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# DFC workers protest redundancy terminations

The unionized workers at the Development Finance Corporation (DFC) in Belmopan expressed their discontent with a redundancy exercise undertaken by the administration which saw the termination of three of their co-workers by staging a walkout today. A meeting between the Labor Department and Christian Workers Union is scheduled for tomorrow



DFC members lined up outside the Belmopan branch in solidarity with terminated colleagues, singing the union songs

BELMOPAN, Thurs. Sept. 1, 2022  
Every hour today, for 30 seconds, the unionized workers at the Belmopan branch of the Development Finance

Corporation (DFC) have been thumping on their desks as a show of protest

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## FIFA president visits, praises Belize



(l-r) Gianni Infantino, President of FIFA; Governor General of Belize, Dame Froyla Tzalam; and Sergio Chuc President of the Football Federation of Belize

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## 20K sign petition saying "No to Waterloo!"

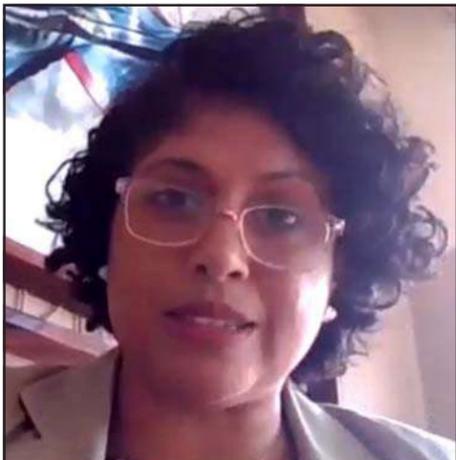
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Hon. Orlando Habet, Minister of Sustainable Development, and Thomas Greenwood, President Emeritus, FECTAB, as he hands over the petition to stop Waterloo's cruise terminal project to the Government of Belize

## Education CEO: Hair length doesn't impede a student's ability to learn

by Khaila Gentle



Dian Maheia - CEO, Ministry of Education, Culture, Science & Technology

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Sept. 1, 2022  
The Ministry of Education, Culture, Science & Technology (MoECST) says that students cannot and should not be denied admission to school because of any particular hairstyle being worn by those students, and the Ministry CEO, Dian Maheia, agrees.

On Wednesday, August 31, the Ministry of Education issued a press release expressing concern over school hair policies that cause students with certain hairstyles to be denied entry into their institutions. That release came

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# Health Minister addresses national nurse walkout

**Hon. Kevin Bernard, Minister of Health and Wellness, said in a pre-recorded message that his Ministry is committed to “fix a pandemic of mismanagement and neglect”**

by Marco Lopez

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Aug. 31, 2022

On Monday, the mounting frustrations of nurses and hospital staff—simmering for years, even prior to the pandemic—seemingly reached a boiling point, when

those frustrations spilled beyond the walls of the healthcare facilities and onto streets across the country, where nurses walked or stood in solidarity and made it clear they had had enough. It was a nationwide nurse walkout that started over the weekend at the Southern Regional

Hospital (SRH) and was followed on Monday by walkouts by nurses and medical staff across the country, and their laments—via remarks to the media and street chants and press releases— all fleshed out for the public a disturbing picture of how bad the state of affairs at the country’s hospitals really is.

And it appears that no one was more disturbed by the current conditions being faced by the nation’s nurses than the



**Kevin Bernard, Minister of Health and Wellness**

## Vulcan proposal not viewed favorably by Minister Habet



**Hon. Orlando Habet, Minister of Sustainable Development**

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Sept. 1, 2022

The Minister of Sustainable Development, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management, Hon.

but also on the other side of biodiversity, there are a lot of animal species that will be affected, so really the Ministry does not look at it favorably either.”

This is yet another declaration of non-support by a Cabinet member in regard to Vulcan Material Company’s proposal to set up its mining operation in Belize. It must be noted that, as previously reported, the company’s mining operation in Mexico was shut down by the Mexican government due to severe and irreparable environmental damage caused in the area.

While at this point the government appears to have sided with members of the Gales Point community who are vehemently opposed to the project, the multi-billion-dollar, US-based company continues its efforts to carry out public information campaigns and meet with government officials. It is also seeking to carry out an Environmental Impact Assessment.



**Kevin Bernard, Minister of Health and Wellness, meets with nurses of the Southern Regional Hospital**

Minister of Health and Wellness, who had indicated to local media later on Monday that meetings had been held with members of the Nurses Association of Belize, along with officials from the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Labour and that tangible progress had been made in addressing the concerns of the nurses—specifically in regard to faulty salary-calculation methods that had resulted in the nurses being underpaid and not receiving complete payment for overtime hours worked. What emerged during those meetings is that there was a misstep in particular that was the proverbial straw that broke the camel’s back: it is a practice referred to in the Ministry of Finance as “short-hour reduction” which caused a shortfall in nurses’ salaries for the August 2022 pay period.

A nurse from the Western Regional Hospital had explained to a 7News reporter how some of those faulty calculation methods were causing nurses to be grossly underpaid. She said, “Most staff here work 12 hours, but what they are saying that we cannot say, that the whole 12 hours is our regular shift—they say at 8 we have to start to cut off and after that, thereafter is overtime, so like the nurse explained, when you’re working your four 12-hour shifts, they’re not counting that as 40 hours, they’re only counting 4 days, 8 hours a day, and the rest as overtime. And then like that now, we’re always cut short for our regular time that we need to give for the month and then we get some crazy overtime, but at the same time, there’s a limit to how much overtime you can get, so they cut everybody’s flat pay, then they cut the overtime at sixty hours, so when they say, oh, 84 hours overtime, you’re not getting paid that, you’re getting paid only the 60 and on top of that, they cut the regular time.” A lab technician at the same hospital provided further insight by pointing out, “... We stay here long after 5:00 p.m. to assist with blood donors

sometimes, and that’s more than most government officers would stay. Yet, government only sees 8 hours out of those 12 hours as regular time and they pay us the remaining four in overtime, which is completely taxable, so all the overtime that you make goes right back to government and that doesn’t seem fair.”

By Monday evening, a joint press release issued by the Ministry of Health and Wellness and the Nurses Association of Belize was indicating that those short-hour deductions would be addressed, and the amounts withheld from the nurses in the August 2022 period would be paid to them by September 9 as an “interest-free advance.” The press release also outlined other moves the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Finance promised to make to address the compensation-related concerns of the nurses. These include a shift to the calculation of overtime hours on a monthly basis rather than a weekly basis and the use of a time sheet that lists monthly hours worked and monthly overtime hours worked, as well as a reconciliation process that will be carried out during the next pay period to resolve any “discrepancies” that resulted from the previous method of calculation that was being used. Also agreed upon was a revision of the tool to calculate sick leave, which will be standardized across the country, and a revision and amendment of the Public Service Regulations and the Government Worker Regulation to reflect regulations for shift workers.

Health Minister Kevin Bernard in his pre-recorded message posted on social media following the meeting said that his ministry had previously written to the Ministry of Finance and met with the Nurses Association of Belize in an effort to find a solution to the unfair circumstances faced by the nurses even before the walkout. He went on to pledge that his ministry will address the sub-



**Villagers of Gales Point during visit of reps of Vulcan Materials**

Orlando Habet, said during an interview this week that he has visited the Gales Point community and confirmed that the residents are opposed to Vulcan Material Company’s proposal to establish a mining operation to extract limestone from the Sugar Hills located on the White Ridge Farm near the village. Minister Habet said that those hills serve a number of critical functions and are a landmark that can be seen by those traveling from the direction of Belize City to Gales Point by boat.

He remarked, “I know that the people are really strongly against it, not only because of the material that could possibly end up in the sea and affect the alkalinity of the ocean, change the entire biodiversity of the area. We are also concerned that if those hills are broken down, that is the only landmark from Belize City by boat over to Gales Point,

“Anybody can apply, but whether or not it will be approved is something else. But hopefully, the government will have to decide, if not now — rather sooner than later — on what kind of development it really wants going forward,” Minister Habet said.

Notably, Minister of Natural Resources, Petroleum and Mining, and Deputy Prime Minister Hon. Cordel Hyde has rejected the company’s advances. Additionally, the Prime Minister, Hon. John Briceño, in a recent interview said that he does not think Cabinet will approve the company’s proposal and the Gales Point community’s area representative, Minister of Human Development Hon. Dolores Balderamos Garcia has gone on the record to indicate her support of the members of her constituency who are rejecting the company’s proposals.

# Belize at 41 awardees honoured

by Khaila Gentle

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Sept. 1, 2022

The seven recipients of the Belize at 41 Awards were honored today at the Belize City House of Culture, where they each received a commemorative plaque. This year's awardees are Ray Gongora, Pen Cayetano, Dawn Adderley, Lawrence Vernon, Susano Blanco, Bredda David Obi, and Brad Pattico.

Ray Gongora received the Beverly Smith Lopez Award for Acting in Theater and Film. Gongora is an actor, comedian, and a key figure in the Belizean Artistic Renaissance of the 1970s, having produced and performed in stage productions across the Americas.

Beloved Dangriga artist and founder of the Punta Rock genre, Pen Cayetano, is the recipient of the George Gabb Prize for Visual Arts. Through his art, as well as his music, Cayetano has spent decades sharing his Garifuna heritage with the world. Like Cayetano, Bredda David Obi, the recipient of the Andy Palacio Prize for Original Belizean Music, is a renowned musician best known for creating the Kungo genre of music.

Lawrence Vernon, former Chief



Librarian at the Belize National Library Service, was honored with the Zee Edgell Prize for Literary Arts. In addition to his extensive work with the library system in Belize, Vernon has penned several short stories and historical non-fiction works.

Susano Blanco, for his work in preserving the craft of indigenous

medicine, is the recipient of the Don Eligio Panti Prize for Protection and Development of Traditional Knowledge. And for her many years spent dedicated to the art of dance, choreographer Dawn Adderley received the Rosita Baltazar Prize for Dance.

Brad Pattico, one of the country's most renowned Kriol folk music artists, was the recipient of the Leela Vernon Award for Creative Community Action and Safeguarding Cultural Heritage.

Bredda David Obi, upon receiving his award, summarized the importance of recognizing outstanding Belizeans in one,

very poignant sentence:

"Yuh nuh wait till di man dead fi tell ah ih good," he said.

Those words were echoed by Marilyn Young, the Interim President at NICH and Co-Chair of the NCC, who also underscored the importance of honoring persons for their work while they are alive.

In 2021, the National Celebrations Commission (NCC) established the awards ceremony in an effort to recognize those Belizeans who have contributed significantly to safeguarding the country's culture and heritage.

## Girl, 8, electrocuted



**Jacqueline Azucena Valdez, deceased**

by Charles Gladden

POMONA, Stann Creek District, Wed. Aug. 31, 2022

An 8-year-old girl in Pomona, Stann Creek, was electrocuted this week while attempting to plug a television power cord into a defective extension cord. On the morning when the incident occurred, the little girl, Jacqueline Azucena Valdez, had apparently gotten her clothes wet while helping her mother, 32-year-old Yulma Portillo, to wash dishes outside. She had also been assisting customers at her family's shop, which is located approximately 80 feet away from the family home.

It appears that, after doing those chores, Valdez went into the home and tried to plug the TV cord into the extension cord so that she could watch TV. It has been reported that earlier that morning she had asked her mother if she could watch TV, and Portillo, who was aware that the extension cord was defective, had told her not to do so. Little Jacqueline nonetheless, upon entering the home, picked up the extension cord, even though her clothing was soaked.

Moments later, when Portillo didn't hear anything from her daughter, she went into the home and saw her body lying across the living room floor.

Edwin Valdez, the father of the little girl, explained to a local reporter that he was at work when he got the shocking news that his child had been electrocuted.

"My wife called me and it was a quick call [and] all she said was that the baby got electrocuted, so I left work [and] rushed from work in my vehicle to home [and] when I got there I observed my baby was motionless. My wife was bringing her in her arms [and] it, so we rushed her to the Southern Regional Hospital, but at [that] moment I held her in my arms, I [had] a feeling that was already gone because she was motionless and her body was blue," he said.

The extension cord that little Jacqueline used was not insulated, and consisted of exposed wires across which pieces of tape had been strapped. It was used primarily for construction work in the home and was stashed away, and whenever she wanted to watch TV, one of her parents would assist her.

"It's a homemade extension cord. It was tapped with [an] electrical wire, but you know kids are kids, and there was a reason her mom told her not to watch TV, because she knew that the TV wasn't accessible at the moment because there was no outlet to connect the TV right there and then. That's the extension cord we would normally use for when we use tools or when [we] do our little construction at home; that's the cord we use," Jacqueline's father explained.

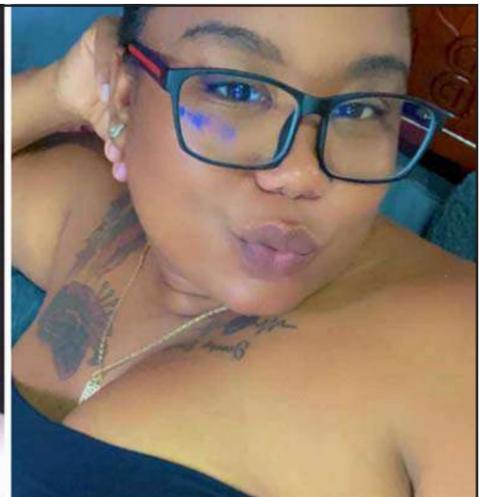
There is a specific cord that the family would use to watch TV, but Valdez's son had borrowed it the night before and had not yet returned it.

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## Is Mary-Beth a suspect in Tanga's murder?



**(l-r) Winston "Tanga" James, deceased; Mary-Beth Wade**



by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Aug. 31, 2022

Approximately seven months after the infamous Winston "Tanga" James, 33, was executed on Friday, January 21, while in his vehicle on East Canal with his girlfriend, Mary-Beth Wade, 30, after having left the office of his lawyer, Orson Elrington, on Church Street following a morning court session, no one has been arrested and charged for the murder. However, police are currently considering several individuals as persons of interest, who might have played an instrumental role in the death of James. Among those persons of interest is Wade, who herself was wounded when the fatal shots were fired at James.

When James was executed, he was driving his Nissan Pathfinder on East

Canal, in the company of Wade, who was in the front passenger seat of his vehicle, when the couple was ambushed by a man standing at the corner of Bishop and King Streets. James then drove down East Canal and onto Prince Street before losing control of the vehicle and crashing into a cement fence.

When Wade recounted what took place to a local reporter, she mentioned that she was the first of the two to be shot, since the bullets that were fired entered the vehicle through the passenger side, and she said that James had told her to lower herself onto the floor of the car. She said that he pressed her downward toward the corner of the passenger-side seat, and the bullets which entered through her side of the vehicle wounded James and caused his

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# The old superstriker

by *Evan X Hyde*

(originally published in the November 1979 issue of *FUN & GAMES*)

Christobal Mayen, at 30, is not really old, of course, but compared to Ricky Gongora, he is older, and as superstrikers go, he is aging.

"I usually average myself for about a goal each game, but last year in 10 games, I only scored about 3 goals."

Is it because you were injured, or because you are slower, perhaps?

"I would say it's because I have to spend so much time and energy coaching and preparing the team. I have to be worrying more about the other players than about myself. The next thing is the representation of the club at committee level. And the financing and administration of the team."

If you look at football in Belize over the last ten years, you have to say that the man who has made the most impact on the sport, the man with the most respect and influence amongst football players, is Christobal Mayen.

Where a combination of shooting, passing, control, tackling, creativity, leadership, stamina, speed, and heading is concerned, Stobal has to be voted No. 1. Over the last ten years, we have spent so much time describing his plays in AMANDALA and for a couple years over the radio that it would serve little purpose going over his multitude of memorable feats.

There is one important play which may be characteristic of the man. It was Sunday, March 23, 1975, in the evening at the MCC Garden. Twilight shadows had descended on the field as Belize and Cayo battled for the National Football Championship of Belize country. With less than two minutes to play, it was still 1-1, and headed for overtime or a penalty shootout, or a replay.

There was a minute and a half left in the biggest football game ever played in Belize when Mayen received and controlled just inside the eighteen (Seaview goal), made a very basic fake right and move left, drifting the back west while he was going east. Free enough now for the shot and all the glory that would be his, Stobal out of the corner of his eye, spotted left wing, Francis "Rojo" Arnold, cutting in all alone to the goal, and in that split second made the sensible play, the completely unselfish play.

He rolled it on the ground gently so that Rojo received it perfectly in strike and slammed it home. 2-1, Belize, and pandemonium.

Stobal passed that ball because he is a winner and because he plays the percentages. From where he was, with the possibility of the back recovering to tackle, the percentage was maybe 55 or 60 percent for a goal, but Rojo was all alone, moving in on his good foot, so the percentage increased to maybe 75. Ergo, give it to Rojo -- for the greater glory of the team.

It was after the season of 1975 that the Berger 404 manager, Lester "Experience" Smith, went his own way, forming the Marine & Services team. The new Berger manager, Dulce Myvett, had to work in Belmopan and check the city only on the weekends. As a result, most of the Berger 404 managerial work fell on Stobal, almost by default.

There were two young players who stood out among all those he had been

grooming, from childhood almost, in the Lake Independence area. Midfielder Fabian Rivero and left wing Ricky Gongora were brought up to the big team in 1975. They were Stobal's brightest prospects, sure superstars.

In many games, Mayen sat out the first half so the young players could get in their working time, then had to enter the game and get down for his two points in the second half (often along with Ramon Alvarez), because it seemed the team would not win without him.

74/75 and 75/76, Berger 404 won the first division title undefeated. These were Mayen's peak years. But then his sponsor, Ernest Black, began talking of hard times. Stobal had to come out partly self-sponsored by the club he had spent five years building and administrating. Self-sponsorship was a strain. Berger 404 lost the regular season championship in 76/77 to White Label and 77/78 to Chito's.

In 1978 he realized that self-sponsorship was too much of a burden and accepted Rommel Perdomo's sponsorship under the name of Haig Dimple. But now, his prize boys, Fabian and Ricky, left to join Experience Smith's Chito's team. They were wooed by offers of "better treatment" after the two years of hard time under self-sponsorship. Chito's repeated as first division champions as Ricky Gongora became the league's most feared superstriker and Fabian Rivero became MVP (Most Valuable Player).

Stobal's boys had come back to haunt him. After three years absence from the winner's circle, has football passed him by?

Not really, because for one game Stobal Mayen is still the best, and so is his team. But over the long haul of the season, age tells on Stobal and his players. They are the oldest team in the competition, with several players in their late 20s.

With Ricky and Fabian, Stobal would still be winning championships, but finance was his problem, and his mistake. Mayen spent too much time fooling with self-sponsorship; he was trying to be loyal to the old Berger 404 name, the club he had hewn out of the jungle that was Lake Independence. And sentiment did him in.

"Better treatment" stole away the players who would have preserved the kingdom of the Lake.

The thing is, Stobal Mayen was a football player, not an administrator. When he tried to become an administrator, he began to neglect his own superior skills in the service of other players.

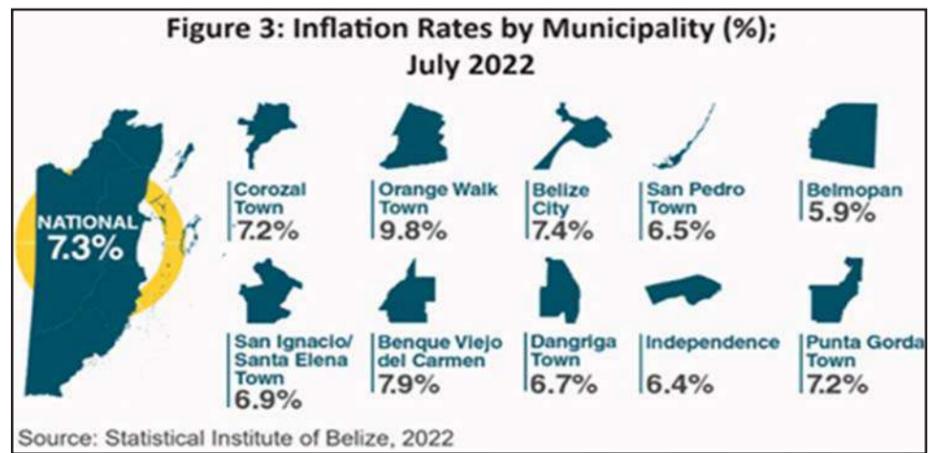
What we must consider now is why Mayen's experiment with self-sponsorship, a noble experiment in the concept of a cooperative football club, failed when it was such a very good idea.

We are willing to state categorically here that it failed because the football committee which was supposed to make profits available to the club under a new constitution, reneged on the deal. The Football Association decided to sit down on the money.

Why? Because the older heads said players will start getting paid and that would be professionalism. It is true that there were one or two clubs which might have used the money to pay players, but then this is nothing new in Belize football.

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# SIB: July inflation rate was 7.3%



by *Khaila Gentle*

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Aug. 31, 2022

According to the Statistical Institute of Belize's latest Consumer Price Index Report, the prices of consumer goods were up 7.3% in July 2022 when compared to that same month in 2021. The main contributor to the national inflation rate, says the SIB, was the Transport category—as has been the case in most recent months. This time around, the Transport category—under which fuel prices are listed—accounted for almost half of the increase in consumer prices, with an inflation rate of 22.5% being recorded for goods/services with that classification.

Fuel prices, specifically, have increased by 33.2% compared to July 2021. The price of premium gasoline, for example, saw an increase of \$5.95, while diesel and regular gasoline prices rose by \$2.81 and

\$2.50, respectively. Additionally, passenger transport services, which include bus and water taxi fares, were 13.8% higher.

At the municipality level, Orange Walk Town once again registered the highest inflation rate at 9.8%, while the City of Belmopan registered the lowest at 5.9%.

When it comes to external trade, the country's imports for July 2022 are up 23.5%, while its domestic exports are up 31.1%. According to the SIB, the value of imports in the 'Mineral Fuels and Lubricants' category grew by \$22.3 million, from \$28.4 million in July 2021, mainly due to higher world market prices.

The 31.1% growth in domestic exports was driven in large part by sugar sales, with revenue from that commodity increasing by \$9.3 million. This is because greater quantities of sugar were exported at more favorable prices. Earnings from animal feed and citrus product exports were also up.

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## The Caribbean Court of Justice—seeing through different lens

The Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ), the highest court for Belize, has presided over some high-profile cases involving the government and people of Belize versus the Ashcroft Group over this past decade and a half, and one constant is that we lost the ones that counted most. Another constant is that after our Supreme Court and Court of Appeal (SC-CA) rule in our favor, the Group appeals to the CCJ, and the CCJ overturns the ruling of those courts.

The BTL case doesn't fit the mold exactly, only because we cut away and ran. A Belize government (UDP) nationalized BTL; the Ashcroft Group, the owners, were dissatisfied with the ruling of our courts (SC and CA), and they took the matter to the CCJ. The government (UDP), acting on the advice of its lawyers that the CCJ was going to rule against us, and maybe for a political advantage, cut away to a negotiated settlement.

We were told that the cost of the acquisition of BTL wouldn't be more than \$300 million; months after the negotiated settlement we learned that we would have to pay upward of \$500 million, and some in the present government have said that by the time we're through paying, interest payments will have taken the nationalization cost for the company to around \$750 million. The negotiated settlement worked out terribly for Belize. It worked out well for the UDP, however. The party was able to win a general election, 2015, before the people found out how much it had put us on the hook for.

The Universal Health Services (UHS) case was another that went right at the Supreme Court and our Court of Appeal, and wrong on appeal at the CCJ. A Belize government (UDP) refused to honor a loan another government (PUP) had guaranteed at the Belize Bank, claiming

that it was an entirely corrupt arrangement. In a nutshell, the PUP of 1998-2003 set about revamping the health care system, the primary initiative being to introduce a National Health Insurance (NHI) scheme to Belize, and somehow a new private hospital ended up as part of the tab.

Why we had to go overboard in our support for a start-up private hospital, when we already had private hospitals in the country, has not been satisfactorily explained. The start-up hospital, UHS, failed, and its principals, whom the UDP says were mainly cronies of the government, were bailed out as a result of a sovereign guarantee to the Belize Bank.

The most recent huge loss is the BISL case, the origin of which is an unexplained 2005 decision by a PUP government to extend the company's contract a further 7 years, to 2020, when it had, just 2 years previously, in 2003, extended the contract with the company for 10 years, to 2013. The UDP, which was in power in 2013, thought the 2005 extension of the contract to 2020 was unethical, and it took over the company at the expiration of the 2013 extension. The Supreme Court and Court of Appeal backed up the government's position that

the extension wasn't entirely proper, and BISL proceeded to the CCJ, where it found favor.

Fascinatingly, it seems that BISL, which managed the International Merchant Marine Registry of Belize (IMMARBE) and the International Business Companies Registry (IBCR), was running the businesses without any supervision from our Ministry of Finance, from its inception until a UDP government took it over in 2013. It is for the UDP to explain why, when it came to power in 2008 and found this lax system in place, it allowed it to continue until 2013.

The CCJ was set up for the single purpose of settling disputes between member states of CARICOM, but it also now serves as the final appellate court for four Caribbean countries. According to the report, "History of the CCJ", at the website [dpi.gov.gy/history](http://dpi.gov.gy/history), "Barbados and Guyana acceded to the CCJ's appellate jurisdiction in 2005, with Belize joining them in June 2010, and Dominica in March 2015."

One of the sparks surrounding the idea of the CCJ becoming the final appellate court in the Caribbean region, thus replacing the Privy Council (UK), had to do with the latter court's handling of appeals of murder convictions. It was argued that a court in the Caribbean, with its greater knowledge of local values and customs, would better serve the administration of justice in such cases, and in many other local matters.

Speaking in 2020 on the favorable judgment that the Ashcroft Group got from the CCJ in the BISL case, then Prime Minister, Dean Barrow, said: "*The judges accepted our contention that that contract was tainted with illegality, in fact, that that contract was unconstitutional. But in effect, what they said: well, the government ought to have tried to renegotiate the contract to see if it could be cured of unconstitutionality. I make the point: they don't know the animal which we were dealing with.*" (quote taken from 7News transcript)

Some members of the present government condemn the UDP government's takeover of BISL, and in respect to the CCJ overturning the ruling of our Supreme Court and Appeal Court, suggest that the ruling of the lower courts was faulty, probably because the judges were being pressured by the then government. These same PUP members argue that the nationalization of BTL was unnecessary. They are yet to accept the extreme efforts a Musa government, PUP, made to wrest control of the company from the Group, an effort that for reasons not yet fully explained, failed.

During the latest meeting of the House of Representatives, where our leaders discussed millions of dollars we must find to pay Lord Ashcroft and his Group while we struggle with 60% poverty and a middle class that is forced to dip into its savings to make ends meet, the PUP refused to admit that a few of its leaders were naïve, and that at least one of them might not have been entirely sincere in his handling of the people's business, when the party was in office between 1998 and 2003.

Over the years we've come to realize that when it comes to the SC-CA and the CCJ, these courts are looking at cases through very different lenses. Our Supreme Court and Court of Appeal know "the animal" we are dealing with. Lord Ashcroft isn't an innocent foreign investor here: he is involved in political campaigns, he effectively calls our leaders liars, and wimps, when he doesn't get his way. His Group scandalizes our environmental professionals and threatens to involve Ashcroft's friends in the UK government in local matters. In a nation without any campaign financing laws, it is believed Ashcroft comes to collect after elections.

At the CCJ, such damnable and grotesque intrusions into the governance of our country are of no consequence in its decisions. Government leaders using the country's assets to pay off their party's political debts are also of no consequence. Through the lens of the CCJ, all they saw in this BISL case was a contract between foreign investors (led by Lord Ashcroft) and a Caribbean government.



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# Late-night shooting halts mas camp judging



by *Khaila Gentle*

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Aug. 31, 2022

The sound of gunshots near Pelican Street this past Tuesday night had revelers participating in the Soca Moca mas camp in a state of fright and running for their lives.

In an interview today, Ashanti Garcia, a member of the Soca Moca carnival group, painted a picture of just how quickly the atmosphere at the camp shifted from merriment to panic as the sound of gunshots rang out.

“When we were informed that the judges were on their way, we started to get excited, because we want to make a

good impression—we’ve come so far, we’ve worked so hard, and we want to take home the title. We were all getting in our lines and then, out of nowhere, we started hearing shots coming from the back of the camp,” she said.

According to Garcia, all the participants stopped what they were doing and turned to face the back of the camp. As soon as they realized what was happening, and after hearing more shots, everyone began running toward the front.

“People started screaming. I have never experienced something like that...but my instincts just told me to duck down, so I

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## “Tour-isms”

### The BTB – Principle, Product, People

The Belize Tourism Board (BTB) works for us because it is us. The organization has long since become a daily part of Belizean news, conversations, and celebrations. The industry’s impact on GDP and foreign exchange earnings are referenced regularly in discussions around offices, kitchen tables, restaurants, and beaches. The public may not be completely familiar with the full scope of BTB’s legal role in managing our tourism industry, but the majority know that the organization sits at the forefront of everything tourism-related. Essentially, they oversee all the “isms” in our tourism. As mandated by the Ministry of Tourism, the BTB is the legislative body designed to govern, enhance, and promote the Belizean Tourism Product. The Board, is a group of driven professionals tasked to, manage, protect and develop our tourism industry. But what is the Belizean Tourism Product and how should Belizeans see their part in it? Apart from the volume of overnight visitors and cruise ship arrivals, what else is the BTB managing exactly?

The Belize Tourism Product is physical, structural, cultural, intrinsic, historical, and futuristic. It is what the country has already been, is now, and can be in the decades to come. It is our barrier reef, blue hole, cayes, caves, beaches, hiking trails, rivers, historical sites, Maya mountains, charming hotels, and delightful restaurants in our quaint villages. It is our clean air, fresh water, flora and fauna, our sustainable developments practices, and overall, it is 8,866 sq. miles of some of Mother Nature’s best work. The Belize Tourism Product is everything that a traveler sees, hears, tastes, touches, and feels while they are here. However, more than anything, the product is the Belizean people - all of us, tourism, and non-tourism workers. The BTB works to bottle and brand our unique culture and offerings that continue to pull foreign travelers here. In many ways, the Belize Tourism Product is a litany of ineffable experiences that the Belizean landscape and the Belizean people offer to visitors.

Belizean Tourism is every Belizean person and Belizean enterprise. Former Minister of Tourism of the Bahamas, Vincent Vanderpool- Wallace, stated earlier this year that “tourism is everybody’s business” and that “the intangibles are the wealth of any nation because they cannot be copied”. The Belizean people is the distinct and unduplicatable aspect of our brand of tourism. The BTB works to represent all Belizeans in ways far beyond its legislative capacity. It is the hub and epicenter for strategic planning, travel publications, hotel and tour-guide licensing, tourism related news, committee relations, industry statistics, and creativity for marketing programs and events. The BTB is the bridge between the Ministry of Tourism and the private sector. Essentially, it is a champion for tourism sector businesses and workers as well as an advocate for strategic Government policies. Every Belizean, tourism worker or not, is represented in the Belize Tourism Product.

All the “isms” related to tourism are the BTB’s priority: professionalism, multiculturalism, exceptionalism, environmentalism, volunteerism, ecotourism, etc. The organization works to represent the best of us and the country, therefore; the “ism” that sits at the top is patriotism. Get to know more about Belize’s tourism brand and the BTB by visiting its website and Facebook page. Stay tuned for more on “Tour-isms” and industry experiences.

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## La Corte Caribeña de Justicia: mirando a través de lentes diferentes

La Corte Caribeña de Justicia (CCJ), el tribunal supremo de Belize, ha presidido algunos casos de alto perfil que involucran al gobierno y al pueblo de Belize contra el Grupo Ashcroft durante la última década y media, y una constante es que perdimos los que más contaron. Otra constante es que luego de que nuestra Corte Suprema y la Corte de Apelaciones (CS y CA) fallaran a nuestro favor, el Grupo apela a la CCJ, y la CCJ anula la decisión de esas cortes.

El caso BTL no encaja exactamente en el molde, solo porque cambiamos de plano y corrimos. Un gobierno de Belize (Partido Demócrata de Belize, UDP por sus siglas en inglés) nacionalizó BTL; el Grupo Ashcroft, los propietarios, no estaban satisfechos con el fallo de nuestros tribunales (CS y CA), y llevaron el asunto a la CCJ. El gobierno (UDP), siguiendo el consejo de sus abogados de que la CCJ iba a fallar en nuestra contra, y tal vez por una ventaja política, cambió de plano para llegar a un acuerdo negociado.

Nos dijeron que el costo de la adquisición de BTL no superaría los \$300 millones; meses después del acuerdo negociado nos enteramos de que tendríamos que pagar más de \$500 millones, y algunos en el gobierno actual han dicho que para cuando terminemos de pagar, los pagos de intereses habrán llevado el costo de nacionalización de la empresa a alrededor de \$750 millones. El acuerdo negociado funcionó terriblemente para Belize. Sin embargo, funcionó bien para el UDP. El partido pudo ganar una elección general, 2015, antes de que la gente se enterara por cuánto nos había enganchado.

El caso de Universal Health Services (UHS) fue otro que salió bien en la Corte Suprema y nuestra Corte de Apelaciones, y salió mal en la apelación en la CCJ. Un gobierno de Belize (UDP) se negó a honrar un préstamo que otro gobierno (PUP) había garantizado en el Banco Belize, alegando que se trataba de un acuerdo totalmente corrupto. En pocas palabras, el PUP de 1998-2003 se dedicó a renovar el sistema de atención médica, siendo la iniciativa principal la introducción de un esquema de Seguro Nacional de Salud (NHI por sus siglas en inglés) en Belize, y de alguna manera un nuevo hospital privado terminó como parte de la cuenta.

No se ha explicado satisfactoriamente por qué tuvimos que excedernos en nuestro apoyo a un incipiente hospital privado, cuando ya teníamos hospitales privados en el país. El hospital emergente, UHS, fracasó y sus directores, quienes el UDP dice que eran en su mayoría compinches del gobierno, fueron rescatados como resultado de una garantía soberana al Banco Belize.

La gran pérdida más reciente es el caso BISL, cuyo origen es una decisión inexplicable de 2005 por parte de un gobierno PUP de extender el contrato de la compañía por 7 años más, hasta 2020, cuando, solo 2 años antes, en 2003, había extendido el contrato con la empresa por 10 años, hasta 2013. El UDP, que estaba en el poder en 2013, pensó que la extensión del contrato de 2005 a 2020 no era ética, y se hizo cargo de la empresa en momento del vencimiento de la extensión de 2013. La Corte Suprema y la Corte de Apelaciones respaldaron la posición del gobierno de que la extensión no era del todo correcta, y BISL procedió a la CCJ, donde ganó aceptación.

Sorprendentemente, parece que BISL, que administraba el Registro de la Marina Mercante Internacional de Belize (IMMARBE por sus siglas en inglés) y el Registro de Empresas Comerciales Internacionales (IBCR por sus siglas en inglés), estaba administrando los negocios sin ninguna supervisión de nuestro Ministerio de Finanzas, desde sus inicios hasta que un gobierno UDP la nacionalizó en 2013. Corresponde al UDP explicar por qué, cuando llegó al poder en 2008 y encontró este sistema laxo, permitió que continuara hasta 2013.

La CCJ se creó con el único propósito de resolver disputas entre los estados miembros de CARICOM, pero ahora también sirve como tribunal de apelación final para cuatro países del Caribe. Según el informe, "Historia de la CCJ", en el sitio web [dpi.gov.gy/history](http://dpi.gov.gy/history), "Barbados y Guyana accedieron a la jurisdicción de apelación de la CCJ en 2005, Belize se unió a ellos en junio de 2010 y Dominica en marzo de 2015."

Una de las chispas que envolvieron la idea de que la CCJ se convirtiera en la última corte de apelaciones en la región del Caribe, reemplazando así al Consejo Privado (Reino Unido), tenía que ver con el manejo de las apelaciones de condenas por asesinato por parte de esta última corte. Se argumentó que una corte en el Caribe, con su mayor conocimiento de los valores y costumbres locales, serviría mejor a la administración de justicia en tales casos, y en muchos otros asuntos locales.

Hablando en 2020 sobre la sentencia favorable que el Grupo Ashcroft obtuvo de la CCJ en el caso BISL, el entonces primer ministro, Dean Barrow, dijo: "Los jueces aceptaron nuestra afirmación de que ese contrato estaba contaminado con ilegalidad, de hecho, que ese contrato fue inconstitucional. Pero en efecto, lo que dijeron: bueno, el gobierno debió tratar de renegociar el contrato para ver si se podía curar de inconstitucionalidad. Hago el punto: no conocen el animal con el que estábamos tratando". (cita tomada de la transcripción del Canal 7)

Algunos miembros del gobierno actual condenan la toma de BISL por parte del gobierno UDP y, con respecto a la anulación por parte de la CCJ del fallo de nuestra Corte Suprema y de la Corte de Apelaciones, sugieren que el fallo de los tribunales inferiores fue defectuoso, probablemente porque los jueces estaban siendo presionados por el gobierno de entonces. Estos mismos miembros del PUP argumentan que la nacionalización de BTL fue innecesaria. Todavía les falta aceptar los esfuerzos extremos que hizo el gobierno de Musa, PUP, para arrebatarse el control de la empresa al Grupo, un esfuerzo que, por razones que aún no se explican completamente, fracasó.

Durante la última reunión de la Cámara de Representantes, donde nuestros líderes discutieron millones de dólares que debemos encontrar para pagarle a Lord Ashcroft y su Grupo mientras luchamos con un 60% de pobreza y una clase media que se ve obligada a echar mano de sus ahorros para llegar a fin de mes, el PUP se negó a admitir que algunos de sus líderes fueron ingenuos, y que al menos uno de ellos podría no haber sido del todo sincero en su manejo de los asuntos del pueblo, cuando el partido estuvo en el cargo entre 1998 y 2003.

A lo largo de los años, nos hemos dado cuenta de que, cuando se trata de la CS-CA y la CCJ, estos tribunales analizan los casos a través de lentes muy diferentes. Nuestra Corte Suprema y la Corte de Apelaciones conocen "el animal" con el que estamos tratando. Lord Ashcroft no es un inversionista extranjero inocente aquí: está involucrado en campañas políticas, efectivamente llama a nuestros líderes mentirosos y débiles, cuando no se sale con la suya. Su grupo escandaliza a nuestros profesionales ambientales y amenaza con involucrar a los amigos de Ashcroft en el gobierno del Reino Unido en asuntos locales. En una nación sin leyes de financiación de campañas, se cree que Ashcroft viene a cobrar después de las elecciones.

En la CCJ, tan condenables y grotescas intrusiones en el gobierno de nuestro país no tienen trascendencia en sus decisiones. Los líderes gubernamentales que usan los activos del país para pagar las deudas políticas de su partido tampoco tienen importancia. A través de los lentes de la CCJ, todo lo que vieron en este caso BISL fue un contrato entre inversores extranjeros (liderados por Lord Ashcroft) y un gobierno caribeño.

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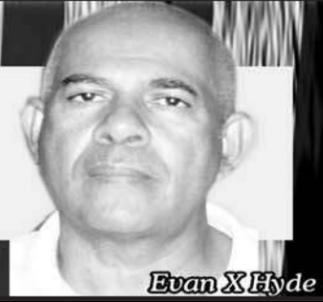
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# From the Publisher



Evan X Hyde

In 2007, the University of Nebraska Press published a book by an American lady professor named Anne S. Macpherson, a book she called "FROM COLONY TO NATION: Women Activists and the Gendering of Politics in Belize."

The book was highly critical of the UBAD (United Black Association for Development) movement, which lasted from February 1969 to November 1974, led for most of these near five years by yours truly.

Today, Anne Macpherson's book continues to be used by Belizean feminists to decry the fact that there was limited female leadership at the executive level in UBAD. But, it should be noted that the ruling political party of the time, the People's United Party (PUP), had only one lady Cabinet

minister/area representative among its eighteen leaders, the late Madame Gwendolyn Lizarraga.

I feel the time has come for me to answer Ms. Macpherson, who never interviewed me, but quoted a male someone who once spoke on our rostrum but never held a UBAD leadership position, on page 258 of her book as saying of UBAD: "... nothing was thought out." I considered this an incredible quote, but I also know the gentleman quoted had been attacked in print by myself in late 1993 thereabouts, so he had reason to be hostile.

Now, what about Ms. Macpherson? She used the magazine *FUN & GAMES*, published and edited by myself between August and December of 1979, to press home an indictment of UBAD and myself as disrespectful of women.

The truth is that *FUN & GAMES* had nothing to do with UBAD, which had been dissolved five years before the five issues of the magazine were printed.

*FUN & GAMES* was basically financed by Said Musa, with whom I was close politically in 1979, as he campaigned for the Fort George seat against the incumbent, the late Dean Lindo, who was the Leader of the United Democratic Party (UDP) Opposition and had defeated him, Said, in 1974.

As publisher/editor, I patterned our magazine on *Playboy*, a Hugh Hefner publication which had been massively successful in the United States. The *Playboy* format utilized beautiful women in various stages of undress to attract, presumably, a largely male audience, but at the same time the magazine catered to a highly

educated audience with brilliant articles written by superb writers.

Today, I will accept criticism for the photo spreads of beautiful Belizean women in the five issues of the magazine we printed before we folded. These beautiful Belizean women, quite clothed in comparison with *Playboy* models, included Sarita Acosta, who had become famous earlier in 1979 when she reached the semi-finals of the Miss Universe contest in Australia.

Incidentally, our photographers were Anselmo Belisle, Manolo Romero, and the late Wilton "Kim" Meighan. (I don't believe Kim did any of the female photo spreads, only Anselmo and Manolo.)

The writers who appeared in the pages of *FUN & GAMES* in its five issues included myself; Charles B. Hyde (my dad); Glenn Tillett; Ed Yorke, Jr. (deceased); James Adderly; Dickie Bradley; Joey Belisle; Ronald Hyde (my younger brother); Chubby Reneau (deceased); Dean Barrow (later Prime Minister of Belize from 2008-2020); Russell Gillett; and Lawrence "Pampo" Young (deceased).

Among the famous and high-profile Belizeans featured in the articles and interviews produced by our writers were the engineer Bob Mahler (deceased); musician Dickie Straughan; basketballer Lew Bachus; footballer Garrincha Adderly; lighter owner/historian Pol Smith (deceased); preacher/bodybuilder/cyclist Rene Gordon; basketballer and sports administrator Sonny Meighan; singer Yvonne Simpson; artist/sculptor George Gabb (deceased); footballer Ricky Gongora; footballer Christobal Mayen; politician/elder Jim Meighan; soldier Mike Bouloy (deceased); footballer Enrique Carballo; cyclist Alfred Parks; boxer/architect Eckert Lewis; and basketballer Pulu Lightburn.

The ladies featured in *FUN & GAMES* included all the great softball pitchers of the era: Consuelo Dougal; Isolene Heath (deceased); Linda Lewis; Margaret Peters; and Margaret Usher.

Another ladies softball article, written by Pampo Young, spoke of Noreen Boddin, Mae Dougal, Anita Smith, Sonia Buller, Delsie Franklin, Linda Burgess, Delsie Dawson, Radiance Stephens, Sonia Allen, Marie Middleton, and Sandra Usher.

After the 1979 general election, the financing for our magazine fell through, so that our projected January 1980 issue, which would have featured Glenda Ellis, the star of the Belize team which defeated the United States in the late 1970s, never materialized.

I have more to say to Ms. Macpherson, but that will be another time.

Power to the people.

## FROM THE PUBLISHER en Español

En 2007, University of Nebraska Press publicó un libro de una profesora estadounidense llamada Anne S. Macpherson, un libro que ella llamó "FROM COLONY TO NATION: Women Activists and the Gendering of Politics in Belize".

El libro fue muy crítico sobre el movimiento UBAD (el acrónimo en inglés para la Asociación Negra Unida para el Desarrollo), que duró desde febrero de 1969 hasta noviembre de 1974, y fue dirigido durante la mayor parte de esos casi cinco años por su servidor.

Hoy en día, el libro de Anne Macpherson sigue siendo utilizado por las feministas beliceñas para denunciar el hecho de que había un liderazgo femenino limitado a nivel ejecutivo en UBAD. Pero cabe señalar que el partido político gobernante de la época, el Partido Unido del Pueblo (PUP), tenía solo una ministra del gabinete/representante de área entre sus dieciocho líderes, la finada Madame Gwendolyn Lizarraga.

Siento que ha llegado el momento de responder a la Sra. Macpherson, quien nunca me entrevistó, pero citó a un hombre que una vez habló en nuestra tribuna pero que nunca ocupó un puesto de liderazgo en UBAD, en la página 258 de su libro diciendo de UBAD: "...nada era bien pensado". Consideré que esta era una cita increíble, pero también sé que el caballero citado había sido criticado por mí mismo a finales de 1993, por lo que tenía motivos para mostrarse hostil.

Ahora, ¿qué tal la Sra. Macpherson? Usó la revista *FUN & GAMES*, publicada y editada por mí entre agosto

y diciembre de 1979, para acusar a UBAD y a mí de irrespetuosos con las mujeres.

La verdad es que *FUN & GAMES* no tenía nada que ver con UBAD, que se había disuelto cinco años antes de que se imprimieran los cinco números de la revista.

*FUN & GAMES* básicamente fue financiado por Said Musa, con quien tuve una estrecha relación política en 1979, cuando hizo campaña por el escaño de Fort George contra el titular, el finado Dean Lindo, líder de la oposición del Partido Demócrata Unido (UDP por sus siglas en inglés) y quien había derrotado a Said en 1974.

Como editor responsable/editor, modelé nuestra revista sobre *Playboy*, una publicación de Hugh Hefner que había tenido un gran éxito en los Estados Unidos. El formato de *Playboy* utilizaba hermosas mujeres en diversas etapas de desnudez para atraer, presumiblemente, a una audiencia mayoritariamente masculina, pero al mismo tiempo la revista atendía a una audiencia altamente educada con artículos brillantes escritos por escritores magníficos.

Hoy aceptaré críticas por las fotografías de bellas mujeres beliceñas en los cinco números de la revista que imprimimos antes de cerrar. Estas hermosas mujeres beliceñas, bastante vestidas en comparación con las modelos de *Playboy*, incluían a Sarita Acosta, quien se había hecho famosa a principios de 1979 cuando llegó a las semifinales del concurso Miss Universo en Australia.

Por cierto, nuestros fotógrafos fueron Anselmo Belisle, Manolo Romero y el finado Wilton "Kim" Meighan. (No creo

que Kim haya tomado ninguna de las fotos femeninas, solo Anselmo y Manolo).

Entre los escritores que aparecieron en las páginas de *FUN & GAMES* en sus cinco números me incluyo; Charles B. Hyde (mi papá); Glenn Tillett; Ed Yorke, Jr. (fallecido); James Adderly; Dickie Bradley; Joey Belisle; Ronald Hyde (mi hermano menor); Rechoncho Reneau (fallecido); Dean Barrow (luego Primer Ministro de Belize de 2008 a 2020); Russel Gillett; y Lawrence "Pampo" Young (fallecido).

Entre los beliceños famosos y de alto perfil que aparecen en los artículos y entrevistas producidos por nuestros escritores se encuentran el ingeniero Bob Mahler (fallecido); el músico Dickie Straughan; el basquetbolista Lew Bachus; el futbolista Garrincha Adderly; dueño de una barcaza/historiador Pol Smith (fallecido); predicador/culturista/ciclista Rene Gordon; el basquetbolista y administrador deportivo Sonny Meighan; la cantante Yvonne Simpson; artista/escultor George Gabb (fallecido); el futbolista Ricky Góngora; el futbolista Cristóbal Mayen; el político/anciano Jim Meighan; soldado Mike Bouloy (fallecido); el futbolista Enrique Carballo; el ciclista Alfred Parks; el boxeador/arquitecto Eckert Lewis; y el basquetbolista Pulu Lightburn.

Las damas presentadas en *FUN & GAMES* incluyeron a todas las grandes lanzadoras de softbol de la época: Consuelo Dougal; Isolene Heath (fallecida); Linda Lewis; Margaret



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# The Battle myth put to rest; reluctant Mestizo Belizeans should celebrate

by Colin Hyde

There is something in the 10<sup>th</sup> for every Belizean. We all know much has been lost, that much of the glory has faded. It shouldn't have happened, it is wrong what has happened, and I'm calling on Belizeans all over who don't embrace it to give truth a chance to seep in. If they did, they would understand why generations past expressed themselves so heartily in music, and they would get in the march. The erosion, it all started under Price.

Price is an interesting guy. Okay, well, father of the nation and all that, there has to be many stories about him. I've read almost everything written about him; I am yet to read Godfrey Smith's biography. I'm kind of afraid that he fawned, and that's what scares me away. I wonder what good can come out of a man who has no qualms about doing any bidding of the Ashcroft Group.

I'm very interested in Price's relationship with his dad, a white British Kriol. We know that Price's boss, Bob Turton, launched him into politics. We know that Bob Turton's dad, a British man, abandoned his mother. I can't find my Bob Turton book, but my memory is that Mr. Bob wasn't too fond of his pa. There is the story about Price's disappointing comment about the Queen in parade, and yes, just to complete that tale, how close he came to being put in

the penitentiary for that. And lest ye forgot, he also nearly got some cooling-off time in the slammer for, of all things, being too friendly with the enemy.

The message that jumps out is that Price's relationship with the British wasn't the best. There is no question that he was pro-US. I'll have to go through Assad's book to find out who was behind the US flag flying in our parade.

Anyway, the fact is that Price was huge in the erosion of the 10<sup>th</sup>'s glory. There's this declaration of his that the 10<sup>th</sup> battle was a myth. Assad, in his *13 Chapters*, said the PUP renamed the 10<sup>th</sup>, called it "National Day", but Price only "questioned" the myth. Shoman said Price didn't question the "historical event's occurrence", and after charges were levied by we Kriol that the PUP was discriminating against us, the party backed off that position.

The "truth" out there was that George called the Battle a myth, and that he did so because Mestizo Belizeans, his mother's people in the north, weren't feeling it. We know that Assad and Richard the lawyer, overzealous minions, you know how these sorts do it, maybe because it makes them feel macho, ran with the myth story and wala, gudnis grayshos me, the battl didn't happen ataal! That devil, Clinton Canul Luna, who is holding beef over the defeat of Marcus Canul, well I'd rather you didn't

read anything he writes on the subject.

This myth business, they say there's nothing new under the sun. What could be the parallel here? Aha, we can start with Diego de Landa and other religious zealots burning the scrolls of our Mayan ancestors, for the purpose of erasing their knowledge and history from the face of the earth. The job on our enslaved African ancestors by the Europeans was so complete that for a while there we thought that our story began with us serving them.

Brothers and sisters, it took more than half a century for truth that was crushed to earth to rise. Forget the tricky remnant that counts the casualties in the war, not the spoils of victory. The only explanation I have for those types is that they be rotten atheists. For them, God never made the waters of the Red Sea part, and once when Philistines gathered up an army to attack an innocent nation an earthquake didn't cause them to rethink their foul ambition.

Aha, we have that George Price was trying to get the Kriols to ease up on their exuberance, so the Mestizos could become more into the fabric.

Looking at the case for Mestizo Belizeans to bram on the 10<sup>th</sup>, we have to ask: if there was no JEWEL, if the Spaniards and that devil Irishman, Arturo O'Neill, had won, where would the Caste War refugees have run to? Braa, there would have been no peaceful

haven here! You've heard about jumping out of frying pan and landing in frying pan.

Whoa there, the 10<sup>th</sup> has its faults, and really, in this world what doesn't? In a country with many tribes there's no limit to things to pull us apart. Don't let perfection be the enemy of a good thing. Those Mestizo Belizeans who have been reluctant to celebrate, if they look past the Philistines they will see the true glory of the Battle, its place in the lives of everyone who calls the Jewel home. Hip, hip, hooray!

### Don't leave it lying there. Kareem

I understand the reasons why the GOB wants to push marijuana as an export industry. That's about creating jobs and earning foreign exchange. The decision to hold off because of fears that pressure would come down on our banking system, well, it is not unjustified. Okay, while we take a breather I think it's beyond a good idea, it's imperative for us to expose this hypocrisy toward marijuana by wine- and coffee-drinking Belizeans.

It's so absurd to condemn weed as a gateway drug. You go to every village in our country and you will find numerous middle-aged people and oldsters who smoked a little weed when they were

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As Belize approaches its 224<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of St. George's Caye and 41 years of Independence, *Benny's* wishes all Belizeans a Safe and Happy

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## The sports psychic speaks

### BOLEDO

**“Press” Predictions: 13-26-39**  
**Boledo stats thru 2<sup>nd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**September 2022**

In boledonews, 44 finally played after 7 months. These are my lucky numbers for this week: 13-26-39-54-45-03. These are my lucky jackpot numbers: 6894-8100-5760. These are my lucky PICK-3 numbers: 986-202-347-515-095-710. Get ready Belize, some dinero will be coming our way this week, “guaranteed” said “Press” Cadogan. 55 refuses to play since the 14<sup>th</sup> of October 2020, that’s over 1 year 10 months 2 weeks and 4 days now. 26 is still out for over 1 year 7 months and 5 days exact. 47 is still out over 1 year 4 months and 5 days now, then 35 just joined the crowd

last week Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> of August on the Deputy Prime Minister’s birthday, who turns 49 that don’t want to play. 49 played 1 time already but 94 is the only number left that involves a 9 ball. These are the 6 hottest numbers right now: 22-33-88-68-70 and 74. The hottest ending ball is the 2 ball, played some 29 times already. Remember to read your Psalms: 91-63-72. Good luck to all buyers, next week more lucky numbers.

### LOCAL FOOTBALL

**Verdes FC is the only unbeaten team**

**Local Football Results and Predictions**

In local football action, Verdes FC

crushed Wagiya FC 3 TO 1 in beautiful Dangriga, Krisean Lopez scored twice. Jesse August is one of the best under 20 players in the league. He was



Jesse August

bombarded in Mango Creek last weekend after he scored the only and winning goal for Verdes FC, who is the only unbeaten team in the tournament right now. Port Loyola drew with Progresso FC of OW 1 goal apiece. Then Altitude FC edged the San Pedro Pirates 1-nil in San Pedro. Police United beat the Belmopan Bandits 2-nil. Verdes FC now leads with 13 points, Altitude FC has 12 points, Wagiya FC stays with 9 points. Those 3 teams will have a playoff spot, 3 other teams will be fighting for the other spot. Next week more stats and some predictions.



by Gilroy “Press” Cadogan

### INTERNATIONAL BASEBALL

**The L.A Dodgers have the best hitting team right now**

**Baseball Results and Predictions**

In baseball action, the LA Angeles Dodgers still have the best overall record in baseball at 85-41. Justin Turner, Mookie Betts their highest payed player, then Cody Bellinger and their top pitching staff are on top of their game right now. Dave Roberts, their manager, will be manager of the year very easily. In the Central Division, the St. Louis Cardinals have a 5-game lead on the Milwaukee Brewers; Christian Yelich is struggling right now. Paul Goldschmidt for the St. Louis Cardinals is one of the top MVP candidates.



Paul Goldschmidt

The Chicago Cubs have won 7 of their last 12 games, Wilson Contreras is one of the best catchers in the game. The Atlanta Braves, the defending champions, will not win their division but will be in the wild card race. In the American League, the New York Yankees will win the East Division. They are 80-50. The Houston-Astros have the best record at 82-48, they have the best pitcher in Justin Verlander. Aaron Judge has 51 homeruns already. He will be named MVP for the American League. Next week more stats.



Aaron Judge

### BILLIARDS

**Long Island are Belize City champions**

**Belikin 8-Ball Billiards Results**

In the Belikin 8-Ball Billiards Tournament in Belize City, Long Island became the champion after beating C-Delta 6 games to 1. Larry Lisbey beat Orlin Mejia 3 games to 2, then Dennis Zuniga thrashed Titus Garcia Coc 3 games to 1, Naim Rosado, Belize’s best player then crushed the owner of C-Delta, and captain, Marvin Cardona 3 games to 1. Luiggy Villanueva then lost to Julio Ardon 3 games to 1. Manuel “Policeman” Ramos then beat Juan Guzman 3 games to zip. Long Island Team have the best top 3 of the 5 best players in country, big up the owner of Long Island Mr. Nelson Mejia. They will win the Nationals in Mango Creek, Independence in 2 weeks’ time. Next week more stats.



Larry Lisbey

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 Thru’ the Office of the Solicitor General  
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 Belmopan City, Cayo District Belize, Central America  
 Telephone number: 822-2504 or 822-0519  
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Deadline for receipt of applications: **September 4, 2022**

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

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

## FROM THE PUBLISHER en Español

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peters; y Margaret Usher.

Otro artículo sobre softbol femenino, escrito por Pampo Young, habló de Noreen Bodden, Mae Dougal, Anita Smith, Sonia Buller, Delsie Franklin, Linda Burgess, Delsie Dawson, Radiance Stephens, Sonia Allen, Marie Middleton y Sandra Usher.

Después de las elecciones generales

de 1979, el financiamiento de nuestra revista se vino abajo, por lo que nuestro número proyectado de enero de 1980, que habría presentado a Glenda Ellis, la estrella del equipo de Belize que derrotó a los Estados Unidos a fines de la década de 1970, nunca se materializó.

Tengo más que decirle a la Sra. Macpherson, pero eso será en otro momento.

¡Poder al pueblo!

# ECLAC urges Latin America to strengthen social protection systems

**During a seminar on social development, representatives from ECLAC expressed concern about the well-being of Latin American and Caribbean people amid growing poverty and inequality in the region.**

by Khaila Gentle

SANTIAGO, Chile, Tues. Aug. 30, 2022

According to the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), making progress in the provision of social protection to people in the region is now more urgent than ever.

During ECLAC's Second Regional Seminar on Social Development, acting Executive Secretary of ECLAC, Mario Cimoli, stated that countries throughout the region have seen setbacks on numerous social matters, including poverty and inequality. At present, the people of Latin America and the Caribbean are living through unfavorable

and highly uncertain economic times. As a result of this, ECLAC is urging the region's countries to strengthen their social security and social protection systems.

In a press release sent out this week, the organization recommends that countries begin moving toward systems that are more "universal, comprehensive, sustainable, and resilient" in the framework of a welfare state.

ECLAC estimates that growing crises will cause the region to resume a path of low economic growth in 2022. Contributing to this, says the organization, are strong inflationary pressures, little dynamism in job creation, declining investment, and growing social

demands.

"To that end, a new social-fiscal compact is needed that would contribute to inclusive and transformative social development with gender equality and would ensure the financial sustainability of policies for tackling inequality," stated the organization.

Earlier this year, in June, ECLAC relayed a similar message at the International Expert Meeting.

"The COVID-19 pandemic demonstrated the centrality of social protection for addressing the health, economic and social effects of crises. Our region has been the most affected with regard to the number of deaths, and it is one of the most impacted in economic and social terms. This is not coincidental and is due to long-standing structural factors, including inequality in its diverse manifestations and the weakness of social protection systems," said Alberto Arenas de Mesa, Director of ECLAC's Social Development Division.

This week's Seminar on Social Development, entitled "Social Security



**Mario Cimoli, ECLAC Executive Secretary**

and the Protracted Crisis: An Opportunity to Combat Inequality in the Framework of a Welfare State in Latin America and the Caribbean," is being held virtually and ends on Thursday. According to Mario Cimoli, the purpose of the event is to maintain a dialogue with governments and make a call for them to act now through new social and fiscal agreements.

"Social protection can ultimately be understood as a key element of good governance, especially in times of crisis," stated Volker Oel, Commissioner for Latin America at Germany's Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

The seminar is organized by ECLAC in collaboration with the International Labor Organization (ILO) and the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO).

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**Belize City, Belize District; Belmopan, Cayo District**

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### 2. Parcel No. 1010 Handyside Street, Belize City, District District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Fort George/Pickstock	45	1010

The freehold property of Mr. Derek Cervantes.

### 3. Parcel No. 3981 Yvonne Hyde Street, Orchid Garden Extension, Belmopan, Cayo District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
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**Salary will be in accordance with Government Pay Scale.**

**Application package should be submitted by Friday September 9, 2022 to:**

**The Chairman, Board of Management  
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## SUMMARY PROCUREMENT NOTICE

**Contract Title: Consultancy to Re-Develop the CSME Application Processing System (CAPS) / Consultancy on National Accounts**

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

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

- **Consultancy to Re-Develop the CSME Application Processing System (CAPS);**
- **Consultancy on National Accounts.**

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

The deadline for submission of Expressions of Interests (EOIs) is **16 September 2022**.

# "Jungle Rat" convicted of 2014 murder

by Charles Gladden

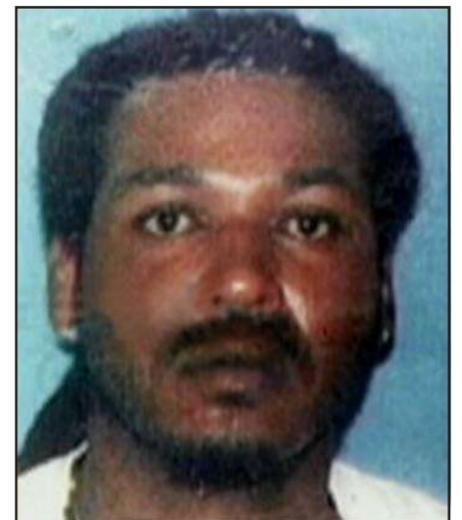
BELIZE CITY, Wed. Aug. 31, 2022

On Monday, Jason "Jungle Rat" Sanchez, 27, was found guilty of the murder of Emmerson Arnold, 35, who was fatally shot on November 28, 2014, while on his way to his workplace at the Belize Water Services Ltd.

According to previous AMANDALA reports, sometime around 7:00 o'clock that morning, Arnold was shot numerous times on Gibnut Street while heading to work by a gunman on a bicycle who was reportedly wearing a hoodie. He reportedly passed away moments after being hit seven times in the back and head. A few days after Arnold's execution, police, who had received a call from an eyewitness of the shooting shortly after it occurred, arrested and



**Jason Sanchez, convicted of murder**



**Emerson Arnold, the murder victim**

charged Sanchez for murder, and after he was on remand for six years, his murder trial began in the Supreme Court before Justice Herbert Lord in March 2021.

There had been delays in the trial due to the Covid-19 pandemic, but the trial finally was concluded this week. Originally, the prosecution had 12 witnesses scheduled to testify, but only 11 did so in court under oath. The eyewitness who had called police shortly after the shooting and who reportedly saw the slaying while on her way to work and had identified Sanchez, whom she knew as "Jungle Rat" as the shooter, later refused to testify after receiving several death threats. However, that witness's written statement was admitted into evidence.

In a statement he gave from the dock in court, Sanchez had denied having the nickname "Jungle Rat" and insisted that he was not the gunman who killed Arnold. Justice Lord nonetheless found him guilty after indicating in a 70-page judgment that the prosecution had proved beyond a reasonable doubt that he had killed Arnold. His sentence hearing is scheduled for October 17.



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- Three (3) current references (one must be from a previous employer)
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Central Bank of Belize  
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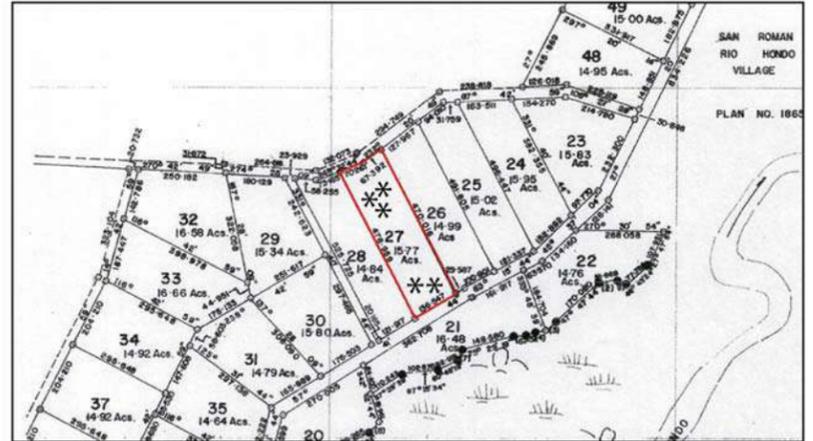
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- (5) Preliminary Draft Legislation
- (6) Conduct 3rd Round of Stakeholder Workshops and/or Meetings
- (7) Revised Draft Legislation & Presentation of Revised Draft Legislation
- (8) Final MLDI System and Legal Framework Review and Recommendations Report & Final Draft Legislation

For more information and how to apply, e-mail [info@forensics.gov.bz](mailto:info@forensics.gov.bz)

**View the full Terms of Reference**



**SCAN ME**

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022**

# FORTIS BELIZE

## VACANCY OPERATION & MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN I

FORTIS BELIZE LIMITED (Formerly BECOL) is accepting applications for the post of OPERATION & MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN I.

FORTIS BELIZE LIMITED is a leading renewable energy generation company that operates the Mollejon, Chalillo, and Vaca Hydroelectric Plants. The main function of the company is to provide clean and reliable energy to BEL and as an extension the entire country of Belize. The company's foremost concern is the safety of its employees and the running of an environmentally sound operations by following the guidelines of the International Standards Organization, category ISO14001.

### JOB DESCRIPTION:

As a key contributor of the Operations and Maintenance department would be responsible to monitor, control and maintain all generating equipment at Fortis Belize's power generating facilities under the supervision of a Senior Personnel. The O&M Technician I will work in periods of shift and on call rotation to ensure the highest level of plants availability and reliability. Participation in a cross-training program will be required to enhance career development. These training will include Power Plant Operation, Instruments & Controls, Electrical and Mechanical Maintenance.

### PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Perform routine inspections and/or maintenance activities on equipment such as Controls, Transformers, Excitation Systems, Generators, Motors, Motor Controls, Three Phase Systems, High-voltage Switchgear, 125VDC Battery Systems and Hydraulic Systems.
- Conducts troubleshooting and calibration under the supervision of a Senior Personnel on Electrical, Mechanical and Instruments and Controls equipment.
- Under the supervision of Senior Personnel, conduct basic troubleshooting and repairs motor control center, switchgear, battery chargers, distribution panels and excitation systems.
- Start or stop generators, auxiliary pumping equipment, turbines, and other power plant equipment, and connect or disconnect equipment from circuits.
- Take readings from charts, meters and gauges at established intervals, and take corrective steps as necessary.
- Execute clearances, protective locking / tagging and performs high voltage switching on generator, and station service switchgear.
- Clean powerplant and equipment and maintain equipment such as generators, turbines, pumps, and compressors to prevent equipment failure or deterioration.
- Communicate with Senior operators to regulate and coordinate transmission loads and line voltages.
- Inspect operational data and logbook entries and communicate with other plant personnel, to assess equipment operating status.
- Record and compile operational data, completing and maintaining forms, logs, and reports.
- Monitors and operates all plant generation equipment from centralized and remote-control panels according to plant operating procedures.
- Assure compliance with all operating and safety procedures.
- Under the supervision of a Senior Personnel, conduct basic troubleshooting and repairs on control systems, flow switches, limit switches, pressure transducers and relays.
- Under the supervision of a Senior Personnel, conduct basic troubleshooting and repairs on mechanical systems, standby generators, compressors, motors.
- Must immediately report to a Senior Personnel all abnormalities or events encountered in the execution of a job which may adversely affect maintenance execution or deemed responsible for observed defect or malfunction.

### QUALIFICATIONS:

- Associates Degree in Mechanical & Electrical Engineering and/or equivalent experience in relevant field.

### OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

- Two (2) years work experience in related field is desirable.
- Knowledge of power plant or large industrial equipment and operating procedures desirable.
- Must be able to successfully complete the Operator Qualification Program in policy defined period.

### Key Knowledge, Skills and Abilities Required:

- Possess a safety-first work attitude.
- Good reading comprehension and communication skills (written/verbal).
- Basic analytical and problem-solving skills
- Ability to work under pressure.
- Willing to learn new skills.
- Possess good organization and time management skills
- Good health and physical fitness.

**SALARY:** Dependent on Qualifications and experience

The successful applicant must reside in the San Ignacio/Santa Elena Town area or Benque Viejo Del Carmen Town. Application letters, accompanied by two (2) letters of reference, must be submitted by **September 5, 2022** to: [corporate@becol.com.bz](mailto:corporate@becol.com.bz)

Human Resource Department  
Fortis Belize Limited (Formerly BECOL)  
Mile 71.5 George Price Highway  
Cayo District, BELIZE C.A.

Deadline: ( September 5, 2022)



## ATTORNEY GENERAL'S MINISTRY VACANCY NOTICE

Suitably qualified applicants are invited to fill the position of:

### DEPUTY REGISTRAR

Applicants for the position of Deputy Registrar – Belize Intellectual Property Office (BELIPO) must be:

- an Attorney-at-Law qualified to practice law in Belize or the Commonwealth
- versed and trained in Intellectual Property laws.
- in good health.
- a person who conducts himself at all times, both in his professional and in his personal life, in a manner that will maintain public confidence.

Experience and training required:

- Minimum of five (5) years' experience in intellectual property;
- Bachelor of Laws Degree from a recognized institution; and
- Minimum of five (5) years' experience in management

Salary: Based on qualifications and experience.

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

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

Deadline for receipt of applications: **September 30, 2022**

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

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

## BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEES

Pursuant to The Belize Bank Limited Undertaking (Belize Bank Corporation Limited Operations) Vesting Act, 2021 and The Belize Bank Limited Undertaking (Belize Bank Corporation Limited Operations) Vesting Act (Appointed Day) Order, 2021, THE BELIZE BANK LIMITED, a company duly formed and incorporated under the Laws of Belize with registered office situate at Second Floor, Matalon Business Center, Coney Drive, Belize City Belize (the "Bank") acquired the undertaking of Belize Bank Corporation Limited (formerly Scotiabank (Belize) Ltd.).

The Bank thus hereby gives notice of its intention to exercise its power of sale under a Deed of Mortgage between Scotia Bank (Belize) Ltd of the one part and Anthea Young Mathias & Samuel Mathias (hereinafter called "the Mortgagees") of the second part which was filed at the Land Titles Unit in Belmopan City on the 8<sup>th</sup> Day of June 2011 in Deeds Book Volume 13 of 2011 at folios 1255-1284 being no. 1012/11. The Bank will at the expiration of two months from the date of the first publication of this notice sell the property of the Mortgagees described in the SCHEDULES hereto.

ALL offers to purchase the said property must be made in writing to the Bank or to the undersigned from either of whom full particulars and conditions of sale may be obtained.

### THE SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO AS

ALL THAT lot, piece or parcel of land being Lot No. 251 comprising of 661.665 square metres situate in Independence Village, Stann Creek District, bounded and described as shown by the Plan No. 884 of 2001 attached to Minister's Fiat Grant No. 884 of 2001 TOGETHER with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon.

Dated the 15<sup>th</sup> August 2022

**The Belize Bank Limited**  
**Second Floor**  
**Matalon Business Center**  
**Coney Drive,**  
**Belize City**

## John has big dreams — Part 12



by Clinton Canul Luna

While John was talking with those who were present at the meeting, he saw a couple arrive with a little girl about twelve years old. He looked into her mother's eyes and saw poverty, pain and hunger. When he looked at the face of her father, John saw the alcohol that had dominated his being. He looked at the girl, saw her thin, fragile body, and thought that her condition must be due to lack of good nutrition. It hurt him a lot to see the state of that small family. However, John focused his attention back to what he was telling his alcoholic friends.

"This illness, alcoholism, damages different parts of the body. You don't feel it right now, but yes. It's a damage you are doing to yourselves. I have come to know this, because I was also taught that the body is a temple of God, and when you are hurting that temple, you are obviously committing, not only a mistake, but also a sin. Anyways, I did not come here to preach; I do not dedicate myself to that. The Evangelist will take care of that, to explain to you better."

Then someone else got up and said, "Honorable John, if Christ made wine at a party, that means it's not wrong to drink wine."

John replied, "As I have told you, I am not trained in these things that Christ did. That is why this person who is going

to visit you, weekly, will explain it to you in detail. I do not know if Christ made wine containing alcohol or not. What I do know is that alcohol burns the entrails (intestines), affects the brain, the liver, the kidneys, heart, and other parts of the body. Studies have shown that it only takes one sip of alcohol at a very early age for it to alter the course of brain development, resulting in long-lasting changes in brain structure and function; in other words, alcohol will affect your learning, memory, speech, balance, etc.

"Did you know that alcohol can also give you cancer? Yes. You can develop an alcohol-associated cancer such as head and neck cancer, larynx cancer, liver cancer, etc. Alcohol is not considered a drug, but it is. Unfortunately, the countries that practice the capitalist, neoliberal system permit companies to produce all different kinds of liquors which are widely sold in the market without any control, even though we listen to speeches of goodwill and laws that are implemented for children not to consume this deadly kind of lawful drink. Nonetheless, a culture has been introduced whereby parents consume and also give it to the child. Such can be done through breastfeeding. Others give their child some beer to drink so they can sleep, and that way they have the night or day

free to party.

"Unfortunately, we do not have a program that helps parents to comprehend the damage that alcohol causes on their body and their child's. On the other hand, we have to realize that children are having children and that we have a problem of illiteracy in our country. It has been set aside as if it doesn't exist. The only thing the system is interested in is to have votes and be in power; the rest they don't care. Alcohol can be found in any so-called supermarket, instead of having special places exclusively for the selling of liquor such as a liquor shop. Anyhow, I did not come here to speak about that. That is something for the think tanks of this country to analyze. What I do want to say to you is that I promise to pay the rent for you and every Sunday to have a plate of food. That's what I promise."

There were other talks among the group. John listened without responding and time had passed. Like nothing, 10 o'clock had arrived. John said, "My friends, it is time to eat. We're going to enjoy the delicious tamales and horchatas. I hope you find that place we talked about. Let Tom know and he'll get in contact with me."

Everyone got up quietly, and as

they did the last time, they took their places and enjoyed the food. John also took his share and, of course, Tony, the good driver, a person John could trust to take care of everything else and everyone. After eating, everyone said their farewells and left. Tony stayed behind to clean up while John went to his house.

[fincasolan@gmail.com](mailto:fincasolan@gmail.com)

August 28, 2022

Finca Solana

Corozal Town



Business & Advertising email  
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[editor\\_amandala@yahoo.com](mailto:editor_amandala@yahoo.com)

**UNO**  
Belize

## SALES CONSULTANT

### Purpose:

The sales consultant is the first point of contact between our customers (Retail, Lubricant, C&I and prospective customers). Sales consultant main responsibility is to make the sales force efficient by proper understanding of the product/services. Sales Consultant must understand the product benefits and advantages and should prepare strategies to execute those strategies at right time. Ensure the sales team force is positive and area geared up for the challenge.

### Requirements:

- Education Level: Bachelors in business administration, or related fields.
- Requires knowledge Tax Legislation, basic sales knowledge, Customer Service techniques.
- 3 year working experience or relevant experience
- Skills: Complete Microsoft Office package
- Bilingual (English & Spanish)
- Must have driver's license (standard).
- Willing to travel country wide for customer visits
- Location: Belize, City

If you fulfill all the requirements please send your resume at:

[reclutamiento.bz@uno-terra.com](mailto:reclutamiento.bz@uno-terra.com)



## INVITATION TO BID

### CONSTRUCTION OF COVER STRUCTURES

**Institution:** Ministry of Economic Development

**Country:** Belize

**Project:** Resilient Rural Belize Programme

**Loan No.:** 2000002301

**Deadline for Submission of Proposals:** September 30, 2022 at 3:00 PM.

#### Background:

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

#### Scope of Service:

One of the objectives of the Programme is to assist small farmers to become more climate resilient by improving their agricultural production through investments in climate resilient agricultural technologies such as covered structures, water harvesting facilities and storage facilities. To accomplish this, the Programme has prepared architectural designs for covered structures that can provide year-round service to farmers. The designs shall be used for the procurement of quality services and materials for the construction and delivery of these covered structures.

#### Location of Work:

Nago Bank, Belize District, Valley of Peace, San Antonio and El Progreso/7Miles, Cayo District.

#### Deliverables:

The deliverables include a total of thirteen (13) cover structures as follows:

- (a) Green Houses
  - i. Ten (10) Convex cover structures measuring 40 ft X 80 ft inclusive of a gutter system for water harvesting,
  - ii. Ten (10) fertigation systems, with elevated ten thousand (10,000) liters water storage tank.
- (b) Seedling Units
  - i. Three (3) Tai-tunnel cover structure measuring 18 ft X 60 ft
  - ii. Three (3) elevated one thousand one hundred (1100) liters water tank for use as seedling nurseries

#### Specific Experience of Firm:

To qualify, construction firms must meet the following minimum qualifying criteria:

- a) Five (5) years' experience in general building construction.
- b) Four (4) projects of similar nature and size. A company profile in the form of a Statement of Qualifications (SoQ) shall be submitted for review. Submitted SoQ should include previously completed projects.

The Resilient Rural Belize (RRB) Programme now invites eligible contractors to submit bids for the **Construction of Cover Structures**.

A Construction firm will be selected in accordance with the procurement procedures set out by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the policies.

Contractors interested in receiving the Request for Bids (RFB) and submitting a bid should register their interest by sending an e-mail (with subject: *Request for RFB - Construction of Cover Structures*) to the Procurement Officer at [nvernon.rrb@med.gov.bz](mailto:nvernon.rrb@med.gov.bz) giving full contact details of the firm. This will ensure that the Contractors receive updates regarding this RFB.

Bids must be submitted via email to the following address on or before September 30, 2022 at 3:00 PM (Local time).

Attn: Geraldo Flowers  
Programme Manager  
Resilient Rural Belize Programme  
Ministry of Economic Development  
National Agriculture Showgrounds  
Hummingbird Highway  
Belmopan, Belize  
[geraldo.flowers@med.gov.bz](mailto:geraldo.flowers@med.gov.bz)  
cc: [nvernon.rrb@med.gov.bz](mailto:nvernon.rrb@med.gov.bz)

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BELIZE A.D 2022

CLAIM NO. 1 OF 2022

ASCENDANCY BELIZE LTD.

CLAIMANT

AND

GIOVANNI FOSTER

DEFENDANT

**TO: GIOVANNI FOSTER** of Main Middle Street, Punta Gorda Town, Toledo District, Belize

**TAKE NOTICE** that Claim No. 1 of 2022 has been commenced against you in the Supreme Court of Belize, by **ASCENDANCY BELIZE LTD.** a company duly incorporated under the Laws of Belize with registered office situate at 84 Albert Street, Belize City, Belize in which the CLAIMANT'S claim is for monies owing by the Defendant to the Claimant, being principal and interest due and payable on account of a loan advanced to the Defendant under and by virtue of a Charge and Memorandum Accompanying Charge executed by the Defendant inclusive of legal fees:

**AND** it has been ordered that service of the Notice of Application for Judgment with Affidavit in support of 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2022 on you be effected by this advertisement.

**AND** you are required to attend court on Monday, September 12th, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. before the Honorable Madam Justice Lisa Shoman at the Supreme Court of Belize for the Hearing of the said Notice of Application.

**TAKE NOTICE** that in default of your so doing, the said Claimant may proceed therein, and Judgment may be given in your absence.

DATED the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2022.

CAVE LOCHAN WATSON LLP  
Attorneys-at-Law for the Claimant  
Cor. Landivar & 4<sup>th</sup> Streets, Kings Park  
Belize City, Belize



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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### The Bank of England to Withdraw

#### Legal Tender Status of £20 and £50 Paper Banknotes

**Belize City, 16 August 2022:** The Central Bank of Belize hereby informs the public that the Bank of England has notified that it will withdraw the legal tender status of **£20** and **£50** paper banknotes on **30 September 2022**. After this date, only polymer banknotes will be legal tender. The Bank of England is encouraging both individual and institutional noteholders such as financial institutions to use, deposit, or exchange these banknotes by 30 September 2022.

Members of the Belizean public holding these paper banknotes are advised to submit them for exchange at their domestic bank. Institutional noteholders in Belize should continue to return these sterling banknotes to the Central Bank for repatriation to the Bank of England.

Note that after the 30 September 2022 deadline, holders of paper sterling banknotes will no longer be able to use them in transactions.

More information can be found on the Bank of England's website at:

<https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/banknotes/paper-20-paper-50-withdrawal>

<https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/-/media/boe/files/banknotes/paper/20-50-paper-notes.pdf>

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## INVITATION TO BID

### REHABILITATION OF NAGO BANK COLLECTION CENTER

**Institution:** Ministry of Economic Development

**Country:** Belize

**Project:** Resilient Rural Belize Programme

**Loan No.:** 2000002301

**Deadline for Submission of Proposals:** September 19, 2022 at 3:00 PM.

#### Background:

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

#### Scope of Service:

One of the objectives of the Programme is to assist farmers organizations to become more climate resilient by improving their agricultural production through investments in climate resilient agricultural technologies such as covered structures, water harvesting facilities and storage facilities.

The scope of service includes the renovation of the Produce Collection and Packaging Facility for the Los Pequeños Agricultores y Gaderos de Nago Bank Cooperative Society Limited in the Nago Bank Community of Maskall Village, Belize District.

#### Location of Work:

Nago Bank Collection Center in the Nago Bank Community of the Maskall Village.

#### Deliverables:

The deliverables shall include:

- i. Submission of a proposed project schedule that outlines the scope of work in accordance with the intended project timeline.
- ii. Submission of a proposed expected Milestone Payment Schedule as follows:
  1. Demolishing Works
  2. Floor Screed and Tiling
  3. Wall Construction & Window Installation
  4. Plastering
  5. Roller Shutter Door Installation
  6. Painting/Refurbishments

#### Qualifications of Firm:

To qualify, construction firms must meet the following minimum qualifying criteria:

- a) A minimum of ten (10) years' experience in general building construction.
- b) A minimum of five (5) projects of similar nature and size in the last ten (10) years. A company profile in the form of a Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) must be submitted for review. Submitted SOQ should include previously completed projects.

The Resilient Rural Belize (RRB) Programme now invites eligible contractors to submit bids for the **Rehabilitation of the Nago Bank Collection Center**.

A Construction firm will be selected in accordance with the procurement procedures set out by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the policies.

Contractors interested in receiving the Request for Quotation (RFQ) and submitting a bid should register their interest by sending an e-mail (with subject: *Request for RFQ - Rehabilitation of the Nago Bank Collection Center*) to the Procurement Officer at [nvernon.rrb@med.gov.bz](mailto:nvernon.rrb@med.gov.bz) giving full contact details of the Consultant. This will ensure that the Contractors receive updates regarding this RFQ.

Bids must be submitted via email to the following address on or before September 19, 2022 at 3:00 PM (Local time).

Attn: Geraldo Flowers  
Programme Manager  
Resilient Rural Belize Programme  
Ministry of Economic Development  
National Agriculture Showgrounds  
Hummingbird Highway  
Belmopan, Belize  
[geraldo.flowers@med.gov.bz](mailto:geraldo.flowers@med.gov.bz)  
cc: [nvernon.rrb@med.gov.bz](mailto:nvernon.rrb@med.gov.bz)



## LA INMACULADA CREDIT UNION LIMITED EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

La Inmaculada Credit Union Ltd. (LICU) is pleased to inform that we are currently accepting applications for a **Human Resource Officer (Orange Walk Main Office)**.

#### Minimum Qualifications Required:

- A. Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, Management, or related field
- B. At least 5 years of work experience as HR officer or similar role.
- C. Knowledge of the principles and practices of HR management.

#### Main Job Tasks, Duties and Responsibilities

1. Plan and manage recruitment and selection of staff
2. Employee Onboarding, development, needs assessment, and training.
3. Identify and manage training and development needs for employees
4. Assist in development of Human Resource policies and procedures
5. Implement Human Resource policies and procedures
6. Implement compensation and benefits
7. Ensure compensation and benefits are in line with company policies and legislation
8. Benchmark compensation and benefits
9. Support annual salary review
10. Implement and monitor performance management system
11. Channel employee complaints, grievances and disputes appropriately
12. Document employee discipline processes
13. Conduct exit interviews
14. Assist in recommendation for review and update employee rules and regulations
15. Maintain the Human Resource Information System and Employee database
16. Coordinate employee safety, welfare, and wellness
17. Ensure that employment is in compliance with regulatory concerns regarding employees.
18. Assist in organizational departmental planning.
19. Assist in [performance management](#) and improvement systems
20. Nurture a positive working environment internally and externally

#### ALL Prospective Applicants, as relevant, must possess the following qualifications & skills:

1. Must have strong initiative, assertiveness, be results-oriented and self-motivated
2. Ability to maintain high ethical and professional standards
3. Excellent interpersonal and communication skills
4. Accuracy and attention to detail
5. Excellent planning and organizational skills
6. Be team oriented, proactive and possess a positive attitude
7. Be fluent in English and Spanish, both written and oral
8. Ability to work well under pressure
9. Be willing to work flexible hours
10. Be willing to travel as required. This requires the possession of a valid driver's license: Class A.

**All Applicants must provide along with their application letter, two (2) recent letters of reference, Curriculum Vitae, Copy of valid Social Security card, Proof of address, Recent Police Record, Copy of most recent qualification transcripts and diploma.**

Applications that are emailed must be sent in **ONE single PDF file**. A receipt of payment for a recent police record will be accepted. **Only complete applications will be considered.**

Applications must be sent by **September 6<sup>th</sup> by 5:00 pm** addressed to:

General Manager  
La Inmaculada Credit Union Ltd.  
5 Park Street  
Orange Walk Town  
Email: [licu@btl.net](mailto:licu@btl.net)

*Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted for an interview.*



## BELIZE SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND TENDER NOTICE

Country: Belize Project: CARICOM Development Fund Grant No: BZE/G00011  
Project ID: CDF/00011/WS3 Contract Number: W/CDF-06/2022 National  
Competitive Bidding (NCB) Deadline: **September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

1. The Government of Belize has received funding through the CARICOM Development Fund (CDF) towards implementation of a project that focuses on improving water supply systems in four (4) communities and intends to apply part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the contract for **Installation of Water Meters for the Georgeville Water Supply System, Georgeville Village, Cayo District, Belize.**

2. The Social Investment Fund, a Statutory Corporation, established under the Social Investment Fund Act No. 3 of 1996 and located at Constitution Drive, Belmopan, Cayo District, hereby invites tenders from suitably qualified contractors for the construction of the following:

### The contract proposes to:

*The contract proposes the upgrading of the rudimentary water supply system throughout the installation of 275 water measuring and control devices in Georgeville Village, Cayo District, Belize.*

3. **Final (Project Site) Destination as specified in BDS:** Georgeville Village, Cayo District, Belize.

4. Belize Social Investment Fund now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the construction works in the aforementioned areas.

5. Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedures specified in the CARICOM Development Fund's Guidelines for Procurement (May 2010), and are open to all countries of the world are eligible to tender for this contract.

6. Qualification requirements include (a) The bidder shall furnish unaudited or audited financial statements (balance sheets with corresponding notes, income statement, and statements of cash flow) of the firm for years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 to demonstrate the current soundness of the bidder's financial position (b) Bidders should have general experience under contracts in the role of contractor, JV member, subcontractor, or management contractor for the years 2019, 2020 and 2021 with activity of at least five (5) months in each year starting 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2019 (c) Bidders should have specific experience as a prime contractor, joint venture member, management contractor, or subcontractor, between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011 and the bid submission deadline and should have less than or equal to three (3) contracts, each of a minimum value of BZ\$15,600.00, but with a total value of all contracts equal or more than BZ\$46,800.00 (d) demonstrate cash flow requirement: capacity to have a cash flow amount of BZ\$5,850.00 of which not more than BZ\$2,925.00 can be credit for materials (e) an average annual turnover of BZ\$140,400.00 which shall be calculated as total certified payments received for contracts completed within the best two (2) years of the years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 (e) other provided in the respective Bid Documents.

7. A secured "sample" electronic Bid document can be shared with interested Bidders at the address below, starting **August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022**, on week days between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. for viewing purpose only (has a time restriction for viewing). A complete set of Bidding documents (electronic version) can be purchased by interested bidder upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **BZ\$150.00**. Requests may be made by personal application or in writing to the address below. Written applications must be clearly marked: **"Installation of Water Meters for the Georgeville Water Supply System, Georgeville Village, Cayo District, Belize"**. The method of payment will be by cash deposited to, or Bank transfer to BSIF's Bank Account only. Banking details can be requested at the address below. Cash payment will not be accepted at the BSIF Office.

8. **Deadline** for bids is **at or before 10:00 a.m., September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022** at the address below. **Bids will be opened at 10:30 a.m., September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022** at the Social Investment Fund, 3rd Floor, #1902 Constitution Drive, Belmopan, Cayo District in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to participate. Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late bids **will be rejected**. All bids must be accompanied by a "Bid Security" of BZ\$500.00 or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency or Bank Guarantee. The bid validity period is 90 days.

9. A Pre-bid meeting with interested eligible bidders will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at Georgeville Village, Cayo District, Belize. Bidders can participate in the meeting to address any queries about the bidding document or the scope of works. Persons who purchase packages are urged to attend.

10. The address referred to above is:

**Contact: Ms. Ruby Pascascio**  
Senior Procurement Officer Social Investment Fund  
3rd Floor, #1902 Constitution Drive  
Belmopan Cayo District  
Tel: 822-0239/822-0508  
E-mail: [ruby.pascascio@sifbelize.org](mailto:ruby.pascascio@sifbelize.org)  
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## BELIZE SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND TENDER NOTICE

Country: Belize Project: CARICOM Development Fund Grant No: BZE/G00011  
Project ID: CDF/00011/WS3 Contract Number: W/CDF-05/2022 National  
Competitive Bidding (NCB) Deadline: **September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

1. The Government of Belize has received funding through the CARICOM Development Fund (CDF) towards implementation of a project that focuses on improving water supply systems in four (4) communities and intends to apply part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the contract for **Rehabilitation of the Water Tank for the Georgeville Water Supply System, Georgeville Village, Cayo District, Belize.**

2. The Social Investment Fund, a Statutory Corporation, established under the Social Investment Fund Act No. 3 of 1996 and located at Constitution Drive, Belmopan, Cayo District, hereby invites tenders from suitably qualified contractors for the construction of the following:

### The contract proposes to:

*The contract proposes the rehabilitation of the existing storage tank in Georgeville Village, Cayo District, Belize*

3. **Final (Project Site) Destination as specified in BDS:** Georgeville Village, Cayo District, Belize.

4. Belize Social Investment Fund now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the construction works in the aforementioned areas.

5. Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedures specified in the CARICOM Development Fund's Guidelines for Procurement (May 2010), and are open to all countries of the world are eligible to tender for this contract.

6. Qualification requirements include (a) The bidder shall furnish unaudited or audited financial statements (balance sheets with corresponding notes, income statement, and statements of cash flow) of the firm for years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 to demonstrate the current soundness of the bidder's financial position (b) Bidders should have general experience under contracts in the role of contractor, JV member, subcontractor, or management contractor for the years 2019, 2020 and 2021 with activity of at least five (5) months in each year starting 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2019 (c) Bidders should have specific experience as a prime contractor, joint venture member, management contractor, or subcontractor, between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011 and the bid submission deadline and should have less than or equal to three (3) contracts, each of a minimum value of BZ\$7,100.00, but with a total value of all contracts equal or more than BZ\$21,300.00 (d) demonstrate cash flow requirement: capacity to have a cash flow amount of BZ\$5,000.00 of which not more than BZ\$2,500.00 can be credit for materials (e) an average annual turnover of BZ\$85,200.00 which shall be calculated as total certified payments received for contracts completed within the best two (2) years of the years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 (e) other provided in the respective Bid Documents.

7. A secured "sample" electronic Bid document can be shared with interested Bidders at the address below, starting **August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022**, on week days between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. for viewing purpose only (has a time restriction for viewing). A complete set of Bidding documents (electronic version) can be purchased by interested bidder upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **BZ\$150.00**. Requests may be made by personal application or in writing to the address below. Written applications must be clearly marked: **"Rehabilitation of the Water Tank for the Georgeville Water Supply System, Georgeville Village, Cayo District, Belize"**. The method of payment will be by cash deposited to, or Bank transfer to BSIF's Bank Account only. Banking details can be requested at the address below. Cash payment will not be accepted at the BSIF Office.

8. **Deadline** for bids is **at or before 10:00 a.m., September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022** at the address below. **Bids will be opened at 10:15 a.m., September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022** at the Social Investment Fund, 3rd Floor, #1902 Constitution Drive, Belmopan, Cayo District in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to participate. Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late bids **will be rejected**. All bids must be accompanied by a "Bid Security" of BZ\$300.00 or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency or Bank Guarantee. The bid validity period is 90 days.

9. A Pre-bid meeting with interested eligible bidders will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at Georgeville Village, Cayo District, Belize. Bidders can participate in the meeting to address any queries about the bidding document or the scope of works. Persons who purchase packages are urged to attend.

10. The address referred to above is:

**Contact: Ms. Ruby Pascascio**  
Senior Procurement Officer Social Investment Fund  
3rd Floor, #1902 Constitution Drive  
Belmopan Cayo District  
Tel: 822-0239/822-0508  
E-mail: [ruby.pascascio@sifbelize.org](mailto:ruby.pascascio@sifbelize.org)  
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BELIZE A.D. 2017

CLAIM NO. 196 OF 2017

**BETWEEN:** (SCOTT SUMMERS FIRST CLAIMANT / APPLICANT  
 (MARTHA STEPHENS SECOND CLAIMANT / APPLICANT  
 ( (AND  
 ( (DARIN SMITH FIRST DEFENDANT / RESPONDENT  
 (BIOSPCHARMS, INC SECOND DEFENDANT

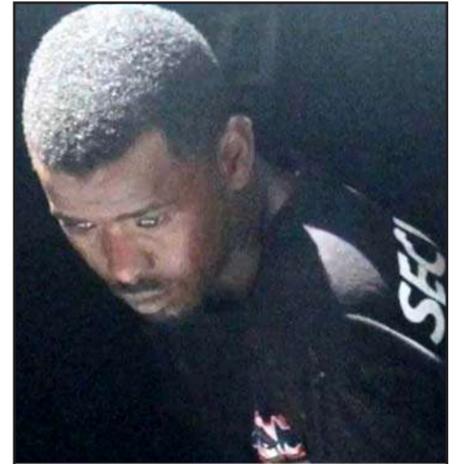
NOTICE

To Darin Smith and Biospharms Inc.

**TAKE NOTICE** that an application has been filed in Claim No.196 of 2017 for the sale of the property described as Parcel No 67, Block 18 in the Iguana Creek Registration Section which is owned by you.

**This Application** will be heard in the Supreme Court of Belize on the 6<sup>th</sup> of October, 2022 before the Honorable Justice Sonia Young at 8.45 am.

**Bowen & Bowen worker accused of stealing liquor**



*Phillip James Lopez, accused of stealing liquor from Bowen and Bowen warehouse*

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Aug. 31, 2022  
 Phillip James Lopez, 30, a security guard of Bowen & Bowen Ltd., was arraigned in the Magistrate's Court on Tuesday for theft after being accused by the company of stealing several boxes of Smirnoff Ice worth \$1,170 from the company's warehouse on its Ladyville compound on Marage Road, where he had been providing security services.

It was a supervisor at Belize Brewing Company, which is a part of the Bowen and Bowen enterprise, who realized, while inspecting the inventory of beverages at the warehouse on Saturday, August 20, that a large number of bottles of Smirnoff Ice in the warehouse (the equivalent of 15 cases) was missing and that the crates in which they had been stored were empty. He then made a report to Ladyville Police.

After conducting an initial investigation into the disappearance of the liquor, police arrested Lopez and charged him with theft. He pleaded guilty to the charge when he was arraigned in court on Tuesday. He was not able to meet the bail of \$1,500 that was offered to him, and was thus remanded to the Belize Central Prison.



CENTRAL BANK  
of BELIZE



CAREER OPPORTUNITY

**MANAGER, ADMINISTRATION**

The Central Bank invites qualified individuals to join its Administration Department.

The Manager, Administration provides overall direction for all activities related to general services, records management, and physical facilities. The incumbent is responsible for the development and implementation of strategic objectives, annual budgets, policies, and goals in each of these areas. The Manager, Administration manages the administrative functions to provide all other departments with basic services and a workable, safe environment in support of the Central Bank of Belize's operations.

**ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Develop and implement strategic plan, policies, and procedures to achieve the department's goals and strategic objectives.
- Develop a Records and Information Management strategy in accordance with international best practices.
- Manage the Records and Archive System and provide effective guidance to ensure the efficiency of its operations.
- Develop, manage, and control the Central Bank's Mail Distribution, Reprographic Function and Collectible Coin programme.
- Manage the general services functions including transportation, messenger and janitorial services, and the procurement of goods and services related to the activities of the Central Bank.
- Manage and approve procurement and payments in accordance with the Central Bank's Procurement Policy.
- Manage all activities related to the cleaning services and maintenance of the Central Bank's facilities, compound, equipment and related systems.
- Organize the Central Bank's Business Continuity meeting in the event of a disaster and the updating of the Business Continuity Plan to ensure proper execution when required.
- Manage the Central Bank's stock inventory including supplies, and fixed assets as it relates to the procurement, description, labeling, location, and disposal.
- Manage and oversee the maintenance, operations, projects, and contracts for the Facility Management Unit.
- Prepare, present, and monitor annual budgets and expenditures.

**The applicants should possess the following:**

**EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE**

- A Master's Degree in Business Administration, Accounting or Management from a recognized university with three (3) years managerial experience. Experience in the areas of human relations, records management, procurement, inventory, and assets management would be an asset, OR
- A minimum of a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, Accounting or Management from a recognized university with at least six (6) years managerial experience. Experience in the areas of human relations, records management, procurement, inventory, and assets management would be an asset.

**TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE**

- Knowledge of the Central Bank of Belize Act, Central Bank of Belize's policies and procedures, accounting principles and practices, specifically in electronic assets management, and procurement procedures, internal control processes, and business and management principles; Possesses, applies, and maintain a high degree of knowledge in the relevant area to deliver quality work, and keeps informed of the latest trends and development in the discipline; Proficient in software applications including Microsoft Office Suite.

**COMPETENCIES**

- Personal Credibility, Flexibility, Personal Accountability, Fostering Teamwork, Managing Performance, Communication, Results Orientation, Managing Change, Strategic Thinking, Thoroughness, Analytical Thinking, Leadership, Empowering Others.

Submit the following documents by **Wednesday, 14 September 2022:**

- CBB Employment Application Form (Available online)
- Curriculum Vitae
- Three (3) current references (one must be from a previous employer)
- Certified copies of university transcripts, degrees, and any other personal certificates

Applications should be addressed to:

Manager, Human Resources Department  
Central Bank of Belize  
P O Box 852 or Gabourel Lane  
Belize City, BELIZE

Ref: Manager- Administration Department

Email: [hr@centralbank.org.bz](mailto:hr@centralbank.org.bz) or online at [www.centralbank.org.bz](http://www.centralbank.org.bz)  
(All applications will be held in strict confidence.)



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## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) invites applicants for the functions of National Consultant for Supply Chain Management

**Duty station:** Belize City

**Qualifications:** *Essential:*  
A Bachelor's degree in Pharmacy or related health, social or management sciences from a recognized university

*Desirable:*  
Postgraduate degree at a Master level in public health or related field.

**Experience:** *Essential:*  
Five years of national working experience in the related field

*Desirable:*  
Working experience in health services project management

**Skills:**

- Pharmacy or related professional with 5 years of experience in Supply Chain Management at national level and familiar with national public health system.
- Involved with the management of HIV, TB and/or Malaria programs commodities would be desirable
- Experience in managing medical stores, or alike companies for the supply of essential medicines and other health technologies would be desirable.
- Experience in the development and implementation of training programs, particularly related to access to medicines and supply chain.
- Experience in planning for the procurement of commodities for the HIV, TB, and Malaria programs.
- Ability to analyse factors, trends, and forecast scenarios based on current surveillance systems and possesses the capability to develop and plan innovative and appropriate solutions for their improvement.
- Strong research, problem-solving and organizational skills.
- Ability to work collaboratively (in person or virtually) with other team players
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills and sensitivity to political and cultural issues
- Ability to meet deadlines
- Strong professional oral and writing skills, including the development of reports, oral presentations, and technical/persuasive documents for consideration at the highest levels of the Organization.
- Demonstrated ability to effectively use a computer and utilize software programs such as Microsoft Office Word, Excel, PowerPoint, SharePoint, and Outlook. Other IT skills and knowledge of other software programs for Statistical Analysis, Data Exploratory Analysis and Project Management would be an asset.

**Languages:** Very good knowledge of English and working knowledge of Spanish

**Deadline:** Letter of application, Curriculum Vitae, and two current letters of recommendation should be sent to [blzmail@paho.org](mailto:blzmail@paho.org) or to P.O. Box 1834, Belize City no later than **September 9, 2022**

For further details visit our website <https://www.paho.org/en/vacancies> An interview will be held for this position and only candidates under serious consideration will be contacted.

PAHO/WHO has a smoke-free environment and does not recruit smokers or users of any form of tobacco.

## WHY CAN'T BELIZEANS FORM A COALITION OF NATIONALISTS TO END PUDP'S CONTROL?

by  
**Wellington C. Ramos,**  
*Adjunct Professor of History and Political Science*



When I was a child growing up in Dangriga, Belize, in the 1960's and 70's, there were only two political parties: the National Independence Party (NIP) led by Philip Goldson, and the People's United Party (PUP) led by George Price. At that time, there were only 18 seats in the Belize House of Representatives, and the PUP controlled 17 of the 18 seats. The only opposition member of the House was Philip Goldson, the NIP leader for many years.

This is because the People's United Party which was formed in 1950, is the oldest political party in Belize. Even Philip Goldson was a member of the PUP, along with George Price. He said that he broke away from the PUP because he suspected that George Price was selling out Belize to Guatemala.

Below are excerpts that came out of the *Amandala* newspaper which was published on Saturday March 20, 2021 that tell us how Philip Goldson and Leigh Richardson left the PUP:

*What was the People's Committee in January 1950 quickly turned, on September 29, into the People's United Party (PUP). But John Smith, the leader of the PUP, resigned from the PUP because rumors were that Price was receiving Christmas gifts from Guatemala.*

*Price went on to win the leadership of the PUP. Defeated Leigh Richardson and Philip Goldson were thrown out of the PUP at the Riverside Hall. Price had garnered support from a British Honduras committee to visit London to seek financing. When in London, Price met with Guatemala's Minister Garcia Granados, who had a document marking British Honduras as a satellite of Guatemala.*

*The British learned about this and labelled Price a devious man, who wanted Belize to be given "Lock, Stock and Barrel to Guatemala." When Price arrived at the Belize airport, his PUP followers were there in the thousands, saying, "Contract or no Contract — we want Price!"*

*In 1960 the British told Price in no uncertain terms that his people wanted independence, but that the Guatemalan claim was stopping it. They laid the cards on the table. Either he could get independence, or Guatemala could make some governor of him. Price decided to stop playing with Guatemala. He went to Guatemala and laid the cards on the table. President Ydigoras Fuentes called him a traitor, while Garcia Granados went on Price's side. And so, Price gave his famous speech to a high school, "Not One Square Centimeter." He broke with Guatemala, and the British trained Belize in preparation for general*

*elections and a ministerial cabinet system.*

George Price's relationship with Guatemala was the issue that turned Philip Goldson against George Price and his People's United Party up until his death. He could not comprehend why George Price was communicating with the President of Guatemala when they were claiming our country. What may have broken his heart even more was that despite the allegations that were made against George Price with Guatemala, the Belizean people still stood behind him.

This was the issue on the basis of which Philip Goldson and the NIP ran against the PUP for decades up until they merged to become part of the United Democratic Party in 1973. Because Belize was a colony of Great Britain up until September the 21<sup>st</sup> 1981. We were their responsibility, and most of our funding was provided by the British government. George Price and his PUP government was dependent on them for their finances.

Since politics is local and most of our people do not understand how politics works, they looked to George Price and the PUP for everything. If things went well, George Price and his PUP government got the praise for it. However, when things went bad, they were blamed for it. The NIP kept talking about the dangers that would occur to our people and nation if we were to become a part of Guatemala, while George Price and his PUP kept talking about the benefits independence would bring to our people and nation.

Because the NIP kept talking about the dangers and the threats, George Price and the PUP labeled them as anti-independence. When the United Democratic Party (UDP) was formed in 1973 during the absence of Philip Goldson, Dean Lindo became the party leader. This was a position he always wanted, and he got it. He and his party maintained the stands that the NIP took because the NIP formed the core of the United Democratic Party.

In my opinion, Dean Lindo and Philip Goldson had different personalities and came from different backgrounds. Goldson was more a gentleman in his political approach, while Dean Lindo came with an aggressive approach against George Price and the People's United Party (PUP). During the 1960's, Evan Hyde and his UBAD movement were enlightening many Black youths in the city of Belize with his Black consciousness movement.

They pointed out how unequal the treatment of Black people in the country of Belize was. They looked at the way that certain jobs and positions were given and the people who make up the business and merchant class that control the wealth of our nation. Both the UDP and the PUP saw Evan Hyde and the UBAD as destructive because they did not want to admit that there is a race problem in Belize.

Surprisingly, decades later, both of these political parties still think the same

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## Anglican Cathedral College



### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons to fill vacancies that exists for the following:

- **History/ Social Studies Teacher**

Core Responsibilities:

- Planning, preparing and delivering lessons
- Researching and developing relevant teaching material
- Setting assessments and overseeing examinations
- Providing academic support to students
- Supporting school activities and initiatives

Qualifications

Minimum qualification required is an Associate Degree in the subject to be taught or a related area, however, a Bachelor's Degree is preferred.

Salary

Salary will be in accordance with Government pay scales for teachers.

Required Documents

- Cover Letter
- Curriculum Vitae
- Certified copies of transcripts
- Certified copies of degrees, diplomas and certificates
- Certified copy of **valid** Teachers' License
- Two recent letters of recommendation

Application packages should be submitted by September 9, 2022 to [info@acc.edu.bz](mailto:info@acc.edu.bz) or delivered to:

Mr. Nelson Longworth  
Principal  
Anglican Cathedral College  
71 Regent Street  
P.O. Box 98  
Belize City, Belize

# NATIONAL CELEBRATIONS CALENDAR OF EVENTS *September* 2022

## BELIZE DISTRICT

**JULY 30**

**MISS CARNIVAL PAGEANT**  
The Bliss Center for the Performing Arts  
8:00 PM - PAID

**AUGUST 13**

**SUMMER FESTIVAL: A NIGHT OF CULTURE**  
Belize Civic Center Grounds  
6:00 PM - 11:00 PM - FREE

**AUGUST 14**

**QUEEN OF THE BAY SASHING & GALA**  
House of Culture  
6:00 PM - \$75

**AUGUST 17**

**QUEEN OF THE BAY TALENT COMPETITION**  
The Bliss Center for the Performing Arts  
7:00 PM

**AUGUST 20**

**BELIZE JERKFEST**  
Marion Jones Sporting Complex  
4:00 PM - General (Pre-paid) \$100 | Door \$180  
Vip (Pre-paid) \$150 | Door \$180

**QUEEN OF THE BAY**

The Bliss Center for the Performing Arts  
7:00 PM - General \$20  
Reserve \$40 | VIP \$50

**AUGUST 25, 26**

**CARNIVAL MAS CAMP (JUNIOR & SENIORS)**  
Respective Mas Camps  
6:00 PM - FREE

**AUGUST 26, 27**

**SIR BARRY'S BELIKIN BASH**  
Marion Jones Sporting Complex  
August 26 | 5:30 PM - 12 AM - FREE  
August 27 | 12 PM - 12 AM - FREE

**AUGUST 27**

**CARNIVAL KING AND QUEEN COMPETITION**  
Belize Civic Center  
5:00 PM - PAID

**AUGUST 30**

**LIGHTING OF THE SIR MANUEL ESQUIVEL OVERPASS**  
7:00 PM

**SEPTEMBER 1**

**NATIONAL FLAG DAY**  
Flag Monument  
6:00 AM

**BELIZE @ 41 AWARDS FOR CULTURAL & CREATIVE EXCELLENCE**

House of Culture  
2:00 PM

**SEPTEMBER 2**

**STREET FETE**  
Marion Jones Sporting Complex  
6:00 PM - 4:00 AM - \$30

**RUDE FETE PRE J'OUVERT BASH**

DaBuzz Restaurant and Lounge (Travellers Compound)  
9:00 PM - \$25

**SEPTEMBER 3**

**CARNIVAL J'OUVERT**  
Starts at Civic Center and Through the Streets of Belize City  
4:00 AM - FREE

**CARNIVAL ROAD MARCH**

Principal Streets of Belize City  
1:00 PM - FREE

**CARNIVAL LAST LAP**

Marion Jones Sporting Complex

**SEPTEMBER 5**

**PATRIOTIC SONGS AND POEM**  
Wesley Methodist Church

**SEPTEMBER 9**

**FIRE ENGINE PARADE**  
Principal Streets of Belize City  
6:00 PM - FREE

**9TH NIGHT CONCERT**

Marion Jones Sporting Complex  
8:00 PM - 4 AM - General \$50  
VIP \$130 | PLAT \$250

**LIVING LEGEND CONCERT & DEDICATION OF LORD RHABURN SQUARE**

Lord Rhaburn Square  
9:00 PM - 1 AM - FREE

**SEPTEMBER 20**

**8TH ANNUAL SOCA & CULTURE FEST**  
Marion Jones Sporting Complex  
8:00 PM - 4 AM - General \$50  
VIP \$175 | Ultra VIP. \$300

**OFFICIAL FLAG RAISING CEREMONY, FIREWORKS DISPLAY & MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT**

Memorial Park  
9:00 PM - 1:00 AM - FREE

**SEPTEMBER 21**

**INDEPENDENCE DAY CEREMONY**  
Memorial Park  
8:00 AM - FREE

**INDEPENDENCE DAY UNIFORM PARADE**

Principal Streets of Belize City  
9:30 AM - FREE  
**21ST BELIZE CITY BASH**  
Digi Park  
11:00 AM - 6:00 PM - FREE

**SEPTEMBER 22**

**BOOK LAUNCH OF PHILIP GOLDSON BIOGRAPHY**  
House of Culture  
10:00 AM

**SEPTEMBER 24**

**CARNIVAL AWARDS NIGHT**  
House of Culture  
6:00 PM - PRICE TBA

**SEPTEMBER 10**

**224TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF ST. GEORGE'S CAYE OFFICIAL CEREMONIES**  
House of Culture  
9:00 AM - FREE

**BELIZE CITY COUNCIL 10TH BRAM**

Lord Rhaburn Square  
11:00 AM - 8 PM - FREE

**FYAH HAAT FEST RELOADED**

Willows Bank Village  
Demonstration Buffet, Games 1:00 PM  
Concert 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

**SEPTEMBER 11**

**FYAH HAAT FEST RELOADED CRICKET MATCH**  
Willows Bank Village  
10:00 AM

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**

St. John's Cathedral  
Time TBA

**SEPTEMBER 15**

**CHARLIE BURTON FUNDRAISER (SWAP MEET)**  
Charlie Burton Park, Gibnut Street  
1:00 PM - 9:00 PM - FREE

**SEPTEMBER 17**

**PAAN YAAD**  
Government House Compound  
6:00 PM - 11:00 PM Price \$5 | \$10

**INCREDIBLE GOD GOSPEL CONCERT**

Digi Park  
5:00 PM - 9:00 PM - FREE

**OLE SKOOL DANCE**

Bird's Isle  
10:00 PM - \$25

**SEPTEMBER 17, 18**

**EXPO BELIZE MARKET PLACE**  
Marion Jones Sporting Complex  
8:00 AM - 6:00 PM - Adults \$5 | 12 Yrs & Under \$3

**SEPTEMBER 18**

**TRIBUTE TO BELIZEAN PATRIOTS-NATIONAL HONORS & AWARDS CEREMONY; CONCERT**  
Battlefield Park  
6:00 PM - FREE

**SEPTEMBER 19**

**NATIONAL SERVICE DAY**  
Wreath Laying Ceremony 10:00 AM  
Lord Ridge Cemetery

**SEPTEMBER 20**

**8TH ANNUAL SOCA & CULTURE FEST**  
Marion Jones Sporting Complex  
8:00 PM - 4 AM - General \$50  
VIP \$175 | Ultra VIP. \$300

**OFFICIAL FLAG RAISING CEREMONY, FIREWORKS DISPLAY & MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT**

Memorial Park  
9:00 PM - 1:00 AM - FREE

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House of Culture  
6:00 PM - PRICE TBA

## BELMOPAN

**SEPTEMBER 1**

**NATIONAL FLAG DAY (FLAG RAISING)**  
B.N.E Roundabout  
6:00 AM - FREE

**LAUNCHING OF BELMOPAN**

**SEPTEMBER CALENDAR,**  
Independence Park Belmopan City  
2:00 PM - FREE

**SEPTEMBER 2**

**POETRY COMPETITION & OPEN MIC**  
Mauvelene "Mae" Gordon Park  
7:00 PM - FREE

**SEPTEMBER 4**

**POETRY COMPETITION & OPEN MIC**  
Smoke Shack  
6:00 PM - FREE

**SEPTEMBER 7**

**PANEL DISCUSSION - IS BELIZE FINALLY BREAKING THE COLONIAL CHAINS @ 41**  
University of Belize - Jaguar Auditorium  
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

**SEPTEMBER 9**

**CHILDREN'S BICYCLE PARADE**  
Mauvelene "Mae" Gordon Park to the Belmopan Civic Center  
4:30 PM - FREE

**SEPTEMBER 9**

**FIRE ENGINE PARADE**  
Belmopan Surroundings  
7:00 PM - FREE

**CHRISTIAN BLOCK PARTY**

Belmopan Market Area  
7:30 PM - FREE

**YOUTH ENTREPRENEUR POP-UP SHOP**

Belmopan Market Area  
4:00 PM - FREE

**SEPTEMBER 10**

**224TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF ST. GEORGE'S CAYE OFFICIAL CEREMONIES**  
Belize City

**SEPTEMBER 11**

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**  
Independence Plaza  
9:00 AM - FREE

**SEPTEMBER 15**

**KARAOKE AND MARIACHI NIGHT**  
Havana Grill and Chill

**SEPTEMBER 16**

**KIDS MOVIE NIGHT**  
Mauvelene "Mae" Gordon Park  
6:00 PM - FREE

**SEPTEMBER 17**

**SOCA NIGHT**  
One Million Lounge  
PAID

**SEPTEMBER 19**

**NATIONAL SERVICE DAY & PATRIOTIC DAY**  
Belmopan City Council  
8:00 AM - FREE

**UNVEILING OF THE MURAL**

Belmopan Civic Center  
11:00 AM - FREE

**SEPTEMBER 20**

**FLAG RAISING CEREMONY**  
Assembly Building  
11:45 PM - FREE

**TAKING BACK THE LAND PARADE**

City of Belmopan and Belmopan Market Area  
11:45 PM

**FIREWORKS DISPLAY**

Independence Hall  
12:00 AM

**SEPTEMBER 21**

**OFFICIAL INDEPENDENCE DAY CEREMONIES**  
Independence Plaza  
9:00 AM

**BELMOPAN CITIZENS' PARTY AND PARADE**

Independence Plaza  
Immediately after the Official Ceremony

**SEPTEMBER 23**

**BOOK LAUNCH OF PHILIP GOLDSON BIOGRAPHY**  
Goldson House  
6:00 PM

NATIONAL CELEBRATIONS  
**CALENDAR OF EVENTS** *September* 2022

**ORANGE WALK**

**SEPTEMBER 1**  
**NATIONAL FLAG DAY**  
 Central Park  
 6:00 AM • FREE

**SEPTEMBER 3**  
**MAYA HEROES DAY**  
 Central Park  
 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM • FREE

**FIESTA FM ANNIVERSARY**  
 Fort Cairns Market  
 10:00 AM - UNTIL • FREE

**SEPTEMBER 9**  
**FIRE ENGINE PARADE & BLOCK PARTY**  
 Central Park  
 7:00 PM - 2:00 AM • FREE

**SEPTEMBER 10**  
**10K RUN**  
 Town Hall  
 5:30 AM • FREE

**SEPTEMBER 10**  
**224TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF ST. GEORGE'S CAYE OFFICIAL CEREMONIES & BLOCK PARTY**  
 Central Park • 3:00 PM - 2:00 AM • FREE

**SEPTEMBER 10**  
**OVADOZE "FETE ADDICT"**  
 People's Stadium  
 TBA • FREE

**SEPTEMBER 11**  
**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**  
 All Day

**SEPTEMBER 15**  
**MASTERS OF THE ROAD**  
 Central Park  
 3:30 PM • FREE

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**  
 ALL DAY

**SEPTEMBER 16**  
**CHILDREN'S SCHOOL RALLY & PARADE**  
 Main Streets of OW  
 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM • FREE

**CDC DRUM FETE**  
 Central Park  
 8:00 PM - 11:00 PM • FREE

**SEPTEMBER 17**  
**ROCK CONCERT/ FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL**  
 Fort Cairns Market Plaza  
 7:00 PM - 2:00 AM • FREE

**SEPTEMBER 19**  
**NATIONAL SERVICE DAY SERVICE IN HONOR OF RT. HON GEORGE PRICE AND AWARDS TO COMMUNITY LEADERS**  
 La Inmaulada Church  
 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM • FREE

**SEPTEMBER 19**  
**BANQUITAS HOUSE OF CULTURE ANNIVERSARY**  
 Banquitas House of Culture  
 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM • FREE

**SEPTEMBER 20**  
**TORCH RUN, FLAG RAISING CEREMONY, FIREWORKS DISPLAY & BLOCK PARTY**  
 Town Hall 7:00 PM - 3:00 AM • FREE

**SEPTEMBER 21**  
**J'OUVERT**  
 Town Hall  
 4:00 AM - 7:00 AM • FREE

**OFFICIAL CEREMONY & CITIZENS PARADE & BLOCK PARTY**  
 Central Park  
 2:00 PM - 2:00 AM • FREE

**PUNTA GORDA**

**SEPTEMBER 1**  
**NATIONAL FLAG DAY**  
 Central Park  
 6:00 AM

**TRIBUTE TO BELIZEAN PATRIOTS**  
 Punta Gorda Town Conference Room  
 5:00 PM

**SEPTEMBER 3**  
**MUNICIPAL CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN**  
 PG Coastline  
 6:00 AM

**SEPTEMBER 4**  
**ART IN THE PARK**  
 Central Park  
 TBA

**SEPTEMBER 8**  
**WORLD LITERACY DAY**  
 Public Library  
 All Day

**SEPTEMBER 9**  
**FIRE ENGINE PARADE**  
 Main Streets of Punta Gorda  
 7:00 PM

**OLD TIME BRUK DOWN FEST**  
 Leela Vernon Bristro  
 6:00 PM

**SEPTEMBER 10**  
**224TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF ST. GEORGE'S CAYE OFFICIAL CEREMONIES**  
 Punta Gorda Central Park  
 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

**CARNIVAL**  
 Main Streets of Punta Gorda  
 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

**SEPTEMBER 11**  
**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**  
 All Day

**SEPTEMBER 12**  
**LION YOUTH RACE**  
 One Mile PG

**SEPTEMBER 13**  
**PG BACK IN THE DAYS STORY TELLING**  
 Punta Gorda

**CHILDREN'S RALLY**  
 PG Central Park

**SEPTEMBER 17**  
**RUN FOR JESUS**  
 Main streets of Punta Gorda

**SEPTEMBER 18**  
**GALA**  
 Social Security Conference Room  
 6:30 PM - 12 AM

**SEPTEMBER 19**  
**NATIONAL SERVICE DAY**  
 Country-wide • All Day

**SEPTEMBER 20**  
**TORCH RUN/OFFICIAL FLAG RAISING FIREWORKS**  
 Punta Gorda Central Park  
 9:00 PM - 12 AM

**SEPTEMBER 21**  
**OFFICIAL CEREMONY INDEPENDENCE DAY/ UNIFORM PARADE**  
 Punta Gorda Central Park  
 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

**BEACH CRUISER CLASSIC**  
 Main Streets of Punta Gorda  
 3 00 PM - 5 00 PM

**SAN IGNACIO/SANTA ELENA**

**AUGUST 20**  
**MUSIC FEST & BBQ COOK OFF**  
 Macal Park  
 10:00 AM - 2:00 AM • PAID

**SEPTEMBER 1**  
**NATIONAL FLAG DAY**  
 SISE Town Council  
 6:00 AM • FREE

**SEPTEMBER 4**  
**BBQ COMPETITION**  
 Macal River Bank  
 10:00 - 4:00 PM • FREE

**SEPTEMBER 7**  
**SENIOR CITIZEN'S DAY**  
 Octavia Waight Center  
 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM • FREE

**SEPTEMBER 9**  
**FIRE ENGINE PARADE**  
 Principal streets of San Ignacio/Santa Elena  
 7:00 PM • FREE  
 9:00 PM - 12:00 AM • FREE

**SEPTEMBER 9**  
**OFFICIAL FLAG RAISING CEREMONY FIREWORKS DISPLAY & MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT**  
 Administration Building

**SEPTEMBER 10**  
**224TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF ST. GEORGE'S CAYE OFFICIAL CEREMONIES**  
 Falcon Field  
 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM • FREE

**SEPTEMBER 10**  
**OFFICIAL ST. GEORGE'S CAYE DAY PARADE**  
 Principal streets of San Ignacio/ Santa Elena  
 2:30 PM - 12:00 aM • FREE

**SEPTEMBER 11**  
**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**  
 SISE Town Council  
 All Day

**SEPTEMBER 16**  
**BELIKIN BEER FEST**  
 Welcome Center  
 7:00 PM - 2:00 AM • Vendor Stalls \$40 & \$60

**SEPTEMBER 17**  
**CHRISTIAN YOUTH EXPLOSION**  
 Dumanis Ministries  
 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM • FREE

**CAYO JOUVERT**  
 Macal park  
 9:00 PM - 5:00 AM  
 \$20 for Pre-Party

**SEPTEMBER 18**  
**CYCLING RACE**  
 Santa Elena Complex-Cristo Rey-San Antonio-Georgeville Esperanza-La Loma Luz Blvd  
 9 00 AM 12 00 PM

**SEPTEMBER 19**  
**NATIONAL SERVICE DAY**  
 Country-wide • All Day

**SEPTEMBER 19**  
**WE BLESS YOUR CITY REVIVAL SERVICE**  
 Victor Galvez Stadium  
 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

**SEPTEMBER 20**  
**OFFICIAL FLAG RAISING CEREMONY/FIREWORKS DISPLAY/MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT**  
 Administration Building  
 9:00 PM - 1:00 AM

**SEPTEMBER 21**  
**INDEPENDENCE DAY CEREMONY**  
 Principal Streets of SISE TOWN: From Santa Elena Complex to Macal Park  
 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM • Vendor Stalls \$50 & \$75

**LOCAL ARTIST CONCERT**  
 Ernestine Carballo, Supa G, Mini martinez, Chico Ramos w/ The X-Band & Local DJ's  
 Macal Park  
 6:00 PM - 2:00 AM • Pre-sale Tickets \$15 | Door: Adult \$20 Kids \$3

**SAN PEDRO**

**SEPTEMBER 1**  
**NATIONAL FLAG DAY**  
 Country-wide  
 6:00 AM • FREE

**SEPTEMBER 9**  
**FIRE ENGINE PARADE**  
 Main Streets  
 7:00 PM • FREE

**SEPTEMBER 10**  
**224TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF ST. GEORGE'S CAYE OFFICIAL CEREMONIES UNIFORM PARADE/ BEACH PARTY**  
 Boca del Rio Park  
 10:00 AM • FREE

**SEPTEMBER 11**  
**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**  
 Roman Catholic Church  
 8:00 AM • FREE

**SEPTEMBER 15, 16**  
**PLANTING OF TREES**  
 Schools, Parks & Stadium  
 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

**SEPTEMBER 16**  
**CENTRO AMERICA NIGHT**  
 Saca Chispas  
 8:00 PM - 2:00 PM

**SEPTEMBER 17**  
**SOCA INTERNATIONAL/ DESTRA NIGHT**  
 Saca Chispas  
 8:00 PM - 3:00 AM • \$50

**SEPTEMBER 19**  
**NATIONAL SERVICE DAY**  
 Country-wide • All Day

**SEPTEMBER 20**  
**INDEPENDENCE EVE/FIREWORKS**  
 Saca Chispas  
 7:00 PM

**SEPTEMBER 21**  
**INDEPENDENCE DAY/ CARNIVAL PARADE**  
 Principal Streets of San Pedro Town  
 2:00 PM



*Valiant and Bold Proud and Strong!*  
**BELIZE REBOUNDS @ 41!**

**BENQUE VIEJO**

**SEPTEMBER 1**  
**NATIONAL FLAG DAY**  
Country-wide  
ALL DAY · FREE

**FLAG RAISING CEREMONY**  
Coronation Park  
6:00 AM · FREE

**SEPTEMBER 3**  
**LOCAL ARTIST CONCERT**  
Cancha Marshalllek  
6:00 PM · FREE

**DANCE BY LOCAL DJ'S**  
Location Missing  
11:00 PM - 3:00 AM

**SEPTEMBER 6**  
**EXHIBITION OF HON. GEORGE PRICE**  
Benque Viejo House of Culture  
ALL DAY EVENT

**SEPTEMBER 9**  
**FIRE ENGINE PARADE**  
Main Streets of Benque  
7:00 PM

**SEPTEMBER 10**  
**224TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF ST. GEORGE'S CAYE OFFICIAL CEREMONIES/ CORONATION CEREMONY - CROWNING OF SHAKIR SMITH (QUEEN OF THE BAY 2022)**  
Coronation Pak  
2:00 PM · FREE

**MOTORCADE**  
Main Streets of Benque  
4:00 PM

**SEPTEMBER 11**  
**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**  
All Day

**SEPTEMBER 17 & 18**  
**INDEPENDENCE BIKER'S RALLY**  
Chill Out Restaurant & Bar  
Time Missing

**SEPTEMBER 19**  
**NATIONAL SERVICE DAY**  
Country-wide

**SEPTEMBER 19**  
**MASS IN HONOR OF LATE HON. GEORGE PRICE**  
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish  
6:00 PM

**SEPTEMBER 20**  
**TORCH RUN/MIDNIGHT CEREMONY/CORONATION FIRE WORKS/FREE DANCE**  
Cancha Marshalllek  
11:00 PM - 4:00 AM

**SEPTEMBER 21**  
**INDEPENDENCE DAY MASS/ CEREMONY**  
**CORONATION CEREMONY**  
2:00 PM

**FLOAT COMPETITION/DANCE GROUP COMPETITION PARADE FOLLOWED BY DISTRIBUTION OF TREATS FOR CHILDREN & FREE JUMP UP AT CANCHA**  
Cancha Marshalllek  
3:00 PM - 2:00 AM

**COROZAL**

**AUGUST 19**  
**SOCA UNITES**  
Andres Campos Civic Center  
4:00 PM

**AUGUST 27**  
**MISS INDEPENDENCE PAGEANT**  
CCC Auditorium  
6:00 PM · FREE

**SEPTEMBER 1**  
**NATIONAL FLAG DAY**  
Infront of Central park  
6:00 AM

**LAUNCHING OF POETRY COMPETITION FOR PRIMARY AND HIGH SCHOOLS DECORATED/ PATRIOTIC HOUSE COMPETITION**  
CCC Auditorium  
1:00 PM · FREE

**SEPTEMBER 2**  
**CARNIVAL KING & QUEEN COMPETITION/CARNIVAL EXPLOSION WITH NAILAH BLACKMAN**  
Maximum Water Park, 1st Avenue  
5:00 PM - UNTIL

**SEPTEMBER 3**  
**OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS**  
Corozal Town Council - 1st Street South  
7:00 PM

**DANCE WITH THE DYNAMICS OF BELIZE**  
Corozal Town Council - 1st Street South  
9:00 PM - UNTIL

**SEPTEMBER 4**  
**UNVEILING OF BELIZE @ 41 MURAL PAINTING**  
Civic Center  
3:00 PM

**SEPTEMBER 9**  
**PRE-SEPT 10 BEACH PARTY WITH THE DYNAMICS OF BELIZE**  
Roundhouse, 1st Avenue, Miami Beach  
8:00 PM - UNTIL

**FIRE ENGINE PARADE**  
Principal Streets of Corozal Town  
7:00 PM

**SEPTEMBER 10**  
**224TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF ST. GEORGE'S CAYE OFFICIAL CEREMONIES/ CROWNING OF QUEEN OF THE BAY 2022-2023**  
Corozal Town Council · 10:00 AM

**FRONT-LINERS PARADE**  
Main streets of Corozal Town  
11:30 AM

**ANNUAL REGATTA**  
Consejo Shores  
9:00 AM

**SEPTEMBER 11**  
**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**  
ALL DAY

**CHILDREN'S MATINEE**  
Central Park  
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

**SEPTEMBER 15**  
**ANNOUNCEMENT OF POETRY COMPETITIONS FOR PRIMARY & HIGH SCHOOLS, DECORATED/ PATRIOTIC HOUSE COMPETITION WINNERS**  
Corozal Town Council  
3:00 PM

**SEPTEMBER 16**  
**COROZAL'S BEST EVER RUM, RIBS, RICE TASTING CONTEST**  
Andres Campos Civic Center  
5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

**BLOCK PARTY**  
Corozal Town Council - 1st Street South  
8:00 PM - UNTIL

**SEPTEMBER 17**  
**JOUVERT**  
Central Park  
4:00 AM

**CARNIVAL ROAD MARCH**  
7th Avenue  
2:00 PM

**CARNIVAL ROAD MARCH COMPETITION & AFTER PARTY WITH MIMI MARTINEZ**  
Andres Campos Civic Center  
7:00 PM

**SEPTEMBER 19**  
**NATIONAL SERVICE DAY**

**SEPTEMBER 20**  
**PRE-INDEPENDENCE DAY CEREMONY & FIREWORKS**  
Andres Campos Civic Center  
10:00 PM - MIDNIGHT

**PRE-INDEPENDENCE DAY BASH WITH THE MIGHTY GILHARRY 7 BAND**  
Andres Campos Civic Center  
MIDNIGHT - UNTIL

**SEPTEMBER 21**  
**INDEPENDENCE DAY - BEACH PARTY WITH THE MIGHTY GILHARRY 7 BAND**  
Roundhouse, 1st Avenue, Miami Beach  
8:00 PM - UNTIL

**SEPTEMBER 24**  
**DJ FACE-OFF COMPETITION**  
Central Park  
6:00 PM-8:00 PM

**CHRISTIAN CONCERT**  
Andres Campos Civic Center  
5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

**SEPTEMBER 30**  
**COROZAL'S "BELIZE @ 41 CONCERT"**  
Andres Campos Civic Center  
5:00 PM - UNTIL

**DANGRIGA**

**AUGUST 24**  
**TALK SHOW IFFECENA**  
Iffa Residence  
7:00 PM · FREE

**AUGUST 26**  
**TALK SHOW DYFA**  
Maurice Herrera Residence  
7:00 PM · FREE

**AUGUST 27**  
**LAUNCHING OF SEPTEMBER CELEBRATION**  
Drums of our Father Monument  
4:00 PM · FREE

**AUGUST 28**  
**PLANTING OF TREE'S**  
Along the Drainage Program  
9:00 AM · FREE

**SEPTEMBER 1**  
**NATIONAL FLAG DAY**  
Town Council Compound  
6:00 AM · FREE

**SEPTEMBER 2**  
**CHILDREN GOT TALENT (PRIMARY SCHOOL)**  
B.T.L. Park  
1:00 PM · FREE

**SEPTEMBER 8**  
**SCHOOL COMPETITION**  
All schools in Dangriga  
10:00 AM · FREE

**SEPTEMBER 9**  
**FIRE ENGINE PARADE/ BLOCK PARTY FIRE WORKS**  
Main streets in Dangriga Drums of the Father Monument  
7:00 PM · FREE

**SEPTEMBER 10**  
**224TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF ST. GEORGE'S CAYE OFFICIAL CEREMONIES / PARADE**  
B.T.L. Park  
2:30 PM

**SEPTEMBER 10**  
**PARTY IN THE PARK**  
B.T.L. Park  
TBA · FREE

**SEPTEMBER 11**  
**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**  
6:00 AM

**SEPTEMBER 16**  
**HEALTH FAIR**  
B.T.L. Park  
9:00 AM · FREE

**SEPTEMBER 17**  
**SEENAGER'S DAY**  
Alejo Beni Park  
9:00 AM · FREE

**BEACH BASH**  
Lebeha Drumming Center Hopkins Westcoast Invades Hopkins  
9:00 AM - UNTIL · FREE

**SEPTEMBER 19**  
**NATIONAL SERVICE DAY**  
B.T.L. Park  
9:00 AM · FREE

**SEPTEMBER 20**  
**TORCH RUN/FLAG RAISING FIRE WORKS**  
B.T.L. Park  
9:00 PM · FREE

**SEPTEMBER 21**  
**OFFICIAL CEREMONY/ PARADE /PARTY IN THE PARK / FIRE WORKS**  
B.T.L. Park  
9:00 AM · FREE

**SEPTEMBER 24**  
**LAUNCHING OF THE AFRICAN TALES COMPETITION**  
B.T.L. Park  
6:00 PM · FREE



# KREM Television Program Guide

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

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Friday, September 2 to Thursday, September 8, 2022

**FRIDAY**

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

**SATURDAY**

- 11:00 a.m. **Carnival Road March 2022 (LIVE)**
- 5:00 p.m. Movie: Mahogany
- 7:15 p.m. Movie: The Tiffany Rubin Story
- 8:00 p.m. Music Videos

**SUNDAY**

- 10:30 a.m. **Sunday Review (LIVE)**
- 12:00 p.m. Documentary: Seeds of Death
- 1:19 p.m. Movie: The Hate You Give
- 3:32 p.m. Documentary: The Power of Story - Walter Rodney
- 4:02 p.m. Movie: Thy Will Be Done
- 5:30 p.m. Sunday Review (repeat)
- 7:00 p.m. Sunday Jazz
- 8:00 p.m. Music Videos

**MONDAY**

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

**TUESDAY**

- 6:30 a.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (LIVE)**
- 9:00 a.m. **Morning Stew (LIVE)**
- 12:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**
- 1:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 2:00 p.m. Belizean Legend: Pupa Curly
- 3:30 p.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (repeat)**
- 6:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (LIVE)**
- 7:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 8:00 p.m. Documentary: The Truth about Your Food
- 9:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**

**WEDNESDAY**

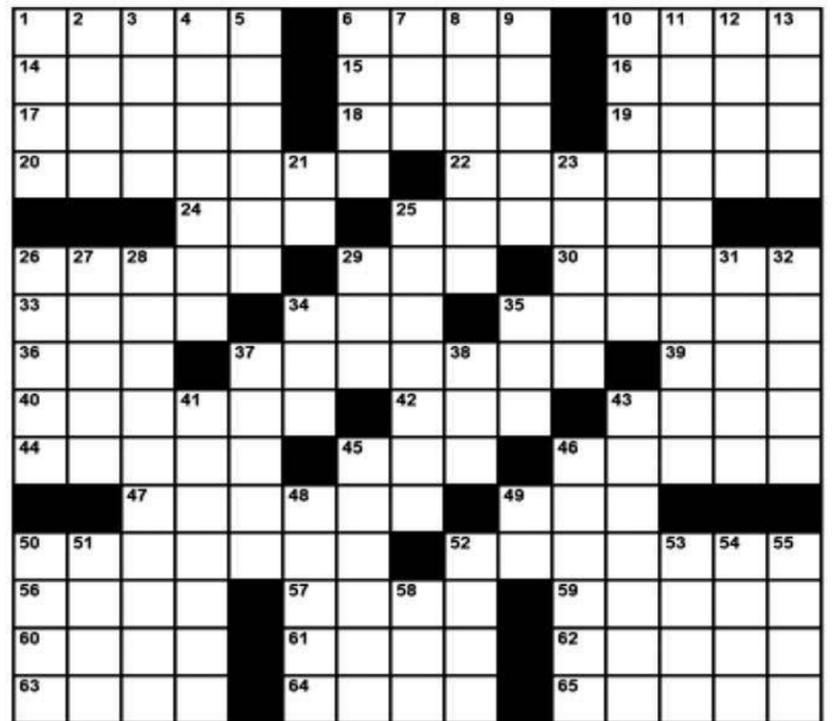
- 6:30 a.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (LIVE)**
- 9:00 a.m. **Morning Stew (LIVE)**
- 12:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**
- 1:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 2:00 p.m. Movie: Harriet
- 3:30 p.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (repeat)**
- 6:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (LIVE)**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

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



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| <p><b>Across</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Long jumps</li> <li>6. Muslim pilgrimage</li> <li>10. Alternative to a saber</li> <li>14. Acclaim</li> <li>15. Curved arch</li> <li>16. Crow cries</li> <li>17. Carp</li> <li>18. Robin Cook novel</li> <li>19. Adding column</li> <li>20. Take precedence</li> <li>22. Catch</li> <li>24. Artificial language</li> <li>25. Game animal</li> <li>26. Fishing spots</li> <li>29. Animal home</li> <li>30. Bit of lowlife</li> <li>33. Mideast title</li> <li>34. Colloid</li> <li>35. Pastoral poems</li> <li>36. Half a dance</li> <li>37. Derring-do</li> <li>39. Cup's rim</li> <li>40. Horse drawn cab</li> <li>42. Anonymous Jane</li> <li>43. Crop of hair</li> <li>44. Acid in proteins</li> <li>45. Alley target</li> <li>46. Fluorescent red</li> <li>47. Like ipecac</li> <li>49. Country lodging</li> <li>50. Ancient city of Syria</li> <li>52. Exec's places</li> <li>56. Car bar</li> <li>57. Cornell or Pound</li> <li>59. Giraffe's cousin</li> <li>60. Baron, e.g.</li> <li>61. Despot's one</li> <li>62. Clunker car</li> <li>63. Annexes</li> <li>64. Without, Fr.</li> <li>65. Attire oneself</li> </ul> | <p><b>Down</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Construction toy</li> <li>2. Beige</li> <li>3. Came to earth</li> <li>4. Spice-rack buy</li> <li>5. Places</li> <li>6. Patronize a pawn shop</li> <li>7. Antiquity</li> <li>8. Humble</li> <li>9. Harlow and Stapleton</li> <li>10. One travel class</li> <li>11. Long slender cigars</li> <li>12. Big pitcher</li> <li>13. Being, in Latin</li> <li>21. Answerer's choice</li> <li>23. Bunches</li> <li>25. Tuneful</li> <li>26. Russian villa</li> <li>27. Old Irish alphabet</li> <li>28. Served as a medium for transmission</li> <li>29. A pop</li> <li>31. Light pancakes</li> <li>32. Poplar tree</li> <li>34. Birthstone</li> <li>35. Arctic surface</li> <li>37. Balderdash</li> <li>38. Atom fragment</li> <li>41. Boils</li> <li>43. Nickname</li> <li>45. Open square, in Italy</li> <li>46. Wrap around</li> <li>48. Waste allowances</li> <li>49. In case</li> <li>50. Bear dad</li> <li>51. Gave the pink slip</li> <li>52. Blades</li> <li>53. Arrived</li> <li>54. Epic poetry</li> <li>55. Confession items</li> <li>58. Fled</li> </ul> |
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**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.



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# SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD



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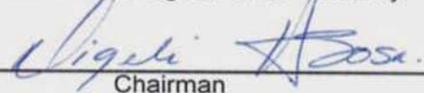
## Statements of Profit as at December 31st 2021 and 2020

### SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD

#### STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020 (IN BELIZE DOLLARS)

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	2g. 2h. 4.	\$ 106,032,616	\$ 73,474,121
Short term investments	2g. 2i. 5.	25,361,044	48,703,674
Investment income receivable	2g. 6.	15,862,587	14,843,264
Office supplies	2j. 2r.	794,941	687,870
Accounts receivable	2g. 2k. 7.	4,380,588	5,627,411
Prepayments	2l.	509,600	257,708
Loan principal receivable current portion	2g. 10.	5,284,708	4,171,708
Total current assets		<u>158,226,084</u>	<u>147,765,756</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS:</b>			
Investment in associates	2m. 8.	203,514,299	197,839,328
Long term investments	2g. 9.	134,035,202	116,355,001
Loan principal receivable - net	2g. 10.	73,215,022	75,949,316
Held for sale	2r. 11.	10,990,603	10,990,603
Other assets	2r. 12.	991,200	1,014,000
Intangible assets - net	2n. 2r. 13.	951,285	1,000,371
Investment properties - net	2o. 2p. 2r. 14.	7,915,573	-
Fixed assets - net	2q. 2r. 15.	29,339,519	36,175,250
Total non-current assets		<u>460,952,703</u>	<u>439,323,869</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>\$ 619,178,787</b>	<b>\$ 587,089,625</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND RESERVES</b>			
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>			
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES:</b>			
Accounts payable and accruals	2g. 16.	\$ 8,710,540	\$ 7,054,644
Severance payable current portion	2t. 17.	266,832	246,833
Total current liabilities		<u>8,977,372</u>	<u>7,301,477</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES:</b>			
Pension liability	2s. 18.	1,997,673	1,489,736
Severance liability	2t. 17.	3,254,608	2,967,002
Total long term liabilities		<u>5,252,281</u>	<u>4,456,738</u>
Total liabilities		<u>14,229,653</u>	<u>11,758,215</u>
<b>RESERVES:</b>			
Short term contingency reserve		22,620,463	20,578,954
Long term benefits reserve		456,444,909	439,263,405
Employment injury benefit reserve		106,110,328	98,966,332.00
Disablement and death benefits reserve	2u.	12,162,839	11,335,793
National health insurance fund		7,275,910	3,780,800
Natural disaster fund		2,301,076	2,051,076
Social development account		31,282	844,062
Pension reserve	2s. 18.	(1,997,673)	(1,489,012)
Total reserves		<u>604,949,134</u>	<u>575,331,410</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND RESERVES</b>		<b>\$ 619,178,787</b>	<b>\$ 587,089,625</b>

The financial statements on page 3 to 8 were approved and authorized for issue by the Board of Directors on June 30, 2022 and are signed on its behalf by:

  
Chairman

  
Director

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## Department of the Environment

### Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management

#### REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR A MOBILE APPLICATION DEVELOPER

**Title of the Project:** The Hydrochlorofluorocarbon (HCFC) Phase-out Management Plan (HPMP) monitors the consumption of ozone depleting substances (ODS) mainly used in the Refrigeration & Air Conditioning (RAC) Sector as refrigerants.

#### Background

Belize became signatory to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 1998 and has thus far sought to implement all national obligations under the Protocol. The Government of Belize has successfully phased out Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) in the Refrigeration and Air Conditioning (RAC) sector and is currently implementing the Hydrochlorofluorocarbon Phase-out Management Plan (HPMP) for the gradual phaseout of hydro-chlorofluorocarbon (HCFCs) in the Belize RAC sector. The National Ozone Unit (NOU) in the Department of the Environment (DOE), Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management, is the focal point for the Montreal Protocol in Belize.

At the 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol held in Montreal, Canada, in 2007, the Parties agreed on the "Adjustment to the Montreal Protocol regarding HCFCs and to "accelerate the phase-out of production and consumption of HCFCs", thus calling for urgent action towards the phase-out of this ozone depleting substances (ODS).

The Decision recognized the needs of developing countries such as Belize with regards to the agreed accelerated HCFC schedule and directed the Multilateral Fund's Executive Committee to provide technical and financial assistance, paying particular attention to Article 5 Parties with low volume and very low volume consumption of HCFCs. The HPMP for Belize was approved on the 62<sup>nd</sup> ExCom Meeting of the parties. The HPMP provides funding for the Government of Belize to support the implementation of activities to phase-out remaining HCFC consumption under the Montreal Protocol.

HCFC Phase-Out Management Plan has a combination of interventions such as technology conversions, technical assistance, awareness and monitoring of selected HCFC consumption. Refrigerant consumption in the Refrigeration Servicing Sector (RSS) not only depends on the installation of the RAC equipment but also on the quality of the product and its servicing. The Mobile App aims to provide information, for technicians to work efficiently, safely and will allow the technicians to be more productive and give them an easy access to the information they need to perform their jobs.

#### Consultancy Description:

The Department of Environment through the Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management is seeking to engage a suitably qualified Belizean candidate/Firm request the submission of Expression of Interest for the Mobile/Application Developer.

#### Objective of the Drafting

The task of the provider will be to develop, design and assist in the launch of a mobile application focused on Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning (HVAC). It will feature data specifically designed for Refrigeration Technicians.

#### Core Competency Requirements:

- The applicants should be a technology company with proven record of innovation in the mobile platform and application field. The company should have a proven record of applications on the market in both Android and Apple OS.
- The company should have a team of experts that include technology experts and coders, social media experts and mobile platform innovation experts.
- The team leader should have at least 5 years of relevant technology and innovations experience.

The full Terms of Reference is available at [www.doe.gov.bz](http://www.doe.gov.bz). The selection of the consultant will be based on Consultant Qualification Selection (CQS) procurement method. Packages must be submitted electronically and must include a signed letter of interest, a Concept Proposal, Financial Proposal and Estimated Timelines no later than **Friday September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022**, at 5:00 pm. Only complete packages will be processed. Packages should be addressed to and emailed to:

Mr. Anthony Mai  
Chief Environmental Officer  
Re: Expression of Interest- Mobile App Developer  
[ozone@environment.gov.bz](mailto:ozone@environment.gov.bz) with copy to [projects@environment.gov.bz](mailto:projects@environment.gov.bz)

## Request for Expression of Interest



### INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' PLAN DEVELOPMENT AND FPIC PROCESS CONSULTANCY

**Institution:** Ministry of Economic Development

**Country:** Belize

**Project:** Resilient Rural Belize Programme

**Loan No.:** 2000002301

**Deadline for Submission of Proposals:** September 30, 2022 at 3:00 PM.

#### Background of programme:

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

#### Objective of the assignment:

Indigenous Peoples have been identified in project areas where the project will be implemented. The RRB programme is seeking to procure the services of a consultant to conduct and record the consultation process and the consent – provided or denied for at least two (2) Producers Organizations having members in at least five (5) self-identified indigenous communities in southern Belize. The process must be well documented.

The specific objective is to conduct consultations with the identified communities and effectively facilitate decision-making, based on community governance and decision-making systems as a basis for Business Plan development for at least two (2) Producers Organizations having members in at least five (5) self-identified indigenous communities in southern Belize.

#### Deliverables:

The Individual Consultant shall provide the following deliverables:

- An Inception report, to be submitted within two (2) weeks of contract signature. The report shall include, at a minimum, the consultancy approach, methodology (roadmap/consultation and consent process) and workplan.
- Consultations leading to FPIC Agreement and development of Indigenous Peoples' Plan (IPP) for at least two Producers Organizations (POs).
- Document the FPIC (consultation) process and the consent (if consent is "YES" signed Agreement and if consent is "No" document the process) for at least two POs.
- Consultancy Completion Report (electronic and one original), which shall include results, issues faced during the assignment, lessons learnt, commitments achieved, as well as recommendations.

#### Consultant's qualifications and experience:

The Indigenous Peoples Consultant must possess a minimum of a Master's Degree in Education, Sociology, Social Work, Arts Subjects, Development Studies and/or Agriculture.

#### Specific Experience:

- Within the last three (3) years having conducted at least one similar assignment that included the development of consent agreement and IPP.
- Within the last three (3) years demonstrate at least in one occasion the capacity of leadership for an indigenous peoples' assignment.
- Consultant must be fluent in English language, both verbal and written.

Individual Consultants interested in receiving the **Request for Expression of Interest (REOI)** document for this consultancy should register their interest by sending an e-mail (with subject: **Request for REOI - Indigenous Peoples' Plan Development and FPIC Process Consultancy**) to the Procurement Officer at [nvernon.rrb@med.gov.bz](mailto:nvernon.rrb@med.gov.bz) giving full contact details of the Consultant. This will ensure that the Consultants receive updates regarding this consultancy.

The REOI must be submitted via email only to the following address on or before September 30, 2022, at 3:00 PM (Local time).

Attn: Geraldo Flowers  
Resilient Rural Belize Programme  
National Agriculture Showgrounds  
Belmopan City, Cayo, Belize  
Email: [geraldoflowers@med.gov.bz](mailto:geraldoflowers@med.gov.bz)  
CC: [nvernon.rrb@med.gov.bz](mailto:nvernon.rrb@med.gov.bz)



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

**STRENGTHENING PUBLIC EXPENDITURE MANAGEMENT IN BELIZE  
(BL-L1038)**

**Terms of Reference**

**Project Coordinator**

**I. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 The Government of Belize is committed to implementing a comprehensive fiscal consolidation plan, with a strategy centered on three areas: (i) expenditure reduction; (ii) increased revenues; and (iii) debt restructuring. Such a strategy is outlined in the Budget Speech for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021/2022, based on the Plan Belize Manifesto and aligned with the recommendations of the latest IMF Article IV, with the aim of reaching a sustainable debt ratio (70% of GDP) by 2030. It includes measures to reduce expenditures, strengthen public financial management reforms, boost revenues, reduce debt, and implement explicit fiscal rules and medium term fiscal frameworks once the crisis abates. In line with this strategy, the government has made several adjustments in its Budget to cut expenses. However, challenges remain, mainly regarding a sustained implementation of the fiscal plan in the context of uncertain global recovery from the pandemic.
- 1.2 As part of the Program to accomplish the objectives of the fiscal strategy, the Government of Belize has entered into a US\$8.0 Million Loan Agreement (BL-L1038) with the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) to implement a five-year project entitled "Strengthening Public Expenditure Management in Belize". The general objective of the Project is to promote the fiscal sustainability of Belize specifically to increase the efficiency of public resources by strengthening public financial management.
- 1.3 The Project is comprised of one component with four subcomponents that will achieve the objective. It will focus on the areas of financial management (including budget and internal audit), procurement, technological infrastructure and capacity building.
- 1.4 The Ministry of Finance (MOF) has been designated as the Executing Agency responsible for the implementation of the Project. For this purpose, a Project Executing Unit (PEU) is established in the MOF with concrete technical, administrative, financial, control and planning, monitoring and evaluation responsibilities for the IDB-funded initiative.
- 1.5 In this regard, a vacancy exists for the post of **Project Coordinator** under a contractual arrangement with the MOF, and as part of the BL-L1038 initiative.

**II. OBJECTIVE AND SCOPE OF WORK**

- 2.1 The objective of the position of Project Coordinator is to provide the necessary strategic, governance, organizational and administrative leadership for Project implementation and, thereby, ensuring the effective allocation of resources, providing the financial and technical direction of the Project towards the attainment of the goals and targets, leading the physical and financial progress reporting, and serving as the main focal point of the Project with the PEU, the MOF and other public and private institutions.
- 2.2 The Project Coordinator is responsible for leading and guiding all matters pertaining to the effective, efficient, and transparent implementation of the Project, through the technical, administrative and financial management of the PEU, in accordance with the procedures and stipulations contained in the Program Operational Manual (POM) and in compliance with the Loan Contract.

**III. RESPONSIBILITIES/ACTIVITIES**

- 3.1 The main responsibilities of the Project Coordinator include, among others:
- Implementing the intra- and inter-institutional coordination mechanisms with the PEU, the MOF and other public and private organizations related to and/or beneficiaries of the Project.
  - Promoting and disseminating the Project among beneficiaries, public entities, and other stakeholders.
  - In close coordination with the pertinent technical and administrative personnel of the PEU and the MOF, guiding the strategic and operation planning activities of the Project.
  - Monitoring the activities of the Project in compliance with its global strategic objectives and those of its individual technical components, as well as the targets established in the Project.
  - Implementing the Programs' risk management mechanisms taking into consideration the assessment and evolution of the risk factors, the factors of probability and impact, and risk mitigation measures.
  - Guiding the preparation of the periodic physical and financial progress reports to be submitted to MOF, MED, and the Bank.
  - Presenting to the Bank the required data, reports and other documentation of the Project as a whole and its individual components, as established in the Loan Contract.
- 3.2 Specific activities include:
- Lead the overall planning and reporting framework and activities of the Project, including the preparation and update of key planning, in direct coordination with the Monitoring and Evaluation Officer and other members of the PEU.
  - Monitor and ensure the Project's adherence to reporting requirements to the MOF, PSC, and the Bank.
  - Lead and coordinate timely implementation of all aspects of the Project based on the Project planning documents including the PEP, AOP, PP, supporting technical documents, and Monitoring and Evaluation Plan.
  - Ensure timely execution of all administrative, procurement, financial and technical procedures of the Project in compliance with the POM. In addition, ensure the strict adherence to administrative, Project management, and Bank and national financial rules and regulations, among others.
  - Ensure the necessary coordination between technical staff of the MOF to provide the technical specifications and content for the preparation of terms of reference and technical specification as the basis for procurement actions and activities.
  - Provide for the timely monitoring and management of Project risks and lead the implementation of the mitigation measures as necessary.
  - Ensure the necessary coordination and control of all Project procurement activities and logistics with the Procurement Specialist and pertinent staff members of the MOF.
  - Support the information dissemination activities and advocate for the Project among key internal and external stakeholders, while maintaining the necessary and transparent lines of communication.
  - Ensure the establishment of the necessary and effective lines of internal communication with key stakeholders of the MOF (tax administration, systems administration, financial management, general administration, and other) to ensure the dedicated participation of such personnel in Project implementation and in direct coordination with the PEU.
  - Ensure the presence of an accurate Project filing system covering financial, procurement, technical and all activities of the Project, and following the internal control requirements established in the POM.
  - Provide timely and accurate reports to the Program Manager, Financial Secretary, PSC and other agencies on the developments, progress, and challenges of the Project.
  - Ensure the timely implementation of the monitoring and evaluation activities including the contracting of the mid-term and final evaluations.
  - Lead, in coordination with the Financial Specialist, the preparation of the disbursement requests, including Requests for Advance of Funds along with the expenditure justifications, as necessary to ensure that the Project has adequate liquidity for smooth execution.
  - Lead the contracting of the independent external auditors of the Project in coordination with the Financial Specialist, the Procurement Specialist and the PEU, and following IDB procedures for this matter. Additionally, ensure that adequate arrangements are made to facilitate the conduct of audits (internal and external) and that recommendations arising from them are appropriately reviewed and acted upon.
  - Lead the contracting of the consultancies for the execution of the mid-term and final evaluations.
  - Ensure the presence of the necessary control environment along with the capacities necessary for the application of a management by objectives framework.
  - Provide for the necessary human resources management capabilities for PEU personnel administration.
  - Communicate with Project stakeholders (MOF, PEU, other) to ensure awareness of any new developments in Project status, strategy, progress, deadlines, challenges, decisions and

other aspects that may affect Project implementation and the attainment of its development objectives.

- s. Direct the preparation for, and hosting of, key Program events such as:
- Periodic portfolio review meetings between the Bank and the government
  - Supervision missions and program monitoring meetings (led by the Bank)
  - Inspection visits by the Bank to supervise the financial management and procurement operations including conducting of ex-post reviews
  - Mid-term evaluation
  - Final evaluation
  - Joint review missions by the Bank and other funding and/or supervising and implementation agencies as required
- t. Other.

- 3.3 The Project Coordinator shall undertake his/her work in direct coordination and with the supervision of the MOF, and in accordance with the Loan Contract and the POM.

**IV. DELIVERABLES**

- 4.1 The Project Coordinator will be responsible for preparing/updating the following reports which are considered recurrent deliverables or responsibilities:
- Updates to PEP, AOP, PP, risk matrix, and other
  - Quarterly physical and financial progress/status reports.
  - Updates to POM
  - Updates to status of procurement processes (Procurement Early Warning Tool)
  - Staff performance appraisals.
  - Specific reports requested by the, MOF or the PSC.
  - Allocation/provision of funds reports.
  - Fixed asset allocation reports.
  - External audit reports (prepared under consultancy engagements)
  - Mid-term and final evaluations (prepared under consultancy engagements).
  - Other.

**V. QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCE**

- 5.1 **Education:** Bachelor of Science Degree in Finance, Economics, Business Administration, Business Management, Engineering, Project Management or related fields.
- 5.2 **General Experience:** At least 10 years' general working experience since obtaining the first academic degree.
- 5.3 **Specific Work Experience:**
- At least five years of proven work experience in project management including technical coordination, administration, monitoring and evaluation.
  - Previous work with investment projects funded by international development agencies is a plus.

- 5.4 **Skills:** Possess expertise in modern software tools for project planning, monitoring and management purposes. Proficient in the use of Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Outlook, Power Point). Excellent oral and written command of the English language. Strong organizational and time management skills and ability to multi-task with ability to adapt to changing needs and priorities. Solid leadership and delegation skills and, most importantly, the ability to provide technical direction and coordinate functional activities of multiple actors. Team player. Strong work ethics.

**VI. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

- 6.1 The Project Coordinator of the PEU will report to the Financial Secretary or his Representative. He/she shall work in close coordination with the staff of the MOF and especially the members of the PEU.

**VII. COMPENSATION**

- 7.1 The Project Coordinator will be paid a monthly salary to be established during the contracting process.

**VIII. CONTRACT TERM:**

- 8.1 The contract will be for a period of one year in the beginning, with the possibility of an extension for two years in the first instance and, thereafter, yearly until the end of the project, based on satisfactory performance.

**IX. LOCATION OF WORK:**

- 9.1 Ministry of Finance, Belmopan

**X. APPLICATIONS**

**10.1 CRITERIA FOR SELECTION**

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

**10.2 APPLICATION PROCEDURES:**

Expression of Interest package should contain:

- Cover letter briefly explaining interest, experience, and competence of the consultant
- Comprehensive resume with the Individual Consultant's experience in the assignment of similar nature. 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.*
- Copy of degrees/certificates
- List of at least two references
- Proof of nationality: copy of documentation of nationality

Qualified Individual Consultant must submit their Expression of Interest package via e-mail to [raquel.guerra@mof.gov.bz](mailto:raquel.guerra@mof.gov.bz) no later than 4:00 p.m., Friday, September 16, 2022, marked **SPEM- Project Coordinator** in the subject header. In addition, applicants may also submit a hardcopy at the following address:

**Financial Secretary  
Ministry of Finance  
Sir Edney Cain Building  
Belmopan**

For clarifications kindly contact:

**Senior Economist  
Ministry of Finance  
Sir Edney Cain Building  
Belmopan  
E-mail: [raquel.guerra@mof.gov.bz](mailto:raquel.guerra@mof.gov.bz)  
Phone: 828-4100/ 828-4112**

## INVITATION TO BID



### LAND PREPARATION FOR COOPERATIVA DE LOS BUENOS AMIGOS COOPERATIVE SOCIETY LIMITED – 31.6 ACRES

**Institution:** Ministry of Economic Development

**Country:** Belize

**Project:** Resilient Rural Belize Programme

**Loan No.:** 2000002301

**Deadline for Submission of Proposals:** September 26, 2022 at 3:00 PM.

#### Background:

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

#### Scope of Service:

One of the objectives of the Programme is to assist farmers organizations to become more climate resilient by improving their agricultural production through investments in climate resilient agricultural technologies. Therefore, the objective of the assignment is to prepare thirty-one and six tenths (31.6) acres of land in Trio Village, Toledo District for the planting of pineapples for Cooperativa de Los Buenos Amigos Society Ltd.

#### Requirements:

The contractor must have access and provide proof of access of the necessary equipment to successfully carry out the preparation of thirty-one and six tenths (31.6) acres (12.79 ha) of land inclusive of raised beds with proper drainage:

- Roam Plow
- Harrow
- Bedmaker (Bedder)
- Backhoe

#### Location of Work:

Trio Village, Toledo District.

#### Deliverables:

The deliverables shall include: Thirty-one and six tenths (31.6) acres of properly prepared land, in blocks with space for sub-road pathways, with proper drainage ready for the cultivation of pineapples.

#### Specific Experience:

- A minimum of five (5) years' experience in land Preparation, preparation, bed making and drainage.
- A minimum of three (3) project of similar nature and size.

The Resilient Rural Belize (RRB) Programme now invites eligible bidders to submit bids for the **Land preparation - Cooperativa de Los Buenos Amigos Cooperative Society Limited - 31.6 acres.**

A bidder will be selected in accordance with the procurement procedures set out by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the policies.

Bidders interested in receiving the Request for Quotation (RFQ) and submitting a bid should register their interest by sending an e-mail (with subject: *Land preparation - Cooperativa de Los Buenos Amigos Cooperative Society Limited - 31.6 acres*) to the Procurement Officer at [nvernon.rrb@med.gov.bz](mailto:nvernon.rrb@med.gov.bz) giving full contact details of the Consultant. This will ensure that bidders receive updates regarding this RFQ.

Bids must be submitted via email to the following address on or before September 26, 2022 at 3:00 PM (Local time).

Attn: Geraldo Flowers  
Programme Manager  
Resilient Rural Belize Programme  
Ministry of Economic Development  
National Agriculture Showgrounds  
Hummingbird Highway  
Belmopan, Belize  
[geraldo.flowers@med.gov.bz](mailto:geraldo.flowers@med.gov.bz)  
cc: [nvernon.rrb@med.gov.bz](mailto:nvernon.rrb@med.gov.bz)



## BELIZE SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND TENDER NOTICE

Country: Belize Project: CARICOM Development Fund Grant No: BZE/G00011 Project ID: CDF/00011/WS2 Contract Number: W/CDF-08/2022 National Competitive Bidding (NCB) Deadline: **October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022**

1. The Government of Belize has received funding through the CARICOM Development Fund (CDF) towards implementation of a project that focuses on improving water supply systems for four (4) communities and intends to apply part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the contract for **Installation of Water Meters for the Mahogany Heights Village Water Supply System, Mahogany Heights Village, Belize District, Belize.**
2. The Social Investment Fund, a Statutory Corporation, established under the Social Investment Fund Act No. 3 of 1996 and located at Constitution Drive, Belmopan, Cayo District, hereby invites tenders from suitably qualified contractors for the construction of the following:
 

**The contract proposes to:**  
*The contract proposes the upgrading of the rudimentary water supply system throughout the installation of approximately 340 water measuring and control devices in Mahogany Heights Village, Belize District, Belize.*
3. **Final (Project Site) Destination as specified in BDS:** Mahogany Heights Village, Belize District, Belize.
4. Belize Social Investment Fund now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the construction works in the aforementioned areas.
5. Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedures specified in the CARICOM Development Fund's Guidelines for Procurement (May 2010), and are open to all countries of the world are eligible to tender for this contract.
6. Qualification requirements include (a) The bidder shall furnish unaudited or audited financial statements (balance sheets with corresponding notes, income statement, and statements of cash flow) of the firm for years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 to demonstrate the current soundness of the bidder's financial position (b) Bidders should have general experience under contracts in the role of contractor, JV member, subcontractor, or management contractor for the years 2019, 2020 and 2021 with activity of at least five (5) months in each year starting 1st January, 2019 (c) Bidders should have specific experience as a prime contractor, joint venture member, management contractor, or subcontractor, between 1st January 2011 and the bid submission deadline and should have less than or equal to three (3) contracts, each of a minimum value of BZ\$17,675.00, but with a total value of all contracts equal or more than BZ\$53,025.00 (d) demonstrate cash flow requirement: capacity to have a cash flow amount of BZ\$6,650.00 of which not more than BZ\$3,325.00 can be credit for materials (e) an average annual turnover of BZ\$159,075.00 which shall be calculated as total certified payments received for contracts completed within the best two (2) years of the years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 (e) other provided in the respective Bid Documents.
7. A secured "sample" electronic Bid document can be shared with interested Bidders at the address below, starting **September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022**, on week days between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. for viewing purpose only (has a time restriction for viewing). A complete set of Bidding documents (electronic version) can be purchased by interested bidder upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **BZ\$150.00**. Requests may be made by personal application or in writing to the address below. Written applications must be clearly marked: **"Installation of Water Meters for the Mahogany Heights Village Water Supply System, Mahogany Heights Village, Belize District, Belize"**. The method of payment will be by cash deposited to, or Bank transfer to BSIF's Bank Account only. Banking details can be requested at the address below. Cash payment will not be accepted at the BSIF Office.
8. **Deadline** for bids is **at or before 10:00 a.m., October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022** at the address below. **Bids will be opened at 10:45 a.m., October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022** at the Social Investment Fund, 3rd Floor, #1902 Constitution Drive, Belmopan, Cayo District in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to participate. Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late bids **will be** rejected. All bids must be accompanied by a "Bid Security" of BZ\$550.00 or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency or Bank Guarantee. The bid validity period is 90 days.
9. A Pre-bid meeting with interested eligible bidders will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at Mahogany Heights Village, Belize District, Belize. Bidders can participate in the meeting to address any queries about the bidding document or the scope of works. Persons who purchase packages are urged to attend.
10. The address referred to above is:

**Contact: Ms. Ruby Pascascio**  
**Senior Procurement Officer Social Investment Fund**  
**3rd Floor, #1902 Constitution Drive**  
**Belmopan, Cayo District**  
**Tel: 822-0239/822-0508**  
**E-mail: [ruby.pascascio@sifbelize.org](mailto:ruby.pascascio@sifbelize.org)**  
**cc: [carlos.tun@sifbelize.org](mailto:carlos.tun@sifbelize.org)**  
**[therese.arzu@sifbelize.org](mailto:therese.arzu@sifbelize.org)**



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**Terms of Reference**

**Procurement Specialist Assistant**

**I. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 The Government of Belize is committed to implementing a comprehensive fiscal consolidation plan, with a strategy centered on three areas: (i) expenditure reduction; (ii) increased revenues; and (iii) debt restructuring. Such a strategy is outlined in the Budget Speech for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021/2022, based on the Plan Belize Manifesto and aligned with the recommendations of the latest IMF Article IV, with the aim of reaching a sustainable debt ratio (70% of GDP) by 2030. It includes measures to reduce expenditures, strengthen public financial management reforms, boost revenues, reduce debt, and implement explicit fiscal rules and medium term fiscal frameworks once the crisis abates. In line with this strategy, the government has made several adjustments in its Budget to cut expenses. However, challenges remain, mainly regarding a sustained implementation of the fiscal plan in the context of uncertain global recovery from the pandemic.
- 1.2 As part of the Program to accomplish the objectives of the fiscal strategy, the Government of Belize has entered into a US\$8.0 Million Loan Agreement (BL-L1038) with the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) to implement a five-year project entitled "Strengthening Public Expenditure Management in Belize". The general objective of the Project is to promote the fiscal sustainability of Belize specifically to increase the efficiency of public resources by strengthening public financial management.
- 1.3 The Project is comprised of one component with four subcomponents that will achieve the objective. It will focus on the areas of financial management (including budget and internal audit), procurement, technological infrastructure and capacity building.
- 1.4 The Ministry of Finance (MOF) has been designated as the Executing Agency responsible for the implementation of the Project. For this purpose, a Project Executing Unit (PEU) is established in the MOF with concrete technical, administrative, financial, control and planning, monitoring and evaluation responsibilities for the IDB-funded initiative.
- 1.5 In this regard, a vacancy exists for the post of **Procurement Specialist Assistant** for the PEU under a contractual arrangement with the MOF, and as part of the BL-L1038 Project.

**II. OBJECTIVE AND SCOPE OF WORK**

- 2.1 The objective of the position of **Procurement Specialist Assistant** is to support the Procurement Specialist in the execution of the procurement activities of the PEU in accordance with the provisions of the Project and the Bank's procurement rules and procedures and the MOF procurement guidelines, when applicable. In particular, the Procurement Specialist Assistant shall assist in the overall and day to day activities for the procurement of goods, services and works, subject to IDB policies and requirements and in accordance with the Project Operational Manual (POM) and GOB procedures, as it relates to the BL-L1038 Project.

**III. RESPONSIBILITIES/ACTIVITIES**

- 3.1 The main responsibilities of the Procurement Specialist Assistant include, among others:
- a. Review all documentation relating to the Project; and, be informed on the Program Operation Manual (POM), the Loan Contract, the Procurement Plan (PP), the Annual Operational Plan (AOP), the Project Execution Plan (PEP), and the initial Disbursement Projection Table.
  - b. Review the Policies for the Procurement of Goods and Works Financed by the Inter-American Development Bank (GN-2349-15) and the Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants Financed by the Inter-American Development Bank (GN 2350-15).
  - c. Review the procurement policies and procurement best practices and procedures of the GOB.
  - d. Responsible for uploading procurement notices under the Project on the CARICOM Procurement Portal.
  - e. Participate in the preparation of the AOP and in the preparation and update of the Procurement Plan.
  - f. Support the preparation of necessary bidding or selection documents and review the Terms of Reference (ToR) and specifications prepared by Technical Staff.
  - g. Assist in the organizing and execution of all bid openings and evaluation processes, prepare evaluation reports and corresponding draft contracts.
  - h. Ensure contracting of consultants, suppliers and contractors is in accordance with IDB procurement policies and GOB policies, laws and regulations.
  - i. Support the Procurement Specialist to ensure that prospective contractors, suppliers and consultants are duly constituted and are addressing ongoing concerns.
  - j. Assist in the preparation of contracts for signature by relevant parties.
  - k. Monitor the validity of contracts during their execution, securing the legal status of each agreement:
    - (i) Ensure the submission and safeguard of all bid validity documents (i.e. bonds, guarantees, insurances, etc.) during and after tendering and execution of the contracts.
    - (ii) Ensure the timely receipt, extension and release of all bonds, guarantees, insurances, etc.
    - (iii) Coordinate with the Financial Specialist to ensure that authorized payments to contractors are according to the terms of the contract.
    - (iv) Notify management of the PEU and other staff of duration and expiration of the bid validity periods, contract durations within the overall final disbursement date.
    - (v) Address contractors complains and issues, preparing contract amendments and ensuring proper closeout of all contracts, including evaluation of contractors' performance.
    - (vi) Maintain accurate auditable records of all procurement process
  - l. Assist the BL-L1038 Project Coordinator in the preparation and submission of monthly activities reports and prepare quarterly procurement reports following a pre-approved Bank, detailing the procurement of goods, services and works, along with the corresponding disbursements, and a description of problems found and how they were dealt with.
  - m. Maintain an up-to-date registry of consultants hired and goods and service purchased under the Project.
  - n. Keep the records updated regarding executed contracts through contract completion, liaising with technical personnel of the MOF and PEU and the Financial Specialist of the PEU to ensure payments/disbursements are made according to contract and the preparation of monthly and annual disbursement projections and payments are accurate.
  - o. Maintain appropriate files of procurement functions and provide information as needed by the Procurement Specialist, the Executing Agency and the Bank.

- p. Participate in the update of the POM ensuring the procurement section of the POM is aligned with the procurement guidelines of the Bank and those of the GOB.
- q. Execute other tasks and special assignments as required by the Procurement Specialist to enable transparent, efficient and timely implementation of procurement activities and program deliverables including responding to audit queries and responding to requests from the GOB.
- r. Liaise with GOB officials (MOF, PEU and other) on procurement matters aimed at ensuring and effective discharge of the Project's procurement/contracting activities.
- s. Attend the training provided to the PEU staff.
- t. Other

**IV. DELIVERABLES**

- 4.1 The Procurement Specialist Assistant will support the preparation and updating the following reports which are considered recurrent deliverables or responsibilities:
- a. Annual PPs.
  - b. Quarterly procurement reports.
  - c. Updates to POM.
  - d. Procurement documents (bids, requests for proposals, invitations, etc.)
  - e. Minutes of procurement meetings.
  - f. Other.

**V. QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCE**

- 5.1 **Education:** Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting, Finance, Economics, Business Administration, Auditing, Law, Public Administration, or other related fields. Specialized certification in procurement and supply chain management or contract management is considered a plus.
- 5.2 **Work Experience:** At least three years of general experience since obtaining the academic degree, and at least 1 year of proven work experience in supporting general financial management and the preparation of bidding documents, preparation of contracts, and contract management, for the procurement of goods, works, services, and consultancies in the public and/or private sector. Experience in applying procurement policies and procedures of the IDB or similar organizations would be considered an asset.

**VI. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

- 6.1 The Procurement Specialist Assistant reports to the BL-L1038 Project Coordinator of the PEU. He/she shall work in close coordination with the staff of the MOF and especially the members of the PEU.

**VII. COMPENSATION**

- 7.1 The Procurement Specialist Assistant will be paid a monthly salary to be established during the contracting process.

**VIII. CONTRACT TERM:**

- 8.1 The contract will be for a period of one year in the beginning, with the possibility of an extension for two years in the first instance and, thereafter, yearly until the end of the project, based on satisfactory performance

**XI. LOCATION OF WORK:**

- 9.1 Ministry of Finance, Belmopan

**APPLICATIONS**

**10.1 CRITERIA FOR SELECTION**

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

**10.2 APPLICATION PROCEDURES:**

Expression of Interest package should contain:

- (i) Cover letter briefly explaining interest, experience, and competence of the consultant
- (ii) Comprehensive resume with the Individual Consultant's experience in the assignment of similar nature. 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.*
- (iii) Copy of degrees/certificates
- (iv) List of at least two references
- (v) Proof of nationality: copy of documentation of nationality

Qualified Individual Consultant must submit their Expression of Interest package via e-mail to [raquel.guerra@mof.gov.bz](mailto:raquel.guerra@mof.gov.bz) no later than 4:00 p.m., Friday, September 16, 2022, marked **SPEM- Procurement Specialist Assistant** in the subject header. In addition, applicants may also submit a hard copy at the following address:

**Financial Secretary  
Ministry of Finance  
Sir Edney Cain Building  
Belmopan**

For clarifications kindly contact:

**Senior Economist  
Ministry of Finance  
Sir Edney Cain Building  
Belmopan  
E-mail: [raquel.guerra@mof.gov.bz](mailto:raquel.guerra@mof.gov.bz)  
Phone: 828-4100/ 828-4112**



ORGANISMO INTERNACIONAL  
REGIONAL DE SANIDAD  
AGROPECUARIA

Invites Participants to an International Tender  
Ref. 02/2023  
“SUPPLY OF METHYL BROMIDE TO OIRSA  
FOR YEAR 2023”

- The specifications and conditions can be downloaded from the OIRSA website, after completing the registration form at the following link:  
<https://forms.gle/LhsmeVupKWRuF9L16>
- Date of submission of offers is on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2022, from 08:00 am to 04:00 pm, as indicated in the specifications and conditions, directed to Licda. Sara Gabriela Gonzalez, Manager of the Purchasing Department.
- For inquiries and clarifications write to the email [sgonzalez@oirsa.org](mailto:sgonzalez@oirsa.org) or call to phone number +503 2209-9232



**ATTORNEY GENERAL'S MINISTRY  
VACANCY NOTICE**

Suitably qualified applicants are invited to fill the position of:

**DIRECTOR OF LEGAL ADVICE AND SERVICES CENTER**

Applicants for the position of Director – Legal Advice and Services Center must be:

- an Attorney-at-Law qualified to practice law in Belize
- versed in preparing, vetting and drafting legal documents
- rendering legal advice to members of the public on legal issues
- in good health.
- a person who conducts himself at all times, both in his professional and in his personal life, in a manner that will maintain public confidence.

Experience and training required:

- Minimum of eight (8) years' experience as an Attorney at Law;
- Bachelor of Laws Degree from a recognized institution;
- Legal Education Certificate or its equivalent; and
- Minimum of three (3) years' experience in management.

Salary: pay scale 25 of \$47,624 x 1,644 - \$78,860 per annum

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

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

Deadline for receipt of applications: **September 30, 2022**

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

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

## Late-night shooting halts mas camp judging

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ducked down and started to make my way towards my car," she said.

Garcia said that she hid behind the wheel of a car, waiting for the shots to stop. When she heard people moving around again, she got up and did the same. While no one from the group was harmed, the illusion of safety, at least for Garcia, had been shattered.

"To me, it was a very unfortunate incident, because it causes trauma to people, like myself, and many others—kids who were there, who were screaming throughout the ordeal and even after. It leaves a mark on your mind," she said.

While, as mentioned, the Soca Moca revelers were unharmed, one person did receive gunshot wounds to the leg and groin area. That individual, identified as 19-year-old Dixon Ramirez, a student of Pitter Street, was rushed to the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital, where he is listed as being in a stable condition.

The incident also disrupted the judging of the mas camp. As the shooting was occurring, the carnival competition judges were making their way over to the area. The police, acting quickly, escorted them out of the area.

According to Commissioner of Police Chester Williams, the officers who responded to the shooting had been on patrol nearby on Iguana Street Extension. They, along with another officer who had been on the scene, pursued the suspected shooter and encountered that person near Seagull Street. The suspect began to fire shots at the police and the officers returned fire.

"No one was injured in that particular instance, during the exchange of gunfire between the police and the suspect," Williams said.

The suspect (reportedly an 18-year-old) was eventually apprehended, and shortly after, police discovered the .9 mm pistol (Glock 17) believed to have been used, along with a magazine containing 12 live rounds.

The shooting has left some members of the public wary of attending the upcoming carnival road march, especially considering the expiration of the State of

Emergency in the Saint Martin de Porres area in Lake Independence this week. Today, the Commissioner of Police assured the public that, come Saturday, the police will be out in full force.

"These persons who were involved in that incident last night were not persons who were a part of the State of Emergency," he clarified.

What Commissioner Williams has emphasized is that the initial shooting, which resulted in injuries to Ramirez, did not take place in the immediate vicinity of the camp, but that the shooter had been pursued by police, from the scene of the shooting (near Iguana Street Extension) to that area near the camp, where an exchange of fire between police and the gunman—which resulted in no injuries— took place.

Williams explained to local media, "Police were patrolling in the area of [Central American] Boulevard at its corner with Iguana Street Extension when they heard what sounded like gunshots coming from the area of Elston Kerr Street. The officers responded to the area where they saw another police officer and he had given them the description of the suspect who had fired the shots. The team of officers from CIB went in the area where the officer had directed that the suspect had run with the weapon, and the police officers encountered the suspect in the area of Seagull Street. The suspect fired shots at the police and the police returned fire. No one was injured in that particular instance during the exchange of gunfire between the police and the suspect."

"Now the area where the shooting occurred, the primary scene, which is in the Iguana Street Extension area, there was where the person got shot and that person was shot by the suspect who the police were pursuing," Williams pointed out.

Notably, the Carnival Association did not penalize Soca Moca for the incident, and the group is scheduled to redo their camp night on Thursday. Ashanti Garcia says that she will still be participating in the road march this weekend, since she has invested a great deal already and since the participation of every person in the group counts.

## WHY CAN'T BELIZEANS FORM A COALITION OF NATIONALISTS...

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way, despite the evidence in front of their eyes. Poverty, unemployment, crime, and most of the ills of our Belizean society are experienced by Black Belizeans. The experience with the Covid-19 pandemic brought about a rude awakening to other ethnic groups, but Black Belizeans, Garifuna and Creoles, the working class and the poor, have been experiencing economic, social and political problems long before the Covid-19 pandemic came to Belize.

This will also continue when the pandemic is gone. Since our Independence in September of 1981, both the UDP and the PUP have been governing Belize. During their political campaigns they both promise our people the moon and the stars, when they know that they cannot give it to us. Yet, many

of our people believe them and go and vote for these two parties.

As soon as they get elected, they forget and abandon us. They give wealth to those who are already wealthy while ignoring the working class and the poor. We do not see them again until it is time for another election. Some of us even make it worse by selling our votes to them. The Opposition non-UDP-and-PUP political parties, are their targets to buy their candidates or their parties over for a few dollars, to retain or to maintain control of the government of Belize. They keep telling our citizens that third parties are a complete waste of time because they cannot win any elections, and the voters believe them.

The PUP and the UDP are afraid that a coalition will win an election in Belize.

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## Sacred Heart College

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

Vacancies exist at **Sacred Heart College** for the post of:

### 1. One Full Time Arts Teacher (1<sup>st</sup> year is probationary)

Applicants must have a B.Sc. in the teaching subject area with a Diploma in Education, or B.Ed. in the teaching subject area, or experience having taught or teaching the subject will be an asset.

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

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

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

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

**Deadline for Application: September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Medina's  
Construction LTD.**

+501-225-2081 or 225-3440  
+501-610 9349  
medco@btl.net

9.5 Miles Philip Goldson Hwy,  
Ladyville, Belize C.A  
PO BOX 2488 Belize City

## VACANCY

Medina's Construction Ltd. is hereby inviting qualified applicants to fill the post of:  
**Accountant**

#### Requirements:

- Minimum of Bachelor's Degree in Accounting
- Must be bilingual
- Have experience working with Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Word & QuickBooks Enterprise Solutions.
- Must know how to multi-task and be efficient.
- Strong interpersonal and problem solving skills.
- Imperative to always have a positive attitude.
- Honest and dependable.
- Minimum 3 years' experience in field.
- Must be a female
- Team Player

Please include a picture ID, School Transcript, and 2 letters of recommendations.

Send Resume/CV to the following address:

Medina's Construction Ltd.  
9 ½ Miles Northern Highway  
Ladyville, Belize District  
Or email to [medco@btl.net](mailto:medco@btl.net)

Kindly submit application by September 15 2022.

General Contractor, Residential or Commercial, Metal, Concrete & Wooden Building & Equipment Rental



## Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital Authority

### TENDER NOTICE

Date: August 5, 2022

To: SUPPLIERS OF LAWN MAINTENANCE SERVICES, BELIZE C.A.

Tender Invitation – Lawn Maintenance Services, Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital Authority

Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital Authority invites interested and reputable Lawn Maintenance Independent Contractor for quotations.

#### PURPOSE

To maintain the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital Authority lawn trimmed to an acceptable level, trees trimmed and grounds clean.

#### RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Responsible to provide and maintain his own tools or equipment for example his machete, rake, and weed cutter with gas.
2. Maintaining of lawn, trimming of trees, cleaning of roof and landscaping area, cleaning the entire compound from any type debris or garbage, inclusive of parking lot.
3. To be available within business hour if any area of the hospital needs to be clean.

#### Pre-qualification Requirements:

- Recommendation and references from reputable business
- Any additional information that will enhance the potential of the business

#### Commencement and validity of Provision of Pest Control Services:

- The contract is expected to commence on December 1, 2022 and will be for an initial period of two years from the effective date with a one-year extension option.

A meeting will be held on September 28, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. at the KHMHA conference room to address queries.

Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "KHMHALawn Maintenance Services" addressed to Director Operations, Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital, Princess Margaret Drive, Belize City, Belize C.A. on or before October 3, 2022 at 4 p.m.

KHMHA reserves the right to reject any or all Tenders.



**Request for Bids (RFB)**  
**Belize**  
**Two Year Maintenance of the George Price Highway**  
**Loan # 4616/OC-BL**  
**RFB No. 002 of 2022**

1. The Government of Belize has received a loan from the Inter-American Development Bank toward the cost of **Additional Financing for the George Price Highway Rehabilitation Project** and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this loan to payments under the Contract for the Two-Year Maintenance of the George Price Highway

between **1st January 2018** and Bid submission deadline, a minimum construction experience in the following key activities successfully completed<sup>3</sup>:

(f) Qualifications and experience of key site management and technical personnel proposed for the Contract.

2. The Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing, Government of Belize now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the Two-Year Maintenance of the George Price Highway. The number and identification of lots (contracts) comprising this Bidding are:

**Lot 1. Chainage 0+000 to 16+300 (Guanacaste Roundabout to Blackman Eddie Roundabout):** 95m long Bridge and two approaches, Double Chip Seal Road, 2 large double box culverts, multiple cylinder and box cross culverts all Concrete, HDPE side culverts, lined and earth drains, cut to 1 hill side with exposed material.

**Lot 2. Chainage 16+300 to 32+450 (Blackman Eddie Roundabout to Loma Luz Roundabout):** Double Chip Seal road, 3 bridge, 1 large double box culvert & triple box culvert, multiple cylinder and box cross culverts all Concrete, HDPE side culverts, lined and earth drains, cut to 2 hill side with exposed material.

The sections of the Road(s) subject to **Rehabilitation Works** are: **"Lot 1 and Lot2"**

The sections of the Road(s) subject to **Improvement Works** are: **Benching of Stone Face Wall to control erosion and water runoff (2 hill side with exposed material)**

3. The RFB will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedures specified in the Inter-American Development Bank's Policies for the Procurement of Goods and Works financed by the Inter-American Development Bank GN-2349-15 approved by the Board of Executive Directors of the Bank on 2nd of July 2019 and effective 1st of January 2020 and is open to all bidders from Eligible Source Countries as defined in the bidding document.

4. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Program Management Unit for the **Additional Financing for the George Price Highway Rehabilitation Project** [pmupcmow@gmail.com](mailto:pmupcmow@gmail.com), [gphrp.3344@midh.gov.bz](mailto:gphrp.3344@midh.gov.bz) or [procurement.officer.midh@gmail.com](mailto:procurement.officer.midh@gmail.com) and inspect the bidding document at the address given below First Floor, Project Execution Unit Building, Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing, #1 Power Lane, Belmopan, Cayo District during working hours of Monday to Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm (Belize time).

5. Qualifications requirements include:

(a) Copies of original documents defining the Principal Place of Business of the Bidder, the Certificate or Incorporation, Certificate of Good Standing from the Belize Social Security Board, Belize Tax Services and Company's Registry, Written Confirmation of Authorization to sign on behalf of bidder: (i) On company's letterhead stating the name and position of person to sign, (ii) Supporting documents (Constitution of Company, Company Resolution or Minutes of Meetings and Power of Attorney). Also, the History of Non-Performing Contracts, Suspension Based on Execution of Bids/Proposal Securing Declaration by the Employer, Pending Litigation and Litigation History.

(b) **Minimum average annual construction turnover:**

Lot 1: BZ \$200,000

Lot 2: BZ \$200,000

Calculated as total certified payments received for contracts in progress and/or completed within the last **Five (5) years**, divided by **Five (5) years**. Must meet **Fifty percent (50%)** of the requirement **for each Lot**.

(c) **General Construction Experience:** last **Four (4) years**, starting **1st January 2018**

(d) Must have substantially completed at least two (2) projects with at least value of the following to qualify for each lot: **BZ \$400,000 for Lot 1; BZ \$400,000 for Lot 2**

(e) **Specific Construction & Contract Management Experience:**

**A** - (i) A minimum number of **one (1)** similar contract specified below that have been satisfactorily and substantially<sup>1</sup> completed as a prime contractor, joint venture member<sup>2</sup>, management contractor or sub-contractor<sup>2</sup> between **1st January 2018** and bid submission deadline: (ii) **One (1)** contract with minimum value of **BZ \$150,000**, and (iii) If more than one (1) Contract the value of all contracts should be equal or greater than **BZ \$250,000**.

**B** - For the above and any other contracts [substantially completed and under implementation] as prime contractor, joint venture member, or sub-contractor

KEY PERSONNEL	
<b>1.) Site Engineer</b>	
<b>Academic Qualification</b>	
<b>Minimum</b>	BSc. Civil Engineering, Hydraulic Engineering, or related field
<b>Experience</b>	
<b>Minimum</b>	Five (5) years' experience in providing technical and civil engineering services for programs which include but are not limited to construction of reinforced concrete pavements, double coat chip & seal pavements and/or construction of retaining walls including guard rails.
<b>2.) Site Foreman</b>	
<b>Academic Qualification</b>	
<b>Minimum</b>	Associates Degree in Building Construction, Civil Engineering or related field
<b>Experience</b>	
<b>Minimum</b>	Three (3) years' experience in site supervision of reinforced concrete pavements, double coat chip & seal pavements and/or construction of retaining walls including guard rails.
<b>3.) Environmental, Health and Safety Officer</b>	
<b>Academic Qualification</b>	
<b>Minimum</b>	Associates Degree in Environmental Science, Environmental Engineering, Environmental Management, Natural Resource Management or other related discipline is required.
<b>Experience</b>	
<b>Minimum</b>	Three (3) years' experience in works of a similar nature related to Environmental health and safety compliance
<b>4.) Social Expert</b>	
<b>Academic Qualification</b>	
<b>Minimum</b>	Associates Degree in Social Sciences (Anthropology, Sociology, Law, Geography, Social Work, Psychology), Public Affairs, Communication, Project Management, or another related field.
<b>Experience</b>	
<b>Minimum</b>	Three (3) years' work experience in identifying, assessing, and managing social issues, preferably in development projects.

(g) Independently audited financial statements for the last three years (2019 - 2021);

(h) Evidence of working capital for this Contract: **Liquid Assets/Credit Facility**

**Lot 1:** BZ \$100,000.00 Liquid Assets/BZ \$75,000.00 Credit Facility

**Lot 2:** BZ \$100,000.00 Liquid Assets/BZ \$75,000.00 Credit Facility

(i) **Adequate sources of finance to meet cashflow requirements on works currently in progress and for future contract commitments (BZ \$100,000.00 more than the amount stated above for Liquid Assets)**

<sup>3</sup> Volume, number or rate of production of any key activity can be demonstrated in one or more contracts combined if executed during same time period.

(j) Authorization to seek references from the Bidder's Bankers;

(k) Proposals for subcontracting components of the work amounting to more than thirty percent (30%) of the contract price.

(l) All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security of:

Lot 1: BZ \$20,000

Lot 2: BZ \$20,000

(m) And any other documents or information as stipulated in the Bidding Documents

6. **Proposed Program (Work Method Schedule properly detailed)**, Including a clear timeframe and compatible with backlog period

7. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English may be requested by interested bidders on the submission of a written Application to the address below.

8. Bids must be delivered to the address below at or before **10:00 am (Local Belize Time) on October 11, 2022**. Electronic bidding shall not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened physically in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person or on-line at the address below at **10:30 am (local Belize time) on October 11, 2022**.

9. The address referred to above is:

**Attention:**  
Mr. Rolando Chan  
Project Manager  
Program Management Unit  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Project Execution Unit Building  
Power Lane, Belmopan  
Cayo District, BELIZE  
Tel: 501-822-1942  
Email: [pmupcmow@gmail.com](mailto:pmupcmow@gmail.com) AND  
cc: [gphrp.3344@midh.gov.bz](mailto:gphrp.3344@midh.gov.bz)

<sup>1</sup> Substantial completion shall be based on 80% or more works completed under the contract.

<sup>2</sup> For contracts under which the Bidder participated as a joint venture member or sub-contractor, only the Bidder's share, by value, shall be considered to meet this requirement

# 20K sign petition saying “No to Waterloo”

*The 20,132 signatures gathered so far in a petition to prevent the approval of the Waterloo cruise and cargo port development project were presented to the Minister of Sustainable Development by Thomas Greenwood, a supporter of the Feinstein group’s Port Coral cruise port development, which was approved several years ago and is nearing completion.*

by Marco Lopez

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Sept. 1, 2022

No to Waterloo—it is a position being taken by 20,132 Belizean citizens who have so far signed an ongoing petition to put a stop to the unrelenting efforts of Waterloo Investment Holdings to build a cruise terminal and expand the cargo facilities at the Port of Belize Limited compound in Belize City—despite a denial of the company’s request for project approval by the National Environmental Appraisal Committee (NEAC) in 2021 due to unanswered questions related to the project, and grave environmental and social concerns. The petition was submitted to the Minister of Sustainable Development, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management, Hon. Orlando Habet, yesterday by Thomas Greenwood, president emeritus of the Federation of Cruise Tourism Associations of Belize (FECTAB).

Greenwood, after presenting the petition, stated, “From Punta Gorda to Corozal, from Cayo to the cayes, it was countrywide, and what really sent me into a state of pleasant shock was the reaction of people. There’ll be naysayers, there’ll be those who say, ‘I’m not really interested in that’. But no, once you mention the Barrier Reef, then right away, people’s hackles go up.” He later added, “This is all about the Barrier Reef—end of story, the Barrier Reef ... one of the things I recognize by reading about cruise shipping in Caribbean and Central America is that unfettered, uncontrolled, can be dangerous. Dangerous to your environment, natural environment, business environment. It can be dangerous, and I studied more and more

scenarios about it, and in some places, cruise operations were asked to leave.”

Today, public consultations with Waterloo’s consultants on a second Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) that they recently submitted after the rejection of their previous EIA are scheduled to be held at the Belize Best Western Biltmore Plaza. Waterloo Investment Holdings Limited, whose chairman is British business tycoon Lord Michael Ashcroft, has been trying to get environmental clearance to begin the development of yet another cruise port in the Belize District—yet another since two others, Port Coral at Stake Bank and Port of Magical Belize, near the Sibun River, have been given clearance by the National Environmental Appraisal Committee (NEAC), with the construction of Port Coral having already reached an advanced stage.

Waterloo is thus making another attempt to get the approval of the NEAC, which rejected the project’s EIA last December after citing lack of critical information that was not submitted—information related to grave concerns about the environmental impact of the project, particularly the disposal of millions of cubic meters of dredged material that the company initially proposed to dump offshore. Over the past few weeks, however, activists could be seen across the streets of Belize City, and according to Greenwood, countrywide, getting Belizeans to sign onto a petition to the government to stop the project. This is the second collective effort to bring the cruise port-related efforts of Waterloo to a halt, since a group of conservation NGOs, including OCEANA, had also sent a letter to the

government last week to request that it halt all Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA’s) until the country’s environmental laws are updated, in line with one of the commitments that the country made when it entered the Blue Bond loan agreement.

This recent ESIA submitted in August 2022 by Nextera on behalf of Waterloo is seemingly the third such submission, and questions are now being raised as to whether a company should have been given so many opportunities to push through a project after rejection. When asked a similar question yesterday by local reporters, Hon. Orlando Habet, Minister of Sustainable Development, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management, said that the government has been advised that there is no current section of the law that addresses this matter.

“In the interpretation of the law, we decided that based on consultation with the legal minds, that even when you take something to court that the court, either the judge or the magistrate, would lean on allowing something to be resolved outside of the court if there is a possibility. So, because that article 23 gives the opportunity, the option to resubmit, when they requested for a resubmission, we said ‘okay, go ahead and resubmit’, but of course, it can’t be the same submission

that they had before,” Minister Habet outlined.

While the environmental community believes that since this most recent ESIA was submitted following the signing of the Blue Bond agreement, it should not be considered before the EIA process has been updated and improved, Habet attempted to suggest that the commitments made as part of the Blue Bond financial arrangement could only be applicable to processes that have not started. He thus implied that the most recent Waterloo ESIA submission must be reviewed by the NEAC to avoid any litigation by the company.

The notion of putting a pause on all EIAs—as outlined in the Blue Bond agreement and suggested by the environmental community, is one that Habet believes is out of the question, since he is of the view that it would halt development across the country. He instead suggested that GoB should look at projects on an individual basis, and he highlighted what he believes are significant legal risks that could accompany any such decision.

“I think that what we have to do is look at the EIA process, what is legal, what is illegal, what will put us in trouble with the law, and frankly, when we get

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## The Battle myth put to rest; reluctant Mestizo Belizeans...

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younger, and just walked away from it. Many of them don’t even drink rum. I don’t know what weed is supposed to be a gateway to, but all of us having the capacity to be criminals, I will say that wine is the precursor to rum. My evidence is that I once drank a little wine. Oh, before I drank wine I did the coffee thing, and before that I drank cocoa, and before that I drank my mom’s milk.

The horror out there is that people who smoke a little weed are exposed to being poisoned by unscrupulous dealers who want to expand their trade, or are just sadistic. If our leaders leave the status of weed to lie as it is, then they are uncaring. How can you leave your brother to this kind of exposure? When it was pointed out to the criminal prohibitionists that people were being exposed to dangerously adulterated alcohol because of the law, those callous beasts said hurray, deaths and blindness are good deterrents.

### The three primary prerequisites for teachers

The first requirement for a teacher

is knowledge of subject. It goes without saying that you can’t teach what you don’t know. The second requirement isn’t pedagogical skills. Yes, it is important to know how to impart knowledge, there’s a technique there, but I want Francis and Dr. Zab to know that’s only in the third slot. The second requirement is the leadership package.

From the age of five until they complete high school, teachers will be some of the most important persons in the lives of children and youth. We daam well better make sure that these teachers have capacity, and that they are wholesome, the kinds of examples we want for our young ones.

Bah, I’ll have to pause here, so I can segweh to what, hair trouble? Ai, the state I would be in if this hair story in schools consumed me would be the definition of befuddlement. Schools should have the right to make a hair rule, or not make a hair rule. Children and youth go to school to learn the prescribed lessons, not to preen or honor their parents’ religion. But nothing is all bad. No hair rule in school is big news for barberos who can make art out of haircuts.

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## NOTIFICATION OF CONTRACT AWARD (Procurement of Goods or Works)



Financing Institution: Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)  
Procurement Type: Civil Works  
Sector: Infrastructure  
Country of project (or Beneficiary country): Belize  
Project name: Additional Financing for George Price Highway Rehabilitation Project  
Loan/Credit/Grant No.: 4616/OC-BL  
Contract/Bid No.: 168 of 2022/2023  
Bid/Contract Description: Lot 2D - Raising of the Existing Pavement on the Western Approach of the Roaring Creek Bridge GPHW

During the *bidding/selection* process for the *works* indicated above, under the *bidding process/selection method (National Competitive Bidding)*, the firms listed below submitted bids. The bid price at opening, the evaluated bid price and their final ranking follow below:

### Evaluated Bidder(s):

**Name of the bidder and nationality:** *PEC Engineering & Construction/PEC Limited/Belizean*  
**Bid price at bid opening:** *BZ \$1,696,877.72*  
**Evaluated bid price:** *BZ \$1,696,877.72*  
**Final Ranking:** *First Place*

### Evaluated Bidder(s):

**Name of the bidder and nationality:** *Belize Roadway Construction/Belizean*  
**Bid price at bid opening:** *BZ \$1,941,969.25*  
**Evaluated bid price:** *BZ \$1,941,969.25*  
**Final Ranking:** *Second Place*

### Evaluated Bidder(s):

**Name of the bidder and nationality:** *A & N Construction/Belizean*  
**Bid price at bid opening:** *BZ \$1,733,355.96*  
**Evaluated bid price:** *BZ \$1,733,355.96*  
**Final Ranking:** *Third Place*

### Evaluated Bidder(s):

**Name of the bidder and nationality:** *De'Mar's Stone Company Ltd./Belizean*  
**Bid price at bid opening:** *BZ \$1,973,801.69*  
**Evaluated bid price:** *BZ \$1,973,801.69*  
**Final Ranking:** *Fourth Place*

### Evaluated Bidder(s):

**Name of the bidder and nationality:** *Jaime Price Piling & Construction/Belizean*  
**Bid price at bid opening:** *BZ \$2,003,989.49*  
**Evaluated bid price:** *BZ \$2,003,989.49*  
**Final Ranking:** *Fifth Place*

### Rejected Bidder(s):

**Name of the bidder and nationality:** *No rejected bidder*  
**Bid price at bid opening:** *N/A*  
**Reason(s) for rejection:** *N/A*

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

### Awarded Bidder:

**Name of the bidder and nationality:** *PEC Engineering & Construction/PEC Limited/Belizean*  
**Contract Price:** *BZ \$1,696,877.72*

### Country of Awarded Bidder:

**Bidder:** *Belize*  
**Scope of the contract:** *Lot 2D - Raising of the Existing Pavement on the Western Approach of the Roaring Creek Bridge GPHW*

**Date contract signed:** August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022

Address:  
Program Management Unit  
Attn: Mr. Rolando Chan, Program Coordinator  
First Floor, Soils Lab Building  
Power Lane, Belmopan  
Tel: 822-0100/822-1942  
E-mail: [pmupcmow@gmail.com](mailto:pmupcmow@gmail.com)



## BELIZE SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND TENDER NOTICE

Country: Belize Project: CARICOM Development Fund Grant No: BZE/G00011  
Project ID: CDF/00011/WS4 Contract Number: W/CDF-07/2022 National Competitive Bidding (NCB) Deadline: **September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

1. The Government of Belize has received funding through the CARICOM Development Fund (CDF) towards implementation of a project that focuses on improving water supply systems in four (4) communities and intends to apply part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the contract for **Installation of Water Meters and Pipes for the San Antonio Water Supply System, San Antonio Village, Toledo District, Belize.**

2. The Social Investment Fund, a Statutory Corporation, established under the Social Investment Fund Act No. 3 of 1996 and located at Constitution Drive, Belmopan, Cayo District, hereby invites tenders from suitably qualified contractors for the construction of the following:

### **The contract proposes to:**

*The contract proposes the installation of pvc pipes and 420 water measuring and control devices in San Antonio Village, Toledo District, Belize.*

3. **Final (Project Site) Destination as specified in BDS:** San Antonio Village, Toledo District, Belize.

4. Belize Social Investment Fund now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the construction works in the aforementioned areas.

5. Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedures specified in the CARICOM Development Fund's Guidelines for Procurement (May 2010), and are open to all countries of the world are eligible to tender for this contract.

6. Qualification requirements include (a) The bidder shall furnish unaudited or audited financial statements (balance sheets with corresponding notes, income statement, and statements of cash flow) of the firm for years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 to demonstrate the current soundness of the bidder's financial position (b) Bidders should have general experience under contracts in the role of contractor, JV member, subcontractor, or management contractor for the years 2019, 2020 and 2021 with activity of at least five (5) months in each year starting 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2019 (c) Bidders should have specific experience as a prime contractor, joint venture member, management contractor, or subcontractor, between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011 and the bid submission deadline and should have less than or equal to three (3) contracts, each of a minimum value of BZ\$40,130.00, but with a total value of all contracts equal or more than BZ\$120,390.00 (d) demonstrate cash flow requirement: capacity to have a cash flow amount of BZ\$10,100.00 of which not more than BZ\$5,050.00 can be credit for materials (e) an average annual turnover of BZ\$240,780.00 which shall be calculated as total certified payments received for contracts completed within the best two (2) years of the years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 (e) other provided in the respective Bid Documents.

7. A secured "sample" electronic Bid document can be shared with interested Bidders at the address below, starting **August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022**, on week days between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. for viewing purpose only (has a time restriction for viewing). A complete set of Bidding documents (electronic version) can be purchased by interested bidder upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **BZ\$150.00**. Requests may be made by personal application or in writing to the address below. Written applications must be clearly marked: **"Installation of Water Meters and Pipes for the San Antonio Water Supply System, San Antonio Village, Toledo District, Belize"**. The method of payment will be by cash deposited to, or Bank transfer to BSIF's Bank Account only. Banking details can be requested at the address below. Cash payment will not be accepted at the BSIF Office.

8. **Deadline** for bids is **at or before 10:00 a.m., September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022** at the address below. **Bids will be opened at 10:45 a.m., September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022** at the Social Investment Fund, 3rd Floor, #1902 Constitution Drive, Belmopan, Cayo District in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to participate. Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late bids **will be rejected**. All bids must be accompanied by a "Bid Security" of BZ\$1,210.00 or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency or Bank Guarantee. The bid validity period is 90 days.

9. A Pre-bid meeting with interested eligible bidders will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at San Antonio Village, Toledo District, Belize. Bidders can participate in the meeting to address any queries about the bidding document or the scope of works. Persons who purchase packages are urged to attend.

10. The address referred to above is:

**Contact: Ms. Ruby Pascascio**  
**Senior Procurement Officer Social Investment Fund**  
**3rd Floor, #1902 Constitution Drive**  
**Belmopan Cayo District**  
**Tel: 822-0239/822-0508**  
**E-mail: [ruby.pascascio@sifbelize.org](mailto:ruby.pascascio@sifbelize.org)**  
**cc: [carlos.tun@sifbelize.org](mailto:carlos.tun@sifbelize.org)**  
**[therese.arzu@sifbelize.org](mailto:therese.arzu@sifbelize.org)**

## Letters to the editor

# Retired teacher discusses pension payments

Editor  
Amandala Newspaper  
3304 Partridge Street  
Belize City

August 30, 2022

Dear Editor:

Is it a crime to be a retired teacher? It would seem that retired teachers are being treated as second or even third class citizens in their own country. A country to which we have contributed and for which we have sacrificed for the pursuit of better educational opportunities for the students. As part of our vocation, we had to carry out the part of being a counselor, mentor, role model and so on. The least our

government can do to acknowledge and honor us for our sacrifices and contribution is to pay us on time. Like my colleagues who are paid on the last Friday of each month, we also have our bills to pay, groceries to buy and appointments to attend.

I really cannot comprehend any reason why we receive our pension at the end of each month. It would seem as a form of discrimination when retired teachers have to wait for month's end to receive their pension.

I call on the relevant authorities to make a concerted effort to ensure that the pension of retired teachers is paid on the last Friday of each month. We deserve it.

A retired teacher

# Belizean speaks on racial encounter at airport customs

Mrs. Estella Bailey-Leslie  
Comptroller of Customs  
Belize Customs and Excise Department  
Belize City

29<sup>th</sup> August 2022

**Practice of Racial Profiling by Customs Officers at the Philip Goldson International Airport on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

Madam,

My name is Barrington Ludric Myvett, an Afro-Belizean national, United States citizen and retired New York Police Department officer.

My wife, Pearline, and I came into Belize on American Airlines flight 1151 at 1:15 p.m. on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2022. On clearing Immigration, we proceeded to the Customs section, entering the Nothing to Declare line.

Just before being attended to, a female Afro-Belizean Customs officer rudely approached us and told us to join the line for persons with dutiable items. She also discourteously gave similar instructions to an African-American citizen and his wife who were immediately behind.

Standing us aside, the officer, an Afro-Belizean, ushered us into the line. Several American tourists — all white — including those who had been standing behind us, were then given immediate attention and waved through the line from which we had been removed.

Upon our querying her and protesting her obvious racially motivated act of racial profiling, she pointedly completely ignored me and walked away. I asked another officer standing nearby who I approached if I could speak with the Supervisor in Charge. He threateningly ordered me to back off and to join the other line as ordered. We complied and stood for what were two hot and excruciatingly uncomfortable hours in the other line until we were attended to.

We felt so humiliated and embarrassed. We could not believe that such an act of blatant racial discrimination could have been inflicted against us in Belize — and by an Afro-Belizean public official at that!

The African-American couple was equally devastated and incredulous that this could be happening to them on their first vacation in Belize. They vowed never to return and would have done so there and then and refrained because it would have placed a financial strain on them.

I am now fully convinced, having experienced it for myself, that the allegation of racial stereotyping of a black people is alive and continues to be a problem for Afro-Belizeans and other people of colour in Belize.

This is one of the dark sides of Belize's dependence on tourism, where one's dignity can be wantonly trampled upon in the mad rush to earn the US dollar.

When I left Belize in 1968 to seek a better living in the USA, Evan X Hyde of the United Black Association for Development (UBAD) had already identified the adverse effects of tourism when he postulated that "Tourism is Whorism" in sizing up the Government's tourism policy.

The action of that Customs officer on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2022 reflects a pervasive racially tinged mindset which underpins our tourism industry and our society as a whole. While we seek to project Belize as a premier tourist destination, there is no good reason to be subservient mental slaves ready to please visitors to the extent of disrespecting the citizens of Belize in doing so.

Barrington Ludric Myvett  
Queens, New York  
Copied to:  
Prime Minister of Belize and Minister of Finance  
Minister of Tourism  
The Belize Media



## Department of the Environment

Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change  
and Disaster Risk Management

### REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR A LEGISLATIVE DRAFTER

**Title of the Project:** The Hydrochlorofluorocarbon (HCFC) Phase-out Management Plan (HPMP) monitors the consumption of ozone depleting substances (ODS) mainly used in the Refrigeration & Air Conditioning (RAC) Sector as refrigerants.

#### Background

Belize became signatory to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 1998 and has thus far sought to implement all national obligations under the Protocol. The Government of Belize has successfully phased out Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) in the Refrigeration and Air Conditioning (RAC) sector and is currently implementing the Hydrochlorofluorocarbon Phase-out Management Plan (HPMP) for the gradual phaseout of hydro-chlorofluorocarbon (HCFCs) in the Belize RAC sector. The National Ozone Unit (NOU) in the Department of the Environment (DOE), Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management, is the focal point for the Montreal Protocol in Belize.

At the 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol held in Montreal, Canada, in 2007, the Parties agreed on the "Adjustment to the Montreal Protocol regarding HCFCs and to "accelerate the phase-out of production and consumption of HCFCs", thus calling for urgent action towards the phase-out of this ozone depleting substances (ODS).

The Decision recognized the needs of developing countries such as Belize with regards to the agreed accelerated HCFC schedule and directed the Multilateral Fund's Executive Committee to provide technical and financial assistance, paying particular attention to Article 5 Parties with low volume and very low volume consumption of HCFCs. The HPMP for Belize was approved on the 62<sup>nd</sup> ExCom Meeting of the parties. The HPMP provides funding for the Government of Belize to support the implementation of activities to phase-out remaining HCFC consumption under the Montreal Protocol.

#### Consultancy Description:

The Department of Environment through the Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management is seeking to engage a suitably qualified Belizean candidate request the submission of Expression of Interest from independent legal drafters to draft regulations under the Environmental Protection Act and the Refrigeration Technicians (Licensing) Act 2010.

#### Objective of the Drafting

The objective is to provide legislative drafting service to draft new regulations to reflect the commitments related to the Montreal Protocol.

#### Core Competency Requirements:

- Minimum Bachelor of Laws (LLB)
- Minimum 5 years of relevant experience required for carrying out the TOR's tasks. Experience must include (i) a legal background, (ii) experience in drafting laws and
- Excellent writing skills in English
- Ability to engage with a cross-section of stakeholders in the public and private sectors
- Experience in drafting concept documents
- Experience in drafting legislation will be an advantage
- Excellent communication skills as well as the ability to communicate fluently in English (spoken and written)

The full Terms of Reference is available at [www.doe.gov.bz](http://www.doe.gov.bz). The selection of the consultant will be based on Consultant Qualification Selection (CQS) procurement method. Packages must be submitted electronically and must include a letter of interest, a curriculum vitae, and Financial Proposal and Technical Proposal no later than **Friday September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022**, at 5:00 pm. Only complete packages will be processed. Packages should be addressed to and emailed to:

Mr. Anthony Mai  
Chief Environmental Officer

Re: Expression of Interest- Legislative Drafter

[ozone@environment.gov.bz](mailto:ozone@environment.gov.bz) with copy to [projects@environment.gov.bz](mailto:projects@environment.gov.bz)

# Latin America & the Caribbean to see low economic growth the rest of this year

*Inflation, little dynamism in job creation, and a rise in poverty and inequality will fuel the slowed economic growth, a report by ECLAC says.*

by *Khaila Gentle*

SANTIAGO, Chile, Wed. Aug. 31, 2022

Growing social demands and strong inflationary pressures may contribute to a decrease in economic growth for the region this year, says the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC). Last Tuesday, the UN organization released its annual report, *An Economic Survey of Latin America and the Caribbean: Trends and Challenges of Investing for a Sustainable and Inclusive Recovery*.

In that report, ECLAC estimates an average economic growth of 2.7% due to several crises that are hurting the region's economies and could continue to do so in the coming years.

Among them are the war between the Russian Federation and Ukraine, which has caused increased geopolitical tensions, increased energy prices, and reduced availability of food. These in-



turn have increased inflationary pressures that were already affecting the region due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"In a context of multiple goals and growing restrictions, there must be a coordination of macroeconomic policies that would support the acceleration of growth, investment, and poverty and inequality reduction, while also addressing inflationary dynamics," said Mario Cimoli, the Acting Executive Secretary of ECLAC.

According to the 2022 report, the lower economic growth is mainly due to inflation, with the regional average reaching 8.4% in June 2022, along with little dynamism in job creation, declining investment, and increased social demands.

While Central America and Mexico saw 5.7% growth in 2021, ECLAC estimates growth of only 2.5% this year. South America is also expected to see a decline in growth. Of note, however, is that the Caribbean is the only sub-region expected to see more growth than it did in 2021—with an estimated 4.7% expansion as opposed to the previous 4.0%.

## Is Mary-Beth a suspect...

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death. She said that one bullet grazed her arm and hit him in the throat, causing him to bleed profusely from that wound.

James was known in the streets and by the police as one of the most notorious gang figures in Belize City. Before his death, he and several other known street figures had brandished high-caliber firearms in a Facebook live video.

While police are considering several motives for the murder of James and following leads on who could have orchestrated his death, an audio clip which is alleged to be a recording of Wade conversing with a particular gang leader was leaked to the public. When Commissioner of Police, Chester Williams, held a press briefing with local media via Zoom, he mentioned that an investigation will be done regarding the audio clip.

"We have an idea of who the suspect or suspects are in respect to Tanga's murder. I guess by now, the entire Belizean public [has] heard a voice clip that is going around with a particular gang leader and Mary-Beth. It is assumed that they are the two persons in that voice clip, and certain information was shared. We are looking at [the] information that [was] shared to see if we can confirm the information, but it is going to be extremely hard for various reasons, but it is an investigation the police [are] still looking at this time," Commissioner Williams said.

Commissioner Williams also confirmed that Wade was detained for questioning shortly after James was brutally killed and that she is a person of interest at this time.

## Girl, 8, electrocuted

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Valdez says that his daughter will be remembered as a loving and quiet child.

"Jaqueline will be remembered in the neighborhood and the church by our members and family members as a loving, always quiet, and obedient [girl]. Very smart. She wasn't the type of girl that was running up and down; she was just always when you go anywhere, she would just be sitting by our side and not give any trouble. That's why it has impacted us and the neighborhood of what happened," he said.

Jaqueline was enrolled at Holy Angels Primary School, where next week she would have returned to the classroom as a standard three student. A post-mortem exam was conducted on her body on Tuesday, and the results indicated that her death was caused by respiratory failure due to electrical injury.

Jacqueline was the youngest of three siblings and her parents' only daughter.



## MINISTRY OF HEALTH & WELLNESS REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL PROPOSAL

FOR

### PROVISION OF LAUNDRY SERVICES TO THE REGIONAL AND COMMUNITY HOSPITALS

The Government of Belize, through the Ministry of Health & Wellness hereby invites proposals for the provision of laundry services to its regional and community hospitals, packaged into lots as follows:

- (i) Lot 1 – Provision of Laundry Services to the Northern Regional Hospital;
- (ii) Lot 2 – Provision of Laundry Services to the Western Regional Hospital; and
- (iii) Lot 3 – Provision of Laundry Services to the Southern Regional Hospital.

The services include the supply, washing, cleaning, ironing and folding of linens for all the hospital beds at the identified health facilities, packaged into three (3) lots as detailed above. Services will be for a period of two (2) years.

Interested bidders may obtain further information from the *Policy Planning and Project Management Unit, Ministry of Health and Wellness* at [pmu@health.gov.bz](mailto:pmu@health.gov.bz) and inspect the bidding document at the address given below from of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Mondays through Fridays.

Qualifications requirements are listed below. Additional details are provided in the Bidding Documents.

- a) The Bidder must be a Registered Company in accordance with Belize's law
- b) The bidder must be owner of a well-equipped and fully fledged working laundry.
- c) Bidders should have a valid trade license for conducting business.
- d) Bidders should be certified by the MOHW Licensing and Accreditation Unit to operate a healthcare laundry facility or will be given three (3) months to receive such certification.
- e) Bidder must have at minimum Commercial/Hospital grade equipment:
  - (1) Washers with heating element to ensure proper washing temperature throughout the wash cycle, programmable for linen type and liquid chemical dispensing ports.
  - (2) Dryers with dry sensors and programmable for linen type.
  - (3) Ironer pressing linens at 350°F to further eliminate if any, bacteria on linens, Automatic Piece Folder minimizing human contact and keeping the standard quality finishing.
- f) Bidders' facility must have proper linen storage, water storage, butane storage and backup generator.
- g) Bidders must have access to transportation six (6) days per week, including all public and bank holidays.
- h) Bidders must have adequate staffing trained and certified with the MOHW Infection Control Protocols.
- i) Bidders staffing must have up-to-date vaccines for both Tetanus and Hepatitis.
- j) Bidders must have access to liquid assets through access to a line of credit or cash in bank account of an amount at least 15% of the annual cost for the provision of the services.
- k) Be in good standing with i) Companies Registry, ii) Income/Business Tax Department, iii) Social Security.
- l) Not be under any notice of disbarment issued by the Government of Belize.

A complete set of Bidding Documents in *English* may be obtained by interested bidders on the submission of a written Application to the address below.

Proposals must be delivered to the address below at or before **2:00 p.m. on September 26, 2022**. Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late proposals will be rejected. Proposals will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person at the address below at 2:10 p.m. on September 26, 2022. All proposals must be accompanied by a Security Declaration. The address referred to above is:

Chief Executive Officer  
Policy Planning and Project Management Unit  
Ministry of Health and Wellness  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, East Block Building  
City of Belmopan  
Belize, C.A.  
Tel: 501-822-0992  
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# FIFA president visits, praises Belize

**Gianni Infantino, President of FIFA (Fédération Internationale de Football Association), makes his first visit to Belize**

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Aug. 31, 2022

After arriving in Belize on Tuesday for an official visit, the president of FIFA (Fédération Internationale de Football Association), Gianni Infantino, made his way to Belmopan, and following courtesy visits on the Governor General of Belize Dame Froyla Tzalam and Acting Prime Minister Hon. Cordel Hyde, he made his way to the Football Federation of Belize (FFB) headquarters.

Upon arriving at the Football Federation of Belize (FFB) headquarters along with his delegation of FIFA executives, including Chief Development Officer Arsene Wenger and Pierluigi Collina, Chairman of FIFA's Referee Committee, Infantino received a warm welcome from children of various ages who are participants in the FFB's programs, and who demonstrated what they were being taught by FFB coaches on the football pitch.

Infantino, who became FIFA's 9<sup>th</sup> president in 2016 and is officially visiting Belize for the first time, told local reporters that his administration is focusing on how to improve the sport of football for the next generation of athletes who would like to pursue a

profession in the sport.

"Football is overdeveloped in some parts of the world, and in other parts, there is still a way to go, but when you have the talent and when you have basic structures, you know, you don't need to have the training center of the top professional teams in Europe to be able to train boys and girls. You need basic structures; you need expertise; you need goodwill, and you need to implement it. And that's all these ingredients, we found them here, with Sergio, with his team, and that's what we are putting in place," he said.

In 2020, the FFB began its construction of a stadium in Belmopan through a two-million-dollar investment from the FIFA Forward program, and Infantino commended the progress made in upgrading the stadium, which he referred to as "state-of-the-art". "I've been visiting, in the last few years, over 160 countries around the world and I can tell you that this infrastructure here is already much, much better than many others in many parts of the world. So really, congratulations, and we keep on working on that at that pace, and we will invest even more," he said. Nonetheless, FFB president Sergio Chuc pointed to work that still must be done.

"We are three-quarter way complete,



**Gianni Infantino, President of FIFA, meets with Acting Prime Minister of Belize, Hon. Cordel Hyde**

but you see we need the parking, we need the shed, we need the VIP, and we still need another training pitch to the back. In Central America, all the national teams play on a grass pitch. We can't have the national team playing strictly on a synthetic pitch and then go to play on a grass pitch in Salvador. So, we need to fix [the] pitches we have here. So we have a little more work to complete the center fully and then we look at other projects in other areas around the country, where the investment will go the longest way, maybe Belize City, where the most populated area is. We'll look at those

aspects, but certainly, we'll move out of Belmopan soon as we complete the investment here," he said.

There was some speculation in some quarters that Infantino's official visit to Belize might be an attempt to lobby Belize's support for his re-election at the FIFA Elections in 2023 and for his idea of a biennial World Cup, which will be voted on at the 72nd FIFA Congress this year. (He'll need more than 50 percent of the votes from the 211 member countries for his brainchild idea of a World Cup every two years

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## PUBLIC AUCTION SALE COROZAL NORTHERN BORDER

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8	1999	Pointiac Grand Am	Car
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17	N/A	Ford 150	Pickup
18	N/A	Isuzu Rodeo	SUV
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21	N/A	Ford Ranger	Pickup
22	N/A	Toyota	Van
23	N/A	Chrysler	Van
24	N/A	Ford Econoline	Van
25	N/A	Toyota Landcruiser	SUV
26	N/A	Ford 350 Econoline	Box Van
27	N/A	International 4700	Truck
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# Police tribunal finds Corporal Nah and PC Caliz not guilty

*Commissioner of Police Chester Williams, during an interview yesterday, said the adjudicator in the tribunal used the criminal standard of proof when considering the evidence presented instead of making a determination based on probability of guilt.*

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Sept. 1, 2022

In November of last year, Corporal Elmer Nah and PC Manuel Caliz were found in possession of 139 rounds of .223 ammo issued by police at an Independence checkpoint following the landing of a drug plane near Bladen village in Toledo. Nah and Caliz were among several members of the Police Department, including members of the subsequently disbanded Commander of Operations Strike Team (COST), who were found in the area after the landing and were arrested and criminally charged. Nah and Caliz were also facing a police internal tribunal for the matter. Yesterday, however, the Commissioner of Police, Chester Williams, told reporters that the tribunal handed down a not guilty verdict in regard to the disciplinary charge of "Failure to Obey a Lawful Order" that had been brought

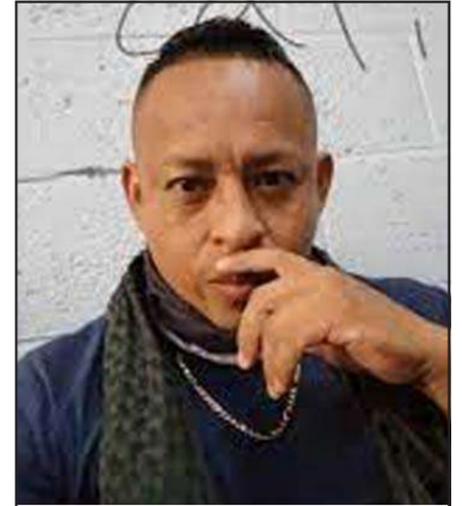
against the two men – a decision that has seemingly angered Commissioner Williams.

"From what I was briefed by the Commander of the Professional Standards Branch is that the adjudicator who presided over the matter had found both gentlemen not guilty in respect to the ammunition that was found inside a vehicle that they were in at the particular time. I was further briefed that the acquittal came as a result of the testimony of another officer who testified to the tribunal that he had signed for those ammunitions and had left them inside the vehicle," COMPOL Williams said.

But the vehicle referred to by that officer, who has since been identified as Richard Arnold, in his testimony was not the vehicle in which Nah and the ammunition had been found.



**Corporal Elmer Nah**



**Corporal Elmer Nah**

"Having looked at the circumstances is that the officer who testified to the effect that he had left the ammunition inside the vehicle – the vehicle in question that he had supposedly left the ammunition is not the same vehicle that the two gentlemen were found in and at the time had the ammunition in it, so I still cannot understand on what basis that the adjudicator decided that these two gentlemen were not guilty," COMPOL Williams told reporters.

In November of 2021, the AMANDALA had reported, "Three vehicles were also found on the scene [near the drug plane landing], two of which are assigned to Assistant Commissioner of Police Marco Vidal's Operation Unit... A number of high-caliber weapons were found inside one of the vehicles. That vehicle is said to belong to Sergeant George Ferguson. Ferguson was the most senior officer charged in connection to this bust, and was found on Friday, apparently after hiding out in the bushes near Bladen Village for some hours following the drug bust. He, along with three other police officers, Delwin Casimiro, Nelson Middleton, and Elmer Nah, all members of Vidal's strike team, have been charged with Drug Trafficking and Landing a Plane at an unlicensed aerodrome."

Following the recent handing down of the not-guilty verdict by the tribunal, Commissioner Williams requested the file containing the notes of evidence, and he says that his legal team will review the notes of evidence to "see whether or not the adjudicator erred in his decision acquitting the two gentlemen." He also noted that as the Commissioner of Police he has the authority to review the merits of the decision and to possibly overturn it. "I will have to go through what the law allows me to do and see if in fact the adjudicator was right or he erred and if it is that we should find that he erred and if it is that we found that the

adjudicator had erred, then the law does give the Commissioner the power to either maintain or uphold the current decision, reduce or to up it," he said. At this time, the two men remain interdicted and out on bail, since they are still facing criminal charges.

In reference to the decision handed down by the adjudicator, Commissioner Williams commented that it appears that a standard of proof used in criminal proceedings—where guilt must be proven beyond a reasonable doubt—is being applied in hearings inside the police tribunal, but he noted that the standard which should actually be used by the internal tribunal should be based on the probability of guilt, as is used in civil proceedings.

COMPOL Williams went on to say that Corporal Arnold may very well face charges if it is found that he has perjured himself by stating what he did in his testimony, or if any neglect on his part in handling the ammunition that was found can be determined.

"Even if it were that the officer who testified at the tribunal, he signed for this ammunition, had left them inside a vehicle, the vehicle in which he alleged that he left the ammunition is not the same vehicle in which the ammunition was found, so how the hell did the ammunition get from one vehicle to the other vehicle? Certainly these officers had to move it from one vehicle to the next, and that the reason why I cannot understand how the adjudicator could have accepted that testimony and acquit these two officers of the charge," COMPOL Williams said.

Notably, in November, after the discovery of the weapons in the vehicle Nah was driving, the Minister of Home Affairs, Hon. Kareem Musa, had stated, "The ammunition that he had was assigned, and it is from the Police Department, and it is excessive in my personal opinion. He was on leave, so he was not ought to have had that ammunition."

## Fireman poisoned by pill from co-worker

ORANGE WALK, Wed. Aug. 31, 2022

A 38-year-old firefighter is dead after ingesting pills given to him by a colleague of his at the fire station in Orange Walk. It is now being speculated that the firefighter, David Peters, overdosed on the medication, which was given to him by a co-worker, who had apparently told him that it would enable him to overcome his habit of heavy drinking—something that Peters' wife said he struggled with.

After he took the medication, however, Peters began to experience diarrhea, and he soon began to suffer from other severe symptoms. He was rushed to the Northern Regional Hospital, where he died sometime after 9:00 last night.

Police were reportedly told by the doctor who attended to Peters prior to his death that he might have overdosed on the medication that he was given. A bottle that is believed to have contained the pills has been recovered, and police are investigating the matter. At this time, the co-worker who purportedly gave Peters the bottle of pills has not been identified.

The Fire Chief, Colin Gillet, told 7News that the department is awaiting the results of a post-mortem exam on Peters' body and will be providing financial assistance to Peters' family so that they can cover funeral expenses.

## 1<sup>st</sup> case of monkeypox identified in El Salvador

El Salvador, Wed. Aug. 31, 2022

The head of the Ministry of Health in El Salvador, Francisco Alabi, confirmed yesterday that the first case of monkeypox has been identified within that Latin American nation. The infected person is a 28-year-old

woman, official reports from the presidential palace said yesterday. The woman's diagnosis has been confirmed, and she has most likely been isolated at this time to prevent any community spread. Alabi also stated, "We have taken all the measures, and we are following up on all its links. This is important in order to give a comprehensive approach."

This means the necessary contact tracing will be done in order to determine if any other person in the country has been infected by the virus. According to Alabi, there is a PCR test in the country to confirm infection.

By all indications, this is the first case of monkeypox confirmed in El Salvador.

**A 28-year-old woman was the first to be diagnosed with monkeypox in El Salvador**



However, cases have been identified in Guatemala, Costa Rica, Honduras, Mexico, and Panama. In Panama, on Sunday, August 28, health officials declared that monkeypox has begun to spread communally within that country.

At this time there are 9 confirmed cases in that country. Two of those are classified as community cases, while another was contracted by a person who had contact with someone from outside that nation.

At this time, no case of monkeypox has been confirmed in Belize, but suspect cases have been tested so far, with the results of all 7 samples reportedly being classified as negative.

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91.1FM in Ladyville and Independence;

101.1FM in Dangriga Town, Camalote Village and Caye Caulker

# Karl H. Menzies goes digital



Karl H. Menzies storefront

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Tues. Aug. 30, 2022

After being in operation for fifty-three years, the Karl H. Menzies store on Barrack Road, which was founded by Dorothy and Karl Menzies in 1969, will be closing on Wednesday, August 30, and the business will be shifting completely to a digital operation—with all the wines, paints and other goods sold by the company henceforth being available for purchase solely online.

The company's products can now be accessed via BelizeOn, a subsidiary of Socias Ltd. which will operate the businesses of Karl H. Menzies in the online marketplace.

BelizeOn started three years ago with

only five vendors on its online platform and has grown to be one of Belize's premier online marketplaces in Belize, featuring imported products and a range of local products from dozens of local businesses on the BelizeOn.bz website as well as a popular food delivery app, BelizeOn D'Way, which connects customers with their favorite restaurants; and BelizeON Dropbox, a door-to-door delivery service changing the delivery and logistics landscape in Belize.

Yanik Flowers, Marketing Manager of BelizeOn, told local media that even prior to the pandemic, the management of Karl H. Menzies had decided to shift

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# River Valley Foundation helps students

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Sept. 1, 2022

Over fifty children will be able to attend classes for this upcoming school year through the assistance of the River Valley Foundation, a non-political entity that has been conducting an annual Boom Run fundraiser and using the proceeds to fund projects aimed at assisting the community.

The aim of the foundation is to improve conditions in the River Valley community and other areas where residents are in dire need of assistance. Over the years, the proceeds from the group's annual Boom Run fundraiser have been used to build properly functioning bathrooms for two schools within the community, where students previously had to use a pit latrine, as well as to fund a marching band so that kids in the area can engage in an after-school activity.

This year, the group was able to disburse over ten thousand dollars in tuition assistance among over fifty school children. The president of the foundation, Nick Martin, told AMANDALA that these kids were selected with the assistance of the schools and members of the church community so that the funds could be directed to those most in need of the grant.



Anglican Cathedral College receiving funds from River Valley Foundation

"The students were contacted from the River Valley area. Members of the community got in contact with the schools, and we spoke with the bursar from there. They told us the kids from the River Valley that aren't able to pay their school fees and how we got the names. We also identified through pastors and group community leaders of other kids that they know want to go to school but simply can't afford it, and that's how we got it," Martin said.

According to Martin, the group, whose members include Michael Hyde, will meet in November to pinpoint needs within the community and plan

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# National Basketball Tournament 2022 Results

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Sept. 1, 2022

Under the auspices of the National Sports Council (NSC), the National Basketball Tournament 2022 was played over the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, August 20 & 21, at Mexico Sports Center and the Civic Center in Belize City.

Some 33 teams in 5 different categories participated in the tournament: U15 Male – 9 teams; U18 Female – 2 teams; U18 Male – 8 teams; Open Female – 4 teams; and Open Male – 10 teams.

In a marathon first-round affair, some 25 games were played on Friday: U15 Male – 8 games; U18 Male – 6 games; Open Female – 2 games; and Open Male – 9 games.

The top 2 teams in each category would then clash in the championship round on Sunday.

Below are the first round results from Saturday.

Saturday, August 20 results

(U15 Male) 24/8 over Westside Mountaineers, 63-13. Top scorer for 24/8 – Jason Orosco 25 pts. Top scorer for Westside Mountaineers – Shiloh Williams 4 pts.

(U15 Male) Benque Basketball Academy, 35-24, over Brotherhood Steppaz. Benque Academy – Qiang Zhoa 17 pts. Brotherhood Steppaz – Julian Gomez 11 pts.

(U18 Male) Love Soul Mamba, 61-41, over WASA. Love Soul Mamba – Eliel Landero 12 pts. WASA – Elsnor Rodney 11 pts.

(U18 Male) Dream Chasers, 80-36, over Hopkins Uarani. Dream Chasers – Tayshaun Dawson 16 pts. Hopkins Uarani – Kayden Roches, Vincent Nunez and Keron Nunez with 8 pts each.



Photo by William Ysaguirre

Open Female champions - Western Queens



Photo by William Ysaguirre

Open Male champions - Hardrock

(Open Female) Lady Warriors, 37-36, over Belize Vegan Roots Sisterhood. Lady Warriors – Normalee Gomez 15 pts. B.V. Roots Sisterhood – Baoshita Kwatamani 15 pts.

(Open Female) Western Queens, 41-35, over Belize City Trend Setters. Western Queens – Chamique Haylock 14 pts. B.C. Trend Setters – Glenda Torres 11 pts.

(Open Male) Peini Warriors, 59-53, over One Love. Peini Warriors – Arik Nicholas 25 pts. One Love – Raheem Cummings 15 pts.

(Open Male) Tiger Sharks, 67-64,

over Belize Vegan Roots Brotherhood. Tiger Sharks – Eyan Rene 30 pts. B.V. Roots Brotherhood – Jason Vasquez 23 pts.

(U15 Male) Young Bucks, (20-0), over Sunset Ballers by default.

(U15 Male) Savage Storm, 21-14, over Assassins Jr. Savage Storm – Evan Wade 9 pts. Assassins Jr. – Jeremy Carbajal and Roy Valentine 5 pts each.

(U18 Male) Car Guys, 92-28, over Bay Devil. Car Guys – Michael Caceres 27 pts. Bay Devil – Trishane Casimiro 10 pts.

(U18 Male) Stingrays, 29-28, over Belmopan Trojans. Stingrays – Amid Sutherland 10 pts. Belmopan Trojans – Jahvyn Saldano 11 pts.

(Open Male) Independence Spartans, 57-52, over Young Paper Chasers. Independence Spartans – Lisani Lambey 15 pts. Young Paper Chasers – Jaheim Ciego and Kevon Laurie 14 pts each.

(Open Male) Hardrock, 65-63, over Venom. Hardrock – Kevin Hamilton 24 pts. Venom – Joel Montejo 20 pts.

(Open Male) Assassins, 70-63, over Dream Chasers. Assassins – Aaron Allison 14 pts. Dream Chasers – Joshua McLaughlin 17 pts.

(U15 Male) 24/8 over No Sympathy by default (20-0).

(U15 Male) Benque Basketball Academy, 28-24, over Young Bucks. Benque B. Academy – Gevan Canelo 13 pts. Young Bucks – Jorday

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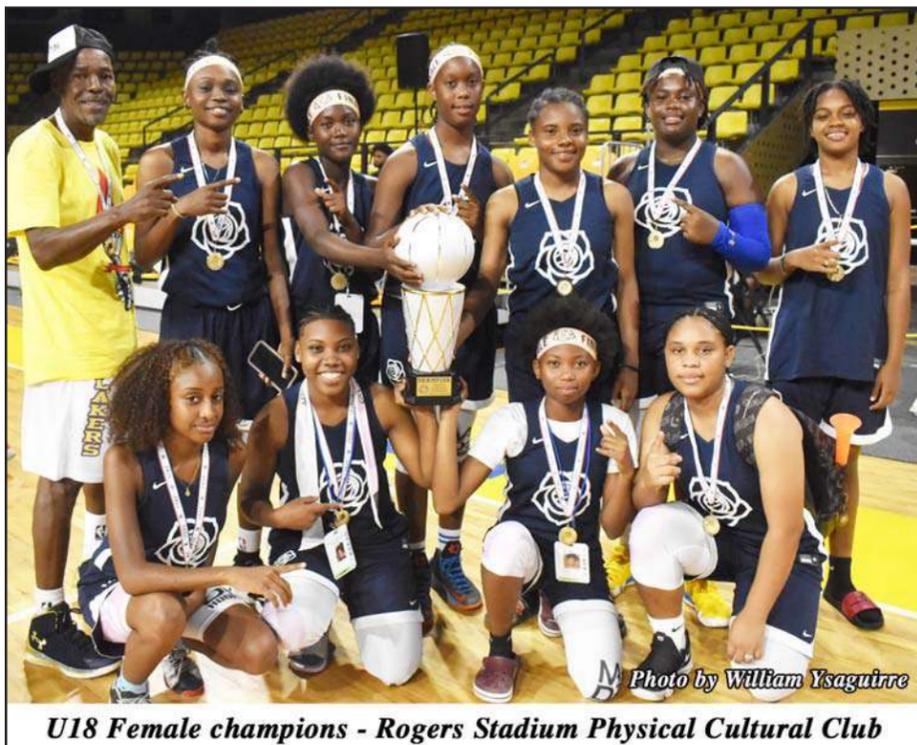


Photo by William Ysaguirre

U18 Female champions - Rogers Stadium Physical Cultural Club



Photo by William Ysaguirre

U18 Male champions - Car Guys



# Belize draws opener, 1-1, at Concacaf Men's U17 Qualifiers in Nicaragua

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Sept. 1, 2022

The Belize National U17 Men's team is currently in Managua, Nicaragua where they are participating in the CONCACAF Men's U17 Qualifiers. The Belize Jaguars are in Group D along with host Nicaragua, Antigua & Barbuda, and Turks & Caicos Islands.

In our first match yesterday, Wednesday, at the Estadio Nacional in Nicaragua, concacaf.com reported that Antigua & Barbuda and Belize played "to a compelling 1-1 draw." The report continued, "Jaheim Mena gave Belize a 1-0 lead in the 15', but the Benna Boys answered in kind, scoring in the 31' through Tejhano Jarvis to complete the 1-1 final."

Belize's next match is at 7:00 p.m. tomorrow, Friday, against host team Nicaragua, who blanked Turks & Caicos Islands, 5-0, in their opener yesterday. And on Sunday at 4:00 p.m., Belize plays against Turks & Caicos Islands.

In its release on Saturday, August 27,



**Belize National Men's U17 Team**

"The Football Federation of Belize wishes the National U17 Men's team all the best

as they go into this tournament."

Players on the Belize National Men's U17 Team and their respective region of the country include: **goalkeepers** - Orlando Jackson (Midsouth) and Amare Jones (Belmopan); **defenders** - Amid Flores (Corozal), Dixon Gamboa (Belize), Devin Garbutt (Midsouth), Didied Gill (Corozal), Sharlon Martinez (Toledo), Jaheim Mena (Midsouth), Alexis Mendez (Corozal), Tyrus Pineda (Stann Creek), and Brandon Rogers (Belize); **midfielders** - Zyvaughn Ara (Cayo), Flayden Carter (Belize), Alvin Diaz (Cayo), Corey Hynes (Stann Creek), Harrison Roches (Stann Creek), and Clifford Sanker (Corozal); and **strikers** - Amaad Augustine (Cayo), Marvin Card (Belize), and Tyrese Moody (Belmopan).

Technical Staff comprises: Head Coach - John George; Assistant Coach - Daniel Smith; Assistant Coach - Nicholas Ara; Fitness Coach - Dennis Serano; GK Coach - Stanley Reneau; Physiotherapist -

Norman Koko; Kit Manager - Kelsie Ciego; Manager - Tyrone Young; Technical Director - Philip Marin.

Let's go, Belize!

**About the competition**

According to the Concacaf Under 17 Championship 2022-2023 Regulations, QUALIFIER ROUND 12.1, "The Concacaf Under-17 Qualifier will be played in four (4) groups (A, B, C, and D) among the eligible Participating Member Associations (PMAs) ranked between 17 and 41. After Round Robin play, the top team from each group will advance to the Concacaf Under-17 Final Championship ..."

In the current Group D standings, Nicaragua leads with 3 pts, Antigua & Barbuda and Belize have 1 pt each, and Turks & Caicos Islands has 0 pt.

According to the latest Concacaf Men's U17 rankings, Belize is ranked #31, and fellow Group D members are ranked as follows: Nicaragua is at #17; Antigua & Barbuda is at #23; and Turks & Caicos Islands is at #41. As explained above, only the Group D winner will advance to the Concacaf Under-17 Final Championship round.

## Two scoreless games in Week 5 of PLB Opening Season

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Aug. 31, 2022

It is good that there seems to be some parity in this Premier League of Belize (PLB) 2022-2023 Opening Season, where the scores have been low, but fans also like to see some goals, and those have been really scarce so far, with two games going scoreless in Week 5 this past weekend. Are the teams that great, the defenses that good, or are we slipping in the striking department?

Without the scoring details from the PLB secretariat, below are the game results and standings taken from the PLB page on google.com.

**Saturday, August 27 results**

At the Marshalleck Stadium in Benque Viejo, it was a scoreless draw, 0-0, between Benque FC and Bandits SC.

Meanwhile, at the MCC Grounds in Belize City, it was the young Progresso FC with the 1-0 victory over Port Layola FC, courtesy of a second half goal by Zamir Bonilla.

**Sunday, August 28 results**

Down south at the Carl Ramos Stadium in Dangriga, the visiting Altitude FC from Independence prevailed, 2-1, over Wagiya SC.

And at the Norman Broaster Stadium in San Ignacio, Verdes FC and San Pedro FC drew, 0-0.

Below are the latest standings.

Premier League of Belize 2022-2023 Opening Season								
Standings at Week 5, Sunday, August 28, 2022								
TEAMS	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Diff	Pts
Altitude FC	5	4	0	1	7	2	5	12
Verdes FC	5	3	2	0	4	0	4	11
Wagiya SC	5	3	0	2	7	5	2	9
Progresso FC	5	3	0	2	4	3	1	9
San Pedro Pirates FC	5	2	1	2	4	3	1	7
Port Layola FC	5	1	1	3	2	6	-4	4
Benque Viejo FC	5	1	1	3	1	5	-4	4
Bandits SC	5	1	0	4	1	6	-5	3

Upcoming Week 6 schedule:

**Saturday, September 3**

7:30 p.m. - San Pedro Pirates FC vs Benque FC - Ambergris Stadium  
 7:30 p.m. - Bandits SC vs Port Layola FC - Isidoro Beaton Stadium  
 7:30 p.m. - Altitude FC vs Progresso FC - M.A. Stadium in Independence

**Sunday, September 4**

4:00 p.m. - Wagiya SC vs Verdes FC - Carl Ramos Stadium

## Finals of Yabra Mayor's Cup 15 & Under this Sunday at Yabra Field

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Sept. 1, 2022

Well, it is now down to the championship finals in the Yabra Mayor's Cup 15 & Under football tournament which kicked off with 6 teams back on July 10 with 11-a-side games beginning each Sunday at 12:00 noon at the Yabra football field. Participating teams were: Poor & Famous, Third World, Jah Love, Reality Youth, Hattieville, and Yabra.

The tournament is coordinated by Yabra icon Jerome "Peeloff" Maheia and is sponsored by Belize City mayor Bernard Wagner.

At the end of a single round-robin regular season, the top 4 teams advanced to the knockout semifinals, which were

held this past Sunday, August 28.

In the first semifinal, #2 seed Hattieville defeated #3 Reality Youth in sudden-death penalty shootout, after the teams had played to a regulation 3-3 draw.

The second semifinal was to match #4 seed Poor & Famous vs #1 Yabra, but Poor & Famous was a no-show, so Yabra won by default.

The championship is set for this coming Sunday at Yabra Field:

**Sunday, September 4, 12:00 noon**

Game 1 (3rd Place) - Reality Youth vs Poor & Famous

Game 2 (Championship) - Yabra vs Hattieville



## Yabra Summer Camp ends this Saturday



Three of the youngest players in the summer camp at Yabra Green

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Sept. 1, 2022

According to Yabra sports icon Jerome "Peeloff" Meheia, the Yabra Summer Camp 2022, which started on Saturday, August 6, for kids under the age of 13, will close this Saturday, September 3 at Yabra Green.

The Summer Camp was attended by mostly kids from the Yabra, Port and Kraal Road areas, including as many as 26 boys and 1 girl on its busiest day, but the numbers have dwindled recently due to

schools reopening. The kids were supervised with some fun games on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday of each week between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon.

Coordinators for the Summer Camp are Jerome "Peeloff" Meheia, Steve "Gellies" Young and Rudolph "Bolo" McKoy.

On the camp sponsorship, Peeloff said: "This camp is sponsored by BEL. Respect to BEL from Yabra Football Club!"

## Eulogy for Rudolph Standley Olivera a.k.a. Peru

by his niece, Delony Olivera

Delivered at:  
Lake-I Baptist Church  
Monday, August 29, 2022

Rudolph Standley Olivera, also known as Peru, was born on February 9th, 1954 in Belize City. He was the sixth child of Standley Olivera and Isolene Flowers. In his early years, he went to Salvation Army Primary School in Belize City. Later, he and his family moved to Pomona Valley where he attended St. Mathews Anglican School. It was during these years he started to play football. He attended Stann Creek high school in his teenage years when he played with the Messengers and Queen's Park Rangers. These teams were sponsored by the Citrus Company British Honduras (CCBH). He continued playing football in Pomona Valley along with his brother Wayne "Hogman" Olivera. Up to this day, he kept his friendship with his friends from Pomona.

He was so great at playing football that they started to call him Peru from a legendary soccer player from South America. Many people won't know it, but Peru was such an entertainer that



when he and his brother would reach home late, to avoid getting a whipping from Ms. Iso they would be telling jokes. One time he came home and showed everyone how to do the moonwalk, which amused everyone in that house.

In the late '60s and early '70s, he and his brother eventually joined the

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## A place of memories; a tribute to Peru

Thurs. Sept. 1, 2022

The MCC Grounds in 2022 is not the Garden it once was in the 1970s when one Rudolph "Peru" Olivera was regularly displaying the unique talent of football grace and artistry he had developed over the years of his tutelage alongside some of Belize's football greats in the Dangriga and Pomona area where he spent some of his growing up years; but when an ailing Peru had returned to the Jewel in 2019 after forty-one years in the U.S., mostly in Los Angeles, and found that the Belize he left behind had changed so dramatically, he had to seek directions and eventually found solace at the Garden where he was once center stage.

According to younger brother Wayne "Hogman" Olivera, who himself had returned to Belize in 2015 after suffering a stroke in L.A. in 2009, Peru had attempted, the day after his arrival in Belize, to walk to the MCC, but turned back after crossing Belcan Bridge because he had lost his bearings. There was no round-a-bout or Atlantic Bank Building when he left Belize in 1978. So much had changed, so many new structures aside from the Atlantic Bank building. There was Marine Parade expanding the Fort George area; the Princess Hotel & Casino and BTL Park where there were once open football fields; Bel-China Bridge; behind the Atlantic Bank Building was now a street, residential homes and a fire station where the BEC football field used to be; a wildly expanded city up the Northern, now Philip Goldson Highway where there was once no Belama or Buttonwood Bay homes; everything had changed so much when Peru came back to Belize in 2019, it took a while for him to get his bearings. But as soon as he could find his own way to the MCC, Peru made it a habit of taking the early-morning stroll from his Santa Barbara Street residence to the arena where there were so many memories for him. A man of very few words, even in his youth and the best of health, Peru, now with major health complications, was even less inclined to conversation. The most we could draw out of him was a subdued confirmation that it was against Corozal that he had scored those two consecutive and eternally memorable goals that gave his Stann Creek selection the national inter-district title back in 1972.

The MCC Grounds was now a derelict place, no longer boasting the Guinness and Brodies pavilions to greet fans upon entering the arena, and where there were once three welcoming and comfortable wooden bleachers with zinc roofs (before Hurricane Greta in September of 1978) adorning the western sideline, there was now only one metal framed bleacher with many rotting and broken wooden seats in the

north-western corner with no roof to shelter fans from the early afternoon sun or rain. Yes, the MCC is no longer the Garden it once was. But it was the place that Peru found peace and comfort, as he would spend hours just sitting alone, said brother Wayne, before taking the lonely stroll back home in the evenings. Peru's life had revolved around football, and he gave it his all; and when he could give no more, it appears that he may have experienced some remorse and nostalgia for those bygone days.

We tried on a number of occasions to elicit some insight into the thoughts of Peru, but even his surviving siblings confide that such was a futile exercise. It is often said that action speaks louder than words, but we can only wish we knew more about the inner thoughts and feelings of a man who was a complete gentleman on and off the football field, where his unique style of play has often been compared to one of the performing arts such as ballet or modern dance. With no videos from that era, it is so regrettable that younger generations cannot get to appreciate the sheer beauty of Peru in action on a football field. The name of the game is goals, and Peru, though a midfielder, has scored his fair share of them, and some very big ones too; but they also say "it ain't what you do, but how you do it;" and though possessing a solid torso, Peru's unique elegance and grace in action was what made him so special to Belize football fans. Poetry in motion is what he was. And despite his memorable goals, demonstrated skills and stalwart team play, it is the football personality and elegance of Peru, embedded in the minds and hearts of football fans, teammates and opponents, that transcends the game and accords him the status of legend and a spot in the Belize Football Hall of Fame that only he can fill. he one and only, the inimitable, Peru! -

(AMANDALA Sports Ed. Note: From the sports desk and all of Kremandala, as well as from members of the Peru Olivera Support Team – P.O.S.T., we extend our sincere condolences to the relatives and friends of Peru, whose mortal remains were laid to rest on Monday afternoon at Lord Ridge Cemetery following a funeral service at Lake-I Baptist Church, officiated by Pastor Rocke and attended by relatives and friends, including a number of his past teammates and football contemporaries. Aside from the eulogy by his niece, Delony Olivera, Peru's former midfield teammate on Diamond A in Belize and Neutrons in Chicago, Solomon "Salo" Usher also shared some words of remembrance at the service. Rest In Peace, our great brother, Rudolph "Peru" Olivera.)

# National Basketball Tournament 2022 Results

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Cobbarrubia 14 pts.  
 (U18 Male) Love Soul Mamba, 52-40, over Dream Chasers. Love Soul Mamba – Zoren Deceuninck 20 pts. Dream Chasers – Tayshaun Dawson 14 pts.  
 (U18 Male) Car Guys, 87-32, over Stingrays. Car Guys – Kentrell Marshall 22 pts. Stingrays – Erwin Reynolds and Amid Sutherland 8 pts each.  
 (Open Male) Tiger Sharks, 63-51, over Peini Warriors. Tiger Sharks – Eyan Rene 24 pts. Peini Warriors – Arik Nicholas 12 pts.  
 (Open Male) Hardrock, 65-48, over Independence Spartans. Hardrock – Faisal Ahmad 12 pts. Ind. Spartans – Trevaughn Usher 10 pts.  
 (U15 Male) 24/8 over Savage Storm, 37-36. 24/8 – Jason Orosco – 16 pts. Savage Storm – Evan Wade 18 pts.  
 (U15 Male) Benque Basketball Academy over Young Bucks by default (20-0).  
 (Open Male) Assassins, 69-55, over Tiger Sharks. Assassins – Shemar White 12 pts. Tiger Sharks – Eyan Rene 30 pts.  
 (Open Male) Hardrock, 58-51, over Peini Warriors. Hardrock – Joseph Sutherland 13 pts. Peini Warriors –

Tyrelle Garbutt 15 pts.  
 Sunday, August 21, Championship results  
 (U15 Male) 24/8 defeated Benque Basketball Academy, 77-9. 24/8 - Jason Orosco 16 pts. Benque B. Academy – Dylan Segovia, Gevan Canelo, Harold Cathers and Byron Rosas 2 pts each.  
 (U18 Female) Rogers Stadium Physical Cultural Club (RSPCC) defeated Apex Predators, 78-10. RSPCC – Briah Clarke 19 pts. Apex Predators – Tamia Gilharry 6 pts.  
 (U18 Male) Car Guys defeated Love Soul Mamba, 59-43. Car Guys – Michael Caceres 20 pts. Love Soul Mamba – Kishawn Usher 10 pts.  
 (Open Female) Western Queens defeated Lady Warriors, 49-43. Western Queens – Jessica Prom 22 pts. Lady Warriors – Taryn Arnold 15 pts.  
 (Open Male) Hardrock defeated Assassins, 69-60. Hardrock – Faisal Ahmad 15 pts. Assassins – Ryan Carbajal and Aaron Allison 13 pts each.  
**Category Team Winners & Awards**  
 (U15 Male) 1st Place – 24/8 (Belize) – 1 year scholarship & package with school supplies. 2nd Place – Benque Basketball Academy – package with school supplies.



**U15 Male champions - 24/8**

(U18 Female) 1st Place – Rogers Stadium Physical Cultural Club (Belize) – 1 year scholarship & package with school supplies. 2nd Place – Apex Predators (Corozal) – package with school supplies.  
 (U18 Male) 1st Place – Car Guys (Belize) – 1 year scholarship & package with school supplies. 2nd Place – Benque Basketball Academy – package with school supplies.  
 (Open Female) 1st Place – Western Queens (Benque) - \$10,000.00. 2nd Place – Lady Warriors (Dangriga) - \$5,000.00.  
*(Information courtesy Barbara Cadle Lanza, NSC Belize District Sports Coordinator)*

Category	Name	Award
U-15 Male	1 <sup>st</sup> Place - 24/8 - Belize	1 Year Scholarship & Package with school supplies
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place - Benque Basketball Academy	Package with school supplies
U-18 Female	1 <sup>st</sup> Place- Rogers Stadium Physical Cultural Club - Belize	1 Year Scholarship & Package with school supplies
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place- Apex Predators - Corozal	Package with school supplies
U-18 Male	1 <sup>st</sup> Place – Car Guys - Belize	1 Year Scholarship & Package with school supplies
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place - Benque Basketball Academy	Package with school supplies
Open Female	1 <sup>st</sup> Place - Western Queens - Benque	\$10,000
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place - Lady Warriors - Dangriga	\$5,000
Open Male	1 <sup>st</sup> Place – Hardrock - Belize	\$10,000
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place – Assassins – San Ignacio/Santa Elena	\$5,000

## The old superstriker

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It's been going on for many, many years, starting with the Rangers, who gave outstanding players jobs with time off to work out. Nowadays, in many cases it's a straight money deal, under the table, of course. Mayen wanted money to improve equipment, facilities and the training, diet, and medical treatment for his team. But the Association, willing to turn its head where the hiring of players by rich owners was concerned, used suspicion of professionalism to ice the money for clubs agreement.

So the game is back in the hands of the owners and secret professionalism is rife. Stobal's dream crashed because the other clubs were not advanced and organized enough to understand and support completely.

Government, meanwhile, followed its policy of non-interference with sporting associations, while ravaging 30 to 40 percent of all football gates. What did they do, what are they doing, with the money? Now we have reached the stage where the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry concerned is the President of the Football Association. The sport will

continue to make money, and football players will receive few benefits, except those they can hustle from the owners of the clubs.

It is a demeaning situation for players in many respects, and the question is why government did not intervene as it did in the case of the lobster and fishing cooperatives which have been so successful.

Government will claim ignorance, and this is legal, to an extent. Stobal is not a talker or explainer: he is a worker and an activist. The people who talk and explain the football situation to government are not players; neither are they workers.

If we are to salvage anything out of this situation, if Belize football is to improve to the level we all believe it can, then I suggest that government sit down directly with Mayen and negotiate.

This is the man whose leadership and reputation are unsullied, and players will back his hand. If the owners back government, then we can begin to work our way out of this petty and bureaucratic morass which is sapping the energies and breaking the hearts of football players all over this country.

## Karl H. Menzies goes digital

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to the digital marketplace.  
 "What a lot of people don't know is that Karl H. Menzies invested in creating BelizeOn three years ago, and it has grown exponentially to heights that we never thought, and so, we have our BelizeOn online marketplace, our BelizeOn Dropbox, door-to-door delivery, and we also have our crowd favorite, our BelizeOn D'Way food delivery app. So I think, you know, Karl H. Menzies has been very, very

busy, and it's been a decision to bring this company to the forefront, and we think it's a decision and a transformation and a disruption that Mr. Menzies would have been very proud to see," he said.

According to Flowers, remodeling will be done to the iconic location on 104 Barrack Road, which will be transformed into the new BelizeOn office, where its customers can drop off their packages.

The BelizeOn app is available for both Apple and Android devices.

## Eulogy for Rudolph Standley Olivera a.k.a. Peru

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professional football team in Pomona called Citrus 11 which was coached by Mr. Jerry Sharp and Mr. Bambi Paget. In 1973 the entire family returned to Belize City where he played on teams like Diamond A, Green Stripe, J&E, and White Label. He became a football legend.

Peru migrated to Chicago in 1978. He never gave up on playing football; after all he was one of Belize's football legends, and playing football was his passion. In Chicago Peru used to play football on the weekends with his fellow Belizean friends. It seemed he could always sniff out a football field from blocks away.

From the windy city of Chicago to

sunny California my uncle Peru migrated. He later married his Belizean sweetheart Barbara Hogan who had his first son Rudolph Standley Olivera, Jr. He later had his second son Mark Anthony Moguel. Not only that, but he stayed in California for over 40 years.

Sadly, the football legend got sick and eventually came back home to Belize 4 years ago. His health slowly faded and eventually, he passed away.

I just want to take this time to do an honorable mention to Kareem Gordon for always being there when my aunt Elaine needed help with my uncle. She just had to call on you, and you would be there with the first word to give her a helping hand. Thank you a million.

## River Valley Foundation helps...

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its annual Boom Run in February.

"We thank all the sponsors. We couldn't do it alone. We had some sponsors that aided us, every year they come out and we appreciate them coming. We try to make the Boom Run more fun every year; like we have a school competition where kids come and

represent their schools. We also have a corporate side where businesses compete against other businesses, and at the end of the event, that winner gets a trophy and bragging rights," Martin explained.

The students getting the grants are from various primary and high schools within the Belize City area and nearby rural communities, with one recipient attending SJJC.

## Health Minister addresses national nurse walkout

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optimal working conditions within the country's healthcare facilities—which he said were a result of years of neglect.

“Let me personally applaud our nurses for their principled stance. I am filled with pride that these critical frontline personnel, the foundation of our health system, did what they did,” Minister Bernard said. He added, “For the record, today, thanks to our nurses, and a government that listens, we will resolve these issues and fix a pandemic of mismanagement and neglect which has been allowed to thrive for far too long.”

Notably, in the joint press release issued by the Ministry of Health and Wellness and the Nurses Association of Belize, in which Bernard expresses his “appreciation for the tremendous sacrifice and heroic work of the nurses all through the pandemic and beyond”, it is also stated that Nurse Renita Pop, president of the NAB, had noted that there were other “pressing, outstanding issues facing the nurses and the larger medical community”.

Those issues were highlighted by many protesting nurses on Monday. They described to reporters what it is like working in facilities where there is a shortage of basic supplies—with sometimes even tape to set up an IV not being available—as well as a lack of prescription drugs with which to treat patients. They referred to excessively long shifts due to under-staffing and talked about having to pool their funds together to buy water and not receiving the one daily meal to which they are entitled. It has even been reported that there is a shortage of life-saving medicine in the ICU.

During an interview earlier that day, Minister Bernard made reference to some of those conditions cited by the nurses—in particular the shortage of medication and medical supplies—and noted systemic issues which have caused the delays in the transfer of these supplies, when they are available, to where they are needed most. He then said that efforts are now being made to fix aspects of the process that have resulted in the crisis and to ensure that the country's health facilities get the medical supplies that are needed in a timely manner. He went on to note that the process of how requests are made from the various designated health regions to the Central Medical Stores is also being looked at, as well as how promptly those requested items are being conveyed to those facilities. Interestingly, though, he also pointed to shortcomings, and even perhaps errors of judgment, made in the tendering process used to select suppliers who procure very important medical items.

He noted that products imported from one supplier who had been selected and approved during the previous tender period (when Minister Michel Chebat headed the ministry) had to be rejected.

“In the previous tender there was a supplier that the ministry had to reject many, many products, and that added to the problems, so that we were scurrying in April, May to try and get out our stock supplies,” Bernard said.

He also referred to other aspects of the tendering process that must be improved. “We have to improve that

process too. We have to ensure that when the tender committee has met, made their evaluation, approved, that when it gets to the Ministry of Finance it doesn't delay too long, when it gets from the Ministry of Finance to the Contractor General that there is not another month or two delay so that by the time it gets back to the (Health) Ministry it is already late,” Minister Bernard said.

He said that the Health Ministry is willing to effect a change in the designated deadlines in the tendering process and is willing to take it to Cabinet – and to get the tender process done much earlier so that medical supplies can be acquired on time and shortages can be avoided.

“We have to make the changes, and my position is that we should maybe possibly have that tender process completed by December so that by the time the contracts are issued it can take effect for the new fiscal year. At the time suppliers would have already been bringing their items and their products in, and then we can really distribute those things on a timely basis to the region and we should not have these types of issues where medication and basic medication are lacking,” Bernard said.

Yesterday, Minister Bernard met with the medical staff at the Southern Regional Hospital, and in a subsequent Facebook post from the Health Ministry stated, “Today it was a great day meeting with the staff of the Southern Regional Hospital. As the Minister, my duty is to listen to them and find solutions to their concerns. I believe nurses and doctors were also pleased to have us there to listen to them.”

The meeting with the administrative staff of the hospital was held separately from a meeting with its medical staff. The reasons for that were highlighted by Minister Bernard when he was interviewed on Monday. “I know that some of the nurses have been requesting that I pay them a visit personally – on a personal level, excluding the administrative staff, because they want to be able to express openly their challenges that they are facing at a local level. Sometimes it's not all the way at the top. Many of the issues are generated at the local level, and that is where we have to go in as the ministry, as our new directors are now in place; they have to go in and assess the situations and get it fixed,” he had said.

The Facebook post highlighting the meeting with the administrative staff stated, “Following our meeting with staff of the Southern Regional Hospital, and hearing their concerns, our Minister and his team met with the administrative team of the SRH. A significant amount of concerns expressed by staff could have been dealt with through administrative intervention, and we are happy to report that much progress has been made in ensuring that staff issues will be addressed immediately moving forward.”

Meetings with other regional and community medical centers are expected to take place within the coming days and weeks, the Health Minister said. Bernard further indicated that a vast number of vacancies still need to be filled within the healthcare system, and a shortage of nurses and doctors is still an ongoing issue within our healthcare system.

“We have been able to fill a lot of vacancies and we still have vacancies to

## FIFA president visits, praises Belize

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to become a reality.) The FFB president, Sergio Chuc, told local media, however, that he had already publicly declared his support for Infantino's re-election—even prior to the visit.

“Let me say, he doesn't have to worry about Belize, because when I took over at the first summit we had in Hong Kong, the panel was there discussing who the funds would be best suited for the developing countries. Initially, FIFA proposed that the operational funds be half a million dollars and the project funds [are] three quarter million dollars. We sat down in the group and discussed it and said the operation is more important. So we lobbied for a higher operation fund. The committee looked at it, [and] took our recommendation from Belize. Next thing, they reversed it and the operating funds became higher than the project funds. So, he is about listening to us and developing the countries that need it more. So, I have absolutely no reservations about pledging again my support for Gianni Infantino. I already nominated him, because I believe in what he is doing and he has been more than good to us. And, I am happy that he is pleased with the way how we are using the funds,” he said.

In regard to the progress that has been made in Belize, Infantino remarked, “I really want to congratulate the President, Sergio Chuc, for what he did, because it's exactly true what you say. It was—Belize Football Federation was in a very poor state due to several circumstances. I mean, I can speak out of experience because FIFA was more or less in the same situation when I came to FIFA. And then when you know, when you are serious about it, when you are committed about it - we were discussing

many times in the last few years, you know, where do we have to focus our investment, on the senior national team, or on the youths? No, we have to focus on the youths because that's the future. And, even if it takes a few years to build up, you need to have this vision, and you need to invest the money, and you have to do it in an open and transparent way. FIFA, compared to before I arrived, is now investing in every country seven times more. So we thought it was like \$300,000 a year, 250,000, and now it's over 2 million every year - U.S. dollars - that we are investing. But we are not only investing. We are also making sure and controlling that the money is invested in the right places. But in Belize, since Sergio came, you know, this has changed completely. Everything is transparent. Every dollar that comes in is accounted for. Every dollar that goes out is accounted for.”

Minister of Sports, Hon. Rodwell Ferguson, when he later met with local reporters, remarked, “I just met Mr. Infantino this morning, right here at the FFB compound, and I'm happy that he chose to visit our small country. We never expected in my lifetime that a president of FIFA would have visited Belize. But I have seen their input, over the last maybe five or ten years, where there has been a serious transformation in football in this country because of FIFA inputs. And so, I guess he decided to come to Belize, and it's not for votes, because according to the president, they had already told him that he already had their full support. But, just for their Football for Schools, Belize has been rated as number 14 [which] got the assistance out of 211 countries. So, there is something that we're doing significantly to attract the FIFA organization.”

## WHY CAN'T BELIZEANS FORM A COALITION OF NATIONALISTS...

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They know that if that happens, it will lead to the end of the dominance of PUP and UDP in Belize politics and possibly the breakup of one of these two major political parties. That day is coming soon, because party affiliation among Belizeans is declining. Most Belizeans identify themselves as independent voters. Some of our people only go to vote because they are getting paid to vote.

The United Democratic Party is fragmented because too many people want to be the leader of the party, when there can only be one leader at a given time. What makes it worse is that even after their party conventions are held and their leader is elected, a few of them refuse to acknowledge the leader who was elected by the members of their party.

From my experience as a football

player, for a team to win, there must be unity. Disunity is the recipe for a team to lose. Not only does the UDP have leadership problems, but the PUP as well. There are Ministers in the PUP who are not satisfied with Hon. John Briceño as their leader, and they are planning to challenge him. They are waiting for their party to call a National Convention.

This is the time for a coalition of Belizean nationalists who love our people and country to start organizing for the next General Election. We cannot continue to be replacing PUP with UDP, when the living conditions of our people are getting worse and our nation's future is at risk.

If we fail to act, then we are part of the problem. We cannot afford to stand by idly and watch our people suffer and our nation crumble. Belize belongs to all of us, and not just some of us.

fill. We still lack a lot of nurses, we still lack a lot of doctors and we have been sending out advertisements after advertisement trying to get more nurses to come. Of course, there is the brain drain happening where being are being

pulled away in the UK and in the Philippines and so forth because of a better pay package, so we have to look at the compendium for allowances, we have to look at how are we doing to retain our nurses,” Bernard said.

## DFC workers protest redundancy terminations

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against the termination of the employment of three of their colleagues which was finalized yesterday. This morning, as an added show of dissatisfaction with the handling of the redundancy exercise which resulted in the termination of the workers, the unionized workers at the DFC staged a walkout – lining up outside the office on the side of the road and singing the union songs.

Tomorrow, a meeting is scheduled between the Christian Workers Union (CWU) and the Labor Department, and representatives from the DFC will likely also be in attendance to attempt to address the issues raised—chief of which, says CWU rep for the DFC Belmopan branch, Pablo Cawich, is the DFC's lack of adherence to the protocol laid out in the Labor Act in the way they carried out the terminations.

"We informed them that in our view they were not implementing the exercise

in accordance to the Labor Act, and yesterday three of our members were issued their redundancy letters, officially terminating them as of yesterday. We at the CWU had informed them that due to their lack of adherence to the Act, we were not accepting the notices, and hence the employees had not been terminated," Cawich said.

But those employees were reportedly escorted from the DFC office in Belmopan, and according to the redundancy letters issued to them, are without a job at this time. Cawich said that in this case the employees were not treated fairly.

"We have to stand beside our brothers and sisters to ensure that fairness and process is always adhered to," he emphasized. He went on to describe what he called the union members' "dissatisfaction exercise". "Every hour for 30 seconds, we bang our tables, not to damage them but just to express our dissatisfaction with the circumstances that we are in," Cawich explained.

## Education CEO: Hair length doesn't impede a student's ability to learn.

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following reports that students at Bishop Martin High School in Orange Walk had been barred from entering their classroom due to their hair being "too long" by administrative standards.

"We fully recognize and we support the schools in their right to have rules and to have policies. That's absolutely clear. The one thing that we also want to make clear is the fact that enshrined in our Constitution is that schools cannot and should not remove students or deny students admission to a classroom based on the length of their hair," said CEO Maheia in an interview this week.

The Orange Walk high school's policy—which states that male students must keep their hair short—ultimately led to almost thirty students being sent home for not cutting their hair.

In its press release, the ministry highlights the fact that the preamble of the Constitution of Belize states, "equal protection should be given to children regardless of their social status, and that a just system should be ensured to provide for education and health on the basis of equality.

"It is true that school authorities do have the right to impose codes of conduct and general rules and guidelines for the proper administration of their schools. Students cannot, however, be removed from or denied admission to school because of the length of their hair," says the release.

It also goes on to state that the Constitution affords all Belizeans the right to freedom of expression, conscience, and the right to be protected from discrimination.

In a similar case earlier this year, a Ladyville father claimed that his 5-year-

old son had been denied admission to two primary schools because of his dreadlocked hair. The father, Kevin Pollard, also turned to existing legislation to defend his son's right to an education regardless of his hairstyle.

On his personal social media account, Pollard posted a screenshot of Chapter 36 of Belize's Education Act (Revised Edition 2003) which states that schools cannot refuse admission of any Belizean into a school based on ethnicity, race, perceived social and economic status, and, for government-aided schools, religion.

The news this week has sparked much debate among the public, with some persons expressing the view that school policies, such as those pertaining to hair length and style, are archaic—relics from the country's colonial past—while others have maintained that "rules are rules" and the policies enforce discipline.

The CEO, however, says that the ministry is, in no way, encouraging undisciplined behavior that impedes students' health and safety. What it is doing is asking schools to be mindful not only of the Constitution but of what is truly important. While enforcing uniforms and dress codes are one thing, a student's ability to learn is not impeded by the length of their hair.

"These are rules that have been in existence for a very long time. Where we are today in 2022 is not where we were when the vast majority of our schools were opened—in some cases, decades ago," she said.

The past two years have been challenging, to say the least, for students. And according to CEO Maheia, as they return to school for face-to-face learning, the focus should be on bringing them back to a positive environment rather than on hair length.

## 20K sign petition saying "No to Waterloo"

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sued and we go to court and we have to pay, it's not the government that is in power that paying, it's all of us Belizeans that have to pay, so we have to make certain that we do things right on all sides so that at the end of the day we can proceed with national development that is sustainable for all of us, beneficial for all of us, but not one that will burden our children and grandchildren for many, many years," he said.

Concerns about litigation by Waterloo are real—especially in light of the recent leaking of a letter written by Waterloo chairman, Lord Ashcroft, to the Prime Minister earlier this year after the rejection of a previous EIA submitted by the company. In that letter Ashcroft threatened to take legal action against the government of Belize. According to last Friday's issue of the AMANDALA, Ashcroft stated in the letter that he and the UK shareholders of Waterloo are entitled to compensation under the Promotion and Protection of Investments 1982 agreement between Belize and the UK, since they have already invested upward of 5 million dollars in the project.

The letter was leaked last week, after GoB agreed to pay \$76.5 million in compensation following a lawsuit brought by another Waterloo-affiliated enterprise, BLSL, following the nationalization of the country's ships registry in 2013. The timing of the leak suggested to some members of the public that attempts were being made to intimidate the government in an effort to ensure approval of Waterloo's most recent submission.

Waterloo's previous submission, which had been rejected, had initially proposed that 7.5 million cubic meters of dredged material be dumped offshore—a suggestion that caused alarm among environmental groups and members of the public, and that even prompted the Belize Water Services Ltd. to issue a statement in which it expressed concern. The company then adjusted that section of its proposal and instead outlined nearshore and onshore dumping options. However, all the information requested by the NEAC was not made available. Minister Habet had even stated at the time that only a portion of the dredged material was accounted for in the document. The lack of information thus led to the rejection of the EIA in December 2021.

Minister Habet explained this week, "There were some missing points. If you recall, part of the criticism, even questions from the media, was why the letter was written saying it is not approved at this time. It was because they were required to submit certain information. We didn't receive it on time."

The vice president of OCEANA, Janelle Chanona, however, has dismissed the notion that the nearshore dumping now being proposed by the company would be less harmful to the Barrier Reef. Last week, she told 7News, "We confirm still to the position that ocean dumping does not and should never make sense for Belize. It is (I'm trying to be kind) a point of fact that offshore dumping and nearshore dumping are both dumping dredge spoils in the Caribbean Sea. You cannot tell me because the water is in front

of Belize City versus in front of Turneffe that that is not the Caribbean Sea. You are talking about dumping millions of cubic meters of dredge spoils in the Caribbean Sea and all the science, all the data has shown, all the modeling has shown, that wherever you dump that material, it will end up on some part of the Belize Barrier Reef System."

The representative for the petitioners, Thomas Greenwood, has expressed a similar view—that the alterations contained in the most recent ESIA will not reduce the potential environmental harm to be caused by the project. He stated plainly "once something is bad, out with it."

"This is why when I see a government vacillating and hum-haw and all that—nuh man, we mustn't have no hum-haw. We mustn't have no hum-haw, and that kind of thing. Once something is bad, out with it! Sorry, we are not doing that kind of thing," Greenwood stated.

Greenwood, a lifelong tour guide and activist in Belize, is also the president emeritus of FECTAB, an organization that has gone on the record to support the development of the Port Coral cruise destination development. Despite that project receiving its own pushback from the environmental community over a planned causeway linking the island to North Drowned Caye and then Belize City, FECTAB has indicated its approval of the Stake Bank Enterprises Ltd. (Feinstein Group) development.

His handing over of a petition to the government to block a cruise port that would compete with Stake Bank's Port Coral—a project of a Belizean millionaire developer—might appear to be a conflict of interest. When questioned about this, he responded, "This country suffers from a deadly illness, a very extremely deadly illness. The moment anything, you know, kinda big and looking good start up, once it is run by native Belizean, native Belizeans and their cohorts from outside will hammer it as hard as they can. I've seen in my lifetime projects after projects fail, so I reach the stage where I say, guess what, maybe I should be supporting projects, maybe I should be making noise," Greenwood said, adding that he's known the Feinstein family (the investors in Port Coral) for most of his life.

He also noted that many international cruise enterprises had their eyes on Stake Bank.

"I know that there are other entities that had their eyes on Stake Bank—entities that I nuh wanh see inna this country at all, cah that Stake bank was just waiting to be developed," Greenwood said.

The petition has now been submitted to the government. Minister Habet said that the petitioners had wanted to pass the signatures directly to PM Briceño, but he has been out of the country on "duty leave" and Deputy Prime Minister Cordel Hyde, who is the acting PM, was unable to attend the meeting.

Tonight, the public consultation on the Waterloo Cruise and Cargo Expansion of the Port of Belize will be held at the Belize Best Western Biltmore Plaza in Belize City and will likely be streamed online.

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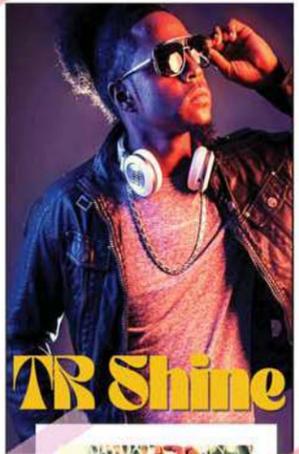
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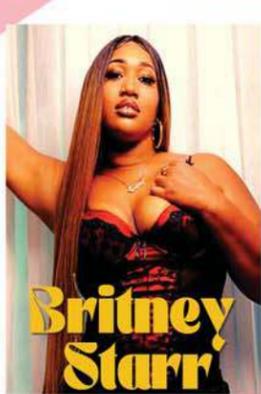
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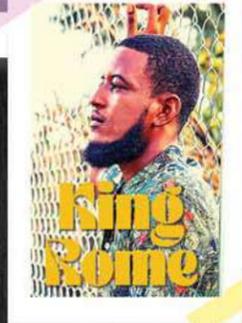
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