is an asset
- Experience in security related field
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Knowledge, Skills and Competencies:

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

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 2022

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

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Applicants are invited to apply for the position of:

PRIMARY EDUCATION TEACHER

Applicants for the teaching position should have a *minimum of a Master's Degree with concentration in primary education* or are presently enrolled in a Master's degree program with concentration in education.

Teaching experience at the tertiary level would be an asset.

Successful applicant must be willing to engage in supervision of student-teachers and travel to the locations where these student-teachers are teaching.

Successful applicant must also be available to attend workshops on behalf of the institution and to stay in tune with developments in teacher education.

Letters of application along with resume, transcript of grades, and two references should be sent by Wednesday, June 29, 2022 to:

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S/C Ecumenical Junior College
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ATLANTIC INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED

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Duties and Responsibilities

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- Maintain Logbook for receipt of Renewal Notices and Policy documents from Main Office and receipt by custom
- Ensure that filing system is maintained daily
- Aid in preparing insurance quotation.
- Ensure that there is a continuous supply of business cards, flyers and brochures at the San Ignacio office.
- Provide basic marketing of Atlantic Insurance Products to customers/prospects who visit the office and to customers/prospects who are contacted via the telephone.
- Projects may be assigned by the Department Manager and General Manager as necessary in any area of company's business. Deadlines must be adhered to.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE:

This post requires an individual who hold himself/herself to the highest standards and have a strong desire for personal growth and professional success. The individual should display initiative, diligence, self-confidence, and outgoing personalities.

- Minimum - Associate Degree in Business Administration or related field with at least one year working in customer service.
- Highly analytical with strong attention to detail. Strong work ethic
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Can demonstrate familiarity with basic principles in Sales
- Professional demeanor both on the phone and in person
- Proficiency is required in Microsoft Office & Adobe Photoshop
- Bilingual in English and Spanish would be an asset

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BASIC FUNCTION OF THE POSITION:

Duties include day-to-day housekeeping, organizing, dusting, vacuuming, laundry services, changing and maintaining bedding, ironing, cleaning floor and counter surfaces, assisting with plans for events and functions, serving at these functions, shopping for household supplies, maintaining shopping records and inventory, pet care (if applicable), tending to house plants, identifying maintenance issues, and escorting staff. All responsibilities shall be completed on time and thoroughly, with utmost integrity and honesty, and in a manner representing the highest U.S. standards of customer service.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED:

- At least two years prior experience in housekeeping is required
- A good command of reading, writing, and speaking English is required
- Must have initiative, good interpersonal skills and flexibility

(2) Chef:

BASIC FUNCTION OF THE POSITION:

Duties include but are not limited to planning, budgeting, shopping, preparing and presenting a variety of meal services for the residence and for events of 2 to 200 guests. With an understanding of nutritional balance and essential elements, the Chef's repertoire must include a diverse and wide range of cooking styles and meal types, including appetizers for receptions, baked goods, desserts, and the ability to create vegetarian/vegan meals and cater to gluten sensitivities. The Chef will also be required to maintain expense records for each event or function, create menus, manage inventory, and assure the highest standards of safety, cleanliness, and proper food preparation and storage. The Chef is required to plan menus in advance and carry out the actual purchasing of supplies and ingredients necessary to produce the dishes reflected in the set menus. All responsibilities shall be completed on time, with integrity and honesty, and in a manner representing the highest U.S. standards of customer service.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED:

- At least three years of culinary experience in a hotel/restaurant setting is required
- Associate Degree or completion of culinary/catering certificate program or in the absence of an Associate Degree, five years of culinary experience in a hotel or restaurant setting
- Must have a fluent command of reading, writing, and speaking English, and the ability to follow recipes and cooking instructions of varying complexity
- Must have initiative, good interpersonal skills and flexibility

WHO MAY APPLY: Applicants must be in possession of a Belize social security card valid for employment and/or a resident/work permit, and be eligible for appointment under Belize's local laws.

HOW TO APPLY:

Interested candidates must submit a letter of application, current résumé, two references and all other applicable supporting documentation by email to BelmopanJobs@state.gov. All applications must include in the subject line which position they are applying for (eg: **Employment Application for Chef position**). Incomplete applications will not be considered. For a complete copy of the position description listing all duties and responsibilities, please send an email to BelmopanJobs@state.gov or call at 822-4011, Ext. 4242. The deadline for submitting applications is **Friday, July 1, 2022**.

PGIA to receive new X-ray machines and canine unit

The installation of new X-ray machines and a canine unit at the Philip Goldson International Airport's arrival lounge comes as part of an agreement made between BAHA, OIRSA, and the Ministry of Agriculture.

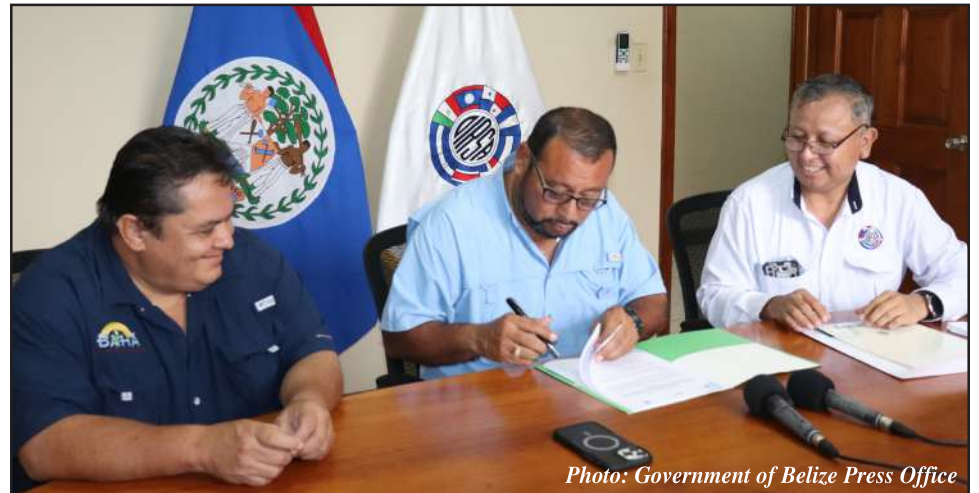


Photo: Government of Belize Press Office

by *Khaila Gentle*

BELMOPAN, Tues. June 14, 2022

Through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) by the Belize Agricultural Health Authority (BAHA), the International Regional Organization for Plant and Animal Health (OIRSA), and the Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security, and Enterprise, the quarantine inspection services at the Philip Goldson International Airport (PGIA) will be upgraded through the implementation of new non-intrusive pre-inspection methods. These methods will be made possible by means of the installation of two X-ray machines, which will be used for inspection of arriving travelers' baggage at the PGIA's arrival lounge, as well as new canine inspection units.

Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Jose Abelardo Mai spoke with the media about the significance of the agreement. He noted that, while the non-intrusive inspection processes might be new to Belize, they are common in other airports in the region.

"I was in the USA the other day passing through to Guyana, and the USDA quarantine service had their dogs in there walking among the people sniffing the bags, so it's not something that's uncommon. It's very common, especially now with people trying to get back to normality, where you start travelling more, so you'll see more of these programs in place where they're

scanning and ensuring to protect the agriculture sector. Everybody does that, so it's not an uncommon thing," said Minister Mai.

Country Representative for OIRSA, Fermin Blanco also spoke to local reporters, explaining what the pre-inspection process entails.

"Quarantine inspections are what BAHA physically does at the airport, but pre-inspection means that we are using state-of-the-art technology to scan the luggage using a machine to see what is inside. Us at OIRSA, we cannot open luggage, but we scan it and see what is inside, and if we detect any organic material inside the luggage, we tag it so that it goes to BAHA for BAHA to inspect it physically," he said.

Blanco also spoke about the implementation of the new canine inspection procedure.

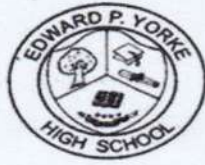
"We trained canine units in Panama, and we use them here. We walk them around the arrival lounge, and the canine is trained to detect organic material as well—mainly vegetables and meats. So once the canine also detects luggage with organic material in it ... the dog detects it, and the handler tags the bag, and that bag goes to BAHA for inspection," he said.

The quarantine inspections serve to prevent the introduction of pests and diseases into the country, including African Swine Fever and Fusarium wilt, the latter of which has been ravaging

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NOTICE

If anyone knows the whereabouts of **Ms. Dilcia Sanchez**, please contact the nearest Department of Human Services or call us at our Belize City branch phone number 227-2057/227-7451.



Vacancy- Edward P. Yorke High School

1. Information Technology (3 months)

Minimum Qualifications

Associate Degree with specialization in the subject area to be taught or other related fields. Evidence of past CXC passes in the subject area and experience in the teaching of the specified subject will be an asset.

Candidates must be familiar with the CSEC syllabus in the related subject area and must have a valid Teacher's License.

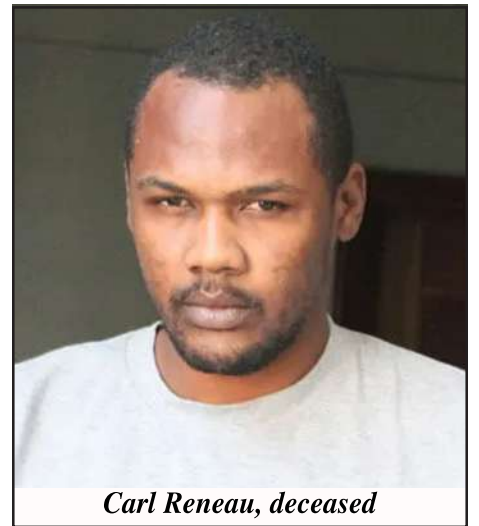
PAYSCALE

In accordance with the Government pay scale.

Letters of application accompanied by a resume, references, copies of qualifications, and police record must reach the Secretary of the Board of Management, Edward P. Yorke High School P.O Box 471, Belize City, Belize by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 28, 2022.

COMPOL: Carl Reneau's death possibly gang-related

Carl Reneau, 33, was murdered in broad daylight on Fabers Road Extension. COMPOL Williams says his death could have been gang-related or retaliation for previous crimes he committed.



Carl Reneau, deceased

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Wed. June 15, 2022

Two years ago, Carl Reneau, 33, was charged for the murder of Jaheem Mahler, 15, which occurred in 2017, but he was acquitted of that charge. This week, however, on Monday, June 13, 2022, Reneau was murdered in broad daylight on Fabers Road Extension in Belize City, and the Commissioner of Police, Chester Williams, says Reneau's death could have been gang-related or could have been retaliation for one of the violent acts which Reneau had in the past been accused of carrying out.

At about 2:00 p.m. on Monday, Reneau had just left his sister's home and was riding his bicycle on Fabers Road Extension en route to buy food when he was ambushed and was reportedly shot as many as six times and left for dead. His bicycle and a pair of slippers were left on the scene.

Reneau was acquitted in 2020 of the 2017 murder of Jaheem Mahler and later that same year was also acquitted of the attempted murder of Robert Hower. It has also been reported by 7News that in 2013 he had been charged for allegedly stabbing two 15-year-olds and that in 2013 he had faced charges for the murder of Brian Williams and for the attempted murder of Delroy Matura.

His stepfather thus remarked this week to local media, "...he is not an innocent guy. He is a dangerous guy; don't play with that boy. The other day he got into a problem and he told me that he won his case of attempted murder and came smiling." And yet, the grieving stepfather who raised Reneau also remarked, "He was so good to me."

When speaking to local reporters



The Board of Directors, Officers Management and Staff cordially invite Member-Owners to our

76th AGM
Annual General Meeting

**St. Catherine Academy
Multi-Purpose Mercy Center
Belize City**

**[Saturday
June 25, 2022
9:30 a.m]**

Please bring along your passbooks or account numbers and valid ID for easy registration. The use of face masks is encouraged.

Transportation will be provided from SJCUC Belmopan and Dangriga Branch Offices with pick-ups in Sittee River, Hopkins and Silk Grass.

Seats are limited – sign up at your branch for departure times.

SJCUC Belmopan Branch Office
#76 Constitution Drive
Tel: 822-3257

SJCUC Dangriga Branch Office
Corner Tubroose & Mahogany Streets
Tel: 522-2446



VACANCY

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

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

Visit our website at www.socialsecurity.org.bz/vacancy-announcement/ to view further details on this position.

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

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

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

DEADLINE: JUNE 22, 2022

PGIA to receive new X-ray machines and canine unit

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banana crops in South America.

When asked whether the implementation of an added layer of security would slow down the arrival process at the PGIA, Blanco explained that from January to March, OIRSA worked alongside the Ministry of Tourism to conduct a pilot project during which the time needed for pre-inspection to take place was evaluated. He noted that the process did not take up a significant amount of time.

Other areas of cooperation covered by the MOU include data collection and management as well as capacity building.

The agreement was signed by Hon. Jose Abelardo Mai, Minister of Agriculture, Food Security and Enterprise; Mrs. Zoe Roberson Zetina, BAHA Managing Director; and Mr. Efraín Medina Guerra, OIRSA legal representative.




ACCOUNTANT CAREER OPPORTUNITY

COMPOL: Carl Reneau's death possibly gang-related

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about the street execution this week of Reneau, Commissioner Williams commented, "We believe the one with Carl Reneau may have been gang-related and could also be retaliation for previous incidents that he may have had with the law. And so, we have some suspects that we are looking at likewise, but again, it will be difficult, unless people who were around would speak ... we will do our best to find out who is responsible and try to bring them to justice."

Major Duties & Responsibilities

1. Provide leadership, direction, and management of the finance/accounting team and strategic recommendations to the Board and Officer Committees, General Manager, and management team.
2. Assist with the overall management of the Credit Union to ensure continuity of operations.
3. Manage the processes for financial forecasting and budgets, and oversee the preparation of all financial reporting.
4. Preparation of all required accounting and financial monthly reports.
5. Provide advice on long-term business and financial planning by analyzing accounting information and options.
6. Assist with preparation of annual reports.
7. Maintain accounting controls and financial security within the credit union's operations by recommending appropriate policies and procedures and ensuring proper internal controls.

Required Skills:

1. Financial Reporting and budgeting planning and preparation
2. Competence in Cash Management, Financial Accounting, and Corporate Finance
3. Problem Solving abilities
4. Experience with computerized accounting and business systems
5. Good knowledge of computer application softwares
6. Excellent interpersonal and communication skills
7. Leadership and Strategic Visioning skills
8. Reliable with strong work ethic
9. Ability to work as an effective member of a team
10. Detail-oriented and result-driven
11. Excellent verbal and written skills


**Deadline for Applications:
June 23, 2022**

QUALIFICATIONS/EXPERIENCE:

- Bachelor's Degree in Accounting, Finance, or other related fields – Professional Accounting Certification or an MBA in Finance, or other related fields will be an asset.
- 10 years experience in Accounting/Finance, with at least 3 years experience in financial reporting and budgeting and managing a team.

Submit Application Letter, Resume, Proof of Qualifications, Copies of Social Security Card and Police Record, and References to:

Human Resource Officer
talentacquisitions@sjcu.com.bz



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Belize City.
Telephones:
501-280-4703/
202-4477
amandalapress@yahoo.com

Micah resigns

"I hereby resign. Rebel Forever, Micah," An email sent from Micah Goodin to Mayor Bernard Wagner states.

BELIZE CITY, Wed. June 15, 2022

Today was the deadline for deputy mayor of Belize City and elected city councilor Micah Goodin to submit his resignation from the deputy mayor post to the Belize City Council in order to avoid being removed through a vote by his fellow councilors. Reports this week are that he sent a resignation letter to the Prime Minister, Hon. John Briceño, yesterday. Last week, the Belize City Council had granted Goodin an extension to the initial deadline in order to give him time to resign of his own volition and thus avoid a forced removal at the hands of the other members of the council—most of whom had expressed their desire for him to step down from the deputy mayor post.

A release from CitCo had indicated that "at his request" the council decided to grant him until today, June 15, to tender his resignation. It was confirmed

yesterday evening that his resignation has been tendered.

A press release issued today by the City Council indicated that the council had accepted Goodin's resignation and that Councilor Allan Pollard will be occupying the deputy mayor post.

The release stated, "In a special council meeting held today, the elected officials of the Belize City Council officially accepted Deputy Mayor Micah Goodin's resignation from the Deputy Mayor's position. As a result, the officials in attendance unanimously voted to fill the vacant seat and elected Councilor Allan Pollard Jr. as the Deputy Mayor of Belize City for the 2022-2023 term."

The calls for Goodin's resignation were prompted by a shooting incident on May 14 of this year, during which shots were allegedly fired by Tarique James, one of the men in a group that was in Goodin's

car, which had been leaving a bar on Newtown Barracks at which members of the group had been involved in a disagreement, which Goodin had reportedly tried to quell. The shots fired from Goodin's vehicle were allegedly reciprocated by shots from Kenyon Tillet which grazed Tae Medina, a young shadow councilor who had been in Goodin's vehicle.

The members of the council would subsequently meet in a caucus, at which Councilor Vaughn tabled the motion at adjournment, and Goodin was first asked to resign from his post. The deputy mayor was not present, however. He reportedly stormed out before the motion could be tabled, a motion which received unanimous support from all councilors who were present, according to Mayor Bernard Wagner.

Mayor Wagner has indicated that the



Micah Goodin

members of the council have noted a series of misjudgments in the actions of Deputy Mayor Goodin that are unbefitting of one holding office as an elected official.

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JUNIOR CREDIT OFFICER BELIZE CITY

JOB SUMMARY

The Junior Credit Officer position is the first level of customer interaction who is responsible for creating and maintaining client relationships. The Junior Credit Officer evaluate and recommend approval of Education, Housing and MSE loan applications and manage an assigned portfolio of loans. The Junior Credit Officer also participates in the marketing of the Corporation's products and services. Duty Station is in Belize City.

QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERIENCE

1. An Associate's Degree in Business, Accounting or related field.

REQUIRED SKILLS & ABILITIES

1. Superior communication skills – written, verbal, and inter-personal.
2. Excellent planning and organization skills
3. Demonstrate professional presence and a positive attitude
4. Proficient in MS Office applications.
5. Bilingual in English and Spanish.
6. Ability and willingness to travel frequently, as required. This requires the possession of a privately owned motor vehicle and valid driver's license.
7. Understanding DFC's role as a development bank
8. High ethical standards and uncompromising sense of integrity.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Generate new customer leads through various channels.
2. Achieve monthly targets relating to loan approvals, disbursements, portfolio quality and growth.
3. Conduct property valuations for properties offered as loan collateral.
4. Ensure that properties held as collateral are adequately insured
5. Ensure customer satisfaction through regular and timely engagement.
6. Actively promote the Corporation's financial services.

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:

CREDIT OFFICER, BELIZE CITY

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 22, 2022

VACANCY
Join our exciting team!



Belize participates in 12th WTO Ministerial Conference



World Trade Organization Director-General

by Khaila Gentle

BELMOPAN, Tues. June 14, 2022

After not being held for five years, the 12th Ministerial Conference of the

World Trade Organization (WTO) is taking place in Geneva, Switzerland this month, with Belize being represented by the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade, and Immigration, Hon. Ramon Cervantes, and other senior officials.

According to a Government of Belize Press Office release, the conference—which runs from June 12 to 15 and is being attended by ministers from 164 member countries—comes at a

“critical juncture” for international trade, as the global challenges that it faces continue to affect the cost of living for Belizeans.

Minister Cervantes addressed other

attending ministers and heads of delegations, highlighting the fact that trade and the smooth functioning of the multilateral trading system continue to be challenged by climate change, the COVID-19 pandemic, and the ongoing war in Ukraine, all of which threaten global food security.

“The WTO remains one of the most democratic Member-driven global institutions, and we must strive to make it better, and more responsive to changing global challenges,” he said.

At the conference’s opening ceremony, World Trade Organization Director-General Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala noted that member nations have a chance “to show the world that the WTO can step up to the plate” and to show that multilateralism works.

During the four-day conference, attending member countries are expected to discuss issues such as the WTO’s

reform, the Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) waiver for COVID-19 vaccines, pandemic response, fishery subsidies, agriculture, and food security.

Hon. Cervantes expressed Belize’s support for the reform of the World Trade Organization, highlighting the importance of adhering to principles of transparency, inclusiveness, consensus-based decision-making, fairness, and equity in the rights and obligations of WTO members.

“We must do our citizens justice and address a most urgent matter for economic recovery—the rise in the cost of living. Rising shipping costs have increased the cost of living in Belize, hindering our post-pandemic recovery, even though we have shown tremendous resilience in recovering from the 2020 economic fallout,” said Minister Cervantes, who urged members, particularly those from developed nations, to seek a resolution to the issue of rising shipping rates.

The World Trade Organization is the only global international organization that deals with the rules of trade between nations. Its last Ministerial Conference was held in Buenos Aires in December 2017. The conference, which is the highest decision-making body of the organization, is usually convened every two years.



CAREER OPPORTUNITY



ASR GROUP | BELIZE SUGAR

Belize Sugar Industries Ltd.

Invites qualified and self-motivated individuals to submit applications for the post of:

Mechanical Engineer Trainee

Tower Hill, Orange Walk District

The **Mechanical Engineer Trainee** will be developed over a two year period to assist in continuous improvement of production processes for high sugar quality, to develop and maintain machinery and equipment and to design and construct factory infrastructure.

Skills and Competencies:

- High proficiency in computer and computer systems
- Must be a self-starter and highly motivated
- Must have the ability to read, analyse and interpret technical procedures and standards
- Able to write reports, business correspondence, and procedure manuals
- Able to effectively present information and respond to questions from managers, designers, and engineers
- Able to work with mathematical concepts, differential equations and advanced engineering calculations

Qualifications and Experience

- Bachelor’s Degree in Mechanical Engineering
- Experience in the Food industry
- Fluency in English and Spanish will be an asset

Summary of Duties and Responsibilities:

- Read and interpret blueprints, technical drawings, schematics, and computer-generated reports
- Confer with engineers and other personnel to implement operating procedures, resolve system malfunctions, and provide technical information
- Research and analyze customer design proposals, specifications, manuals, and other data to evaluate the feasibility, cost, and maintenance requirements of designs or applications
- Specify system components or direct modification of products to ensure conformance with engineering design and performance specifications
- Research, design, evaluate, install, operate, and maintain mechanical products, equipment and systems.
- Liaise with installation/project engineers

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

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



DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FORM AND ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS IS JUNE 28, 2022.

Micah resigns

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“I just believe that when you have young people, liquor, guns, egos, that’s a recipe for disaster,” Mayor Wagner noted in a recent interview.

Since the incident, Goodin’s two licensed firearms were confiscated—the second of which was retrieved by police officers who went to his home. The Commissioner of Police, Chester Williams, has since requested a letter from Goodin and the alleged triggerman in the shooting incident, Tarique James, that would explain why their licenses should not be taken away. The letter would be taken into consideration as part of the department’s investigation to determine whether their firearm licenses will be revoked following the mid-May shooting.

COMPOL Williams told local reporters, “I know that police had gone to Micah’s house and removed another licensed firearm that he had, because he had two licensed firearms and he has since been written to, asking for him to show cause why his gun license should not be lifted. I checked with my legal office just a few minutes ago to ascertain if in fact he had received the letter asking to show cause. I have not received a legal response from the office, so I cannot say if we will remove it or no, but I cannot at this stage prematurely state that his license will be revoked. That would be tantamount to making a decision without having given him the opportunity to be heard, and so I will await for his response to the letter that was written to him, and based on his response then I will determine whether or not the license will be repealed.”



GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE

SECOND ROAD SAFETY PROJECT

CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR PROCUREMENT OFFICER

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

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

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

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

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

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

Consultants shall be eligible to participate if:

- (a) the persons are citizens or *bona fide* residents of an eligible country; and
- (b) in all cases, the consultant has no arrangement and undertakes not to make any arrangements, whereby any substantial part of the net profits or other tangible benefits of the contract will accrue or be paid to a person not a citizen or *bona fide* resident of an eligible country.

Eligible countries are member countries of CDB

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

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

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

Following the assessment of submissions, the most technically capable and appropriately experienced applicant will be invited to negotiate a contract to provide the consultancy services. Government of Belize reserves the right to accept or reject late applications or to cancel the present invitation partially or in its entirety. It will not be bound to assign any reason for not engaging the services of any applicant and will not defray any costs incurred by any applicant in the preparation and submission of Expressions of Interest.

Address 1

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

Address 2

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

**VACANCY**

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

Main purpose of the job:

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

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

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

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

Events / Visits:

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

Ad hoc:

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

Essential on arrival:

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

Desirable:

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

Salary will be BZ\$ 1,413.32 per month

How to Apply

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

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

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

PUBLIC AUCTION SALES: PROPERTIES

Orange Walk District: Orange Walk Town; Trail Farm Village; Jose Palmar Village; Douglas Village; Belize District; Maskall Village; San Pedro, Ambergris Caye; Belize City; Cayo District: Paslow Falls Area; Ontario Village; Stann Creek District: Hope Creek Village; Hummingbird Community; Dangriga; Toledo District: San Miguel Village/ Punta Gorda Town

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

A: Orange Walk District: Orange Walk Town; Trial Farm Village; Orange Walk Estate; San Jose Palmar; Douglas Village

1. Parcel No. 2990 Mayflower Street, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Orange Walk Town	4	2990

(Being three buildings: Building No. 1 – single dwelling house [869 sq. ft.] 2 bedrooms + 1 bathroom + living/dining/ kitchen; Building No. 2 - a concrete structure [57 sq. ft. + open area 65 sq. ft.] laundry room; Building No. 3 – concrete structure [43 sq. ft.] lavatory TOGETHER with Lot [454.510 S.M.] situate at Parcel No. 2990 Mayflower Street, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District, the freehold property of Mr. Gabriel Pate)

2. Parcel No. 285/1 Trail Farm Village, Orange Walk District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Trial Farm	4	285/1

(Being a concrete bungalow dwelling house [583 sq. ft.] containing 2 Bedrooms + 1 Bathroom + Living/Dining/Kitchen TOGETHER with Lot [1190.95 sq. yds. (995.780 S.M.)] situate in Trial Farm Village, Orange Walk District, the leasehold property of Mr. Harold Flowers)

3. Parcels 514, 515 & 516 East Orange Walk Estate, One Mile from Town Center, Orange Walk District:



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

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

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



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Orange Walk Town	4	3091/1

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

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



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
San Jose Palmar	4	808

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

6. 28.91 Acres of land on the Douglas/San Pablo Road, 1.6 kilometers west of the Douglas Road/Phillip Goldson Highway, Orange Walk District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Douglas Rural	4	118

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

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

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



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

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

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



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCELS
North San Pedro	7	5434 & 5435

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

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



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
San Pedro	7	2112

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

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



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Queen Square	45	1406

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

D: Cayo District: Paslow Falls Area; Ontario Village

11. 10 Acres of Land near the Mopan River, Paslow Falls Area, Cayo District:



ALL THAT piece or parcel of land Block No. 6 (+/- 10 acres) being a portion of Lionel Balan subdivision survey of Grant No. 505 of 2007 comprising 20.86 acres of land and the survey of a strip of National Lands comprising 1 acre situate along the Mopan River, Paslow Falls Area, Cayo District TOGETHER with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon. (Being +/- 10 acres of vacant land with high vegetation and numerous trees, the freehold property of Ms. Mary Carridi)

12. Parcel No. 1323/1 Ontario Village, Cayo District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Society Hall	24	1323

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

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



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Society Hall	24	2427/1

(Being two buildings - Building 'A' concrete bungalow dwelling house [1083 sq. ft.] containing 3 bedrooms + bathroom + Living/Dining/Kitchen + porch; Building 'B' shop [222 sq. ft.] and lot [555.56 sq. yds.] situate at Ontario Village, Cayo District, the leasehold property of Mr. Humberto Patt.)

E: Stann Creek District: Hope Creek Village; Hummingbird Community; Dangriga

14. Lot No. 132 Hope Creek Village, Stann Creek District:



ALL THAT piece or parcel of land containing 1388.89 square yards being Lot No. 132 situate in Hope Creek Village, Stann Creek District TOGETHER with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon. (Being a 2-storey concrete/timber dwelling house [1,001 sq. ft.] containing Ground Floor: 2 bedrooms + living room + kitchen; First Floor 2 bedrooms + 1 bathroom apartment and lot [1388.89 square yards] situate in Hope Creek Village, Stann Creek District, the freehold property of Mr. Eduardo Saravia)

15. Lot No. 54 Hummingbird Community, Stann Creek District:



ALL THAT piece or parcel of land containing 785.259 square meters being Lot No. 54 situate in the Hummingbird Community Village, near Mile 25 Hummingbird Highway, Stann Creek District TOGETHER with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon. (Being an elevated timber dwelling house [751 sq. ft.] containing 2 bedrooms + 1 bathroom + living/dining/kitchen + storeroom TOGETHER with lot [785.259 S.M.] situate in the Hummingbird Community Village, Mile 25 Hummingbird Highway, Stann Creek District, the freehold property of Mr. Armando Coye)

16. Parcel No. 1294 Canal Street, Dangriga, Stann Creek District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Dangriga South	31	1294

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

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

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



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Big Fall/Golden Stream	42	577

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

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VACANCY - Forest Management Program

Programme for Belize has a vacancy for an assistant in its Sustainable Forest Management Programme within the Rio Bravo Conservation and Management Area (RBCMA).

Applicants must be able:

1. To work in remote areas within the forest ecosystems of the RBCMA.
2. Live in a remote area for at least two weeks per session.
3. Supervise a small work crew, including interns, dedicated to collect field data
4. Ensure data is accurately collected and properly entered into the approved database.
5. Participate in fire control and fire management activities.
6. Participate in the protection of the natural resources of the RBCMA.
7. Assist the Head Forester with administrative duties to ensure the smooth operation of the program and maintain order while at the job sites.
8. Prepare progress reports in WORD and EXCEL as needed.
9. Participate in research and other activities, e.g. Outreach and Tourism
10. Participate in regular training to enhance capacity.

Qualification

Associates Degree in Natural Resources Management or any Biology/Ecology program. Experience in working in the forestry sector is definitely an asset.

Candidates must be able to work both independently and in a team and willing to learn new processes to be able to get the job done. The ability to drive standard vehicle is an asset.

Applications along with resume, academic reports and two letters of reference can be addressed to: Manager, Admin & Planning and emailed to: adminmanager@pfbelize.org or you can fill in the online form <https://forms.gle/yx8rvCdXoacAemo1A> no later than Friday, 24 June 2022.



Independence High School

Independence Village

Stann Creek District

Telefax: 523-2220/523-2499

Email Address ind_highschool@yahoo.com

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

INDEPENDENCE HIGH SCHOOL

- 1 Spanish Teacher
- 1 Electrical/Building Teacher

Temporary Posts (3 Months)

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

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

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

INDEPENDENCE JUNIOR COLLEGE

- 1 Social Science/Spanish Teacher

A Masters Degree in the respective subject area is preferred. However, applicants in possession of a Bachelor Degree may apply. Salary is based on qualification and experience and is in accordance with Government's pay scale. Completed application package should be forwarded by Monday, June 20, 2022 to:

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

Applicants will be interviewed at the high school on Tuesday, June 21, 2022 @ 9:00 a.m.



infoSEGURA



TECHNICAL AND POLICY ADVISORY SUPPORT

to develop documentation to govern and administer inter-agency data sharing

The Belize Crime Observatory

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

The TECHNICAL AND POLICY ADVISOR will:

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

A. EXPECTED OUTPUTS AND DELIVERABLES

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

For more information, e-mail bco@nsc.gov.bz

View the full
Terms of Reference



DEADLINE: 24 JUNE 2022



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



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

Procurement Type: Consulting Services

Sector: Water and Sanitation

Country of project (or Beneficiary country): Belize

Project name: Design of Wastewater Treatment Solutions in Coastal Areas

Loan/Credit/Grant No.: BL-T1125

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

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

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

List of consulting firms

Project Planning and Management Ltd (JV-lead)

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

*Hydroplan**

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

**Consulting firm did not qualify.*

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

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

UNDB Reference number: IDB-C988901-06/22

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

Beneficial ownership information:

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

From the Publisher

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Beverly Griffiths, nee Borden, second from left.

For the school year of 1964/65, the administration of St. John's College Sixth Form admitted some young ladies into the first year of its traditionally two-year "Advanced Level" studies. Most of the young ladies were high school graduates from St. Catherine Academy, but I also remember at least three girl students from the Cayo District.

At that time the Sixth Form was physically comprised only of two one-flat ferro-concrete buildings, located on the far eastern side of the campus. The buildings had previously been used as residential dormitories for foreign students from the upper classes of Central and South America. These students were referred to as "internos." (I don't know when SJC began that program, but it had been ended by the time the 1964/65 school year began.) Amazingly, I can remember some names of internos -- Oscar Elvir, Reynaldo Martorell, Jesus Canales, Edgar Escalante ...

Immediately south of the buildings was the SJC football field, which was also used for baseball after Gene Adams, an American Peace Corps, began pushing baseball in Belize City high schools.

The southern of the buildings was used mostly for science laboratories, to the best of my recollection, whereas the northern building was where the academic classes were held. The small office of the new

Sixth Form dean, Ronald Zinkle, S. J., was also housed there. There may have been a small library. I don't remember.

The young men from St. John's College (the SJC high school class of '63) had studied on the high school campus from January to May/June of 1964, if my memory is correct. So our first year of Sixth Form was really only a half year. To the best of my knowledge, we were the only Sixth Form class in British Honduras/Belize history that did "A" Levels in a year and a half instead of the full two.

The new dean, Zinkle, an American of Germanic stock from Eau Claire, Wisconsin, was very proud of his new assignment. My sense was that the SJC president, Fr. Leo Weber, S. J., had given Zinkle the assignment with the intent for the new SJC Sixth Form to become a kind of flagship of tertiary education in self-governing Belize. And, the SJC Sixth Form did become a real leader. Many young men from prominent Protestant Belizean families who would normally have attended St. Michael's College Sixth Form or Wesley College Sixth Form went north to SJC Sixth Form instead. (I don't know when the Belize Technical College established its own Sixth Form, but I know BTC Sixth Form became very prominent and competitive in the 1970s.)

Zinkle and I had issues, but I was not aware of his conflicts with some of the new girl students until many years after I had left the school. Zinkle was conscious of his power, and very hardline.

None of the young ladies who ran afoul of Zinkle, so to speak, have ever spoken or written publicly about these clashes. A couple of them have recounted their experiences to me privately.

Anyway, a couple of the Sixth Form ladies from that class have informed me of the death of Beverly Griffiths, nee Borden, in the United Kingdom recently. She had married a British army officer, but maintained her ties to Belize. Beverly was quite a lady, and we mourn her passing.

There are several recent deaths we must note which have not been as widely publicized in the old capital as we Belizeans used to do in the old days of horse-drawn hearses. I wish to mention here Francis Acosta, Baxter Matthews, and two of our footballers from the 70s—Charro Bennett and Clarence "Willie" Williams.

Willie was a Wesley College graduate who lived on Turton's Lane down the street from me on Regent Street West. He starred as the central defender of the championship Landivar teams, and I wish to note here that he was a quiet man of dignity and strength.

Respect is due, and given.



SUMMARY PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Contract Title: Consultancy for the Conduct of an ICT Sector Gap analysis in CARICOM and Development of Digital Cooperation and Digital Agenda Frameworks for Member States and Associate States of CARICOM

Contract reference no.: EU/SFCICP/RICT4D/2022JB

The Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat intends to award a service contract for the **Consultancy for the Conduct of an ICT Sector Gap analysis in CARICOM and Development of Digital Cooperation and Digital Agenda Frameworks for Member States and Associate States of CARICOM**. The contract will be implemented at the CARICOM Secretariat (Guyana) Office with financial assistance from **11th European Development Fund**. The detailed Request for Expressions of Interest (REOI) is available at <https://caricom.org/procurement-notice/>

The deadline for submission of Expressions of Interest (EOIs) is **27 June 2022**.



ROYAL KAHAL
Beach Resort

Vacancy Exists for the position of: General Manager

Interested applicants must possess:

- ❖ Minimum experience of 10 years in a Management, Public Accountant or Auditor position
- ❖ A Bachelor's Degree in Tourism
- ❖ Strong Leadership and interpersonal skills
- ❖ Highly driven & can perform under pressure

Description:

- Strategic vision of the business
- Establish objectives and goals.
- Establish the position of the Hotel in the Market
- Coordinate the synchronization of the different operating departments
- Promote and support all changes according to the needs.
- Establish and develop actualization projects.
- Maximize the use of resources
- Guarantee the achievements of the objectives.
- Determine the priorities in all activities.
- Establishment of policies and procedures.
- Establish the operation structure.
- Elaborate Budgets, Annual Marketing Plan, Cash Flows and Annual Budget of improvements & Capital Investments.
- Hire and trained the HOD of the hotel to assure the success of the implemented operative plans.

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

Applications should be addressed to:

Human Resources Department
Royal Kahal Beach Resort

San Pedro, Belize

Or email: wendy_fairbairn@hotmail.com

From the Publisher en Español

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Para el año escolar de 1964/65, la administración de la Preparatoria del Colegio San Juan admitió a algunas jóvenes en el primer año de sus estudios de "Nivel Avanzado" tradicionalmente de dos años. La mayoría de las jóvenes eran graduadas de la escuela secundaria de la Academia Santa Catalina, pero también recuerdo al menos a tres niñas estudiantes del distrito de Cayo.

En ese momento, la preparatoria estaba compuesta físicamente solo por dos edificios de hormigón armado de un piso, ubicados en el lado este del campus. Los edificios se habían utilizado anteriormente como dormitorios residenciales para

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estudiantes extranjeros de las clases altas de Centroamérica y Sur América. Estos estudiantes eran llamados "internos". (No sé cuándo el Colegio San Juan (SJC por sus siglas en inglés) comenzó ese programa, pero lo habían terminado cuando comenzó el año escolar 1964/65). Sorprendentemente, puedo recordar algunos nombres de internos: Oscar Elvir, Reynaldo Martorell, Jesús Canales, Edgar Escalante...

Inmediatamente al sur de los edificios estaba el campo de fútbol SJC, que también se usó para el béisbol después de que Gene Adams, un miembro del Cuerpo de Paz estadounidense, comenzara a impulsar el béisbol en las escuelas secundarias de la Ciudad de Belize.

El edificio sur se usaba principalmente para laboratorios de ciencias, según recuerdo, mientras que el edificio norte era donde se llevaban a cabo las clases académicas. La pequeña oficina del nuevo

decano de la preparatoria, Ronald Zinkle, C. de J., también se encontraba allí. Puede haber habido una pequeña biblioteca. No recuerdo.

Los jóvenes del Colegio San Juan (la promoción de la escuela secundaria SJC del 63) habían estudiado en el campus de la escuela secundaria de enero a mayo/junio de 1964, si no recuerdo mal. Así que nuestro primer año de preparatoria fue en realidad solo medio año. Que yo sepa, fuimos la única clase de preparatoria en la historia de Honduras Británica/Belize que presentó los exámenes a nivel "A" en un año y medio en lugar de los dos completos.

El nuevo decano, Zinkle, un estadounidense de ascendencia germánica de Eau Claire, Wisconsin, estaba muy orgulloso de su nueva asignación. Mi sensación fue que el presidente de SJC, el p. Leo Weber, C. de J., había asignado a Zinkle la tarea con la intención de que la nueva preparatoria SJC se convirtiera en una especie de buque insignia de la educación universitaria en el Belize

autónomo. Y, la preparatoria SJC se convirtió en un verdadero líder. Muchos jóvenes de prominentes familias beliceñas protestantes que normalmente habrían asistido a la Preparatoria del Colegio San Miguel o del Colegio Wesley en su lugar fueron al norte a la Preparatoria SJC. (No sé cuándo el Colegio Técnico de Belize estableció su propia preparatoria, pero sé que la preparatoria del Colegio Técnico de Belize se volvió muy prominente y competitiva en la década de 1970).

Zinkle y yo teníamos problemas, pero no me di cuenta de sus conflictos con algunas de las nuevas alumnas hasta muchos años después de haber dejado la escuela. Zinkle era consciente de su poder y era de línea muy dura.

Ninguna de las jóvenes que tuvieron problemas con Zinkle, por así decirlo, ha hablado o escrito públicamente sobre estos enfrentamientos. Un par de ellas me han contado sus experiencias en privado.

De todos modos, un par de las damas de la preparatoria de esa clase me

informaron de la muerte de Beverly Griffiths de Borden, recientemente en el Reino Unido. Se había casado con un oficial del ejército británico, pero mantuvo sus vínculos con Belize. Beverly era toda una dama, y lamentamos su fallecimiento.

Hay varias muertes recientes que debemos señalar que no han sido tan ampliamente publicitadas en la antigua capital como solíamos hacerlo los beliceños en los viejos tiempos de los coches fúnebres tirados por caballos. Quisiera mencionar aquí a Francis Acosta, Baxter Matthews y dos de nuestros futbolistas de los años 70: Charro Bennett y Clarence "Willie" Williams.

Willie era egresado del Colegio Wesley que vivía en Turton's Lane calle abajo de mí en la calle Regent Street West. Actuó como el defensa central de los equipos campeones de Landivar, y deseo señalar aquí que era un hombre tranquilo de dignidad y fuerza.

El reconocimiento es debido, y se entrega.



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.



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.

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COMPOL: WPC Trapp won't be criminally charged

While witness statements and photos seem to indicate that WPC Alicia Trapp, not Minister Julius Espat, was the aggressor during their Teakettle altercation, the Commissioner of Police says Hon. Espat is unlikely to press charges for now.

by *Khaila Gentle*

BELIZE CITY, Wed. June 15, 2022
Police Constable Alicia Trapp, who last week brought allegations of verbal and physical assault against Minister of Infrastructure and Development Hon. Julius Espat following a confrontation at the Teakettle village elections, is not

expected to be charged with assault, according to Commissioner of Police, Chester Williams. On Monday, the Police Commissioner issued a letter to Trapp's attorney, Orson "OJ" Elrington, in which he stated that the allegations made by Trapp in her police report are contradicted by witness statements and pictures taken during the



Commissioner of Police
Chester Williams

altercation and that she could be arrested and charged with Common

Assault. In speaking with local reporters on Tuesday, however, Commissioner Williams explained that Minister Julius Espat does not wish to take court action against the police constable.

"...based on that, she will not be charged criminally as outlined in the letter to her attorney yesterday. I think what Mr. Espat is hoping for is that her and her attorney retract their statement, and based on that then he will determine if he will proceed with the matter before the court," said Commissioner Williams.

Last week, Minister Espat's legal

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TENDER



Consultancy to Review Work Arrangements

BEL has allocated funds for a study to review work arrangements and invites tenders for Consulting Service as follows:

The Consultant will evaluate how Belize Electricity Limited's (BEL) workforce was organized and deployed in response to the COVID-19 crisis, and determine what existing practices, in terms of emergency response and safety policies and procedures, should be retained and/or enhanced, and what new measures of adaptation should be implemented to mitigate the impacts of a reoccurrence of a similar crisis or disaster. The Consultant will also be expected to recommend an optimal model for the 'new normal' working arrangements for BEL based on lessons learned from BEL's recent and ongoing experience and best practices and information gathered on models utilized/being contemplated by other entities in Belize and the international arena and being proposed by leading organizational experts.

The bidding documents, which outline all the duties and responsibilities of the contract, and dates are available on BEL's website at www.bel.com.bz/Tenders.aspx

Tenders must be submitted via email to bidsubmittal@bel.com.bz no later than **3:00 p.m. on Friday, July 15, 2022.**

The email subject should include the bid number located on the respective bid form.

For more information or queries, send email to bidsubmittal@bel.com.bz

Cost incurred for preparation of the tender document is the sole responsibility of the bidder. The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.



KREM Television Program Guide

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Questions or comments may be forwarded via email to

Phone: 202-5848

kremtelevision@yahoo.com

Friday, June 17, 2022 to Thursday, June 23, 2022

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

- 9:00 a.m. **Community Dialogue (LIVE)**
- 11:50 a.m. Movie: Mulan
- 1:46 p.m. Documentary: Safari Africa
- 2:14 p.m. Movie: Mandela's Long Walk to Freedom
- 5:34 p.m. **Community Dialogue (repeat)**
- 7:15 p.m. Movie: The Tiffany Rubin Story
- 8:00 p.m. Music Videos

SUNDAY

- 10:30 a.m. **A Day for Dad (LIVE)**
- 12:00 p.m. Documentary: Seeds of Death
- 1:19 p.m. Movie: The Hate You Give
- 3:32 p.m. Documentary: The Power Of A Story — Walter Rodney
- 4:02 p.m. Movie: Thy Will Be Done
- 5:30 p.m. **A Day for Dad (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. Documentary: Inside Job
- 3:30 p.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (repeat)**
- 6:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (LIVE)**
- 7:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 8:00 p.m. Belizean Legend: Mark Usher
- 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 Legend: Pupa Curly
- 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 Truth About Your Food
- 9:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**

WEDNESDAY

- 6:30 a.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (LIVE)**
- 9:00 a.m. **Morning Stew (LIVE)**
- 12:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**
- 1:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 2:00 p.m. Movie: Harriet
- 3:30 p.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (repeat)**
- 6:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (LIVE)**
- 7:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 8:00 p.m. Documentary: The Social Dilemma
- 9:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**

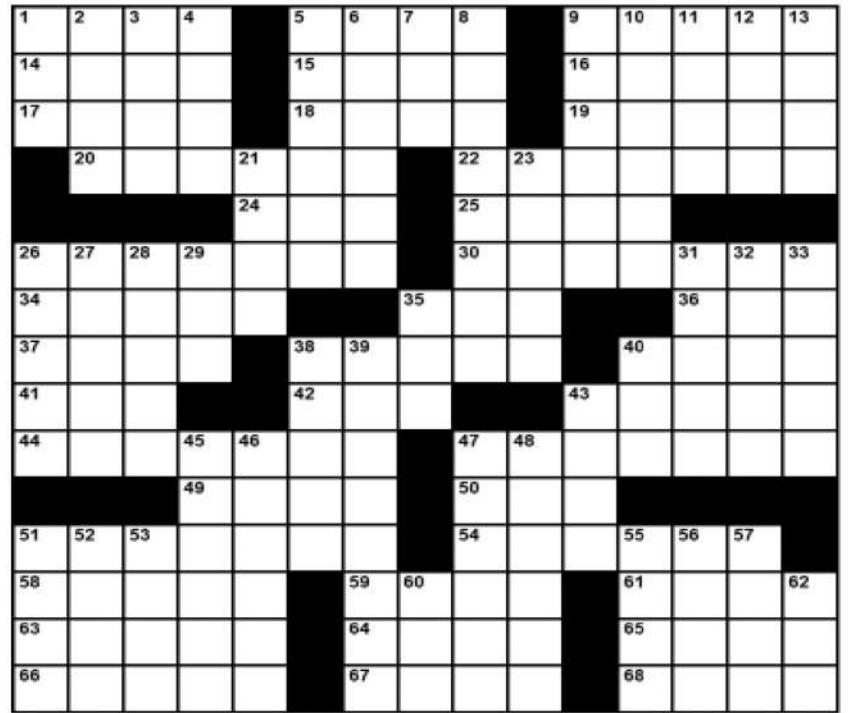
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- 6:30 a.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (LIVE)**
- 9:00 a.m. **Morning Stew (LIVE)**
- 12:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**
- 1:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 2:00 p.m. Movie: 42
- 3:30 p.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (repeat)**
- 6:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (LIVE)**
- 7:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 8:00 p.m. Belizean Legend: Mark Usher
- 9:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**



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Across

- 1. All aflutter
- 5. Beetles, e.g.
- 9. Domestic aides
- 14. Cougar kin
- 15. On leave
- 16. Acquiesce to
- 17. Angelico and Diavolo
- 18. Lower jaw
- 19. Steal goods
- 20. Open a clasp
- 22. Like plywood
- 24. A Canadian export
- 25. Big flaps
- 26. Restrict
- 30. Perfume holders
- 34. Islam's deity
- 35. Bavarian peak
- 36. Alias acronym
- 37. Life stories
- 38. Altar vessel
- 40. Islamic bigwig
- 41. Blade
- 42. Barnyard critter
- 43. Express a view
- 44. Ancient epic
- 47. Resentment
- 49. Gumbo need
- 50. Art movement prefix
- 51. Central Mexican Indians
- 54. Calpurnia's husband
- 58. Like some gases
- 59. Anemic's supplement
- 61. Agenda component
- 63. Lawn game
- 64. Asian garment
- 65. Bump or knot
- 66. Falconer's trainee
- 67. Brat
- 68. Dalmatian feature

Down

- 1. Be unoriginal
- 2. Indian sage
- 3. Gulf sultanate
- 4. Long, deep cut
- 5. Coax
- 6. Stirred from slumber
- 7. Damp and cold
- 8. Part of a word
- 9. Woodchuck's kin
- 10. Discriminator against old people
- 11. Boxer Barkley
- 12. Indian deity
- 13. Cassandra, for one
- 21. Egad or dang
- 23. Ratify
- 26. Group no-no
- 27. Epic of Troy
- 28. Great brilliance
- 29. Is down with
- 31. Female vampire
- 32. Making do
- 33. Hindu garment
- 35. Summer mo.
- 38. Sand, mostly
- 39. Monarchist
- 40. Aries mo.
- 43. Chinese horn
- 45. Basis
- 46. Axel performer
- 47. Open
- 48. Petty person
- 51. Pen tips
- 52. Forest ox
- 53. Annoyed interjection
- 55. Confession items
- 56. At the peak of
- 57. Perform again
- 60. Bit of light
- 62. Assembled

Crossword answers for last edition

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



Daily Printable Crossword Puzzle - 06-09-2022 - Answers



FIRST NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 10 (3) of the Belize Mines and Minerals Act, Chapter 226, Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011, Simon Reardon Smith for and on behalf of Boiton Minerals Ltd., has applied to the Honourable Minister of Natural Resources, through the Inspector of Mines, Mining Unit, for the renewal of EPL No. 1 and No. 2 of 2018 to explore for gold, silver, base metals, precious metals and rare earths, platinum in the Ceibo Chico area of the Chiquibul Forest, Cayo District. The area to be explored is bounded within UTM-coordinates:

Northings	Eastings	Northings	Eastings
1827700	273000	1829500	276500
1827700	273750	1829000	276500
1826900	273750	1829000	274700
1826900	273800	1829000	278000
1826800	273800	1829000	280500
1826800	274000	1827250	280500
1826600	274000	1827250	280750
1826600	273600	1825750	280750
1826700	273600	1825750	281000
1826700	273500	1825000	281000
1826900	273500	1825000	280000
1826900	273200	1824500	280000
1827100	273200	1824500	277000
1827100	273100	1825800	277000
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1827200	272900	1827500	277500
1827400	272900	1827500	278500
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1829500	274700	1828250	278000

The area to be explored comprises approximately fifteen point one (15.1) square kilometers.

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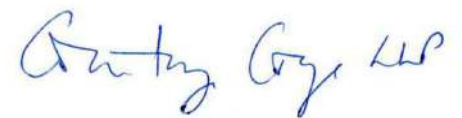
BELIZE CITY, BELIZE

Estate of MARGARET REIMER, Deceased

STATUTORY NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Pursuant to Section 36 of the Administration of Estates Act, Chapter 197 of the Laws of Belize, **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that all creditors and other persons having any claims or demands upon or against the Estate of **MARGARET REIMER**, late of Linda Vista, Blue Creek, Orange Walk District, Belize are required to send particulars in writing of their claims or demands to **JASON CHRISTOPHER REIMER**, the Executor of the said estate, c/o **COURTENAY COYE LLP**, Attorneys-at-Law situate at 15 A Street, Belize City, Belize District, Belize, and to send such particulars no later than the **14th day of September, 2022**. **NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN** that, at the expiration of the last mentioned date, the Executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the said **MARGARET REIMER**, deceased, amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims or demands of which particulars have been delivered, and the Executor will not be liable for the assets or any part thereof so distributed to any person or persons of whose claims or demands it shall not then have had notice.

DATED the 14th day of June, 2022



COURTENAY COYE LLP
Attorneys-at-Law



DIGINET NOW ACCESSIBLE TO MORE HOUSEHOLDS IN MORE AREAS

On Saturday, June 11th, 2022, DigiNet expanded its coverage in Armenia Village, Cayo District, offering over 2,000 residents the opportunity to access the fastest, most reliable high-speed fiber internet services in Belize. Residents of the area can now enjoy quality connectivity for as low as \$49 per month with a free installation offer.

The launch of DigiNet in Armenia is the official start of Digi's Fiber Expansion Program for Fiscal Year 2022 - 2023. Digi has committed to investing over \$2.6M as part of its capacity expansion efforts to meet the demand for high-performance internet service in fifteen new areas reaching over 5,000 new households across Belize. This now brings the total homes passed of Digi's Fiber to the Home Network to over 80,000.



Through this investment, Our National Telecom will be serving even more rural households with Belize's most reliable and trusted fiber service - DigiNet. By accelerating the expansion of this resilient fiber network, more customers will now have access to advanced IP services, high-quality education and healthcare from their homes.

Digi remains focused on driving the digital revolution in Belize, connecting more homes in more areas, and supporting our nation's technological and economic development.

For more information about our DigiNet plans, www.livedigi.com/diginet.



After 1-0 loss to French Guiana, what's next for the Jaguars?

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. June 16, 2022

The Belize Jaguars almost pulled off the improbable a week ago at the FFB Stadium against undefeated League B Group D leader French Guiana, when right wing/midfielder Horace Avila pounced on a French Guiana defensive miscue at the 74th minute, but had to settle for a draw, the only point we would garner in 4 Nations League outings in June, after League B top scorer Joel Sarrucco of French Guiana netted the equalizer at the 89th minute.

On Tuesday, June 14, in the return match in French Guiana, our Jaguars played a better game, a came up short, 1-nil, on another strike by French Guiana's Sarrucco, this one at the 80th minute.

Belize starting eleven: goalkeeper - #1 Charles Tillet; defenders - #3 Norman Anderson (#23 Donell Arzu at 66'), #5 Eugene Martinez, #17 Deshawon Nemhard, #18 Evral Trapp (capt.) (#2 Aaron Lopez at 83'); midfielders - #8 Warren Moss (#6 Jovaunn Ramos at 83'), #13 Luis Torres (#21 Nana Mensah at 66'), #14 Darrel Myvett, #19 Horace Avila (#10 Eldon Reneau at 58'); forwards - #9 Deon McCaulay, #20 Krisean Lopez. Only substitute goalkeeper, #12 Isaac Castillo was not used from the substitute bench. Head coach - David

Perez Asensio. Referee - Pierre Luc Lauziere of Canada.

Despite some harsh Facebook criticisms of our national team coach, David Perez Asensio, at this sports desk we have to reserve such criticisms for the limited hand dealt coach David, and which we have to acknowledge that he handled exceedingly well, despite Belize ending up at the bottom of Group D and in grave danger of being relegated to League C.

French Guiana leads Group D with 10 pts, next is Guatemala with 7 pts, Dominican Republic with 4 pts, and Belize with 1 pt. Belize has a game each remaining against Guatemala and the Dominican Republic to try and avoid relegation to League C when the Nations League tournament resumes in March of 2023.

We refuse to scapegoat coach David Perez for whatever didn't go right with our Nations League drive. If there is blame to issue out anywhere, we would be inclined to put some on the FFB leadership, who allowed the Premier League of Belize to languish in limbo for months because they did not approve of its elected president; and the hastily assembled "Top League" did not provide the level of competitive intensity to best prepare our players for international combat.

FFB calls Belize National U16 Men's Team to camp

BELMOPAN, Mon. June 13, 2022

The Belize National U16 Men's Team is starting its training preparations for the 2022 CONCACAF U17 Men's Qualifiers to be played at a venue to be announced. The qualifiers are scheduled to take place between August 30 and September 8, 2022.

The Football Federation of Belize (FFB) wishes the National U16 Men's Team all the best as they report to camp on Friday, June 17, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Players called to camp - name, parent club and region (Legend: San Pedro - snp, Mid-South - mds, Belmopan - bmp, Cayo - cyo, Toledo - tol, Corozal - czl, Orange Walk - owk, Stann Creek - scr, Belize - bze) - are the following: goalkeepers - Gerrardo Reyes (Sea Warriors FC, snp), Orlando Jackson (Mango Creek Jr., mds), Amari Jones (Roaring Creek United, bmp) and Alexander Lopez (Duck Run Limited, cyo); defenders - Sharlon Martinez (Chuck and Ducks FC, tol), Amid Flores (Pelican FC, czl), Alexis Mendez (Concepcion Consentidos FC, czl), Devin Garbutt (Mango Creek Jr., mds), Kenrick Gordon (Ladyville Rising Stars, bze), Dominic Morgan (Medina FC, bmp), Enrique Gill (Yo Creek FC, owk)

Brandon Rogers (HUYS, bze) and Joecel Bulnes (San Pedro Sharks, snp); midfielders - Diego Chan (Caribbean Rum, owk), Corey Hynes (Pomona Warriors FC, scr), Alvin Diaz (Esperanza Real Warriors FC, cyo), Amarion Acosta (Roaring Creek United, bmp), Clifford Sanker (Progreso United, czl), Roman Cano (Santa Familia FC, cyo) and Zyvaughn Ara (Roaring Creek United, bmp); and attackers - Jaheim Mena (Christ Warriors, mds), Flayden Carter (Hattieville United, bze), Amaad Augustine (World FC, cyo), Dixon Gamboa (Warriors FC, bze), Harrison Roches, Jr. (Pomona Warriors FC, scr), Aaron Estero (New Site FC, scr), Tyrese Moody (Roaring Creek United, bmp), Marvin Card (Ladyville Rising Stars, bze), Kayden Davis (Roaring Creek United, bmp) and Claudie Augustine (Christ Warriors, mds).

Technical Staff: Head Coach - John George; Assistant Coach - Nicholas Ara; Assistant Coach - Daniel Smith; Goalkeeper Coach - Stanley Reneau; Fitness Coach - Dennis Serano; Equipment Manager - Herbert Trapp, Jr.; Manager - Tyrone Young.

-press release -

Basketball tournament tips off out west

by Karim Juan

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo District, Sun. June 12, 2022

The National Sports Council (NSC) has organized a national basketball tournament, and games tipped off out west in the Benque and San Ignacio/Santa Elena divisions yesterday. Games are being organized by the Cayo Sports Council (CSC), Benque Sports Council (BSC) and the San Ignacio & Santa Elena Basketball Association (SSBA).

Below are the scores from the opening day of regular season and the upcoming schedule. Games were played at the Victor Galvez Resilience Center in San Ignacio Town this past weekend, and this coming weekend games will be played at the Deacon Cal Court in Benque Viejo Town, with the games rotating at both venues every week.

Results from Saturday, June 11 Game 1 (Under 15 Male) - Assassins Jr., 64-22, over Benque Basketball Academy. For Assassins Jr. - Jeremy Carbajal 22 pts, Roy "Sonny" Valentine 13 pts, and Andre Pinelo 8 pts. For Benque

Basketball Academy - Hua Qiang Zhao 10 pts, and Jorge De La Fuente 8 pts.

Game 2 (Open Male) - Assassins, 77-38, over Benque No-Hops. Assassins - Aaron Allison 18 pts, Shemar White 16 pts, Ryan "Mentes" Carbajal 10 pts, and Jamie Carbajal 10 pts. Benque No-Hops - Kyssion Kisling 8 pts, and Antwan McFadzean 6 pts.

Game 3 (Open Male) - Venom, 89-29, over Vikings. Venom - Ryan Duran 19 pts, Frank Fuller 16 pts, Johan "Cutto" Bermudez 14 pts, Allizair Rhaburn 13 pts, and Joel Montejó 11 pts. Vikings - Akeem Manzanero 8 pts.

All games for this coming weekend will be played at Deacon Cal Court in Benque Viejo Town. Upcoming weekend schedule:

Friday, June 17

6:30 p.m. - West Kings vs Tigers

8:00 p.m. - Outdoors vs Vikings

9:30 p.m. - Benque No-Hops vs Venom

Saturday, June 18

6:30 p.m. - Outdoors vs Benque No-Hops

8:00 p.m. - West Kings vs Venom

9:30 p.m. - Tigers vs Assassins

Constructive criticism of FFB "process"

Abdul-Waahid Ibn George (formerly Nolbert Moss)

comments in Facebook



June 13 at 4:05 PM · Bismillaah

I was Director of Competitions when TD Marin coined this phrase: "Believe in the Process". I asked for the process description and received no response. Given that competitions provide the main context for any process output, one would think that The Director of Competitions would be in on the process.

Whatever the process is, it is known only to a few.

My take is that all functionaries should be oriented with the details of this process. The Belizean public should be apprised of the basic elements of this process, given that this process is touted to deliver "internationally recognized football" for the benefit of Belizeans who the national teams represent.

As a process engineer, I would like the process architect to share the process description, to include process inputs, process capability, process outputs,

constraints and controls.

From what I gather based on actions of FFB on the international scene, the process may be described as engaging FFB elite teams in as much international competitions as possible with hope that players of Charlie Slusher, Elroy Smith, Elroy Kuylen, Harrison Roches, Denmark Casey, Lennox Castillo, Joe West, Martin Nolberto, Shane Orio, Deon McCaulay, Benedictine Lopez, Tash Gutierrez, Malanga Mayen, calibre will just pop out the woodwork...

(AMANDALA Sports Ed. Note: "TD Marin" refers to current Technical Director of the Football Federation of Belize (FFB), Mr. Phillip Marin. Mr. Ibn George, the former FFB Director of Competitions, is the founder and general secretary of the Belize Football Players Association (BFPA) which has its own Facebook page.)



Update on Belize District Regional Male Youth Elite Tournament

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. June 16, 2022

With only five (5) teams each in U17 and U20 categories, the Football Federation of Belize's (FFB) Belize District Regional Male Youth Elite Tournament 2022 has completed four (4) weeks already, with games being played on Saturdays at the Marion Jones Sports Complex. Below are the results from games played this past Saturday, June 11, in both U17 and U20 categories.

Week 4 results, Sat. June 11

(U-17 Male) In the 10:00 a.m. opener, Warriors FC won, 3-2, over Ladyville Rising Stars. Warriors' goals were by Jaymion Cacho (6') and Shemar Thomas (10' & 67'), while Rising Stars got a goal each from Thomas McLaughlin (23') and Nelson Usher (65').

(U-20 Male) In a noon time clash, it was Warriors FC with the 1-0 win over Ladyville Rising Stars, courtesy of a second half goal by Sanjay Pitts, Jr. (58').

(U-20 Male) The next match at 2:00 p.m. saw seven players on the score sheet for Lake-I FC as they prevailed, 7-2, over Youth & Sports in Edu. Netting a goal apiece for Lake-I were Ervin Rhamdas (21'), Lawnie Leslie (39'), Jaylen Oshon (46'), Calvin Graham (60'), Tasheed Henry (76'), Israel Noralez (79') and Jerwin Carcamo (84'); while for Youth & Sports it was Ivan Moh (73') and Bernard Garbutt (83').

(U-17 Male) And in the 4:00 p.m. nightcap, Stars Academy dropped Gwen Lizarraga, 5-1, with goals from Keydenschay Bowen (8' & 53'), Devin McCaulay (22'), Tayshawn Broaster (61') and Keemar Wagner (78'); while the lone goal for Gwen Liz was by Aaron Nicholson (71').

Below are the Week 4 standings and upcoming schedule.

U17 Males	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	+/-	Pts
Warriors FC	4	4	0	0	19	4	15	12
Ladyville Rising Stars	3	2	0	1	11	4	7	6
Sampson Academy	3	2	0	1	10	7	3	6
Hattieville United YSC	3	0	0	3	4	7	-3	0
Gwen Lizarraga	3	0	0	3	2	19	-17	0

U20 Males	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	+/-	Pts
Hattieville United YSC	3	3	0	0	24	6	18	9
Lake- I FC	3	3	0	0	13	6	7	9
Warriors FC	4	2	0	2	16	7	9	6
Ladyville Rising Stars	3	0	0	3	5	11	-6	0
Youth & Sports Edu	3	0	0	3	7	35	-28	0

Upcoming Week 5 schedule:

Saturday, June 18, Marion Jones Std.

10:00 a.m. – (U17 M) Ladyville Rising Stars vs Sampson Academy

12:00 noon – (U17 M) Gwen Lizarraga vs Hattieville United YSC

2:00 p.m. - (U20 M) Ladyville Rising Stars vs Youth & Sports Edu.

4:00 p.m. – (U20 M) Lake-I FC vs Hattieville United YSC

WEEK 4 LEADING SCORERS U-17 MALE

TEAM	PLAYER	Goals
Warriors FC	Scorian Stuart	6
Ladyville Rising Stars	Steven Rivera	4
Warriors FC	Shemar Thomas	4
Sampson Academy	Keydenschay Bowen	2
Ladyville Rising Stars	Marco Serrano	2
Hattieville United	Calvin Thurton	2

WEEK 4 LEADING SCORERS U-20 MALE

TEAM	PLAYER	Goals
Hattieville United	Enoch Rhaburn	8
Hattieville United	Jaheed Baptist	6
Warriors FC	Ken Galvez	4
Warriors FC	Eshak King	4
Hattieville United	Jaylen Clothier	3
Warriors FC	Kevaughn Tablada	2
Hattieville United	Brandon Smith	2
Ladyville Rising Stars	Levie Davis	2
Ladyville Rising Stars	Antonio Banks	2
Lake-I FC	Shane Pratt	2

Quarterfinals end; Semifinals Friday night for Recreation & Wellness Basketball Tournament in Belize City

BELIZE CITY, Mon. June 13, 2022

The National Sports Council (NSC) Recreation and Wellness Basketball Tournament 2022 being held at the Marion Jones Sports Complex in Belize City, held its quarterfinal games this past Friday night with the top 4 teams from Group A and Group B engaging in knockout action on the Mexico Center courts.

The following are the twelve (12) teams that participated in the regular competition (*playoff bound): Group A – Belize Healthcare “Shooting Stars”, Belize Tax Services “Kollectaz”, *Belize Defence Force “Snipers”, *Digi, *Belize City Council “Dragons”, and *Customs & Excise Department; and Group B – Department of Youth Services, *KMHM “Injectors”, *National Sports Council “Valley”, Central Bank, *BWS, and *Bowen & Bowen “Belikin Bruwers”.

Quarterfinal results, Fri. June 10

Game 1 – Belize City Council “Dragons”, 64-58, over Bowen &

Bowen “Belikin Bruwers”. For BCC “Dragons” – Gregory Rudon 19 pts. For B&B “Belikin Bruwers” – Kadeem Olivera 18 pts.

Game 2 – Customs & Excise Department, 61-49, over KMHM “Injectors”. Customs & Excise Dept. – Glency Lopez 20 pts. KMHM “Injectors” – Godfrey Arnold 17 pts.

Game 3 – Digi, 48-46, over BWS. Digi – Lennox Cayetano 17 pts. BWS – Alejandro Baptist 15 pts.

Game 4 – National Sports Council “Valley”, 71-45, over Belize Defence Force “Snipers”. NSC “Valley” – Jarret Davis 18 pts. BDF “Snipers” – Marcus Ifield 11 pts.

Upcoming Semifinals schedule:

Friday, June 17

7:00 p.m. – Belize City Council “Dragons” vs Customs & Excise Department

8:15 p.m. – National Sports Council “Valley” vs Digi

(Information thanks to Barbara Cadle Lanza of NSC)

Belize City U13 Mundialito Week 4 scores and standings

BELIZE CITY, Wed. June 15, 2022

The Belize Tourist Board (BTB) sponsored Belize City U13 Mundialito Tournament completed its Week 4 games this past Saturday, June 11, at the MCC Grounds, where all 8 participating teams saw action in the 4 games played. Sharing the MCC in half, two games were played simultaneously in separate halves of the field.

In one of the openers at 10:00 a.m., Belize United clipped Tutbay Yabra FC, 2-0, with a goal each from Antwan Latchman and Juan Diego Dussan. Meanwhile, the other opener saw Hattieville United defeating Pickstock FC, 1-nil, on a goal by Daewin Castillo.

The second set of games kicked off at 11:00 a.m. In one encounter, Reality Youths dropped Ladyville Rising Stars, 3-0, with 2 goals from Kadeem Oliva and the other from Gilligion Nunez. The other match was a 1-nil victory for Sampson Academy over Youth & Sports Education. Maleak Flowers scored the goal for Sampson Academy.

Week 4 Standings:

U13 TEAMS	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	+/-	Pts
Belize United	4	4	0	0	15	1	14	12
Reality Youths	4	3	1	0	13	0	13	10
Tutbay Yabra FC	4	2	1	1	10	2	8	7
Ladyville Rising Stars	4	2	0	2	7	6	1	6
Sampson Academy	4	2	0	2	5	4	1	6
Hattieville United	4	2	0	2	3	3	0	6
Pickstock FC	4	0	0	4	1	15	-14	0
Youth & Sports Edu	4	0	0	4	0	19	-19	0

LEADING SCORERS at Week 4 of U13 Mundialito:

TEAM	PLAYER	Goals
Tutbay Yabra FC	Christon Linarez	5
Belize United	Antwan Latchman	5
Reality Youths	Kadeem Oliva	5
Belize United	Kaylon David	4
Ladyville Rising Stars	Jahson Sanford	3
Reality Youths	Tyler Gentle	3
Belize United	Jonathan Garay	3
Reality Youths	Gilligion Nunez	3
Hattieville United	Daewyn Castillo	3

Upcoming Week 5 schedule:

Saturday, June 18, MCC Grounds

10:00 a.m. – Sampson Academy vs Reality Youths

10:00 a.m. – Hattieville United vs Belize United

11:00 a.m. – Youth & Sports Edu vs Ladyville Rising Stars

11:00 a.m. – Pickstock FC vs Tutbay Yabra FC



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Correction: it's not the Barrows' party

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we're able to kind of maybe let's look at the funny side of everything."

IMDb said: "A uniquely Belizean dark comedy exploring how various people's lives are impacted by socioeconomic pressures and political corruption, casting

a light on the way contemporary Belizeans hustle for money, fame, and the next plate ah dinna."

Congratulations to the *Reporter*, which has been very bold at times with the topics it covers. The description that sticks out for me in the *Reporter's* review is the word, authentic. Ah, one man's

sauce is another man's poison. I like authentic, but when it comes to art, there's a line I don't want authentic to cross.

I give an A to "Time Fu Eat" for knowledge of the subject. I don't know any politicians, but because of the way they behave in the light of day, my gut tells me that's how they roll in the dark. The script, no surprise, it flows real smooth. The actors are more than capable. Ouch, I didn't make it much past midway of the show, because I wasn't comfortable.

I bet mature guys like Jules Vasquez, Groove Anthony, and the other raw brutes in our entertainment world drooled over the authenticity, and the professional delivery, and the energy and freshness of the stars, but, but ehm, aahm, for poor immature me, "Time Fu Eat" was just a lee bit too—raunchy.

When I wrote *Whopper's Snapper*, the son of a benefactor of mine said his girlfriend told him I should decide who my audience was, if I was writing for adults or children. I didn't agree with the criticism; I thought *Whopper* was subtle enough to

be read by all, though a lady at one of the bookstores thought I had crossed over to adulthood by use of the word s-h-i-blank, once. I really didn't think it was so bad, not the way I used it, but for some it wasn't right.

Hmm, "Time Fu Eat" da noh fu all a wi. I'll tell you something. Vybz Kartel might be the greatest talent anywhere in the last 20 years, but the songs I've heard from him are strictly for smoky back rooms. That young men walked around with boom boxes on their shoulders playing his music for teenagers and children was without the law.

Why Carlo, and André Habet, who co-wrote the piece, chose to let it all out, I don't know, and when this movie hypocrite will get up the courage to watch the rest of the show, I don't know either. What I know is that we have big talent in Belize, and when this writer/director and his cast appear in another production, if it's tame-er I might be first in the theater.

Russia removes its U.S. Embassy..

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himself with the king of Saudi Arabia, MBS. Uh Solomon and Putin see eye to eye, because they're not pansies. And so we have a couple of gangsters that have teamed up, and this, you know, it doesn't look good for us.

Now who have we been asking money for and from—China? And China, we just gave \$60 billion dollars to Ukraine. Then Joe Biden goes over there and says 'Xi Jinping, will you please give me more money?' And he goes, 'get out of here'. And don't talk tough to me about Taiwan.

And what happens? Oh Jesus! Xi Jinping, because he's been giving everybody so much money. Look, he just went ahead and threatened Trudeau, over in Canada over airspace. So China's really threatening Canada right now because they think they own you. And they know that you don't have a military. So they're threatening their muscles with you.

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST Individual Consultant for Consulting Services to conduct Mid – Term Evaluation

Institution: The Ministry of Finance (MOF)

Country: Belize

Project: Strengthening of Tax Administration (STA)

Abstract: Consulting Services for Individual Consultant to conduct Mid – Term Evaluation

Loan No.: 4839/OC-BL

Deadline: July 1, 2022 (4 p.m. Belize Local Time)

The Government of Belize (GOB) has received financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for the execution of a five-year tax modernization project entitled "Strengthening of Tax Administration" (BL-L1031). The main beneficiaries of the Project are: (a) the Government, which will have more revenues to implement its public policies; (b) taxpayers, who will have more support and a digital environment to fulfil their tax obligations; and (c) the population, from the government policies implemented.

The consulting services ("the services") includes the contracting of an Individual Consultant for twenty-five (25) non-consecutive days within a period of three (3) calendar months, to conduct an independent mid-term evaluation of the Strengthening of Tax Administration Project. The main activities of the consultancy includes:

1. As a first task, the Consultant will review all relevant technical and operational documentation related to the Project, including, but not limited to: i) Loan contract; ii) Project Operations Manual; iii) Project Monitoring and Evaluation Plan/ Arrangement; iv) the Semester Reports and Annual Operating Plans prepared by the PEU; v) and the Bank's Project Monitoring Report and Loan Results Report. The consultant must document all the data sources in his/her report.
2. The Consultant will meet and collect data from all key stakeholders who are directly involved in the implementation of the project in order to review project activities, results and challenges from their perspective.
3. If necessary, the consultant will ask the Ministry of Finance for its approval to carry out field visits to review the progress of the projects of the operation and to check out the project outputs. The consultant can also conduct interviews with staff from the Ministry of Finance and the IDB associated with the project and, if necessary, with representatives of the private sector. All interviews must be managed through the Project Executing Unit and the Ministry of Finance.

For each of these interviews, the consultant must first develop and present their ideas for the content and format of the survey/interview forms that will be applied to capture the required information, as well as the method that will be used to administer and tabulate them. The Ministry of Finance must previously approve the interview.

4. The consultant should review project activities, results and challenges from the perspective of the project team members and operational staff of the project. The Consultant will complete a thorough analysis of the technical aspects of each Component and each Activity planned and as completed with significant attention being paid to:
 - (i) The appropriateness and viability of the original design and scope of the project;
 - (ii) The specific activities, outputs, results and impacts achieved since the beginning of the original loan program in November 1 of 2019 particularly as related to the operational targets and indicators included in the and Results Matrix of Loan Contract No. 4839/OC-BL.
 - (iii) The cost-effectiveness of the various technical activities completed [i.e., were the results received from the various contractors/consultants and procurements commensurate with the cost paid for the services and products delivered]
 - (iv) For each Component and each Activity identify and describe major issues/challenges to achieving the operational targets and indicators and recommend possible measures to avoid these issues/challenges impediments for the future in this operation.
 - (v) Analyze the operational aspects of the project execution including the effectiveness of the PEU. Present issues and lessons learned to instruct and guide the development and execution of future operations.
5. The consultant will analyze the institutional aspects of project execution including the overall awareness of the Project at the senior technical level of the key Government agencies, highlighting positive aspects and significant challenges and issues faced. In this regard the Consultant will pay particular attention to recommending measures to improve inter-agency coordination and project execution management.
6. The consultant shall recommend measures to improve on the identified issues and project

execution management.

7. The consultant will incorporate all comments and recommendations of the Ministry of Finance and the Bank in the final report. The comments with their responses must be documented in a separate document.
8. The consultant will conduct a comprehensive analysis utilizing the evaluation criteria of relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, impact and sustainability. The analysis should be based on the original design, objectives, targets and indicators while taking into consideration the various opportunities, issues and challenges experienced over the elapsed period of implementation and confronting the project for the future. The resulting report should include recommendations for improvements to the work plan and corrective actions for improved operational efficiencies, and effectiveness for the remaining duration of the project.

The individual consultant should have a minimum of a bachelor's degree in Business Management, Economics, Governance or project evaluation-related field or equivalent. As well as a minimum of three (3) years working experience. The consultant should prove its expertise in conducting at least a minimum of five (5) project evaluations in any of the following evaluations: mid-term evaluation, final evaluation, impact evaluation, Economic ex-post evaluation, ex-ante, etc. Experience in conducting project evaluations in Tax Administration program would be an asset. In addition, the consultant should be fluent in written and spoken English, highly motivated and committed, possess presentation and facilitation skills and be able to effectively communicate with local stakeholders in Belize.

The Ministry of Finance invites eligible individual consultants to indicate their interest in providing the consulting services to conduct the project Mid -Term Evaluation. **Interested eligible individual Consultants should request the complete Terms of Reference (TOR) via email to Gisel.Correa@mof.gov.bz.** Interested Individual Consultants must submit an Expression of Interest accompanied by a comprehensive resume, providing information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services.

Expression of Interest should contain:

- (i) Document explaining interest, experience, and competence of the Individual consultant
- (ii) Comprehensive resume with the Individual Consultant's experience in the assignment of similar consultancy services during the past five years. Description of similar assignments specifying start and end dates of assignments. *Please provide dates, name of employing organization, titles of positions held, types of activities performed and location of the assignment, and contact information of previous clients and employing organization(s).*
- (iii) A least Two references
- (iv) Copy of degrees / Certificates
- (v) Proof of nationality: copy of documentation of nationality.
- (vi) Copy of Certificate of Good Standing from the Belize Tax Service Department

The total estimated contract price for this consultancy inclusive of taxes is **US \$ 20,625.00.**

Consultants will be selected in accordance with the selection of Individual Consultant based on Comparison of Qualifications method set out in the Inter-American Development Bank: [Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter-American Development Bank GN-2350-15 section 5 – individual consultants and is open to all eligible candidates as defined in the IDB policies.](#)

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Qualified individual Consultants should submit their expression of interest via e-mail to Michelle.Longsworth@bts.gov.bz marked **STAP- Individual Consultant to Conduct Mid-Term Evaluation** in the subject header, and submit on or before 4:00 p.m. (Belize local time) on Friday, July 1, 2022 to the following address:

**Director General
Belize Tax Service
Strengthening of Tax Administration Project
Eleanor Hall Building
Chetumal Street, Belize City**

For clarifications kindly contact:

**Project Coordinator
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BELIZE CITY COUNCIL EX-PARTE NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 27(3) of the Town Property Evaluation Act, the Belize City Council hereby publishes the following Property Tax matters heard Ex-Parte during the month of **May & June 2022** in the Municipal Court. The persons whose name appears on the list should visit the Municipal Court at 109 North Front Street to settle these judgements.

Name	Address	Years & Acct#	Amount	Court Date	Remarks
Mohammad Kamruzzaman	Parcel 739 U Crescent	2011-2022	\$4,483.60	June 2022	Defendant ordered to pay the sum of \$4,483.60 + \$5.00 c/c in full by 7 th July 2022, in default Distress.
Lionel Cabral	Parcel 3235 Lot 27 Lauren Burgess Street	2014-2022	\$5,994.10	June 2022	Defendant ordered to pay the sum of \$5,994.10 + \$5.00 c/c in full by 7 th July, 2022, in default Distress.
Carla Davis	Parcel 741 U Crescent	2011-2022	\$4,460.80	June 2022	Defendant ordered to pay the sum of \$4,460.80 + \$5.00 c/c in full by 7 th July, 2022, in default Distress.
Elroy Dixon	Parcel 718 U Crescent	2017-2022	\$2,648.58	June 2022	Defendant ordered to pay the sum of \$2,648.58 + \$5.00 c/c in full by 7 th July, 2022, in default Distress.
Elroy Dixon	Parcel 719 U Crescent	2017-2022	\$2648.58	June 2022	Defendant ordered to pay the sum of \$2,648.58 + \$5.00 c/c in full by 7 th July, 2022, in default Distress.
Rhona Hughes, Milwood C. Hughes Jr, Khalia Hughes & Milwood Hughes	Parcel 724 U Crescent	2012-2022	\$4483.40	June 2022	Defendant ordered to pay the sum of \$4,483.40 + \$5.00 c/c in full by 7 th July, 2022, in default Distress.
Yousef Emilio & Gladys Ivonne Ahmad	Parcel 2891 Zone 4 Phillip Goldson Highway RHS to Bridge	2018-2022	\$9,295.00	June 2022	Defendant ordered to pay the sum of \$9,295.00 + \$5.00 c/c in full by 7 th July, 2022, in default Distress.
Marvin & Florita L. Avila	Parcel 740, Zone 5A, U Crescent	2011-2022	\$4483.40	June 2022	Defendant ordered to pay the sum of \$4,483.40 + \$5.00 c/c in full by 7 th July, 2022, in default Distress.
Marvin & Florita L. Avila	Parcel 741, Zone 5A, U Crescent	2011-2022	\$4457.80	June 2022	Defendant ordered to pay the sum of \$4,457.80 + \$5.00 c/c in full by 8 th July, 2022, in default Distress.
Liu Ming	Parcel 1401 Zone 4 Phillip Goldson Hwy RHS to Bridge	2008-2022	\$15,112.00	June 2022	Defendant ordered to pay the sum of \$15,112.00 + \$5.00 c/c in full by 7 th July, 2022, in default Distress.
Xin/Mei Hung, Li/Lee Ho	Parcel 2427 Zone 5C Palm Grove Estate	2011-2022	\$4,885.00	June 2022	Defendant ordered to pay the sum of \$4,885.00 + \$5.00 c/c in full by 7 th July, 2022, in default Distress
Manuela Bey	Lot 24 Parcel 2695 Zone 5C Lantana Street	2014-2022	\$7338.02	June 2022	Defendant ordered to pay the sum of \$7,338.02+ \$5.00 c/c in full by 8 th July, 2022, in default Distress.
Ercilia Barker	Lot 217 Parcel 2532 Zone 5A Waha Street	2014-2023	\$5912.80	June 2022	Defendant ordered to pay the sum of \$5,912.80 + \$5.00 c/c in full by 8 th July, 2022, in default Distress.
Kathlyn Tillett	Parcel 1434 Zone 3, University Blvd	2015-2022	\$8,506.75	June 2022	Defendant ordered to pay the sum of \$8,506.75 + \$5.00 c/c in full by 8 th July, 2022, in default Distress.
Roberto Pott & Sandra Pott	Parcel 717 Zone 5A, U Crescent	2011-2022	\$4483.40	June 2022	Defendant ordered to pay the sum of \$4,483.40 + \$5.00 c/c in full by 8 th July, 2022, in default Distress.
Roberto Pott & Sandra Pott	Parcel 716 Zone 5A, U Crescent	2011-2022	\$4483.40	June 2022	Defendant ordered to pay the sum of \$4,483.40 + \$5.00 c/c in full by 8 th July, 2022, in default Distress.
Laverne Davis	Parcel 722 Zone 5A U Crescent	2011-2022	\$4,458.40	June 2022	Defendant ordered to pay the sum of \$4,458.40 + \$5.00 c/c in full by 8 th July, 2022, in default Distress.