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# Guyanese national is PM's choice for Chief Justice

*Opposition Leader, Hon. Moses "Shyne" Barrow, objected to the selection, saying, "The Judiciary is no better off with this appointment; however, our national pride and our morale is worse."*

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. June 23, 2022

Today, the Leader of the Opposition, Hon. Moses "Shyne" Barrow, openly criticized in a social media post the Prime Minister's decision to select a Guyanese judge, Her Ladyship, the Hon. Justice Louise Esther Blenman, to be the new Chief Justice of Belize. Barrow railed at the fact that the current Acting Chief Justice, Michelle Arana, was seemingly passed over. The recent Senior Courts Bill tabled by the Government of Belize outlined, however, that the holder of the head office in the judiciary under the proposed restructuring must have



**Hon. Justice Louise Blenman**

experience within both the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeal. Chief

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## Supreme Court awards Hugo Patt almost \$200K

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. June 23, 2022

The Supreme Court has awarded Hugo Patt, area representative for Corozal North, approximately \$175,000 in compensatory and vindictory damages, and cost of court, in his lawsuit against the government of Belize for breach of his constitutional rights in connection to the release of the recent Commission of Inquiry findings into the sale of government assets to persons affiliated with the government



**Dean Barrow, SC**

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## Two well-known restaurants destroyed by fire

by Khaila Gentle

HOPKINS VILLAGE, Stann Creek, Tues. June 21, 2022

Two popular restaurants, on different ends of the country, were destroyed by fire this week. Down south in Hopkins, well-known restaurant and bar Ella's Cool Spot was set ablaze in the early hours of Tuesday morning. And less than 24 hours later, JahMundo Restaurant and Sports Bar went up in flames.



**(L-R) JahMundo Restaurant and Sports Bar, Corozal and Ella's Cool Spot, Hopkins**

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## Innocent youth gunned down in King's Park

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**Jordan Bradley - deceased**

## Police bracing for reprisal for Ras Ben's killing

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In the immediate aftermath of the shooting of Benjamin Hyde, Sr., 49, the father of gang leader Christopher Hyde

on Sunday afternoon (Father's Day), the Police Department, keenly aware of the likelihood of attempts at revenge by Hyde's group that could trigger a

sequence of killings, took steps to dissuade Hyde, as well as those who

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# Climate Change, Poverty, Mental Health to be discussed at CHOGM 2022

**As Commonwealth leaders meet for the first time in four years at this week's Heads of Government Meeting, discussions regarding post-pandemic recovery, the elimination of Malaria, mental health, climate change, and much more are already underway.**



Commonwealth Foreign Ministers meet at CHOGM 2022

by *Khaila Gentle*

KIGALI, Rwanda, Thurs. June 23, 2022

While high-level ministerial meetings are not set to begin until Friday, June 24, several forums and side events are already underway at this week's Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting 2022 (CHOGM 2022). Several issues are expected to be tackled at the summit, including climate change, poverty, food insecurity, and even the current pandemic.

The Heads of Government Meeting, which occurs once every two years, was

to have taken place in 2020, but due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it was cancelled twice. On Thursday, Foreign Ministers met to discuss post-pandemic recovery.

There, World Health Organization Director-General Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus addressed the ministers, noting that, while much progress has been made in the fight against COVID-19, the pandemic is not yet over.

"...although we have made great progress and have many reasons for optimism, the perception that the

pandemic is over is understandable but misguided. Ending the acute phase of the pandemic must remain our collective priority," said the Director-General.

"One of the greatest risks now is that we move on to the next crisis—and there are many demanding our attention—and forget the lessons the pandemic has taught us—lessons that have come at a great price," he added.

The WHO Director-General further noted that the COVID-19 pandemic has shown that global health security is not something that can be left to voluntary mechanisms or goodwill.

Dr. Ghebreyesus also spoke at numerous other forums, including one on vaccine equity for Africa and another on mental health.

The majority of the Commonwealth Foreign Ministers' discussions focused on the theme of this year's summit—Delivering a Common Future: Connecting,

Innovating, Transforming.

Meanwhile, several heads of state met to reaffirm their commitment to ending malaria by 2030 at the Kigali Summit on Malaria and Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) by signing the Kigali Declaration on NTDs.

According to Al Jazeera, this year's meeting will also see Commonwealth leaders vote on whether the current Commonwealth Secretary-General, Patricia Scotland, will be reappointed for a second term or replaced by Jamaican Foreign Minister Kamina Johnson Smith. Reports are that Britain, India, and Belize are all in support of appointing the Jamaican minister as the new Secretary-General.

The official opening ceremony of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting 2022 will be held on Friday, June 24, with main high-level meetings occurring from Friday to Saturday, June 25.

## Andre Campos football pitch damaged



Andre Campos football field damaged

by *Charles Gladden*

COROZAL TOWN, Thurs. June 23, 2022

The Andre Campos football field in Corozal Town was reportedly damaged by someone driving a heavily tinted white vehicle on Monday night, June 20—and the incident was captured on cellphone video.

In the video, the white vehicle can be seen doing outlandish stunts on the field and then speeding away after damaging the field.

This is the same field that the Corozal Football Academy had been granted permission by the Corozal Sports Council to use for the holding of its weekly football camp, which is designed to cater to youths belonging to four age groups within the community.

Miriam Villamil, administrative officer for the Corozal Sports Council, noted that a portion of the field will be sectioned off for the repairs and the other portion will be set aside for the Corozal Football Academy's youngest group to play on.

"For right now, we visited the CFA; we had a small meeting to discuss how we can move forward, and we decided that we would just have to extend the field

and mark out one more mini field for the U-6 while the field that we have right now regenerates," she said.

"... As it is right now, we can't play on it or have any activity on that part of the ground, because it would just make it worse. It will take some months for it to grow back to the level where we see it's necessary or it's okay for kids to resume playing in that specific area," added Villamil.

According to Villamil, the objective right now is to get the damaged portion of the field blocked off to prevent any further damage to it. In regard to the motive of the driver of the white vehicle which damaged the field, Villamil said, "I don't think it's politically affiliated. I would want to believe that we don't reach that level of mediocrity. I mean, it's sports, it's universal. It's supposed to bring people together. I don't think it's anything political. I do believe it's some kid that decided it'll be fun to do something like that knowing that we have kid's activities on the grounds. Politically? I wouldn't say that. Mischievousness? Yes, definitely."

A report has been filed with the Corozal police. An investigation will also be carried out by the Corozal Sports Council.

## Sleeping policeman brings traffic to a standstill

**According to the Commissioner of Police, the intoxicated officer who was found lying unconscious in the middle of the highway in Ladyville will be placed on interdiction.**

by *Khaila Gentle*

LADYVILLE, Belize District, Thurs. June 23, 2022

A police officer who was found lying unconscious in the middle of the Philip Goldson Highway due to an extreme state of intoxication has been interdicted. A letter that was sent to the officer by the Police Department informs him that he was "apparently under the influence of drinks or drugs laying down on the highway oblivious to what was going on."

On Wednesday, a video recording surfaced of the officer, since identified as one PC Balmory Amaya, lying on the Philip Goldson Highway at night beside his overturned motorcycle. The person recording the video can be heard saying that passing truckers and other drivers stopped to render aid to PC Amaya and to prevent him from getting run over. As a result, the traffic on the highway came to a complete halt.

Commissioner of Police Chester Williams told the media that he is embarrassed by the video.

"Certainly I saw the video this morning, and I am embarrassed by it. It looks exceedingly bad to see a police officer in uniform in such a position. I don't know what to say, but I'll just say this: we expect our officers to act in such a way that

they're not going to bring disrepute to the uniform that they wear," he stated.

According to the Police Commissioner, following the incident, the officer appeared before a tribunal, where he pleaded guilty to failure to provide a urine specimen as well as other disciplinary infractions, including being intoxicated while in uniform. Whether PC Amaya will be dismissed from the department, however, remains to be seen.

"I have requested the notes of evidence in respect to his tribunal, and it will be reviewed. If there is sufficient [evidence] there that warrants a dismissal, then certainly we have to part company. He cannot continue to wear the police uniform," stated Commissioner Williams.

PC Balmory Amaya was one of several officers who were brought over from the Belize Defence Force to the Police Department. Because of this, Commissioner Williams noted that he was unable to say whether the officer had a previous history of drinking on the job.

"He was one of those officers who was brought over from the BDF into police, and so we would not have a history of him in the police. We have to look perhaps at the military to see if there is some history of him with alcohol while he was in the military," added the Police Commissioner.

# PM Briceño visits Brussels for EDD 2022



(Source: EDD 2022)

Prime Minister Hon. John Briceño

by *Khaila Gentle*

BRUSSELS, Belgium, Tues. June 21, 2022

Prime Minister Hon. John Briceño is currently in Brussels, Belgium, where he is attending the 15th European Development Days Forum. The two-day forum, organized by the European Commission, is hailed as Europe's leading forum on international partnerships, and Prime Minister Briceño is one of only three CARICOM Heads of Government (Belize, Dominica, and Trinidad & Tobago) that were invited.

During the opening ceremony of the forum, the Prime Minister spoke on the many ways in which partnerships with the European Union (EU) have aided the development of Belize and the Caribbean.

"Across the Caribbean, commitments by the EU have assisted our governments with green growth and sustainable socio-economic development, along with our efforts to enhance good governance and improve regional integration," he stated.

Prime Minister Briceño also thanked the EU for its support in searching for a peaceful resolution to Guatemala's unfounded claim to Belizean territory.

According to the United Nations, the European Development Days (EDDs) forum brings key actors together to share ideas and experiences in ways that inspire new partnerships and innovative solutions to the world's most pressing challenges.

"We meet in beautiful Brussels at a decisive moment. Not only is the world in the recovery stages of the global pandemic, but we are also witnessing a catastrophic invasion by Russia of Ukraine, whose impact has spread far beyond their borders, indeed far beyond this continent. These shocks have

sparked a domino effect of economic uncertainty and social distress, which has compounded the existing vulnerabilities that have plagued Caribbean nations like my own for years," said the Prime Minister.

The focus of this year's forum, which takes place on June 21 and 22, is Global Gateway: building sustainable partnerships for a connected world. The Global Gateway strategy is aimed at mobilizing up to \$300 billion in green, smart, and inclusive development investments through various partnerships. There are five key themes on which the strategy is focused: digitization, climate and energy, transport, health, and education and research.

"As we come together at this 15th European Development Days Forum, let us ensure that our dialogue is fruitful, our outcomes effective and our alliances enduring. The people we represent and the global community of which we are all a part, are counting on us to turn our words into action," stated Hon. Briceño at the end of his speech.

The Prime Minister, prior to his departure from Belize, had indicated to local reporters that during the forum he would be meeting with the EU heads of government, including the Prime Minister of Belgium, with the hopes of discussing the establishment of an EU delegation in Belize and the possibility of allowing Belizeans visa-free access to the EU.

Hon. Briceño's stop in Brussels is the first of several official visits that he will be making over the next few weeks. Last week, at his first-ever press conference since taking office in November 2020, he told local media that he would be out of office for three weeks as he embarks on travels that will take him across a total of three continents.

Following the Development Days Forum, the Prime Minister will travel to Rwanda for the 22nd Commonwealth Heads of Government Summit, which officially commences on Friday, June 24. He will also be visiting Lisbon, Portugal for the World Oceans Summit, and Suriname for the handing over of the CARICOM chairmanship to that country's president, Chandrikapersad "Chan" Santokhi. Lastly, the Prime Minister will travel to Guyana for an official visit, after having been invited to the country by Guyanese president Irfaan Ali.

## Innocent youth gunned down in King's Park

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. June 23, 2022

An eerie, emerging pattern has been seen in the most recent shooting incidents in Belize City. What Belizeans have observed in recent weeks is an increased willingness of gunmen to attempt executions in areas not known to be gang zones, as well as an alarming lack of concern about the innocence of the victims of their attacks. Examples of this include the fatal shooting of a security guard on Dolphin Drive in Buttonwood Bay last Thursday, the

reported attempt by a gunman this week to shoot at a target near the YWCA on St. Thomas Street, where pre-schoolers could have been injured, and the execution of the innocent father of a reputed gang leader on King Street on Father's Day (Sunday). The slaying yesterday evening in Kings Park of 25-year-old Jordan Bradley, who almost all recent posts on social media indicate was a humble, hardworking young

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## Readiness disbursement of \$300K released by GCF

BELMOPAN, Wed. June 22, 2022

The Ministry of Economic Development (MED) has received funds to carry out an accreditation gap assessment and develop an action plan with the goal of transforming the ministry so that it has more specialized capacity to drive climate action. The ministry is seeking Green Climate Fund (GCF) accreditation, which will give them access to up to \$50 million in grant funding from the GCF and other international funding institutions, a release from the ministry says. This first disbursement of \$300,000 will help them begin a restructuring process geared toward preparing the ministry for GCF accreditation.

The readiness project is the first step, and will involve identifying areas within the ministry where further strengthening is required and putting into effect the recommended courses of action that are found to be necessary during the assessment gap exercise.

The release issued this afternoon states, "The readiness project will see the MED undergo an accreditation gap assessment and development of an accompanying action plan to strengthen the entity's



current structure, including its fiduciary standards such as administration, finances, procurement, integrity, and transparency. Also, where relevant internally, some core recommendations from the gap assessment will be implemented that will see the restructuring of the ministry to further its specialized capacity in driving climate action through actionable mitigation and adaptation projects."

The release stated that if the Ministry of Economic Development receives GCF accreditation, it will not only have access to the funds but will be able to access certain entities for funding directly, allowing for "more country ownership and national capacity to be built."

The Protected Area Conservation Trust (PACT), a GCF-accredited entity in Belize, will assist with the implementation plan of the project and

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# No lawsuits for claims about Barrow law firms

**Rt. Hon. Dean Barrow is claiming that the allegations are clear deflections from the matter at hand.**

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. June 23, 2022

When a letter from the Office of the Prime Minister that was issued last week to provide information about compensation given to the law firms of two Cabinet ministers went on to make a shocking claim that “In total, the Barrow family of law firms received over \$30,000,000.00 (\$30 million) in taxpayer dollars from the Government of Belize, of which over \$20,000,000.000( \$20 million) was for legal fees,” the person who had requested the release of information about legal fees paid by GoB, UDP chairman Michael Peyrefitte, had indicated that a lawsuit by the Barrow family was probable.

The AMANDALA had reported that Senator Peyrefitte had implied at a UDP press conference that the statements in the letter had set the stage for what he said would be a slam dunk defamation case. “This man is saying in writing that the Rt. Hon. Dean Barrow steered clients to his law firm and while he is the head of a UDP government made sure that his law firm and their clients benefitted from the government. Really? I mean, really . . . If there was ever a slam dunk defamation case—you really would put that in a letter? Mean this person is mad. Not true!” Peyrefitte said.

Surprisingly, however, former Prime Minister Dean Barrow, during an interview today, indicated an unwillingness to prove the untruthfulness of the claims in a court of law. He said that he would not be suing Prime Minister John Briceño for the claims made in the response to UDP chairman, Michael Peyrefitte’s request under the Freedom of Information Act.

“No I don’t propose to sue—for two reasons: number one, I hope that people will see that this is a diversionary tactic on the part of the Prime Minister, and in respect to that, you as a member of the media would know that if when I was prime minister, Barrow and Williams was being routinely, or regularly employed by the government to in fact fight cases for the government in the way that Courtenay Coye is being employed now, you all would have known,” Barrow said.

He said that in one instance Barrow and Williams was retained by the government on an emergency basis to execute some work pertaining to the ICJ case, but he insisted that this was the exception, and not the rule.

In regards to suing, he also suggested that the PM would be protected by qualified privilege.

“I were to sue, you know he has the

benefit of qualified privilege, he can say that this was a matter of public interest, and even if what he said is inaccurate, is a lie, he is still protected. So I don’t consider it worth my while to waste time with him. I hope that ultimately the public and the media will realize that this ought not to detract attention from the fact that in the current circumstances that Peyrefitte confronted the Prime Minister with, ministers are in fact . . . legal work is going from government to the law firm owned by two ministers. When the Prime Minister also talks about the fact that government, when I was Prime Minister retained Denys Barrow, Barrow and Company, and Lois Young, there is no problem with them and whatever they were paid in terms of that epic nationalist saga with BTL and so on I consider was money well spent,” Barrow said.

He mentioned that Lois Young has said that the quantum state in the PM letter was not what was paid.

He further argued that case law outlines a distinction between ministers, and relatives of government officials who are retained by administrations, adding that in his government, no minister ever sent letters to the Governor-General asking for permission for their firms to enter into a contract with the government.

“The fact that minister got right at the start of the term, permissions from the Governor-General for their firms to enter into contracts with the government . . . but in any event, what happens in my administration is one thing, what is happening now, that is what the society and certainly the media will continue to focus on,” Barrow said.

It is interesting to note that the letter sent from the Office of the Prime Minister had gone on to point to a need for further enquiry in order to arrive at a more complete assessment of the amount paid to the law firms owned by members of the Barrow family. “It would surely be in the public interest to ascertain what additional amounts, over and above this \$30 million, the Barrow family of law firms were paid by statutory bodies and government-owned entities like BTL, BEL, BWSL, the Social Security Board and the Central Bank of Belize,” the letter from the Prime Minister’s office stated.

“In the interest of transparency and accountability, I would expect that these institutions might find it in the interest of the respective entities and the public interest that such information should also be disclosed in due course,” the Prime Minister’s letter went on to say.

# Guyanese national is PM’s choice for Chief Justice

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Justice Arana a.g, who has served with distinction for almost 15 years on the Supreme Court, has yet to sit on the Court of Appeal bench, making it unlikely that she even applied for the post.

A release issued by the Government of Belize following somewhat of an uproar on social media indicated that the Office of the Prime Minister advertised the position earlier this year and received 8 applications. After a panel consisting of senior members of the bar interviewed applicants as part of an initial vetting process, they passed over the applications to Prime Minister Briceño, who, the release states, selected Justice Blenman, “based on her qualifications, experience, and her interview.” She was recommended favorably by the PM.

The letter was sent to Hon. Barrow on Tuesday as part of the process of consultation. He responded publicly.

“We find it an injustice and terrible failure in discharge of duty that PM Briceño feels it necessary to appoint a Foreign National over our Nations equally if not more so capable indigenous Garifuna woman who has been acting with distinction as Chief Justice for the past 2 years and served with equal distinction as Justice of the

Supreme Court for 14 years,” the Opposition Leader stated in his social media post.

The release issued by GoB has informed the public that CJ Arana (Ag.) will be elevated to the Court of Appeal whenever the new Chief Justice takes office.

“Under the Senior Courts Bill that was recently tabled in the National Assembly earlier this month, the restructured office of the Chief Justice is expected to be the judicial leader for both the Supreme Court of Belize and the Court of Appeal. The Prime Minister believes that the Hon. Justice Louise Blenman’s candidacy, therefore, brings a wealth of experience, having sat on both courts in the region,” the release from GoB states.

Justice Blenman has served in various judicial positions across the Caribbean. Currently, she is a Justice of Appeal of the Eastern Caribbean Court, serving nine territories. She is a fellow of the Commonwealth Judicial Education Institute and served for six years as Chairperson of the Judicial Education Institute of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court.

The GoB release says, “She, therefore, brings a wealth of experience, having sat as a High Court judge for 9 years and a Justice of Appeal for 10 years in the region.”

# Two well-known restaurants destroyed by fire

**A case of arson has left the owner of Ella’s Cool Spot and the Hopkins community reeling. And in Corozal, the National Fire Service continues to investigate what caused the blaze that destroyed JahMundo Restaurant and Bar.**

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Ella Carr, the owner of Ella’s Cool Spot, says that sometime around 2:30 a.m. on Tuesday, a neighbor alerted her to the fact that her business was on fire. By the time she got there, however, and despite all efforts by the community to save the establishment, it was too late. The four structures that make up the establishment, which are made of wood and thatch, were all completely destroyed.

Since then, surveillance camera footage has shown that the fire was purposely set by an as-yet-unidentified arsonist. Commissioner of Police Chester Williams confirmed this when speaking with the media on Wednesday. According to the Police Commissioner, while the video evidence—in which a person can be seen lighting a fire—is too blurry to allow identification of the suspect, investigators have been hard at work trying to find out who the alleged arsonist is. At the moment, says the Commissioner, everyone is a suspect, including a neighboring business owner who Carr had recently been in an altercation with, due to competition between their businesses and a property dispute between them that was taken to court.

“Everyone is a suspect at this time, so certainly the fact that they had a dispute and they’re competing neighbors in the same business, that certainly brings them into the fray as a suspect,” Commissioner

Williams said.

And while the police may be closing in on the case of arson in Hopkins, fire officials are still looking into what caused the blaze that destroyed JahMundo Restaurant and Sports Bar in the Corozal District.

Sometime around 5:20 p.m. on Tuesday, the owner of JahMundo Restaurant, Ephrain Phillips, was told that his business place was on fire. Similar to the case in Hopkins, however, by the time Phillips rushed over to his restaurant, there was not much that could have been done to save the establishment. While an investigation into the cause of the fire is ongoing, initial reports are that the blaze was caused by broken electrical wiring.

JahMundo, located in the Finca Solana area of Corozal Town, was a popular spot for locals and visitors alike. Likewise, Ella’s Cool Spot in Hopkins was one of the most popular restaurants in the village. Notably, both establishments had thatch roofing, and thus were not covered by any insurance policy.

Those wishing to assist the owner of JahMundo Restaurant and Sports Bar can contact him through the restaurant’s official Facebook page. Ella’s Cool Spot has set up a GoFundMe account for those wishing to contribute to their rebuilding efforts. The page can be accessed at <https://gofund.me/799c9cc3> or by searching “Ella’s Cool Spot Rebuild from Fire” on GoFundMe’s website.

## Sunday Review

### News Review Talk Show

**Host:** YaYa Marin Coleman

**Date:** Sunday, 26 June 2022 **Time:** 10:30 a.m. to noon

**Guest:** Dr. Nelma Mortis. Our conversation will be about dying, death, grief, and the after life.

**Sunday Review will be repeated at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 26, 2022**



# Miseducation, and abandonment of Roots Belizeans must end

At the 9<sup>th</sup> Summit of the Americas, PM Briceño spoke of existential problems facing our country, region and the world. In respect to climatic challenges, we are, like many other countries, experiencing unprecedented floods and extended droughts. In respect to the cost of living, it has never been this high, and the cost of goods, especially imported ones, is rising almost daily.

Some estimates put the purchasing power of a Belize dollar at about 70% of what it was a few years ago. For over a decade, salary increments for public employees have not been keeping up with cost of living increases. The small sugarcane and citrus farmers haven't had a good payday for a long time. In the cauldron of urban Belize, especially on the Southside of Belize City, violence and illegal activities have increased as people struggle for survival.

The rich are having the time of their lives as they gobble up the properties of the poor and avail themselves of the cheaper money being made available by GOB, but for the masses the suffering is great. Roots Belizeans, those whose ancestry extend to and before the birth of the nationalist movement, have every reason to ask, what their parents were fighting for. Our leaders since we became self-governing aren't entirely responsible for our present dire situation, but if they had had a better education vision and not abandoned Roots Belizean farmers who weren't engaged in agriculture for export, our people would have been a lot more financially resilient, much better prepared for this crisis.

Far too little has been invested in vocational education in the new Belize. While the old apprenticeship system produced seamstresses, mechanics, machinists, electricians, shoemakers, farmers, fishermen, plumbers, carpenters, masons, midwives,

people with the essential skills to build a nation, our current education system focuses on training our people to be servants and perform clerical jobs. The present leadership has indicated that there will be a new vision. Our education system must give our youth the tools that will take our country out of poverty, to that place where all of us win. It would compound a tragedy if what we get is the same curriculum, in new clothing.

As we work for a better tomorrow, there is the here and now, and while every Belizean is important, the primary focus must be on the children of the people whose parents bought into the dream of independence and sacrificed to make it happen. While we prepare for tomorrow, our people have to eat wholesome food and live in homes with comfort and security.

There was some preening here when it was stated at the 52<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting of the Caribbean Development Bank that we are one of three countries in the Caribbean that produce 50% of the food they consume, but if George Price came back for a visit and looked into a few pots to see how his people were doing,

what would he find? Would he find 50% of us eating Ramen and chicken sausage? It isn't so difficult to put whole grain rice, beans, vegetables, fruits, beef, poultry, fish, and pork on Belizean tables. For that to happen all the GOB has to do is turn back, to where it left off, when our leaders neglected Roots Belizean farmers.

The present brain trust in agriculture has earned many points for opening doors for established farmers, but enough isn't being done for the ones who were abandoned by previous governments, and untrained new ones who are fighting for food independence.

The local version of the Green Revolution did not begin with the nationalist movement. Advocacy for a shift from logging to farming began long before that. The archives bulge with research done by experts to find the crops and animal stock that were viable in Belize. The Marketing Board was set up in 1948, and shortly after that, Central Farm, the foremost research station in the country, was established.

In the local version of the Green Revolution, in its heyday in the 1970s, cooperative farming was emphasized. Dynamic farm demonstrators visited traditional and displaced forest-workers-turned-farmers, introducing new plant varieties and farm animals, and teaching them modern practices. The government acquired idle land and distributed farm plots to landless Belizeans, particularly in the north and west. The government extended machinery services to farmers at heavily subsidized prices.

All of that went out the window when someone hollered, communism! It's possible that local leftwing agents were getting too close to their colleagues in Guatemala, who were involved in a terrible civil war. Belizeans had little interest in following the communist path. Times were tough, but on the eve/in the age of independence, Belizeans were hopeful, believing in the promise that with that change in status prosperity would come.

The farmers' cooperatives collapsed, the GOB abandoned its support for traditional and new farmers, and the agriculture industry fell into the lap of our Mennonite group, which was far more "communist", far more into cooperativism than any other group in Belize. Traditional and new farmers got dumped. Many of their children migrated to urban areas. Today, they are at the bottom of the heap; it is their pots that have Ramen and tinned sausage inside.

The GOB needs to go back to where it left off. The GOB must build silos; identify and encourage Roots Belizeans in rural areas to get into grain production; do more research on the production of feeds for poultry, pigs and tilapia; subsidize machinery costs; and return the farm extension services to those days when we were so filled with hope.

GOB must do better at keeping costs down for the people, and a good start would be to extend price control to ALL locally produced foods under monopoly control. Presently, in the monopoly industries prices are not set based on the cost of production, they are set against foreign imports, some of which carry inflated prices because they are subjected to numerous tariffs.

The GOB's housing program is on the right path, but on the wrong scale. We might be able to expand the program if we found a way to utilize materials with building potential that are plentiful in Belize. If it helps to cry, it is such a tragedy that our forests are depleted, cannot contribute much to the building of the houses we desperately need. Whatever lumber there is, and it's mostly imported, only the rich can buy. Our leaders have to identify more financing and make it available at the lowest possible cost to less well-off Belizeans.

It seems like forever that the Belizean people are being asked to "kip heart." The social chaos in certain areas shows that hope is flagging. The times are tough, and the welfare of every person in Belize is a concern. But the focus must primarily be on Roots Belizeans, they whose forebears sacrificed to build this new nation.



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**NOTICE**

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

CLAIM NO. 216 OF 2022

(RANDY EARLS CLAIMANTS  
 (BUNTING, EARLS & ASSOCIATES INC.  
 ( )  
 ( )  
**BETWEEN** (AND  
 ( )  
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 (JEREMY DANIEL MEIGHAN 9<sup>th</sup> DEFENDANT  
 (DANIEL JEREMIAH HARTIN 10<sup>th</sup> DEFENDANT  
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**TO: JEREMY DANIEL MEIGHAN** of 4 Miles North Ambergris Caye, San Pedro Town, Belize District, Belize

AND

**DANIEL JEREMIAH HARTIN** of San Pedro Town, Ambergris Caye, Belize District, Belize

AND

**WILLIAM NAROD** of 1.5 Miles West, San Pedro Town, Ambergris Caye, Belize District, Belize

TAKE NOTICE THAT Claim No. 216 of 2022 has been commenced against you in the Supreme Court of Belize by **RANDY EARLS** and **BUNTING, EARLS & ASSOCIATES INC.** both of 27899 Irma Lee Circle, Suite 103, Lake Forest, Lake County, Illinois 60045-5135, United States of America in which the Claimants claim an Order for Specific Performance of Agreement for Sale dated 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2016 for the sale and purchase of 5 Star Island – Villa #1, Villa Property and being Parcel 12262, Block 7, San Pedro Registration Section together with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon (hereinafter referred to as “the property”) and other relief inclusive of interest and costs.

AND THAT it has been ordered that Notice of this Claim be published by this advertisement. If you desire to defend the said Claim you must file an Acknowledgement of Service within twenty eight (28) days and a defence within forty two (42) days after the second publication of the claim at the Supreme Court Registry forthwith. In default of your failure to file an Acknowledgement of Service, proceedings will be heard and determined in your absence and judgment may be entered against you.

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Dated the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2022.

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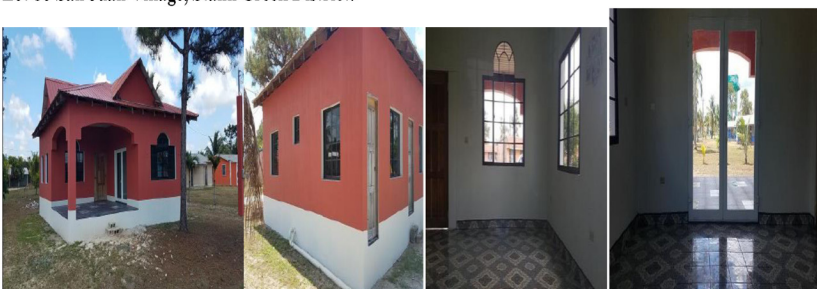
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# Japan donates 170 pieces of medical equipment to Belize

by Khaila Gentle

BELIZE CITY, Mon. June 20, 2022

On Monday, Belize received a donation of 170 pieces of medical equipment, valued at a total of US\$875,612 from the Government of Japan. The donation was made through the “Project for Enhancing the Healthcare System through the Provision of Medical Equipment” initiative, of which the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) is the project implementing agency.

To mark the completion of the project, a handing-over ceremony was held. There, Minister of Health & Wellness, Hon. Kevin Bernard expressed on behalf of the Government a commitment to ensuring access to adequate healthcare for all Belizeans.

“The Government of Japan takes great pleasure in the successful implementation of this project, which

responds to the critical needs in the healthcare system identified by the Ministry of Health. I trust that the equipment will be used appropriately to attend to those who are in need,” said Kentaro Uesugi, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan.

Also in attendance at the ceremony were Mr. Kazuhiro Iryu, Ambassador of Japan to Belize; Ms. Noreen Jack, PAHO Representative in Belize; and Mr. Alejandro Rossi, Director of the UNOPS Multi-Country Office for Costa Rica, Panama, and the English & Dutch-Speaking Caribbean.

Among the donated equipment are three Land Cruiser ambulances, 8 blood gas analyzers, one chemistry analyzer, 15 ECGs, 10 fully equipped emergency carts, 40 infusion pumps, 10 intensive care hospital beds, 5 mechanical ventilators, two mobile X-rays, 50 pulse oximeters, 5 portable ultrasound

scanning systems, and one high-level ultrasound system.

The equipment will be distributed among 18 public hospitals and clinics across the country, including in Belize City, Ladyville, San Narciso Village, Valley of Peace, Dangriga, Orange Walk, and several other municipalities.

The governments of Guyana, Suriname, and Trinidad & Tobago have also received donations through the project, with over 57,000 people from across the Caribbean expected to benefit from those donations, including an estimated 8,000



Minister of Health & Wellness, Hon. Kevin Bernard and Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan Mr. Kentaro Uesugi

persons in Belize.

According to Alejandro Rossi, Director of the UNOPS Multi-Country Office for the English & Dutch Caribbean, Costa Rica, and Panama, the program contributes to one of the core principles of the UN’s 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda: leaving no one behind.



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## La mala educación y el abandono de los beliceños de la base deben terminar

En la IX Cumbre de las Américas, el PM Briceño habló de los problemas existenciales que enfrenta nuestro país, la región y el mundo. Con respecto a los desafíos climáticos, estamos, como muchos otros países, experimentando inundaciones y sequías prolongadas sin precedentes. Con respecto al costo de vida, nunca ha sido tan alto, y el costo de los bienes, especialmente los importados, está subiendo casi a diario.

Algunas estimaciones sitúan el poder adquisitivo de un dólar beliceño en aproximadamente el 70% de lo que era hace unos años. Durante más de una década, los incrementos salariales para los empleados públicos no se han mantenido a la altura de los aumentos del costo de vida. Los pequeños cañeros y cítricos no han tenido un buen día de pago durante mucho tiempo. En el caldero de las zonas urbanas de Belize, especialmente en la Zona Sur de la Ciudad de Belize, la violencia y las actividades ilegales han aumentado a medida que las personas luchan por sobrevivir.

Los ricos están pasando el mejor momento de sus vidas mientras devoran las propiedades de los pobres y aprovechan el dinero más barato que el Gobierno de Belize pone a disposición, pero para las masas el sufrimiento es grande. Los beliceños de la base, aquellos cuya ascendencia se extiende hasta y antes del nacimiento del movimiento nacionalista, tienen todas las razones para preguntar por qué luchaban sus padres. Nuestros líderes desde que nos independizamos no son del todo responsable por nuestra presente situación desesperada, pero si hubieran tenido una mejor visión educativa y no hubieran abandonado a los agricultores beliceños de la base que no se dedicaban a la agricultura de exportación, nuestra gente habría sido mucho más resistente financieramente, mucho mejor preparada para esta crisis.

Se ha invertido demasiado poco en educación vocacional en el nuevo Belize. Mientras que el antiguo sistema de aprendizaje producía costureras, mecánicas, maquinistas, electricistas, zapateros, agricultores, pescadores, plomeros, carpinteros, albañiles, parteras, personas con las habilidades esenciales para construir una nación, nuestro sistema educativo actual se enfoca en capacitar a nuestra gente para ser servidores y realizar trabajos administrativos. El liderazgo actual ha indicado que habrá una nueva visión. Nuestro sistema educativo debe darle a nuestra juventud las herramientas que sacarán a nuestro país de la pobreza, a ese lugar donde todos ganamos. Sería una tragedia si lo que obtenemos es el mismo plan de estudios, con ropa nueva.

A medida que trabajamos por un mañana mejor, existe el aquí y el ahora, y aunque todos los beliceños son importantes, el enfoque principal debe estar en los hijos de las personas cuyos padres aceptaron el sueño de la independencia y se sacrificaron para hacerlo realidad. Mientras nos preparamos para el mañana, nuestra gente tiene que comer alimentos sanos y vivir en hogares con comodidad y seguridad.

Hubo cierto pavoneo aquí cuando se afirmó en la 52ª reunión anual del Banco de Desarrollo del Caribe que somos uno de los tres países del Caribe que producen el 50% de los alimentos que consumen, pero si George Price volviera de visita y mirara en algunas ollas para ver cómo está su gente, ¿qué encontraría? ¿Encontraría al 50% de nosotros comiendo ramen y salchichas de pollo? No es tan difícil poner arroz integral, frijoles, verduras, frutas, carne de res, aves de corral, pescado y cerdo en las mesas beliceñas. Para que eso suceda, todo lo que el Gobierno de Belize tiene que hacer es regresar, donde dejó las cosas, cuando nuestros líderes descuidaron a los agricultores beliceños de la base.

El actual grupo de expertos en agricultura ha ganado muchos puntos por abrir puertas a los agricultores establecidos, pero no se está haciendo lo suficiente por los que fueron abandonados por gobiernos anteriores y por los nuevos sin capacitación que luchan por la independencia alimentaria.

La versión local de la Revolución Verde no comenzó con el movimiento nacionalista. El lobby por un cambio de la tala a la agricultura comenzó mucho antes. Los archivos están repletos de investigaciones realizadas por expertos para encontrar los cultivos y el ganado que eran viables en Belize. La Junta de Comercialización se estableció en 1948 y, poco después, se estableció Central Farm, la estación de investigación más importante del país.

En la versión local de la Revolución Verde, en su apogeo en la década de 1970, se enfatizó la agricultura cooperativa. Dinámicos demostradores agrícolas visitaron a los trabajadores forestales tradicionales y desplazados convertidos en agricultores, introduciendo nuevas variedades de plantas y animales de granja, y enseñándoles prácticas modernas. El gobierno adquirió tierras ociosas y distribuyó parcelas agrícolas a los beliceños sin tierra, particularmente en el norte y el oeste. El gobierno extendió los servicios de maquinaria a los agricultores a precios fuertemente subsidiados.

Todo eso se fue por la ventana cuando alguien gritó, ¡comunismo! Es posible que agentes locales de izquierda se estuvieran acercando demasiado a sus colegas en Guatemala, quienes estaban involucrados en una terrible guerra civil. Los beliceños tenían poco interés en seguir el camino comunista. Eran tiempos difíciles, pero en la víspera/en la era de la independencia, los beliceños tenían esperanzas, creyendo en la promesa de que con ese cambio de estatus vendría la prosperidad.

Las cooperativas de agricultores colapsaron, el Gobierno abandonó su apoyo a los agricultores tradicionales y nuevos, y la industria agrícola cayó en el regazo de nuestro grupo menonita, que era mucho más "comunista", mucho más cooperativista que cualquier otro grupo en Belize. Agricultores tradicionales y nuevos fueron abandonados. Muchos de sus hijos emigraron a las zonas urbanas. Hoy, están al final del montón; son sus ollas las que tienen ramen y salchichas enlatadas dentro.

El Gobierno necesita volver a donde dejó las cosas. El Gobierno debe construir silos; identificar y alentar a los beliceños de la base en las áreas rurales para que se involucren en la producción de granos; investigar más sobre la producción de alimentos para aves de corral, cerdos y tilapia; subsidiar los costos de maquinaria; y devolver los servicios de extensión agrícola a aquellos días en que estábamos tan llenos de esperanza.

El Gobierno debe esforzarse más en mantener bajos los costos para la gente, y un buen comienzo sería extender el control de precios a TODOS los alimentos producidos localmente bajo control monopólico. Actualmente, en las industrias monopólicas los precios no se fijan en comparación a las importaciones extranjeras, algunas de las cuales tienen precios inflados porque están sujetas a numerosos aranceles.

El programa de vivienda del Gobierno está en el camino correcto, pero en la escala equivocada. Podríamos expandir el programa si encontramos una manera de utilizar materiales con potencial de construcción que abundan en Belize. Si llorar ayuda, es una tragedia que nuestros bosques han sido agotados y no puedan contribuir mucho a la construcción de las casas que necesitamos desesperadamente. Cualquier madera que haya, y en su mayoría es importada, solo los ricos pueden comprarla. Nuestros líderes tienen que identificar más financiamiento y hacerlo disponible al menor costo posible para los beliceños menos favorecidos.

Parece una eternidad que se le pide al pueblo beliceño mantenerse esperanzado. El caos social en ciertas áreas muestra que la esperanza flaquea. Los tiempos son difíciles y el bienestar de cada persona en Belize es motivo de preocupación. Pero el enfoque debe estar principalmente en los beliceños de la base, aquellos cuyos antepasados se sacrificaron para construir esta nueva nación.



# Henry Charles on Collet's appointment

**Public Service Minister says appointment of Hon. Collet Montejo to Re-division Task Force is permissible**



**Hon. Henry Charles Usher – Minister of the Public Service and Constitutional Reform**

BELMOPAN, Wed. June 22, 2022

Today, Minister of the Public Service and Constitutional Reform, Henry Charles Usher, said that, in his layman's view, the sections of the law referred to by the United Democratic Party (UDP) as the basis for the party's objections to the appointment of PUP

senator Hon. Collet Montejo to the Re-Division Task Force do not apply to him, since his appointment to the task force was made by the Elections and Boundaries Commission.

Usher stated, "In reference to whether that particular section of the Constitution would apply to Mr. Montejo – I looked at it, I read it over, and that section deals with persons appointed to a post by law. I don't see Mr. Montejo being appointed to any job or any post in the public service, and it deals with public officers that have to do with conducting elections. For instance, the Chief Elections Officer could not be a senator, according to the Constitution, because she is in charge

of conducting elections. Similarly, section (b) of that particular section of the Constitution speaks about persons who have to do with the revising of the electoral list, so any individual within the public service at Elections and Boundaries that deals with revision of the electoral list, that person would not be able to serve as a senator under the Constitution. Mr. Montejo is not in charge of elections, he is not revising any election list. He is merely a technical part of a task force appointed by the Elections and Boundaries Commission, so in my layman reading, I don't see it as being a conflict."

A press release dated June 9 had informed the public that, in preparation

for an imminent redistricting exercise aimed at ensuring a more equal distribution of voters across the country's constituencies, Hon. Montejo had been appointed as the supervisor of all the fieldwork involved in the gathering and providing of information regarding the various features of each constituency—including the various facilities and transport options within the divisions, as well as the physical layout of the division and the distribution of the population across the various divisions, in accordance with section 90(2) of the Constitution.

As previously noted, it was the Elections and Boundaries Commission that appointed Montejo, but the UDP has called for his resignation from the Senate—arguing that he cannot remain in that legislative body as a PUP representative while also serving on the Re-division Task Force. According to the UDP, such a dual role would contravene the provision in the law which bars those engaged in work pertaining to elections from sitting within the House of Representatives or Senate.

Chairman of the UDP, Senator Michael Peyrefitte, who has outlined an interpretation of the law that contrasts with the views of Minister Henry Charles Usher, indicated to local media earlier this month that the holding of any office that is related to the conduct of any election disqualifies a senator, making it imperative that Montejo steps down.

Reading from section 63(f)(1), he said, "no person shall be qualified to be appointed as a senator who, and we go to (f), is disqualified, for membership of the House of Representatives by any law by reason of his holding or acting in any office, the functions of which involve (1) Any responsibility for, or in connection with, the conduct of any election, or (2) Any responsibility for the compilations for revision of any electoral register." "This man has taken on a job to do that exact same thing," Peyrefitte then said.

In a letter sent to the Chief Elections Officer, one of the commissioners of the Elections and Boundaries Commission, Alberto August, who formerly served as UDP chairman, called the appointment of Montejo "totally out of order", referring to Montejo as a "fanatic PUP." He added that the workings of the task force should at least appear to be non-political, but today, Minister Usher said August's role as a member of the Elections and Boundaries Commission taints that independent body with his own political bias.

"He is the deputy chairman of the [UDP]. He sits on the commission. They are the ones that will be putting together the recommendations that have to be laid to the National Assembly. It's not the task force, so if anybody should not be there, it should be Alberto August," Usher said.

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# Russia removes its U.S. Embassy amid nuclear talks — Part 2



by Clinton Canul Luna

The United States and its NATO allies and the so-called think tanks thought that by putting sanctions on Russia, that it would bring them to their knees. They had lost all the money that they had deposited in banks of the Western system and would no longer do business with those countries with ties to NATO. Precisely with that, they thought that they would have Russia under their control. Also, they thought that Russia would reduce their prices on products that they exported. However, it was the opposite. His money, the rubles, became stronger. Russia opened another route to take its products to India, China, etc. A bridge was opened between Russia and China

which is already in use. So it has a good relationship with several other countries that are buying both its gas and oil, as well as coal and other products that it has to sell, and what better than the two countries that have the largest number of inhabitants in the world, which is China and India. They are also trading products with Russia. So there is good trade, and what more than having an entrance to Latin America through Nicaragua. Venezuela is a good friend like Cuba. So, everything is under control. Russia is doing very well, so much so that it has been able to raise the wages of workers. They have no problem. The European Union has a problem, which is costing them much

more for the products that they need. 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 fellow Americans 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. Part 2 is as follows:

Check out the Salt Island and then check out your island over there— Prince Edward Island. And they're

infiltrating Chinese and its students, and they've been doing that, and I say that because they're doing that through the People's Liberation Army of China. So, these are not Chinese students. They are Chinese soldiers that have been coming into our countries by the hundreds of thousands for the last decade, and this, they've infiltrated quite successfully. It's probably all token classes with Chinese students over the years, and you're wondering why some of them were so quiet and secretive. Well, maybe now you know. So, Canada, you just got a public threat. They just warned you. This is at the same time while Boris yelled, you know, Boris Johnson over there. He was almost got voted out because you know, he's basically, he looked like Trump, but he's not Trump?

It's because we're starving for the truth and we know we're not fed the truth. We've had 24 food distribution plants set on fire and explode since the Ukrainian war. So they're going to trap us through that. Our president has printed money out of control to where our dollar's crashing. Crashing so fast. Nobody in America knows that we lost the petro dollar. Meaning, the thing that gave our dollar value is gone. It used to be backed by OPEC Black Gold. It is no longer backed by OPEC Black Gold. And this administration, the media, everybody is just too either naive, young, or stupid to let you know the truth, and that is, we lost what gives our dollar value. So, we have 28 ships that are out there in Taiwan. Out of our 298 naval ships, the admirals have been very adamant. They said, 'You know what, Biden, please don't start two war fronts, because we cannot do it'. And guess what? They made everybody take the job, and we don't even know the situation of marines, because they've placated to China. So, that's where we're at.

And this is the other big news, and this is like news that usually tells me, you know what? Something's up. And the thing that's really up is the fact that we're losing our Russian Embassy. And that's huge. So the Russians are actually trying to pull their embassies out of our country. And amid nuclear talks. And that's the biggest thing that can tell you right now. Other than the fact that we're playing into a war that we don't want to start. So what's happening is Israel's contemplating giving the Ukraine Iron Dome in longer-range US weapons. And that will enable Putin to do the same thing with Iran and Syria. So if we want to play proxy war with the Ukraine, keep in mind, Putin's answer as well: 'I will put nuclear web war weapons in Iran, and I will

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# I can't believe the UDP is still criticizing starter houses

by Colin Hyde

The model the new government is following, a nucleus house on a solid foundation to be expanded on in the future when homeowners have the wherewithal, is a path to be followed. The government and people of Belize are subsidizing nearly 70% of the cost of the nucleus houses, to help Belizeans who need it most. Hurrah!

I can't figure out the UDP's criticism. Okay, most everyone wants to live in a mansion. I understand the houses are a tidy 12' by 26', okay, not big, but it's a daam good start. WAVE superstar morning show host, Fonso, is saying that the houses cost a whopping \$43,000. Has the cost of materials gone up that much? Is there something to the UDP suggestion that the blue habit of stealing the people is on again? Say it ain't so, Blu. I hope the cost of materials hasn't gone up that much.

This UDP, why condemn, shame us, because we can only afford to add on a plywood room on the starter home at this time? The way I see it, brothers and sisters, don't even bother to put in a floor. Of course, you want a roof that doesn't leak, but floor, for the extra elbow room we'll get by on the ground, for now.

There are questions that homeowners have to ask the GOB engineers. Does the foundation for the additional rooms have to be of the same strength as the one for the core home? Off the top, I don't think so. I don't think the floor will have to be as strong either. Hurricanes don't come every year. When one of those bad beasts blow in, the children and youth just have to haul into the core home and ride it out. If I understand the engineers at Infrastructure correctly, da beast can huff and puff, but it will never blow the core house down.

The UDP needs to check itself with all this starter houses negativity. If they did, they would find that if it isn't jealousy, then it's fat cats talk from a party that literally rolled through a billion dollars of Petro Caribe and local oil taxes. They should be coming up with ideas to improve on this core house. More than anyone else, they should know that finances are tight, because this time they didn't leave anything for the PUP fu teef, and then the pandemic came and took even the rice bon from the pot.

These UDP bohgaz sound like those out-of-touch Americans who are blaming Biden for their not being able to live like they used to. None of them were around in the time of the last pandemic, but they have been spoiled to believe that hard times are for everybody but them. I don't know if Americans don't mind sounding ignorant, but I have my expectation of my people. Yes, I expect better from the UDP. Stop criticize da houses!

## Incredibly gullible

Ah, Russia hurt us badly with its terrible invasion of sovereign Ukraine. It's complicated for us, because Russia has continued where the USSR left off, giving support to countries in our region

that the US has treated very unfairly. No country is an "island" in this world, and when the US cut off Cuba, the people of that country found a trade partner and ally in the USSR, a relationship which has continued with Russia since the countries that made up the USSR drifted apart.

The US really must end the inhumane blockade against our island neighbor. What's their big fear? Is it that if they end the embargo, socialist Cuba will look so good it will become the model for other nations in the hemisphere? The math in the US has become very faulty. If they ease the embargo, more than likely the Cuban bird will open up its wings, and that includes flying more to the right.

Anyway, what I'm after today is this gullible disease that has infected some of my friends, and enemies. Point blank, Russia's invasion of Ukraine is a terrible tragedy. How can anyone who numbers among the suffering masses of the world turn a blind eye to this massacre, and the terrible squander of resources that could be used to fight poverty, disease, and climate issues?

Space won't be friendly here today, so let me just blow up one of many Russian myths. My gudnis, how people can believe what they want to believe. Really, Russia was afraid that Ukraine would join NATO and become a military threat on its borders? What nonsense! Russia has the world's largest arsenal of nuclear weapons. If you don't fear God, I bet you fear Russia. What, Russia afraid of being attacked? The only fear Russia could have was that Ukraine would no longer cower before her and her big, bully weapons.

## Rubio wants to help Haiti

Marco Rubio is a Cuban-American senator (Republican, Florida) whose main support base is Cuban-Americans who insist that the US maintains its ugly embargo on Cuba. Relentlessly, for decades, Cubans in America, some of whom were unfortunate collateral when Castro overthrew Batista, have insisted that there be no ease on Cuba. Now Rubio, the leader of the group, is calling out for help for another island, Haiti.

Most of these Cuban-Americans are white, so they have been able to live the American dream. The Pew Research Center says "Cubans are far more likely than other Hispanics to identify themselves as white when asked about their race," and that compared with other Hispanics in the US, Cubans "have a higher level of education, higher median household income and higher rate of home ownership." Ah, it's too fascinating to pass up. The Center says that in a census done in 2004, "about 86% of Cubans said they were white, compared with 60% among Mexicans, 53% among other Central and South Americans and 50% among Puerto Ricans."

So, they're doing pretty well in their new country, but you know nostalgia, and almost nobody put that pain to song better than Luis Aguilé, in one of the old Radio Belize favorites, "Cuando Salí de Cuba." It should matter that the children of their old neighbors who were living in

poverty are now fabulously educated, just waiting for the embargo to be lifted so they can fully spread their wings. It should.

Writing in the *Miami Herald*, Mr. Rubio said Haiti is on the verge of collapse, and US President Biden must act soon, send economic help, expand the IDB's investment in infrastructure, and build closer economic ties with the country, as his "Haitian Economic Lift Program Extension Act would do by guaranteeing jobs and trade benefits for Haiti's textile industry."

We all know how the Europeans conspired against our brothers and sisters in Haiti, from the early 1800s; the unfortunate hits the island has taken from hurricanes and earthquakes; the troubles they've had with dictators propped up by those interested in exploiting the country, and the miserable way their

neighbors in the Dominican Republic treat them. It would be good indeed if the US was to step up and give Haiti the support it needs.

Aha, Mr. Rubio said the Americans must help, but it must not signal that the US is open for illegal immigration. Rubio said an exodus from Haiti "would not help the island, which needs all the talent and resources it can get, nor would it help American citizens." Rubio said what Haiti needs is political stability, so it can be better governed.

On the surface it is very nice of Mr. Rubio to be thinking about Haiti, but it's not cynicism when I say if he loved people he wouldn't encourage the embargo. Everyone knows charity begins at home. Haitians are black, and some would bet that white Rubio is worried about them landing in Florida and ruining the color scheme.



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# PRESS PREDICTIONS

The sports psychic speaks

## BOLEDO

**“Press” Predictions; 80-12-27 Boledo stats thru 24<sup>th</sup> June to 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022**

In Boledo news, 61 finally played on a Sunday. These are my lucky number for this week: 80-12-27-54-30-47. These are my lucky Jackpot numbers: 2581-7926-8329. These are my Pick-3 numbers: 802-154-378-606-093-249. Get ready Belize some dinero will be coming our way. 55 refuse to play since the 14<sup>th</sup> of October 2020, that’s over 1 year 8 months 1 week and 4 days now, then 26 is still out since the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January, that’s over 1 year 5 months and 1 day now. 12 is still out for over 1 year 1 month 3 weeks and 2 days now. 47 just joins the crowd, out over 1 year 2 months and 1 day now. There are 25 numbers left to play: 00-08-12-18-26-27-30-34-35-36-40-41-47-54-55-63-67-75-73-80-81-83-85-86-94. The 2 hottest series are the teens and the seventies, both played some 17 times each already. You all can form some beautiful Jackpot numbers out of those 25 numbers that left for the year to play. Remember to read your Psalms 72-91-63, next week more stats on these hard numbers.

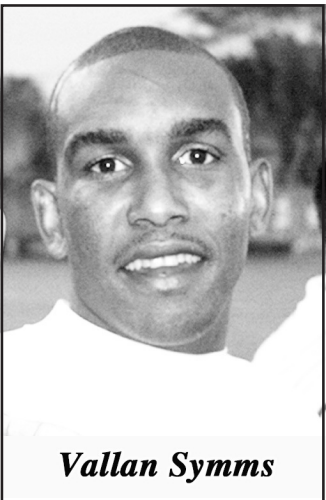
## LOCAL FOOTBALL

**Kulture Yabra leads with 7 points**

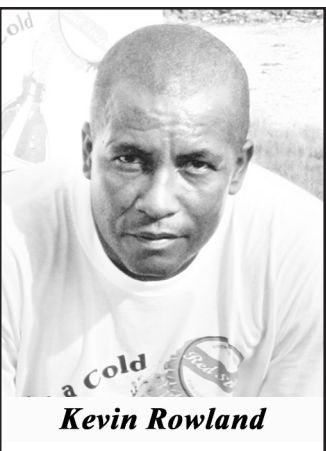
**Local football over 40 Results**

In local football action, the over

40 games results, B . D . F beat up on the Plaza Boys 6 goals to 1. Then Lake-I boys drew with Kulture Yabra 1 goal apiece, there are only 4 teams in the competition, Kulture Yabra beat Plaza 1-1, Vallan Symms scores a spot kick on brads. The first game of the season was a embarrassing 13 goals to 1. Kulture Yabra over B.D.F Kevin Rowland had 7 goals, Christopher Gilharry had a hot trick, David “Maru” McCaulay had 1 goal. They lead with 7 points, B.D.F have 3 points, Lake-I



**Vallan Symms**



**Kevin Rowland**

only have 2 points. But they will win. Those 2 games against Plaza with no points, there will be only 6 games then the play0offs. Kulture Yabra is the defending National champions. They also have Jerome James aka “Jarro” from Hattievillle and Deon Frazer from Belmopan, they have their Imports with “Talibru” Valentine the oldest player in the competition, next week more results.

## NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

**The Golden State Warriors are champions**

**NBA Finals Results and Update**

In NBA action, the Golden State Warriors won their 4<sup>th</sup> championship in 8 years span. Steph Curry was the

finals M . V . P for the first time in his 13 years career. He had 32 points 7 rebounds and 6 assists in the game



**Steph Curry**

6 win on the road in Boston. His supporting cast was very outstanding with Dreymond Green, Jordan Poole, Klay Thompson, Gary Payton JR., Looney and Wiggins. Enuff respect to coach Steve Kerr on his fourth championship as head coach. The Warriors has won over all 7 titles in their Franchise History. They are at third behind the Lakers and the Boston Celtics both with 17 banners which is the most all times. The NBA playoffs were very exciting and very entertaining, the next season will be better.

## INTERNATIONAL BASEBALL

**The LA Dodgers and N Y Yankees are the 2 best teams**

**Baseball results and Predictions**

In Baseball action, the Los Angeles Dodgers and the New York Yankees are the 2 best teams in baseball right

now . Mookie Betts and Aaron Judge are their team top players. The Dodgers scores the most runs already and the Yankees hit the most



**Mookie Betts**

Home Runs already. The Toronto Blue Jays edge the Yankees still leads their East division.

The Houston Astros and Justin Verlander are playing very well. The Tampa Rays are in second place. The Boston Redsoxs are getting things together. In the National League, the Dodgers leads their West Division, but the San Diego Padres will give them some trouble down the stretch.



**Francisco Lindor**



**by Gilroy “Press” Cadogan**

The New York Mets leads their East Division, Francisco Lindor their short stop is their leader, the Arizona Diamond backs and the Colorado Rockies are making a run. The Milwaukee Brewers leads the St. Louis Cardinals in the Central Division by some 4 games. Paul Goldschmidt still playing well as a MVP candidate, the Chicago Cubs are struggling right now. They are in a rebuilding process, next week some results and some more stats.

## NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BELIZE A.D. 2021

CLAIM NO. 465 OF 2021

(WEST BLUFF CAPITAL INC.  
(NEIL BOTTS  
(JULIAN MICHALOWSKI

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2<sup>nd</sup> CLAIMANT  
3<sup>rd</sup> CLAIMANT

BETWEEN (AND

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(JEREMY DANIEL MEIGHAN  
(DANIEL JEREMIAH HARTIN

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**TO: JEREMY DANIEL MEIGHAN** of 4 Miles North Ambergris Caye, San Pedro Town, Belize District, Belize  
**AND**  
**DANIEL JEREMIAH HARTIN** of San Pedro Town, Ambergris Caye, Belize District, Belize

**TAKE NOTICE THAT** Claim No. 465 of 2021 has been commenced against you in the Supreme Court of Belize by **WEST BLUFF CAPITAL INC., NEIL BOTTS** and **JULIAN MICHALOWSKI** all of 123 E Carrillo Street, Santa Barbara, California, 93105, United States of America in which the Claimants claim a specific performance of Agreement for Sale dated 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2016 for the sale and purchase of property situate in San Pedro Town, Ambergris Caye, Belize and more particularly described as Villa 5 of the Development of Acquafino Resort (now Turtle Island Resort) and being Parcel 12258, Block 7, San Pedro Registration Section together with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon (hereinafter referred to as “the property”) and other relief inclusive of interest and costs.

AND THAT it has been ordered that Notice of this Claim be published by this advertisement. If you desire to defend the said Claim you must file an Acknowledgement of Service within twenty eight (28) days and a defence within forty two (42) days after the second publication of the claim at the Supreme Court Registry forthwith. In default of your failure to file the Acknowledgement of Service, proceedings will be heard and determined in your absence and judgment may be entered against you.

The Court office is at Supreme Court Registry, Regent Street, Belize City, Belize, Telephone No. 227-7377, Fax No. 227-0181. The office is open between 8:30a.m. and 4:00p.m. Monday to Friday except on public and bank holidays.

Dated the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2022.

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# NOTICE

**BELIZE CITY**

**Estate of DWIGHT HAROLD MILLER, 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 DWIGHT HAROLD MILLER, late of Copper Bank Village, Corozal District, Belize are required to send particulars in writing of their claims or demands to PRUDENTIAL TRUST CORPORATION LIMITED, the Administrator of the said estate, c/o Courtenay Coye LLP, Attorneys-at-Law, 15 A Street, Belize City, Belize and to send such particulars not later than the 26th day of September 2022, AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that at the expiration of the last mentioned date, the Administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the said DWIGHT HAROLD MILLER, deceased, amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims or demands of which particulars have been delivered and the Administrator 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 24<sup>th</sup> day of June 2022.

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# GoB officially approves national investment policy

BELMOPAN, Wed. June 22, 2022

The Government of Belize today announced the official approval of the National Investment Policy and Strategy (NIPS). The release states that the NIPS is aimed at positioning Belize as a competitive investment hub in Central America and the Caribbean by 2030.

The formulation of this comprehensive policy/strategy was initiated in December 2019 under the UDP administration with funding from the CARICOM Development Fund (CDF), and the resulting set of guidelines and goals was officially approved today, almost two and a half years later.

“NIPS will determine with greater certainty and predictability, the national direction towards economic development and how citizens can participate in and benefit from this process through investments,” a release from BELTRAIDE today states.

The release outlines nine key pillars that are to guide the government in executing this investment policy and strategy. These include: (1) development of an integrated national strategy for promoting Investment; (2) delivery of government services, ethical government/ e-Government; (3)

delivery of financial services for investment/ access to finance for investment; (4) reform of the taxation system for sustaining private investment; (5) revision of the existing regulatory framework and judicial system to make it more investment-friendly; (6) reform of the business incentives framework; (7) efforts to encourage the development of a skill supply adapted to the needs of national and international investors; (8) development of infrastructure and internal logistics; and (9) fostering of economic diplomacy.

BELTRAIDE chaired the Project Steering Committee and was supported by the Economic Development Council, the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development’s Investment Policy and Compliance Unit, and the Belize Chamber of Commerce (BCCI). The government thanked them for their invaluable contributions to the process.

The release states, “The next phase is the Implementation, which includes marketing & branding, resource mobilization, and a communications strategy.”

The NIPS document will be available for review on BELTRAIDE’s and the Government of Belize’s websites, the release says.

# Belize to send BDF soldiers on UN peacekeeping missions

BELIZE CITY, Wed. June 22, 2022

A Cabinet brief released last week was the first public statement that indicated to Belizeans that government had given the green light for members of Belize’s security forces to once more participate in UN peacekeeping missions. On Monday, the Minister of State in the Ministry of National Defence, Hon. Oscar Mira, confirmed that the country is giving serious consideration to the inclusion of local soldiers in such international missions, since the nation has not contributed manpower to UN peacekeeping missions since 1995 when he was a member of the Belize Defence Force.

In that year, said Hon. Mira, members of the BDF, including Mira himself, had gone to provide support to Haiti.

“We have served in UN peacekeeping efforts before. I was one of those that served in Haiti in 1995. That was, I think, the first time that the Belize Defence Force actually participated in a peacekeeping operation in Haiti as part of CARICOM. The possibility is there; it is open to all members of the United Nations who want to participate in peacekeeping operations,” Hon. Mira said.

He went on to remark that he believes that it is Belize’s time to contribute once more to the international community.

“I think we in the Belize Defence Force now feel that we are able to contribute to international peace and



**Hon. Oscar Mira**

security, and we want to do our part as members of the United Nations. Belize Defence Force is highly trained; a lot of our officers go to the best schools in the world, and we want them to contribute back to our international obligation, which is peace and security,” Minister Mira said.

The release from Cabinet last week had indicated that BDF soldiers would be serving as military observers or staff officers on such missions.

“Cabinet gave its support for the Belize Security Services to look into the possibility of having their members participate in United Nations peacekeeping operations as military observers or staff officers,” the June 16th Cabinet brief states.



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## VACANCY ADVERTISEMENT LABOUR COMMISSIONER

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons to fill the post of Labour Commissioner, Labour Department, Ministry of Rural Transformation, Community Development, Labour and Local Government.

### 1. BASIC PURPOSE OF POSITION:

To provide advice to the Minister of Labour on Policies and Implement Government Policy on Labour and Industrial relations matters.

### 2. ANALYSIS OF POSITION:

#### (I) Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Supervise the Labour Department, implement Government’s policy on industrial relations matters and advise the Minister of Labour on all Labour matters;
2. Advise the Minister of Labour regarding Regulations to be made under Labour Legislations;
3. Advise the Minister of Labour regarding the approval or refusal of applications for work permits after reviewing the reports received from the Labour Officers;
4. Review the Deputy Labour Commissioner’s reports on investigations carried out involving conciliation on matters of disputes and workers’ complaints, investigations and inspections carried out;
5. Represent the Labour Department at inter-agency and external committee meetings, conferences nationally and internationally;
6. Assist with the development and execution of strategic plans, internal policies and procedures;
7. Manage programs and projects implemented by the Labour Department;
8. Engage with stakeholders’ collective bargaining process, mediation process and arbitration process;
9. Supervise the Labour Department staff and conduct staff performance appraisals;
10. Prepare an annual workplan, annual budget and annual report for the Labour Department;
11. Chair meetings of Labour Committees;
12. Enforce the Labour Act and amendments to the Act as well as any other Acts in Belize as may be required from time to time;
13. Act as Registrar of Trade Unions and Employers’ Organizations;
14. Certify registration of Trade Unions and Employer Organizations;
15. Keep a register of all Trade Unions and Employers’ Organizations registered under this Act;
16. Keep copies of all Collective Agreements;
17. Conduct representational polls on behalf of Trade Unions who are seeking to represent workers in a particular industry;
18. Supervise Union Council elections on an annual basis;
19. Any other related duties assigned from time to time

#### (II) Requirements:

##### (a) Qualifications:

Be in possession of a Master Degree in Industrial Relations, Human Resource Management, Labour Law, Labour Economics, or related field plus five (5) years’ work experience in management and/or related field.

##### (b) Competence and Skills:

1. Knowledge of labour laws and condition of service regulations.
2. Basic knowledge of judiciary/law.
3. Supervisory, managerial and leadership skills.
4. Organizational skills.
5. Time management skills.
6. Good writing and communication skills
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8. Critical thinking skills.

### 3. REPORTING RESPONSIBILITY:

The Labour Commissioner reports to the Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of Rural Transformation, Community Development, Labour and Local Government.

### 4. SALARY:

Government of Belize Pay Scale 25 of \$42,862 X 1,480 - \$70,982 per annum. Interested persons in possession of the required qualifications and experience and who have the aptitude for the post can submit their complete application package to the Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of the Public Service, Constitutional and Political Reform and Religious Affairs, North Wing, Ground Floor, Sir Edney Cain Building, City of Belmopan, Cayo District **no later than Friday, 8th July 2022.**

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Vacancies exist for the following positions. Successful candidates will be required to obtain a security clearance and undergo a medical examination.

### (1) Housekeeper (2 positions):

#### 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](mailto: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](mailto:BelmopanJobs@state.gov) or call at 822-4011, Ext. 4242. The deadline for submitting applications is **Friday, July 1, 2022**.



## Nazarene High School

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Belize City, Belize, C.A.

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Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons to fill the following teaching positions for the 2022 - 2023 school year.

#### • Math Teacher

#### Qualifications Requirement:

Bachelor's Degree in Math Education.

Flexibility in offering two or more subject areas will be considered a tremendous asset.

All completed application packages must include:

- 1) Application letter with Curriculum Vitae
- 2) Official Transcript/s
- 3) Copies of all certificates
- 4) Valid Teachers License
- 5) One letter of recommendation from a Pastor or a church elder
- 6) One letter of recommendation from last employer
- 7) One character reference letter from a reputable person
- 8) Recent police record
- 9) Medical Certificate
- 10) Birth Certificate/Passport
- 11) Valid Social Security card

All copies **MUST** be certified

All applications should be hand delivered by **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2022** addressed to:



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## NOTICE

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 **14<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022

**COURTENAY COYE LLP**  
Attorneys-at-Law

# Supervisor of security company stabbed while leaving work

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Wed. June 22, 2022

Three persons were detained for stabbing 37-year-old Jamil Scott, a Belizean security supervisor of a Jane Usher Boulevard address, on Monday, June 20, while he was leaving his place of work at Harpy Security Company on Antelope Street Extension.

According to police, a few minutes before 11:00 on Monday night, Scott was leaving work when he was approached by two males who asked for directions to Pitter Street. While he was trying to explain to them how they could find Pitter Street, however, one of the men proceeded to stab him with an unknown object and took away his grey knapsack, which contained a handheld radio that is the property of Harpy Security Company, as well as other documents belonging to the company.

The two men then ran onto an unnamed street which led to Pitter Street



**Trio detained for stabbing of supervisor of Harpy Security Company**

Extension and got into a Ford Explorer, which they attempted to use to escape, but they were intercepted by a police mobile that was in the area.

Despite their efforts at that point to elude the officers, the two assailants were detained, along with a third man who is believed to have been their accomplice.

# PGH and Remate Bypass notice

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Wed. June 22, 2022

The Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing is advising motorists traveling on the Philip Goldson Highway to drive with caution, as rehabilitative work on the highway is ongoing.

The Philip Goldson Highway and Remate Bypass Upgrading Project, which is estimated to cost 114 million dollars, is being funded through the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) along with aid from the United Kingdom,

The ongoing upgrade is being carried out on a portion of the highway that extends from Mile 24 in Biscayne Village to the Corozal border, including the Remate Bypass.

The Ministry of Infrastructure Development noted that the Crooked



**Crooked Tree Roundabout**

Tree Roundabout is fully open to traffic and is advising motorists to proceed through that area carefully and follow all traffic signs.

Over 55,000 persons traverse the Philip Goldson Highway daily and are expected to benefit from increased safety when the upgrade of the Philip Goldson Highway and the Remate Road Bypass is completed in August 2023.

The three men—19-year-old Anderson Trapp, a construction worker in the Boom Junction area; 22-year-old Tyreke Garnett, a security guard of Lords Bank; and 27-year-old Aaron Flowers, a resident of Antelope Street Extension, were escorted to the Precinct 2 police station and their vehicle was impounded.

When police arrived at the scene where the stabbing took place, they found Scott suffering from apparent stab wounds to the body. He was transported to the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital for treatment and is listed as being in a stable condition.

Police have recovered the stolen knapsack.

## PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

### Roaring Creek Village, Cayo District

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

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



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

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 JONATHAN MULLIGAN  
 TELEPHONE: 615-1133  
 Email: Bz.auctions.realty@gmail.com

## PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

### SANTA RITA HILL, COROZAL DISTRICT

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

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



This concrete bungalow house measures an impressive 1,740 square feet in space, and boast three bedrooms, 1 bathroom, 2 living rooms, dining room, and a spacious kitchen. The house is complimented by a front porch, and a huge, enclosed back porch. The yard measures in at 50 feet by 100 feet with an area of 555.4 square yards. Property is located in Santa Rita Hills at the "Chactemal Estates", which is a modern, well planned, private housing community that comprises of medium to high income homes. Financial Institutions such as banks, grocery stores and a wider range of goods and services are available in Corozal Town, which is approximately ½ mile away. Property is also but a 10-minute drive away from the Belize/Mexico Border. **Freehold Property of Lyndon Russell Gillett and Rhyma Ann Gillett.**

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# 8 agri-businesses to benefit from grant agreements with GoB

by *Khaila Gentle*

BELMOPAN, Wed. June 22, 2022

Eight new, micro and small agriculture-based enterprises signed agri-business grant agreements with The Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security, and Enterprise on Tuesday. Those enterprises are now set to benefit from the Agri-Business Technical Incubator Grant Program—a pilot project being implemented in Cayo by the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in collaboration with the Agriculture Ministry—and they will be supported by grants from almost \$60,000 BZD in total funding that has been allocated for them.

Silverio Marin, National Economist and Business Incubator Coordinator for Belize, explained that the objective of the project is to enable the development of small businesses in the



Source: Government of Belize Press Office

agricultural sector.

“So what we do with the incubator is that we’re running a pilot to test a model that has been developed and pretty much adopted for Belize’s context. The model is one that has been tested out and successful in countries like Brazil and Bolivia, but we had to adequate it for Belize’s

context. And so the pilot has enabled us to test the methodology and now that we have been implementing, we know that it is a model that can work for the rest of Belize,” he said.

The grant ceremony took place at the National Agriculture and Trade Show Grounds Conference Room in Belmopan. There, the Chief Executive

Officer of the Ministry of Agriculture, Servulo Baeza, spoke with the media about the project and the process through which recipients of the grants were chosen. According to Baeza, there were over 100 applicants. That number was eventually narrowed down to 28. And of those 28 applicants, who were all able to attend training sessions, eight were selected.

“Along the way, during the training, during the actual face-to-face and everything, the committee selected these eight individuals. So it was along the way, during the whole program itself, that these eight persons were selected—looking at different criteria, basically, looking at the business that they are involved in, looking at the person as a whole, their dedication in terms of the business that they were involved in,” he noted.

The types of businesses which were chosen, said the Agriculture CEO, range from agriculture processing operations to projects focused on livestock rearing and even honey production.

Deisy Martinez, who heads a coconut oil production and processing enterprise (Martinez Farm Coconut Oil), was one of those beneficiaries. She told the media that the support from the program will help in expanding the business, especially through the purchase of more machinery which will increase production.

“We mainly do the work traditionally, but then doing that is harder, and it consumes time, and the productivity is not as efficient as using machinery, so they’re helping us in those areas,” said Martinez.

The Incubator Grant Program is aimed at providing agriculture-based enterprises with qualification, training, and advisory and consulting services to enable them to formalize and accelerate their business development process. Agriculture Ministry CEO Baeza told the media that he hopes the success of the pilot program will enable more projects of a similar nature to be carried out.

In addition to Belize, the program is being carried out in Jamaica and the Bahamas.



## 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:

### 1. Introduction

- Background and company information (registration, licenses, contacts, etc.)
- Principal owners/shareholders
- CV of management staff
- Principal place of business
- Include 4 or 5 references

### 2. Services

- List of security services provided
- List areas of speciality
- List the areas where services are currently offered

### 3. Equipment

- List the basic types of equipment used

### 4. Recruiting guidelines

- Recruiting guidelines
  - Education & relevant skills required
  - Screening process
- Employee Training
  - Methodology & type
- Supervision of employees
  - 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](mailto:rce@bws.com.bz).

**Belize Water Services Ltd**

**Attn: Resident Consultant Engineer**

P.O. Box 150, 7 Central American Boulevard, Belize City, Belize

Telephone: 222-5155

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## PUBLIC AUCTION SALES: PROPERTIES

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](http://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)

**3. Parcel No. 2889 within first subdivision south of Placencia Airstrip, Placencia, Stann Creek District:**



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Placencia North	36	2889

(Being two buildings: 1st Building a completed two storey structure – Ground Floor 3 bedrooms unit with shared bathroom; First Floor full apartment unit containing 1 bedroom + 1 bathroom + living room + kitchenette + porch; 2nd Building an incomplete two storey structure TOGETHER with lot [502.29 S.Y.] situate within the first subdivision south of the Placencia Airstrip, Placencia, Stann Creek District, the freehold property of Mr. Martin Galvez)

**4. Parcel No. 111 corner Igret & Jabird Streets, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District:**



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Orange Walk Town	4	111

(Being a concrete bungalow dwelling house [1566 sq. ft.]: 3 bedrooms + 2 bathrooms + Living/Dining/Kitchen + Laundry + Driveway and lot [878.106 S.M] situate at corner Igret & Jabird Streets, (behind hospital) Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District, the freehold property of Ms. Argentina Leiva and Mr. Nolberto Leiva.)

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## San Ignacio man charged for rape

by Charles Gladden

SAN IGNACIO, Cayo District, Wed. June 22, 2022

On Monday, Brian Stephen Gentle, 49, was arrested and charged with the rape of a 26-year-old San Ignacio woman.

According to a report issued by the Police Department this week, on Sunday, June 19, at about 7:30 in the morning, members of the department, after being

notified of the incident, went to the San Ignacio Community Hospital, where they met the victim of the rape, who told them that she had been traveling within San Ignacio Town in a vehicle with Gentle (who, according to the woman, is someone she knows) when he forcibly had sexual intercourse with her.

On the following day, police formally arrested and charged Gentle with the crime of rape.



## Chilean Copper Workers Announce National Strike

**They affirm that the closure of the Ventanas smelter is part of a strategy aimed at the full privatization of the state-owned mining firm CODELCO.**



**Workers at the Ventanas copper smelter**

After a meeting with 25 unions held on Monday, the Federation of Chilean Copper Workers (FTC) called a national strike to protest against the closure of the Ventanas smelter, which belongs to the National Copper Corporation (CODELCO).

The national strike seeks to defend thousands of jobs after the CODELCO board announced on June 17 that it would close the Ventanas smelter given that intoxications had been reported in the area in recent weeks.

“As copper workers, we care about Chile and we strive every day to contribute to making our country fairer and with full respect for the dignity of its citizens,” the FTC said.

“Today, President Gustavo Boric’s administration announces the closure of the Ventanas smelter. Tomorrow, the

same thing will happen with the other CODELCO facilities.”

The Chilean workers affirm that the closure of the smelter is part of a strategy aimed at the privatization of CODELCO which is based on a conventional neoliberal argument: public companies are expensive and need to attract private investment to improve their productive efficiency.

“Faced with the attack by part of the CODELCO board of directors on the workers of Ventanas... we can only use our historical and emancipatory tool: the national strike,” FTC stressed.

“The closing of Ventanas, as well as the government’s strategy of creating a new smelter with private capital, constitute the starting point for the full privatization of Chilean smelters and refineries.”

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# BAHA improving its lab's Panama Disease diagnostic capacity

The Taiwan ICDF and OIRSA are hosting a four-day workshop to equip BAHA technicians with the skills needed to detect the fungus that causes Panama Disease—a devastating wilting disease threatening the banana industry.

by *Khaila Gentle*

CENTRAL FARM, Cayo District, Wed. June 22, 2022

This week, the Taiwan ICDF and the International Regional Organization for Plant and Animal Health (OIRSA) are collaborating with the Belize Agricultural Health Authority (BAHA) to train four technicians on how to detect Fusarium Tropical Race 4 (or Foc TR4)—the strain of fungus that causes Panama disease in bananas. The training is being provided through a 4-day workshop from June 21- 24 in Central Farm and is being led by Andres Avalos of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food in Guatemala.

The “Diagnosis of Fusarium Tropical

Race 4 (Foc TR4) of banana and plantain” workshop is being held as part of a pilot project funded by Taiwan that is aimed at strengthening the banana disease prevention capacity of the country’s Central American allies.

Panama Disease, also known as Fusarium Wilt or Banana Wilt, is one of the largest threats to the global banana industry. The TR4 strain was identified in Colombia in 2019 and triggered a national emergency, as it was the first time the strain had been found in Latin America.

According to Francisco Gutierrez, Technical Director of Plant Health at BAHA, while the disease has not yet been detected in Belize, there is some concern that it could eventually be

brought in.

“It is being reported on the American continent, Colombia and Peru, and we are concerned that it can be potentially accidentally introduced into the country, hence the reason that we want to develop as part of several initiatives for prevention, develop several capacities for testing,” said Gutierrez to local reporters on Tuesday.

The focus of the four-day workshop is on the molecular detection of Fusarium TR4 using PCR.

The lethal Panama disease, which causes wilting and discoloration of crops, has no known cure since the



*Panama Disease (Fusarium Wilt) in banana crops*

soil-borne fungus cannot be managed with chemical pesticides or fungicides. And since most bananas that are grown

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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:

- 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.
  - 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.
  - 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.
- 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:
    - The appropriateness and viability of the original design and scope of the project;
    - 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.
    - 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]
    - 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.
    - 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.
  - 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.
- The consultant shall recommend measures to improve on the identified issues and project execution management.
- 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.
- 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](mailto: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:

- Document explaining interest, experience, and competence of the Individual consultant
- 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).
- A least Two references
- Copy of degrees / Certificates
- Proof of nationality: copy of documentation of nationality.
- 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 must submit their expression of interest via e-mail to [Michelle.Longworth@bts.gov.bz](mailto:Michelle.Longworth@bts.gov.bz) no later than 4:00 p.m. (Belize local time), Friday, July 1, 2022, marked STAP- Individual Consultant to Conduct Mid–Term Evaluation in the subject header. In addition, applicants may also submit a hard copy at 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  
Project Executing Unit  
Strengthening of Tax Administration Project  
Eleanor Hall Building  
Chetumal Street, Belize City  
E-mail: [Gisel.Correa@mof.gov.bz](mailto:Gisel.Correa@mof.gov.bz)**

## NOTICE

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

CLAIM NO. 210 OF 2022

(SUPPLIES PLUS DISTRIBUTORS COMPANY LIMITED  
CLAIMANT

BETWEEN (AND

(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.

AND THAT it has been ordered that Notice of this Claim be published by this advertisement. If you desire to defend the said Claim you must file an Acknowledgement of Service within fourteen (14) days after the second publication of the claim at the Supreme Court Registry. In default of your failure to file the Acknowledgement of Service, proceedings may be heard and determined in your absence and judgment may be entered against you.

The Court office is at Supreme Court Registry, Regent Street, Belize City, Belize, Telephone No. 227-7377, Fax No. 227-0181. The office is open between 8:30a.m. and 4:00p.m. Monday to Friday except on public and bank holidays.

Dated the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022.

**Mckoy Torres LLP**  
Attorneys-at-Law for the Claimant  
30 Newtown Barracks  
Belize City, Belize  
Ph: (501) 223-1076

## ATLANTIC INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons to fill the temporary position of **Customer Service Representative – San Ignacio**. Contract Period 1 July 2022 to 30 November 2022.

### Duties and Responsibilities

- Attending to walk-in-customers/prospects and customer/prospects via telephone on insurance matter.
- Handle all secretarial duties.
- Prepare Daily Agent Production Report and Daily Collections Report, evidenced by signature and date.
- Ensure that San Ignacio sales quota is achieved.
- 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

### DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ONLINE APPLICATIONS IS FRIDAY 24 JUNE 2022

#### ALL APPLICATIONS MUST INCLUDE:

TWO RECENT LETTERS OF REFERENCE ONE FROM PAST EMPLOYER AND A VALID POLICE RECORD AND PASSPORT SIZE PICTURE

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



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

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

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



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

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

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



**Lot 63, Pomona Village  
Stann Creek**

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

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



**Block 45, Parcel 2349  
Port Loyola, Belize City**

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

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



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

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

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



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

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

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



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

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

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



**Lot 66, Pomona Village  
Stann Creek**

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

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



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

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

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



**Block 42, Parcel 793  
Punta Gorda**

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

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



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

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

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

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# Clean energy in the Caribbean: a triple win

by *Lilia Burunciuc*

Even in the best of times, Caribbean consumers face some of the highest energy prices globally due to heavy reliance on expensive and volatile fossil fuel imports. Electricity prices in the Caribbean average around US\$ 0.25 per kWh, more than double the average price in the United States and in some countries reaches over US\$ 0.40 per kWh. Out of 11 Caribbean countries with available data, nine generated more than 80 % of their electricity using imported fuels and five imported 90 % of their energy.

With the global oil prices on the rise, the already high energy prices in the Caribbean will hike even further. This will affect the Caribbean households, especially the poorest, squeezing their income even more. It will also have a significant impact on the economy of the region, as many countries in the Caribbean are already struggling with

high debt levels and limited economic space. And it will continue to drive businesses and investors away.

The solution for the Caribbean—which is blessed with abundant renewable energy resources—lies in accelerating the clean energy transition: scaling up renewable energy for power generation, increasing energy efficiency, and electrifying the economies.

While some progress has been made, penetration of renewable energy has been slower than expected in many parts of the Caribbean. Upfront capital costs associated with scaling-up renewable energy act as a barrier to public financing, and the pace of private financing has been slow.

Energy efficiency, another way to reduce energy costs and emissions, has also not taken off in the region as could be expected, due to insufficient policies, lack of investments, and competing priorities.

Now is a good time to reassess the



Photo: World Bank

Solar panels installed in a poultry farm, Jamaica.

options available and scale up efforts on transitioning to renewable energy and improving energy efficiency.

• One of the first things that could be done is to create the right enabling environment. Caribbean countries should focus on improving their clean energy policies, regulations and incentives in order to create clear rules of the game for private sector investment. This will be key to achieving investment at scale.

• Second, is the use of approaches that reduce transaction costs. Given the relatively small scale of investments in many Caribbean countries, transaction costs for private financiers can be prohibitively high. Regional collaboration will allow using standardized documentation and processes, whereas bundling of investments can help attract additional private capital to support the clean energy transition.

• Third, governments should take the lead and set an example. Countries in the Caribbean could demonstrate the benefits of the clean energy transition by initiating investments in public sector energy efficiency and solar energy generation. Such investments offer a unique win-win-win situation, providing financial relief to the public sector, decreasing dependence on fossil fuels, and reducing emissions. And there are even more “wins” as such investments can improve climate resilience by providing backup power to critical public infrastructure such as hospitals and emergency shelters, create local jobs and new markets, and set an example that can help catalyze investment by the private sector.

Full article can be viewed at: <https://blogs.worldbank.org/latinamerica/clean-energy-caribbean-triple-win>

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## NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BELIZE A.D. 2021

CLAIM NO. 478 OF 2021

<p><b>BEFORE</b></p> <p><b>BETWEEN</b></p>	<p><b>(JOHN KIRBY INTEGRAL UNLIMITED, LLC ( (AND ( (CARIBBEAN COVE ESTATES LTD (CARIBBEAN COVE DEVELOPMENT LTD (RESORT SOLUTIONS LIMITED (CASTLE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT LTD (SANDY POINT ISLAND LIMITED (SANDY POINT GROUPLTD (MICHAEL JOHN BIXBY (DOUGLAS SCOTT PENLAND (JEREMY DANIEL MEIGHAN (DANIEL JEREMIAH HARTIN</b></p>	<p><b>CLAIMANTS</b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> DEFENDANT</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> DEFENDANT</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> DEFENDANT</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> DEFENDANT</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> DEFENDANT</b> <b>6<sup>th</sup> DEFENDANT</b> <b>7<sup>th</sup> DEFENDANT</b> <b>8<sup>th</sup> DEFENDANT</b> <b>9<sup>th</sup> DEFENDANT</b> <b>10<sup>th</sup> DEFENDANT</b></p>
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**TO: JEREMY DANIEL MEIGHAN** of 4 Miles North Ambergris Caye, San Pedro Town, Belize District, Belize

**AND**

**DANIEL JEREMIAH HARTIN** of San Pedro Town, Ambergris Caye, Belize District, Belize

**TAKE NOTICE THAT** Claim No. 478 of 2021 has been commenced against you in the Supreme Court of Belize by **JOHN KIRBY** and **INTEGRAL UNLIMITED, LLC** both of 1801 NW Platte Rd., Suite 275, Riverside, MO, 64150, United States of America in which the Claimants claim specific Performance of Agreements for Sale dated 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 and 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2018, respectively for the sale and purchase of five parcels of land situate in San Pedro Town, Ambergris Caye, Belize and more particularly described as Parcels 12269, 12270, 12271, 12272, Block 7, San Pedro Registration Section known as Beach Estates Units 5,6,7, and 8 of the development “Turtle Island” and Parcel 5092, Block 7, San Pedro Registration Section of the development “Turtle Island” together with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon (hereinafter referred to as “the properties”) and other relief inclusive of interest and costs.

AND THAT it has been ordered that Notice of this Claim be published by this advertisement. If you desire to defend the said Claim you must file an Acknowledgement of Service within twenty eight (28) days and a defence within forty two (42) days after the second publication of the claim at the Supreme Court Registry forthwith. In default of your failure to file the Acknowledgement of Service, proceedings will be heard and determined in your absence and judgment may be entered against you.

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Dated the 16<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022.

**Mckoy Torres LLP**  
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## SECOND 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
1827200	273100	1825800	277500
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1827400	272900	1827500	278500
1827400	273000	1828250	278500
1829500	274700	1828250	278000

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

## VACANCY FOR PRINCIPAL

The Board of Management of Wesley College invites applications for the post of PRINCIPAL.

**Academic Qualifications:**

- Master's Degree in Educational Leadership
- Bachelor's Degree in Secondary Education

**Professional qualities:**

- Minimum of five (5) years of experience in administration
- Hold a Full Secondary level Teacher's License
- Capacity to provide moral and ethical leadership
- Ability to motivate and encourage team spirit among faculty and staff
- Superior communication skills

**Duties/Responsibilities will include (but is not limited to):**

- Further the Mission, Vision and Values of the Methodist Church and Wesley College
- In collaboration with the Board, guiding the formulation of school policies, rules and programs
- Overseeing the daily administration of the school as well as the admission, placement and graduation of students
- Fostering and maintaining a safe school environment and culture conducive to teaching and learning
- Providing educational leadership in areas of pedagogy, curriculum and assessment

**Salary:**

Commensurate with educational qualification and in accordance with Government Pay Scale.

Prospective applicants must submit the following documents:

- Cover Letter with resume
- Valid Teacher's License
- Qualifications (*Original transcript*)
- Social Security Card (*Certified copy*)
- Birth Certificate/Passport
- Medical Certificate
- Police Record (*Original*)
- Two (2) recent character references
- Work Permit (*where applicable*)
- Marriage/Divorce Certificate (*where applicable*)

ALL Documents must be certified and any documents in a foreign language must be accompanied by an official English translation. Only applicants who qualify will be invited for interviews. Interested candidates should submit application packages on or before 8 July, 2022 to:

Chairman, Wesley College Board of Management  
c/o Methodist District Office,  
75 Albert Street, Belize City

## NOTICE

### GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE TREASURY BILLS ISSUE NUMBER 7/2022

Tenders are invited for an issue of Government of Belize Treasury Bills. The amount of the issue will be \$83,200,000.

The Bills will be issued in electronic form only evidenced by an electronic book entry in the Central Securities Depository of the Central Bank of Belize in multiples of \$200 and will be repayable at par 91 days after issue. They will be issued on Wednesday, 6 July 2022 and will be redeemed on Wednesday, 5 October 2022.

Each tender must be for \$200 or a multiple of \$200 and must specify to five decimal places the amount, which is offered for each one hundred dollars face value of the Bills sought.

Members of the public who wish to participate in the auction must submit their bid to the Central Bank of Belize electronically or at the designated drop off box no later than 12:00 noon on Friday, 1 July 2022.

The Auction in the Central Securities Depository System (CSD) will be opened from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm on Wednesday, 6 July 2022.

Successful bidders should arrange to settle via the Automated Payment & Securities Settlement System of Belize (APSSS).

**Bank: Central Bank of Belize  
Account: GL1CORP0402627**

**The Government of Belize reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all tenders in whole or in part.**

**CENTRAL BANK OF BELIZE**

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20 June 2022

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



**Block 1, Parcel 134  
San Pablo/San Jose, Orange Walk**

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

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



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

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

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



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

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

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



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

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

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

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# From the Publisher

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Don Hector Silva, a man gifted with a truly remarkable mind for his age (he's around 90), was doing a lot of talking on PLUS TV last week, and the interim host, Kerm Thimbriel, was lapping it all up.

The thing is that Don Hector was so enthusiastic, he spoke authoritatively about the movements and incidents of 1969, and referred to the late Louis Sylvester and the late Fred Hunter, People's United Party (PUP) Cabinet Ministers of that era, as heroes for their role in fighting off whatever was the threat to the party and the country.

The problem is that no one who knows the real ever, ever speaks about 1969, about PAC and RAM, about the slaughter of the students in Mexico City in October of 1968, the Walter Rodney matter at the University in Jamaica around the same time, and about the ideological issues which sprang up in the region.

Don Hector also said that the Guatemalan guerrilla leaders, Yon Sosa and Turcios Lima, posed a real threat to the Guatemalan government around this time.

Now the primary people who should have informed younger generations of Belizeans about these matters over the decades are the Rt. Hon. Said Musa, who was Prime Minister of Belize from 1998 to 2008, and Assad Shoman, a PUP Cabinet Minister from 1979 to 1984, who has been the energy and the brain behind Belize's entry into the International Court of Justice (ICJ) arbitration with respect to the claim Guatemala has argued that it has to the territory of Belize.

But Musa and Shoman, who were appointed by PUP Premier George Price to the Senate in 1974 after they were unsuccessful PUP general election candidates in the October 1974 general election, have never spoken publicly about the Ad Hoc demonstration, about PAC and RAM, and those matters which may be somewhat ideological in nature.

In fact, after the PUP lost power for the first time in 1984, and both Musa (Fort George) and Shoman (Cayo North) lost their seats, it would seem that Musa's

subsequent political career, in which he was closely aligned with Ralph Fonseca, indicated that he had become neoliberal in thinking.

Shoman left the PUP after the 1984 defeat and led the activist intellectual group, Society for the Promotion of Education and Research (SPEAR), for some years before he migrated to Havana, Cuba, where he has lived for some three decades or so.

Because it was Shoman who replaced Don Hector as the PUP candidate in Cayo North, after Don Hector had starred for a couple decades, it is necessary for Kerm to get some of the other side of this story.

UBAD, under my presidency, was peripheral to this clash, "peripheral" I would say because I was a political innocent compared to Shoman and Musa, Belizeans of Palestinian descent who had spent five years studying law in London between roughly 1963 and 1968.

I am calling for this conversation because it seems to me that this peaceful little Belize where I grew up is headed, seemingly inexorably, to violent class struggle because of the ever widening gap between the elitist rich and our poverty-stricken masses. In British Honduras when I was growing up, all of us saw ourselves as poor or middle class. Today, there are mighty oligarchs who run the show here, and they are often ostentatious with their wealth. We do have a sort of democracy which allows the masses always to hope for change at election time.

But the world itself sometimes appears to me as it did in 1968 -- terribly tumultuous. The United States boasts of its mighty democracy and lectures some specific countries in the region about their lack of said democracy. But something happened in the American capital of Washington, D. C., on January 6, 2021, that indicates a fracturing of the vaunted American democracy. The more the present hearings about January 6 continue, the more it appears that the legally elected government of the U.S. cannot impose its legitimate will upon Donald Trump and his forces.

The United States survived Watergate in 1973. The sitting president, Richard Nixon, was forced to resign because the American democratic structure held firm. At the beginning of the Watergate hearings, Richard Nixon seemed awesomely powerful. The American media, because they want to understand January 6 better, are taking prolonged looks back at the history of the Watergate drama.

Younger generations of Belizeans need to know the issues sparking confrontation and provoking division at the Cabinet level in the PUP between 1969 and 1984. This is because there are developments taking place in The Jewel today which have exposed a level of greed around which is dangerous.

And this is not only a problem at the ruling party level. Inside the United Democratic Party (UDP) there has emerged a family which now sits on Mount Olympus financially. Belize is not the way it used to be.

The long and short of it is, Kerm: there are views which are at odds with Don Hector's.



## Vacancies

Saint Catherine Academy, a Catholic all-girls high school sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy is seeking qualified and dedicated professionals to join its dynamic team of educators. Opportunity for employment exists in the following areas:

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- Chemistry
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# From the Publisher en Español

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Don Héctor Silva, un hombre dotado de una mente realmente notable para su edad (tiene alrededor de 90 años), estuvo hablando mucho en PLUS TV la semana pasada, y el presentador interino, Kerm Thimbriel, lo estaba disfrutando todo.

La cosa es que Don Héctor estaba tan entusiasmado que habló con autoridad sobre los movimientos e incidentes de 1969, y se refirió al difunto Louis Sylvester y al difunto Fred Hunter, Ministros del Gabinete del Partido Unido del Pueblo (PUP) de esa época, como

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The IDB Belize Country Office (CBL) is seeking the services of a consultant to provide support to the Belize country economist in the implementation of the Bank's economic agenda in the Country by conducting research and analysis and providing operational and strategic support.

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Finance Manager  
Belize Electric Company  
Mile 72 George Price Highway  
P.O Box. 87  
San Ignacio

Interested parties can call 610-9770 or email bids@becol.com.bz for additional information.

# Faith

If you look up the word faith in the dictionary, there are 2 definitions: 1. Complete trust or confidence in someone or something. 2. Strong belief in God or in the doctrines of a religion, based on spiritual apprehension rather than proof. Why do some people have blind faith, while others, like myself, have had some earth-shattering tragedy in their lives, that make them question faith, and beliefs and teachings and the existence of some higher power? Those who are, I will use the word "blessed," to have that unflinching faith, in spite of all the suffering and misfortune that they might be experiencing—it's something I can't wrap my mind around. I don't believe I'm a weak person, except in affairs of the heart. I smoked 3 packs of cigarettes a day for 23 years, until one day my youngest daughter advised me that I was killing the family with my addiction. That same day, I decided to quit, and although it was the hardest thing to do, I never smoked a cigarette again. That was 34 years ago, so I know I'm not of a weak mind, but that faith, that is something else, beyond my mortal and mental grasp!

I have family, and loved ones who have this unshakable, immovable, unquestioned faith that I have to admire. Some of them have been through hell—losses, diseases, unimaginable tragedies, but they know something that I apparently don't, can't see, can't fathom. That there will be divine intervention which makes everything possible, no matter the odds that say differently. Abraham, Moses, Job, they had that faith, and boy, were they tested, by a very unforgiving Abrahamic

god! If you believe every word in the Bible, then I suppose it's easier to open up your mind, to see possibilities in everything, if not in this life, in the after, in the vast beyond!

I look at the Bible Belt, mostly the southern and midwestern states, so religious, so zealous in their faith, being visited by every tornado, or flood or hurricane! Maybe their faith is being tested. Meanwhile, Babylon (New York, California, Chicago) is spared those reminders of Mother Nature's wrath! Life goes on, and so too the strength of one's faith.

My lack of faith is not only in religion, but also in politics and government and people in general. You live long enough, you will start questioning everything, everyone, not in a conspiratorial way, but because at some point everything breaks down, like an old vehicle! I have always believed that by the end of this century, this whole earth is going to be once again covered up in water and forests, and that divine being, if he exists, will have to start all over again, maybe on one of those 4,000 exoplanets recently discovered!

To have faith, where you know that you are right and everyone that doesn't agree with you is wrong, is a gift, or a curse, that comes from a special gene inside us, I believe. In these uncertain, vicious, heartbreaking times, maybe those blessed with that gene are the lucky ones. The rest of of us might be living in the land of the damned! Faith! Is it a curse or a blessing?

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# PUBLICACTIONS SALE: PROPERTY

BY ORDER of Chargees, Messrs. Alpha Gamma Financial Services Limited, Licensed Auctioneer, Fernando Molina, will sell the following properties:

Registration Section	Block	Parcel	Being the freehold properties of
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San Pedro	7	5907 (899.22 sq. yds.)	5907GOA4209 Inc.
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TOGETHER with all buildings thereon in one lot by way of public auction onsite on Monday, 18th July, 2022 at 1PM.  
Total Land Area: 2,647.93 SQ. YDS.

Buildings & improvements: Parcel #5906 – 4 Buildings, two-storey - 887 sq.ft & 140 sq.ft. of external porch, each.  
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All these parcels of land are a portion of Mahogany Bay Subdivision situate on Ambergris Caye, Belize. The development has a series of canals with each lot having canal frontage.



**TERMS: STRICTLY CASH**

**Bids may also be submitted via email by no later than 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2022**

**For further particulars on the properties, please contact:**

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# KREM Television Program Guide

*Shoa Wiself, Si Wiself, Bee Wiself!!!*

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Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup> 2022

**FRIDAY**

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

**SATURDAY**

- 9:00 a.m. Documentary: The Upright Man: Thomas Sankara
- 11:50 a.m. Movie: The Curious Case of Benjamin Button
- 2:25 p.m. Documentary: 8 Centuries of Muslim Presence in America
- 4:14 p.m. Movie: Lion
- 6:10 p.m. Documentary: War of Japan
- 8:00 p.m. Music Videos

**SUNDAY**

- 10:30 a.m. **Sunday Review (LIVE)**
- 12:00 p.m. Movie: No Way Out
- 1:46 p.m. Documentary: The Men 1950
- 3:13 p.m. Movie: Snowden
- 5:30 p.m. **Sunday Review (repeat)**
- 7:00 p.m. Sunday Jazz
- 8:00 p.m. Music Videos

**MONDAY**

- 6:30 a.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (LIVE)**
- 9:00 a.m. **Morning Stew (LIVE)**
- 12:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**
- 1:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 2:00 p.m. Documentary: JFK - The Final Hours
- 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: GOLDBURN STAMA MIDDLETON THE BELIZEAN DERBY
- 9:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**

**TUESDAY**

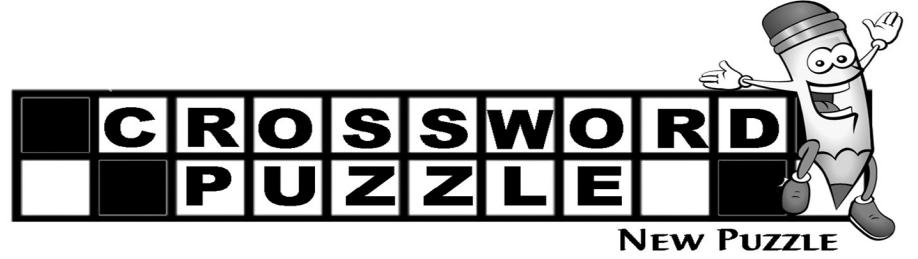
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- 9:00 a.m. **Morning Stew (LIVE)**
- 12:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**
- 1:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 2:00 p.m. Belizean Legend: BELIZEAN JOHNNY LINDO
- 3:30 p.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (repeat)**
- 6:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (LIVE)**
- 7:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 8:00 p.m. Documentary: African Discovery of America Before Columbus - Dr. Bunmi Oyinisan
- 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: Keep the Faith
- 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: Migration: Are Europe and America Hypocritical?
- 9:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**

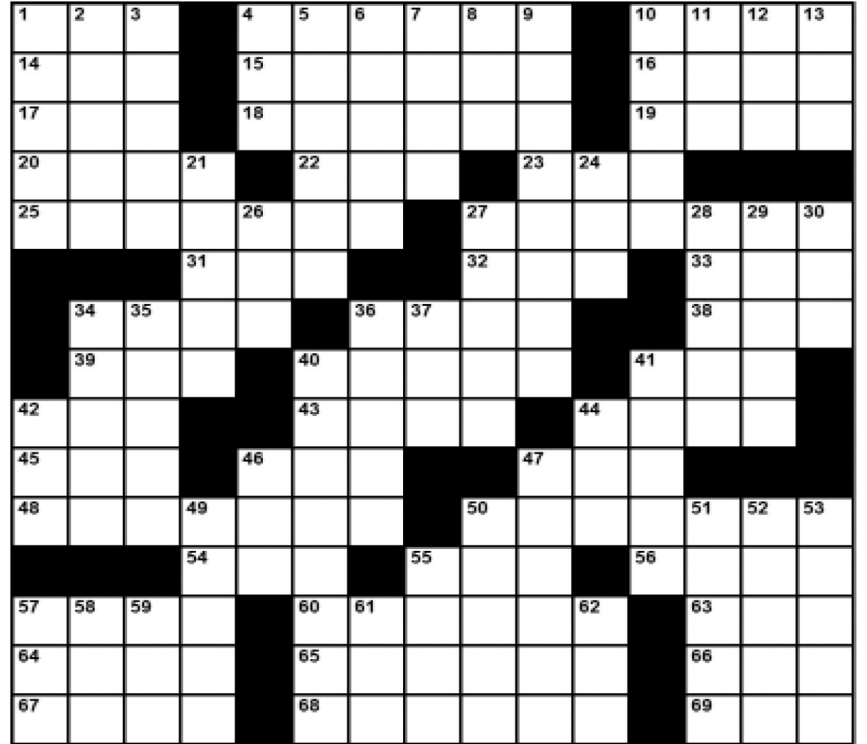
**THURSDAY**

- 6:30 a.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (LIVE)**
- 9:00 a.m. **Morning Stew (LIVE)**
- 12:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**
- 1:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 2:00 p.m. Movie: Thornwell 1981
- 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: RAYMOND SIXTEEN THOMPSON
- 9:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**



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**Across**

- 1. Break in continuity
- 4. Response
- 10. It's good in a pinch
- 14. Be contrite
- 15. Resembling the moon in shape
- 16. Autocrat of yore
- 17. Cineraria
- 18. Dissonant
- 19. Get a glimpse of
- 20. Numerous
- 22. Bon word
- 23. Alias acronym
- 25. Glad
- 27. Type of poisoning
- 31. Gear projection
- 32. Grandson, perhaps
- 33. Anti anti
- 34. Like a bad back
- 36. City near Chernobyl
- 38. 5 1/2 yards
- 39. Adipose tissue
- 40. Chop finely
- 41. Bar basic
- 42. Virus that causes AIDS
- 43. Bald eagle's cousin
- 44. Fittingly
- 45. Altdorf's canton
- 46. Ancient Tokyo
- 47. Ring around the collar
- 48. Mideast city
- 50. In a state of anomie
- 54. Beaver or boater
- 55. Absalom, to David
- 56. Accept
- 57. Helm position
- 60. Camel's cousin
- 63. By means of
- 64. Asian monk
- 65. Be indecisive
- 66. Blighted tree
- 67. Clamant
- 68. Card game with tricks
- 69. Conniving

**Down**

- 1. Crabby type
- 2. Hearing related
- 3. Pasta choice
- 4. According to
- 5. Mace source
- 6. Hair net
- 7. Have an itch for
- 8. Airport info
- 9. Kinsman
- 10. Cook clams
- 11. Ninny
- 12. Baby's seat
- 13. Give it a go
- 21. America's cup contender
- 24. Japanese pond fish
- 26. Cover crop
- 27. Game token
- 28. Fourth of a series
- 29. Ferric
- 30. Agree silently
- 34. Full of zeal
- 35. Gripe over trivia
- 36. Ballet company
- 37. Country lodging
- 40. Chew over
- 41. Culpability
- 42. Grass house
- 44. A.M. moisture
- 46. A notorious Peron
- 47. Armed cavalryman
- 49. In the future
- 50. Reluctant
- 51. Chalet overhangs
- 52. Know how
- 53. Sordid
- 55. Blueprint data
- 57. 100 percent
- 58. Certain Asian
- 59. Cassowary kin
- 61. Romanian money
- 62. A verb for you

**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 - 06-17-2022 - Answers**



# BAHA improving its lab's Panama Disease diagnostic capacity

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and exported throughout the world are clones, or monoculture, the entire industry is extremely vulnerable to the disease.

This is not the first time that the banana industry has come under threat from Fusarium Wilt. In the 1950s, almost all banana plantations in both Central and South America were wiped out by the disease. The devastating

effects of the first Panama epidemic included an economic loss of at least USD \$2.3 billion and the complete elimination of the Gros Michel cultivar of bananas.

According to the World Banana Forum, bananas and plantain—produced in more than 135 countries—are a staple crop that is key to the food security of 400 million people and an essential source of income in many developing countries, like Belize.

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héroes por su papel en la lucha contra lo que fuera la amenaza para el partido y el país.

El problema es que nadie que conoce la verdad nunca, nunca habla de 1969, de PAC y RAM, de la masacre de los estudiantes en la Ciudad de México en octubre de 1968, el asunto de Walter Rodney en la Universidad de Jamaica en la misma época, y sobre las cuestiones ideológicas que surgieron en la región.

Don Héctor también dijo que los líderes guerrilleros guatemaltecos, Yon Sosa y Turcios Lima, representaban una amenaza real para el gobierno guatemalteco en esa época.

Ahora, las principales personas que deberían haber informado a las generaciones más jóvenes de beliceños sobre estos asuntos a lo largo de las décadas son el Muy Honorable Said Musa, quien fue Primer Ministro de Belize de 1998 a 2008, y Assad Shoman, Ministro del Gabinete del PUP de 1979 a 1984, quien ha sido la energía y el cerebro detrás de la entrada de Belize en el arbitraje de la Corte Internacional de Justicia (CIJ) con respecto al reclamo que Guatemala ha argumentado que tiene sobre el territorio de Belize.

Pero Musa y Shoman, quienes fueron designados como senadores por el Premier PUP George Price, en 1974 después de que no tuvieron éxito como candidatos PUP a las elecciones generales de octubre de 1974, nunca han hablado públicamente sobre la manifestación Ad Hoc, sobre PAC y RAM, y esos asuntos que pueden ser de naturaleza algo ideológica.

De hecho, después de que el PUP perdiera el poder por primera vez en 1984, y tanto Musa (Fort George) como Shoman (Cayo Norte) perdieran sus escaños, parecería que la posterior carrera política de Musa, en la que estuvo estrechamente alineado con Ralph Fonseca, indicaba que se había vuelto neoliberal en pensamiento.

Shoman dejó el PUP después de la derrota de 1984 y dirigió el grupo intelectual activista Sociedad para la Promoción de la Educación y la Investigación (SPEAR por sus siglas en inglés) durante algunos años antes de emigrar a La Habana, Cuba, donde ha vivido durante unas tres décadas.

Debido a que fue Shoman quien reemplazó a Don Héctor como candidato del PUP en Cayo Norte, después de que Don Héctor había sido protagonista durante un par de décadas, es necesario que Kerm obtenga algo del otro lado de esta historia.

UBAD, bajo mi presidencia, fue periférico a este choque, “periférico” diría

porque yo era un inocente político en comparación con Shoman y Musa, beliceños de ascendencia palestina que habían pasado cinco años estudiando derecho en Londres entre aproximadamente 1963 y 1968.

Hago un llamado a esta conversación porque me parece que este pequeño pacífico Belize donde crecí se dirige, aparentemente inexorablemente, a una lucha de clases violenta debido a la brecha cada vez mayor entre los ricos elitistas y nuestras masas afectadas por la pobreza. En Honduras Británica, cuando yo era niño, todos nos veíamos como pobres o de clase media. Hoy en día, hay poderosos oligarcas que mandan aquí y, a menudo, son ostentosos con su riqueza. Tenemos una especie de democracia que permite que las masas siempre esperen un cambio en el momento de las elecciones.

Pero el mundo mismo a veces me parece como en 1968: terriblemente tumultuoso. Estados Unidos se jacta de su poderosa democracia y sermonea a algunos países específicos de la región sobre su falta de dicha democracia. Pero algo sucedió en la capital estadounidense de Washington, D.C., el 6 de enero de 2021, que indica una fractura de la cacareada democracia estadounidense. Cuanto más continúan las audiencias actuales sobre el 6 de enero, más parece que el gobierno legalmente electo de los EE. UU. no puede imponer su voluntad legítima sobre Donald Trump y sus fuerzas.

Estados Unidos sobrevivió al Watergate en 1973. El presidente en funciones, Richard Nixon, se vio obligado a dimitir porque la estructura democrática estadounidense se mantuvo firme. Al comienzo de las audiencias de Watergate, Richard Nixon parecía increíblemente poderoso. Los medios estadounidenses, porque quieren entender mejor el 6 de enero, están echando largas miradas a la historia del drama de Watergate.

Las generaciones más jóvenes de beliceños necesitan conocer los asuntos que provocaron la confrontación y provocaron la división a nivel de gabinete en el PUP entre 1969 y 1984. Esto se debe a que actualmente se están produciendo desarrollos en La Joya que han expuesto un nivel de codicia que es peligroso.

Y esto no es sólo un problema a nivel del partido gobernante. Dentro del Partido Demócrata Unido (UDP por sus siglas en inglés) ha surgido una familia que ahora se sienta financieramente en el Monte Olimpo. Belize no es como solía ser.

En resumidas cuentas, Kerm: hay puntos de vista que están en desacuerdo con los de Don Héctor.



### Specific Procurement Notice Belize Defense Force Troop Lifting Vehicles Nº CABEI-G-006-2147/2022 One Stage-One Envelope

June 24, 2022

#### 1. SOURCE OF RESOURCES

The Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI), as part of the services it provides to its beneficiary partner countries, is granting full financing for the Procurement of **Ten (10) Troop Lifting Vehicles** within the framework of the Belize Integral Security Program.

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

##### 2.1 Buyer's background

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

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

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

#### 3. PRESENTATION OF THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS

##### 3.1 General Objectives of the Procurement: Acquisition of ten (10) **Troop Lifting Vehicles for the Belize Defense Force.**

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

Such information will be available free of charge:

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

b. Additional information regarding the preparation of proposals can be communicated by emailed to: [procurementofficer.bisp@med.gov.bz](mailto:procurementofficer.bisp@med.gov.bz) and copied to [projectcoordinator.bisp@med.gov.bz](mailto:projectcoordinator.bisp@med.gov.bz)

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

##### 3.3 Bids for this invitation to bid shall be received no later than **July 27, 2022, until 9:00 a.m.** at the following physical address below

##### 3.4 Bids must be sent to the address below. Bids will not be permitted in electronic form and no late bids will be accepted. Bids shall be opened publicly, in the presence of the representatives designated by the Bidder, at the address listed below on **July 27, 2022, at 9:15 a.m.**

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

##### 3.6 The address mentioned above is:

**Project Coordinator**

**Belize Integral Security Programme**

**#1904 Constitution Drive, 2nd Floor, Unit 3**

**Belmopan City, Cayo District**

**Belize, Central America**

**Telephone: 501-826-6102**

**Ref: Belize Integral Security Programme (Nº CABEI-G-006-2147/2022)**

# Public workers to get full salary next month

by *Khaila Gentle*

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. June 23, 2022

At the end of this month, public officers can expect to see the 10% of their salaries that was cut by GoB last year as a cost-saving measure, reinstated in their upcoming paychecks, according to a letter released by the Ministry of Finance this week. That letter reveals that Cabinet has approved the reinstatement of the 10% salary reduction that those public workers have been struggling to endure since June last year.

Minister of Public Service, Hon. Henry Charles Usher spoke with the media about the announcement and confirmed

that the reinstatement will take effect on July 1. The adjustment, says Minister Usher, comes two years earlier than had been expected—since the salary reduction had been projected to last for three years. The early restoration of public officers' full salaries thus came as a relief and a pleasant surprise to him, he said.

“At the time, we said that it would be for a maximum of three years. So, this year when we were doing our budget preparation, I was happy that the Minister of Finance, the Prime Minister, made the announcement to us in Cabinet that he believes that this year we would be able to give back that salary adjustment two

years earlier,” he said.

The Ministry of Finance circular, dated June 21, 2022, states that all officers on a fixed salary who were employed before June 2021—when the 10% cut was introduced by the Government as a cost-saving measure—and who were affected by the reduction are entitled to full reinstatement. This includes those officers whose employment has been extended or renewed without renegotiated rates.

Also entitled to reinstatement are contract officers whose salaries were reduced as well as permanent established officers, open vote workers, police

officers, Coast Guard officers, and Belize Defence Force soldiers.

Minister Henry Charles Usher also addressed the fact that with the return to original salaries comes the return to regular work hours, since the work week of public officers had also been reduced in conjunction with the implementation of the salary cut.

“Of course, with the salary adjustment returning, we're also returning to regular working hours. So the working hours will be returned to normal, and the work week—I believe there were some departments who cut down on the work

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## Terms of Reference

### Belize Spiny Lobster Fisheries Improvement Project (FIP) + Fisheries Development Model (FDM) Coordinator

#### Background

Fishery Improvement Projects are a globally recognized model that addresses environmental challenges in a fishery by bringing together players within the supply chain (retailers, processors, producers, and/or fishers) to demand and leverage better management of marine resources. The Belize Spiny lobster Fishery Improvement Project (FIP) was launched in 2019 and it is the first of its kind in Belize. Belize's FIP model is a two-pronged strategy that couples Future of Fish's Fishery Development Model (FDM) with the FIP process to identify and solve for business and social improvements while addressing environmental gaps in the system. In September 2019, stakeholders were identified and engaged through a co-design process where a comprehensive work plan and budget was drafted and agreed upon. A Steering Committee was formed, a FIP Coordinator role was established, and a blended finance strategy is being defined. Three Task Forces have been established: the Tech-Based Enforcement Task Force, the Socioeconomic Task Force, and the Communications Task Force, to facilitate execution of different thematic areas of the FIP work plan. Establishment of further Task Forces are planned in the second half of 2022, including the Research and Monitoring Task Force, and the Policy and Legislation Task Force.

To date, the collaboration of key fishery stakeholders under the FIP has resulted in significant advances towards FIP goals in areas including cooperative institutional strengthening, improvements to operational efficiencies and marketing capacity, adoption of electronic traceability by both cooperatives, implementation of satellite-based vessel monitoring and digital marine enforcement capabilities, advances in scientific fisheries research, and policy advancement through the passing of the revised 2020 Fisheries Resources Act by the Government of Belize. Belize's FIP, accountable to the Fishery Progress online platform, is the youngest, first and only Spiny lobster FIP to achieve a 'B' or an 'A' rating. The FIP, which has achieved approximately 20% of its work plan as of February 2022, has now become an umbrella framework guiding all actions to improve the lobster fishery.

#### Scope of Work

The Belize Spiny Lobster FIP + FDM project requires detailed coordination among all stakeholders to move the various elements of the FIP work plan forward, as well as support the implementation of the blended finance strategy. Therefore, the FIP Coordinator will work closely with TNC and the FIP+FDM Steering Committee and Task Forces to progress, track, and report on all elements of the Belize Spiny Lobster FIP+FDM work plan and associated budget. The overall objective of the FIP Coordinator role is to strategically support multi-stakeholder awareness, inclusion, and participation in the various aspects of the FIP, ensuring a continued high progress rating throughout the implementation of the remaining activities under the FIP work plan. The FIP coordinator will report to TNC's Fisheries Specialist.

#### The Consultant or Firm is expected to:

1. Identify, liaise, and where necessary, collaborate with relevant stakeholders to ensure understanding of FIP purpose and specific activities, and secure and maintain commitment for participation in the FIP;
2. Support FIP+FDM stakeholders in moving forward their respective action plan activities to ensure deadlines are met;
3. Monitor the implementation of the FIP work plan by the various FIP participants, with effective tracking and monitoring tools and providing monthly updates to the FIP Steering Committee; and where relevant update the FIP workplan to reflect existing and new priorities and focal areas, ensuring that the FIP action plan remains relevant and adaptive.
4. Ensure that FIP+FDM stakeholders are reporting their progress as defined by their respective actions in the FIP+FDM action plan; develop and support an infrastructure for accepting stakeholder reporting, data and report storage and management;
5. Organize and lead FIP progress updates which includes collection of progress reports and associated means of verification from FIP participants, storing

these in a central database repository, and uploading to Fisheryprogress.org according to 6-monthly reporting requirements;

6. Develop internal and external communication protocols to facilitate easy communication and coordination between the co-ops and the other important external and internal stakeholders.
7. Socialize updates with all FIP participants to increase transparency and accountability among stakeholders through appropriate methods;
8. Assist in coordinating and ensuring that all FIP Task Forces and Steering Committee meetings are held within the specified timeframe;
9. Assist in drafting and reviewing meeting minutes before distributing to respective FIP Task Forces and Steering Committee;
10. Coordinate regular meetings with the Implementing Leads of the Task Forces to discuss progress, challenges and opportunities, and co-develop goals for subsequent Task Force meetings;
11. Assist in identifying funding opportunities, filling financial gaps, and develop and manage budgets;
12. Provide administrative and logistical support for the execution of the FIP 3-year Audit;
13. Attend planning sessions or meetings, which may be virtual or in-person meetings with TNC, and other stakeholders as needs arise;
14. Periodic travel to Belize City and Belmopan and fisher communities may be necessary;
15. Ensure the FIP reports to and meets compliance with the social responsibility aspects of fisheryprogress.org.

#### Key Deliverables:

1. Develop monthly newsletters on the progress of the FIP to distribute to all stakeholders;
2. Prepare and submit bi-annual reports to Fishery Progress;
3. Submit monthly debriefing reports on progress made, challenges and next steps to TNC Fisheries Specialist.

#### Requirements and Qualifications

- Bachelor's Degree in aquatic, fisheries, or environmental science or project management, or a related field;
- Proven people management skills and experience;
- Understanding of the social, political, cultural and ecological contexts in Belize;
- At least 3 years demonstrated work experience as a project coordinator or similar role;
- Proven organizational and communication skills including report writing, logistics planning, reporting, public speaking;
- Ability to work fluently and independently in English and Spanish including leading technical conversations/meetings;
- Familiarity with the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) standards and the Fishery Improvement Project (FIP) approach is highly desirable.
- Experience in marine fisheries management in the Caribbean is an asset.

#### Timeline & Budget

Activities are to commence immediately upon signing of a contract and proceed for a minimum of 12 months with the option to renew based on successful implementation. The budget for this should be inclusive of all applicable taxes, and must include all expenses for the coordinator.

#### Application process:

The deadline for submission is **1st July, 2022 at 3 p.m. (Belize time)**. Interested consultants or consulting firms can submit proposals via email to [james.foley@tnc.org](mailto:james.foley@tnc.org) with copies to [wendy.casasola@tnc.org](mailto:wendy.casasola@tnc.org). Proposals should be in PDF format outlining an implementation plan and the intended methodology, budget (including reference to estimated personnel time), curriculum vitae outlining relevant qualifications and portfolio of their work.



## FFB calls Belize National U16 Boys' Team back to camp

BELMOPAN, Tues. June 21, 2022

The Belize National U16 Boys' Team is continuing its training preparations for the 2022 CONCACAF U17 Men's Qualifiers to be played at a venue to be announced. The qualifier is scheduled to take place from August 30 to September 8, 2022.

The Football Federation of Belize (FFB) wishes the National U16 Boys' Team all the best as they report to camp on Wednesday, June 22, at 9:00 a.m. The team will train from Wednesday to Friday of this week.

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 (HUYSC, bze) and Antwone Bailey (Ladyville Rising Stars, bze); **midfielders** – Diego Chan (Caribbean Rum, owk), Corey Hynes

(Pomona Warriors FC, scr), Alvin Diaz (Esperanza Real Warriors FC, cyo), Amari 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.

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(AMANDALA Sports Ed. Note: The same thirty (30) U16 male players, with one exception, were called to camp at the FFB headquarters for training last week Friday, June 17, at 9:00 a.m. We note in this week's list that Antwone Bailey of Ladyville Rising Stars has replaced Joecel Bulnes of San Pedro Sharks.)

## National Basketball Tournament under way; results from Belize City

BELIZE CITY, Tues. June 21, 2022

The Belize City branch of the National Basketball Tournament 2022 got underway on Tuesday, June 14, at the Marion Jones Sports Complex in Belize City. The tournament is being coordinated countrywide by the National Sports Council.

The following are the teams participating in the different categories of the competition in the Belize District:

**U-15 Teams** – 24/8; ABS Hardrock; Future Champs; Grace Primary; 501 Gators; Little Jaguars.

**U-18 Teams** – We Got Game; OTM Ballers; azGuys; 501 Gators; ABS Hardrock; FSN Vision; Boy Warrior.

**Open** – Eagles SC; Garcia's Motors; Belama Gators; Westland; No Limit; Island Ballaz; Truckers Posse; Boom Ballers; Tuff E Nuff; 501 Falcons; Complex Titans.

### Week 1 results

**Tuesday, June 14**

(Open) Garcia's Motors defeated Eagles SC, 60-57. For Garcia's Motors – Joe Broaster 27 pts; for Eagles SC – Marcus Lewis 10 pts.

(Open) Westland won, 52-43, over No Limit. Westland – John Kelly 22 pts;

No Limit – Gregory Rudon 15 pts.

**Wednesday, June 15**

(U18) We Got Game blew out OTM Ballers, 69-18. We Got Game – Cameron Heusner 20 pts; OTM Ballers – Marquis Rodriguez and Jaelon Savery 6 pts each.

(U18) 501 Gators prevailed, 37-32, over Car Guys. 501 Gators – Jameer Young 14 pts; Car Guys – Michael Caceres 11 pts.

(U18) ABS Hardrock crushed FSN Vision, 66-28. ABS Hardrock – Devin Moody 18 pts; FSN Vision – Raheem Martinez 8 pts.

**Thursday, June 16**

(Open) Truckers Posse won, 74-53, over Boom Ballers. Truckers Posse – Ashton Edwards 18 pts; Boom Ballers – Devon Brown 15 pts.

(Open) Hardrock defeated Complex Titans, 70-62. Hard Rock – Raheem Thurton 17 pts; Complex Titans – Francis Arana 18 pts.

**Week 2 results**

**Monday, June 20**

(U15) ABS Hardrock bombarded Grace Primary, 94-10. ABS Hardrock – Daniel Musa 19 pts; Grace Primary – Gary Peters 9 pts.

## Interdistrict is back! National Amateur Interdistrict Championship kicks off this weekend

BELIZE CITY, Wed. June 22, 2022

This weekend, with 10 games across the country, the Football Federation of Belize (FFB) is commencing its National Amateur Interdistrict Championship 2022 tournament.

Unfortunately, our email address was a week late in receiving the FFB's June 13 press release, where it invited "club owners, members and fans" to the June 14 at 2:00 p.m. "live drawing of Round One games on the Football Federation of Belize Facebook page."

The slightly edited June 13 media release began as follows:

"The Organizing Committee of the FFB's National Amateur Interdistrict Championship (NAIC) hereby informs the general public that the 2022 edition of the NAIC is tentative to commence on June 25 and end on July 23, 2022.

"The National Amateur Interdistrict Championship is the FFB's premier event for amateur clubs across Belize. The tournament is expected to showcase the best prospects and previously unseen talents from across the country. NAIC 2022 will see the participation of 20 First Division clubs from across the country, namely the champions and/or sub-champions from the various amateur tournaments held across the country. More specifically, teams from the Corozal F.A. 1st Division Tournament (CZL), Orange Walk F.A. 1st Division (OW), Belize District F.A. 1st Division (BZ), San Pedro Sporting Committee Copa San Pedro (SP), Belmopan F.A. 1st Division (BMP), Cayo F.A. 1st Division (CY), Benque Sporting Committee Football Tournament (BV), Stann Creek F.A. 1st Division (SC), Independence Village Sporting Committee Banana League (MS), and Toledo F.A. 1st Division (TOL).

"Participating clubs are: Corozal United Ballers (CZL), Libertadores FC (CZL), Silver Creek FC (TOL),

Mavericks FC (TOL), ZBoys (BV), Benque Viejo Verdes Jrs. (BV), Club Atletico (BMP), Galacticos (BMP), Caribbean Rum Boys (OW), Progreso FC (OW), Kelly Street Bombers (BZ), Lake-I FC (BZ), Jokers FC (SP), Conquerors FC (SP), Hopkins Ibayani FC (SC), Griga Conquerors FC (SC), Bamba's FC (MS), Bella Vista FC (MS), Flames FC (CY), Santa Elena Royal United (CY)."

As described later in the FFB release, Round One features 10 games. Next week will be the Round of 16, a knockout round which features the 10 Round One winners along with the 6 best losers (BL) according to the records from Round One games. The weekly knockout format then continues with Quarterfinals, Semifinals, and then the Final.

NAIC Round One schedule:

**Saturday, June 25**

4:00 p.m. – Silver Creek FC vs Atletico FC – Victor Sanchez Football Field

4:00 p.m. – Zboys vs Bambas – Marshalleck Stadium

6:00 p.m. – Jokers FC vs Progreso FC – Ambergris Stadium

6:00 p.m. – Galacticos FC vs Verdes Juniors – Isidoro Beaton Stadium

6:00 p.m. – Libertad FC vs Bella Vista FC – Ricalde Stadium

**Sunday, June 26**

4:00 p.m. – Conquerors FC vs Flames FC – Ambergris Stadium

4:00 p.m. – Kelly Street Bombers vs Griga Conquerors FC – MCC Grounds

4:00 p.m. – Caribbean Rum Boys vs United Ballers – Louisiana Football Field

4:00 p.m. – Mavericks vs Lake-I FC – Victor Sanchez Football Field

4:00 p.m. – Santa Elena Royal United FC vs Hopkins Ibayani – Norman Broaster Stadium

## Over-40 cancelled, but Yabra Sports Day on Saturday a success

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. June 23, 2022

The Over-40 football game at the MCC was cancelled, but the weather did not stop the Sports Day events at Yabra Green this past Saturday, June 18, where the Yabra Football Club had scheduled all-day Under 10 and Under 15 football as well as track and field events. The evening culminated under lights with live amateur boxing under the roof at the Yabra basketball court adjoining the football field. Sponsors of the event reportedly included the Boxing Association, Yabra Football

Club and Drums Not Guns.

We asked Kulture Yabra veteran Rudolph "Bolo" McKoy if the events at Yabra took place as planned for Saturday.

Bolo replied, "Yes, it was great! The boxing took place. The turnout was wonderful! We will do it again August 1st Emancipation Day."

Upcoming Westline Over-40 schedule:

**Saturday, June 25, MCC Grounds**

3:00 p.m. – Kulture Yabra vs BDF

4:30 p.m. – Pickstock Lake vs Plaza United

**Thursday, June 23**

4:00 p.m. – (U15) 24/8 vs Little Jaguars

5:00 p.m. – (U18) We Got Game vs Boy Warriors

6:00 p.m. – (U18) 501 Gators vs FSN Vision

7:00 p.m. – (U18) OTM Ballers vs ABS Hard Rock

8:00 p.m. – (Open) Boom Ballers vs Complex Titans

(Information courtesy Mrs. Barbara Cadle Lanza, NSC)

(U15) 24/8 defeated 501 Gators, 26-15. 24/8 – Calvin Thurton 5 pts; 501 Gators – Dario Cruickshank 5 pts.

(Open) Hardrock won by default (20-0) over Tuff E Nuff.

Remaining Week 2 schedule:

**Wednesday, June 22**

5:30 p.m. – (Open) Belama Gators vs Westland

6:30 p.m. – (Open) Island Ballaz vs Eagles SC

7:30 p.m. – (Open) Garcia's Motors vs No Limit



## Postponed last week, NSC Recreation & Wellness Basketball Semifinals on for this Friday

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. June 23, 2022

Originally scheduled for last Friday, June 17, a press release from the National Sports Council (NSC) just before midday on that Friday informed that the night's semifinal games were postponed because "one of the teams in the semifinals has players that have tested positive for COVID-19 today, and as recent as last night conducted practice sessions. As a result, the entire team has been exposed." The release went on to say that the "games will resume after COVID-19 negative results are confirmed next week."

The semifinals were rescheduled to

this coming Friday, June 24, and as of this afternoon we were informed by Sports Council personnel that the games are still on.

So, it's semifinal action tomorrow night at Mexico Sports Center in the NSC Recreation & Wellness Basketball Tournament 2022.

Upcoming Semifinals schedule:

Friday, June 24

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)

## FFB calls Belize National U15 Girls' Team to camp

BELMOPAN, Wed. June 21, 2022

The Belize National U15 Girls' Team is continuing its training preparations for the upcoming CONCACAF U15 Championship to be played from August 1 to 8, 2022, in Tampa, Florida, USA.

The Football Federation of Belize (FFB) wishes the National U15 Girls' Team all the best as they report to camp on June 24 at 9:00 a.m. The team will be training from Friday to Sunday of each week.

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 District – bze) - are the following: goalkeepers – Vadia Myvett (Toledo Elite, tol), Marilyn Bernardez (Stann Creek Elite, scr), and Laila Bernard (Belize Elite, bze); defenders – Shanalee Smith (Stann Creek Elite, scr), Aireh King (Stann Creek Elite, scr), Kristel Melchor (Belmopan Elite, bmp), Erin Sosa (Belize Elite, bze), Tannaejah Castillo (Royal Fusion, bze), Marceli Mar (Cayo Elite, cyo), Ingrid Bellozco (Toledo

Elite, tol), Markisha Castillo (Toledo Elite, tol), Athiana Ovando (Corozal Elite, czl), Madison Hyde (Valley of Peace, bmp), Shakeisha Jones (Royal Fusion, bze), and Pamela Ack (Toledo Elite, tol); midfielders – Aisha Flores (Royal Fusion, bze), Betsy Perez (Orange Walk Elite, owk), Lineth Chan (Cristo Rey Youngsters, czl), Angelica Lopez (Cayo Elite, cyo), Jolene Aranda (Stann Creek Elite, scr), Kishawn Thomas (Stann Creek Elite, scr), Janay Avila (Stann Creek Elite, scr), Shanelle Smith (Belize Elite, bze), and Kelaine Coe (Midsouth Elite, mds); and attackers - Maren Ramirez (Midsouth Elite, mds), Tanisha Carballo (Orange Walk Elite, owk), Rehanna Martinez (Cayo Elite, cyo), Janilyn Cal (Toledo Elite, tol), Dinah Ah (Toledo Elite, tol), Alysha Reymundo (San Pedro Pirates, snp), and Kenya Perez (Midsouth Elite, mds).

Technical Staff: Head Coach – Joseph Waight; Assistant Coach – Paul Casimiro; Goalkeeper Coach – Miriam Villamil; Physiotherapist – Heidi Polanco; Kit Manager – Kelcie Ciego; Manager – Sakenah Lopez.

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## Public workers to get full salary next month

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week, that work week will also return to normal," he stated.

Earlier in the year, on March 2, a leaked letter from the Office of the Prime Minister had suggested that the restoration of the 10% of public workers' salaries that had been cut would take place in July.

"As of July 1, 2022, the 10% reduction

in wages and salaries will be no more. It will be restored not in stages, not in increments, but in full as of that date," it had stated.

That letter went on to address the reinstatement of full work hours, stating "On restoration of wages and salaries on July 1, 2022, the work week for public officers and teachers will also revert to the normal work week of 39.5 hours per week."

## Henry Charles on Collet's appointment

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He added, "He is the one that should be stepping down from the commission, in my opinion. Having someone on a task force doing a technical job is completely different than actually sitting on the commission."

Minister Usher said that one aspect of reform that the People's Constitutional Commission may have to look at is making changes to the law to ensure the independence of the processes carried out by the Elections and Boundaries Commission—even possibly creating two separate bodies, one of which would address boundary

matters while the other deals with the conduct of elections.

"It might require something that the People's Constitutional Commission looks at – in certain jurisdictions, Elections Commission and Boundaries Commissions are separate. We have one commission that deals with elections and boundaries, and remember, it's the boundaries commission that deals with the redistricting in other countries, whereas the elections commission deals with the conduct of elections. So, perhaps there should be a separation of those and you have a commission that is truly independent and bi-partisan," Usher said.

## Russia removes its U.S. Embassy amid nuclear talks — Part 2

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..., you know they're going to be aimed at Israel. And he said, 'I can also put them in Venezuela'. So if you want to have NATO put nuclear weapons in my backyard, I'm going to do the same thing to you. And we're not being told this. So I'm telling you this, okay? And he just opened the door to feed Syria completely. Feed them the least. There's a reason why the king ... there's a reason why Iran and all the

Saudis are on his side. Not just because of faith, but also because of the fact that he's feeding them. Anyways, those are the facts. Those are my updates, and hopefully, I'll see you soon. God bless.

(The End)

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Corozal Town

## Readiness disbursement of \$300K released by GCF

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act as a delivery partner to the ministry. They will also support the Belize Social Investment Fund with pre-accreditation assistance and the Belize National Protected Areas System with technical support to access climate financing.

The MED is the National Designated Authority of the Green Climate Fund.

"GCF was established by 194 governments to limit or reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in developing countries, and to help vulnerable societies adapt to the unavoidable impacts of climate change," the GFC website says.



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## Police bracing for reprisal for Ras Ben's killing

*"If it is that, we were to learn that a gunshot is fired in the area and it comes from their camp, game over. Because you have to understand, to go out and avenge what had happened is not going to return the dead. If going to avenge what has happened would return the dead, I would join them in avenging," Commissioner of Police, Chester Williams said during an interview yesterday.*



**Chester Williams, Commissioner of Police**



**Benjamin Hyde, Sr., deceased**

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reside in his neighborhood and are his affiliates, from engaging in acts of retaliation. Commissioner of Police, Chester Williams and a group of police officers went on Tuesday to the Rocky Road neighborhood near West Canal, where the Rocky Road Bloods gang that is reportedly headed by Christy Hyde, operates just a stone's throw away from a rival gang on George Street. Since the shooting, the police have increased their presence in that area.

"The current situation involving the shooting death of the father on Father's Day, Mr. Benjamin Hyde, is one that, as the Commissioner of Police, and even as a society as a whole, we cannot be insensitive about. Certainly, the loss of a loved one, and particularly a father figure is going to rip any family apart and may also cause a person to think violently," Commissioner Williams told local reporters during his walk in the area.

He said that while he did reach out to the residents of the neighborhood, the purpose of his visit was not to "pet and powder" any of the persons in the area who are involved in criminal activity, but to explain to the grieving persons in the area and their affiliates the position of the police, and to warn members of that group that any attempt at retaliation would lead to a swift police response.

"What I did yesterday was just primarily to reach out to the group in the Rocky Road area and explain to them what our position is. It was not to pet and power nobody, but to let them understand: while we understand your grief, we are going to leave you to grieve in peace, but if it is that you are going to grieve, it must be in peace. If you grieve and try to perpetrate violence, we will come at you, and you may not be able to attend the funeral of your father, so you make that decision now, whether you want to attend the funeral or not," Commissioner Williams said.

Williams added, "So, our objective is to reach out, offer our condolences, our sympathy to the family, at the same time, telling them what we expect of them to do,

and I am hoping that they will choose to remain calm and not do anything to retaliate because we certainly will come at them."

Since the police have increased their presence in the area, two handguns have been found, a 9mm and a .38 revolver. Commissioner Williams says it is a result of the increased stop and search in the area. One person has been arrested and charged for the 9mm.

According to the residents of the area, however, the police operation on Wednesday, during which the guns were found, was very different from the earlier visit. There was much less comfort and conciliation, and much more force deployed by the officers, who, according to some residents of the area, were abusive in their approach.

One resident of the area—presumably the individual found in possession of the firearms—was reportedly thrown into the back of a police pickup, and according to one Rocky Road resident, the officers, who apparently were searching for Christy Hyde, assaulted a young man.

"Well, they grab a young man and beat him and burst his mouth for no reason. At the end of the day those kinds of things are very unjust, because we are not doing anything. It's not like they meet this young man in the act trying to shoot or rob somebody. They just came in our area and beat us up for nothing. They have killed our family and we are not looking for revenge. We are holding our peace and mourn the loss of a loved one. We are holding the peace and relax. Every time they come here they meet us relaxing..." said the resident.

One resident lamented, "The police came and they started to manhandle people, and they came like we are committing any offense, like we are going out there to shoot people or do gun violence. We are mourning a loss of our family; we are not troubling anyone."

Commissioner Williams stated, however, "Our presence in the area, constant operations, constant stop and search, is yielding results, and we are going to continue our efforts in the area as long as we deem fit to do so."

## Supreme Court awards Hugo Patt almost \$200K

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during the final months of the Barrow administration. Patt, through his attorney, senior counsel Dean Barrow, the country's former prime minister, asserted in the lawsuit he brought against the government that he was not allowed to put forth a defense against the claims against him prior to the release of the commission's findings, which was a breach of his constitutional right to natural justice, and caused egregious damage to his reputation. Justice Lisa Shoman, who presided over the case, has since ordered the redaction of a certain section of the Commission of Inquiry's findings that names Patt and has not decided on a quantum in damages to be awarded to him.

During an interview today, Patt's attorney, Rt. Hon. Dean Barrow S.C., said that they are satisfied with the decision.

"In court, we in fact set out a kind of range, and we went through the cases to justify the range which we submitted the court ought to find an appropriate award. What the court came up with is entirely within the range," Barrow said.

He made mention of the fact that Douglas Mendez, S.C, who represented the government in this case, argued that the claimant could only sue for compensatory damages, and that amount in damages by way of compensation could not exceed \$50,000. The court ultimately granted the claimant two forms of damages.

"We were saying we needed as well the second limb of vindicatory damages and the court gave us both limbs, \$95,000 compensation and \$50,000 as vindication or as aggravation," Barrow said. He shared that as far as he could recollect, this is the largest award in damages for a case of breach of constitutional rights.

(Additionally, according to Barrow, the cost of court is between \$30,000 and \$40,000.) He also noted that unlike what was reported by another media outlet, the claim by Patt was one of breach of constitutional rights and not a defamation claim.

"Its an award for breach of constitutional rights, indeed in looking [inaudible] it was admitted by both sides, it was conceded by both sides that the court could look to defamation awards as a guide because the breach of the constitutional rights alleged here, we said, resulted in great damage to Hugo Patt's reputation...but it is not a defamation claim. It is a judicial review claim in which there was damages in consequence of the violation of Hugo Patt's constitutional rights. As far as I know, this is the largest award for damages in relation to constitutional rights," Barrow explained.

His own judicial review claim against the government's findings by the Commission of Inquiry goes back to court on Tuesday or Wednesday of next week, Barrow stated. Reports are that Godwin Hulse has also filed a claim in an effort to clear his name of charges made against him in the report.

It is worth noting that, to a large extent, the truthfulness of the claims made in the Commission of Inquiry's report was not the primary focus of the lawsuit brought by Hon. Barrow on behalf of Hon. Patt.

It had been suggested that Patt, who had been the Lands Minister during the final portion of the Barrow administration, engaged in land transactions with a Chinese businessman who, it is alleged, financed the purchase of a Toyota Tacoma on Patt's behalf when public assets were being sold at drastically reduced prices to government insiders. Those sales were reportedly approved by then Prime Minister Rt. Hon. Dean Barrow.

## Innocent youth gunned down in King's Park

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man, appears to be another recent incident of this sort.

It has been reported that, while Bradley was with a group of men socializing in a yard on 11<sup>th</sup> Street in Kings Park in Belize City, two men exited a white Dodge Caravan that stopped in front of the yard and indiscriminately fired a number of shots at the men which, reports say, wounded Bradley in the leg and face.

Bradley, a resident of 4<sup>th</sup> Street, also in the Kings Park area, passed away last night sometime after 6:00 p.m.

This is the second incident over the past week and a half of gunmen firing into groups in a yard and killing an innocent person—the first of which was the fatal shooting of Brodies Supermarket security guard, Glenn Vernon, who was socializing in a yard with a group of men in Buttonwood Bay when he was killed.

A flood of posts on social media indicate that Bradley was an innocent victim of the ongoing gun violence in Belize City's streets.

"Damn bro. Been my primary school buddy, we pretty much grew up together. A stone's throw away from each other.

We didn't hang out as often because life took us down our own path but I never would've thought that you would die this way. An innocent soul lost to senseless gun violence," Tevonne Phillips, a friend of Bradley, posted on Facebook following the news of his death.

Bradley is being remembered as a humble, mature and hardworking young man, who was not involved in any criminal activity or had any run-ins with the law, by all indications.

Belizean poet and artist, Erwin X, in a post on Facebook said, "I WANT TO BEAR WITNESS TO HIS Demeanor AS A VERY HUMBLE, RESPECTABLE AND COOL PERSON. I NEVER SAW HIM AS A THREAT TO ANYONE! I CAN NOT SEE AND UNDERSTAND WHY HE WAS KILLED IN THE FOOLISH WAR IN THE STREETS. MAY ALLAH GRANT HIM AND HIS FAMILY SWIFT JUSTICE."

There is no indication of what issue, whether gang-related or personal, led to his death. Police have not released an official report on the incident, and it is not yet known whether any persons have been arrested in connection with this recent city murder.



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"WAITING FOR TONIGHT" AFTER PARTY

**SAT 02**

BEACH PARTY (11 A.M. - 6 P.M.)  
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