

# Youth killed on Wagner's Lane

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Oct. 20, 2022

Just before 8:00 this morning, 24-year-old Deandre Adolphus, a resident of the West Canal area of Belize City, was executed on Wagner's Lane by a gunman who shot him several times, including in the head, and left his lifeless body lying across the road.

According to initial reports, Adolphus was walking on Wagner's Lane when a lone gunman fired as many as six shots in his direction. When police personnel arrived at the scene, they saw the body of



Deandre Adolphus, deceased



Murder scene on Wagner's Lane

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## BSCFA says ASR/BSI dragging their feet

**If the situation between cane farmers and BSI/ASR is not resolved, sooner or later, farmers will begin phasing out of the industry, BSCFA chairman Andy Westby said.**

by Khaila Gentle

ORANGE WALK TOWN, Thurs. Oct. 20, 2022

The Belize Sugar Cane Farmers Association (BSCFA) says that they have been proposing, for a number of years, the use of a mediator to quash the impasse between the association and BSI/ASR, which need to agree to the terms of a new commercial agreement prior

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Belize Sugar Cane Farmers Association (BSCFA)

## Kriol KongsI gets a seat on PPC



Marilyn Garvin, Interim President, National Kriol Council (NKC)

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Disappointment and disbelief – those were the sentiments expressed by the National Kriol Council (NKC) in a press release issued yesterday after Prime

Minister John Briceno stated publicly that the National Kriol Council would not be afforded representation on the People's Constitutional Commission. The legislation that sets the stage for the formation of the commission was passed in the House of Representatives on Monday and goes to the Senate for final ratification next Monday.

While there is still an opportunity to pass the law with amendments to include the NKC, the council decided to make known publicly their objections to the way the government has responded to their efforts to ensure inclusion of their reps on the commission. The organization, which believes that it has received mixed messages from GoB, said that they reached out to the Director of the Good Governance Unit, Cesar Ross, who indicated to them that the exclusion was

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## UDP faction moves to recall Shyne

**Reliable sources have confirmed that the requisite number of UDP delegates (172) have signed a petition geared at triggering a recall convention for the removal of the Leader of the Opposition, Hon. Moses "Shyne" Barrow, from his position as UDP leader. Hon. Barrow is calling the purported effort to oust him nothing but a big bluff.**



Hon. Moses "Shyne" Barrow



Hon. Patrick Faber

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to the start of the approaching sugar crop season in December. The association held a press conference in Orange Walk this Thursday to respond to statements made by the Prime Minister, Hon. John Briceño, this week. In an interview outside the National Assembly building, Prime Minister Briceño told reporters that both parties (BSI/ASR and BSCFA) had finally agreed to a mediation process that is set to begin in a few weeks.

“What we’ve been discussing and something that we have proposed to both teams is for us to have a mediator—a mediator that can sit with both sides and try to see what are the sticking points and see how we can walk them through to find an agreement,” he said.

This was also revealed by Director of Finance of BSI, Shawn Chavarria, who told 7News reporters on Tuesday that the company and the association had agreed to invite an independent mediator to assist with negotiations.

The vice chairman of the Belize Sugar Cane Farmers Association, Alfredo Ortega, says that the BSCFA has been suggesting the use of a mediator for as much as seven years now. According to Ortega, the first time they made such a proposal, in 2015, it was flatly rejected by BSI/ASR. The association then took the matter to the government, a then UDP administration, which failed to provide

an independent mediator.

BSCFA chairman, Andy Westby, says that it is now up to the current administration to succeed where the past one failed. In November of last year, the association submitted their proposal to the Briceño administration, and two weeks ago, almost one year later, BSI/ASR finally indicated that they were prepared to undergo negotiations with the aid of a mediator.

The BSCFA is hoping to resolve the impasse with BSI/ASR before the start of the next crop season in December of this year. One of the main points of contention between the two parties has been what the BSCFA feels is the unfair division of profits from cane production and sales.

The current mechanism being used to share revenue between the cane producers (BSCFA) and the millers (BSI/ASR) sees BSCFA receiving 35% of the revenue, while the BSI/ASR receives 65%, but this division is done only after BSI/ASR has removed overhead costs from the total revenue. According to the cane farmers, this equates to them paying for costs that they have nothing to do with.

The BSCFA also feels that they are being kept in the dark when it comes to the accuracy of those overhead costs. And so, to make things easier and make progress with the negotiations, the association wants to split the gross revenue rather than the revenue left after overhead costs are

taken out. And they want to split it 40/60—just as is the case with cane farmers and millers in Brazil and other parts of the world.

“And that is why we have brought to the table that we need these negotiations to go on so that we can have clearly that what is being charged to the farmers—the expenses that are being charged to the farmers—are a true reflection of what they are supposed to be,” said Ortega.

According to Ortega, BSI has said that a 40/60 split would mean transferring 20 million dollars over to the farmers, something which the company says it is unable to do. The Prime Minister, on Monday, also agreed that that request would be unfeasible, stating “To be fair, no company will give up twenty million dollars, and I’ve been saying that to the Belize Cane Farmers Association, that if you give up twenty million dollars for revenues of what, they end up with about sixty million—you’re driving them to bankruptcy. And we need both sides.”

The chairman of the Association said the Prime Minister’s statement was disappointing.

“We were a bit disappointed when the Prime Minister mentioned that no company will transfer 20 million to us as cane farmers. I want to clarify that point—it’s not a matter of transfer. It’s a matter of reflecting the true cost that is being charged on overhead expenses where we as farmers are spending sixty five percent of our money on those costs and those numbers are not disclosed to us in detail in [BSI’s] added report. So we as the BSCFA—if these costs would reflect the true value ... then there would be a just payment for both sides,” Westby said.

If an agreement is not made soon, said Westby, farmers will begin to phase out of the sugar industry and will go out of business.

“This is the third time that the Prime



Andy Westby, BSCFA Chairman

Minister has made mention in regards to the transfer of value of twenty million. Because that is what BSI brought up. And these are things that as BSCFA—because as you can clearly see we have 3 other associations—but it is the BSCFA that is in this path moving forward in finding true benefit for our farmers because, as the chairman rightly said, if we are unable to find or to get better value for our product, we’ll be phased out. And as you know, for the past fifty, sixty years, the north, the people from the north have been living, have been getting their benefits out of the sugar industry,” added Vice Chairman Ortega.

Ortega then added that the BSCFA has been prepared “from day one” to negotiate, but BSI/ASR have been “dragging their feet.”

At the moment, the situation between the two parties remains a delicate one, but the BSCFA is standing firm in their proposals.

“This is an industry that is the backbone of the country,” said Andy Westby. “And government cannot be neglecting the fact that this is their responsibility ... They have to get up and take their responsibilities serious, because this is an industry that will benefit all of us here in Belize. And if that industry goes down, 50 thousand plus in the north will also go down. And everybody that depends on it directly and indirectly will go down.”

## Kriol KongsI gets a seat...

**A final decision to grant the Kriol Council representation on the People’s Constitutional Commission was made at a meeting between the Director of the Good Governance Unit, Cesar Ross, and the Minister of the Public Service and Constitutional and Political Reform, Henry Charles Usher, this afternoon.**

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an oversight and that Cabinet had already agreed in July 2022 to include representatives of the council. In fact, on the 27th of that month, Prime Minister Briceño made public comments indicating the government’s commitment to have Kriol representation on the commission.

“Therefore, we receive the news of the exclusion of the National Kriol Council by Prime Minister John Briceño at the sitting of the House of Representatives on Monday, October 17, 2022, with disbelief,” the release from the council states. The council further noted in the release that Director Ross had relayed confirmation to them that Hon. Henry Charles Usher, the Minister of Public Service and Constitutional and Political Reform, had committed to adding the NKC to the list of groups to be represented on the commission.

The release from the council states that Ross explained that any amendment to the bill before it was passed would delay the passing for another couple of months, since it would require going back to the House Committee. He thus stated in an e-mail, according to the NKC, that they decided to go through with the three readings of the bill, “as is, as it allows the Minister, after passing to add/subtract from the scheduled list.”

The NKC goes on to state in its release, “There are approximately 102,000 persons who identify as Kriol living in Belize, and given the immense contributions of Belizeans of Kriol descent to the development of Belize, it is unconscionable that this group of Belizeans can be excluded from such an important democratic process.”

They called the apparent refusal to grant the council representation on the PCC “an insult to Kriol people everywhere” and noted that reneging now on a commitment to allow the NKC representation on the commission “can only be and is seen as an attempt to marginalize Kriol communities”.

Of note, the council had nominated attorney Anthony Sylvester and UB lecturer Adelia Young to be its representatives on the commission.

The council thus called on the Government of Belize to fulfill its commitments and to take immediate steps to ensure the inclusion of the NKC.

“To do so, would be the democratic thing to do...,” the organization stated.

This evening, the Director of the Good Governance Unit, Cesar Ross, who reportedly met with Minister Henry Charles Usher this afternoon, confirmed to *Amandala* that “the Kriol Council, as committed before, will be on the People’s Constitution Commission.”

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Adolphus lying on the road, and next to him was his weeping mother.

Adolphus was transported to the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital (KMHM), where he was pronounced dead on arrival. According to the Commander of the Eastern Division of the Police Department, Senior Superintendent Hilberto Romero, several persons were detained for questioning and one more person is being sought out in connection with the murder. It is also suspected that Adolphus’s death may have been a result of an internal feud among street figures in the area.

“We will not be able to stop every shooting incident, but we will continue to work in that community, and again, [the] information thus far says that it is an internal feud. We will bring the parties together after the investigation and see how we can prevent any further escalation of violence,” Romero said.

Adolphus is no stranger to the law, as he was charged with murder in 2017

for the death of 29-year-old Mark Anthony Jones. However, the family of Adolphus maintained his innocence—claiming that he was with them at the time of the shooting. The charges against him were later withdrawn, due to the death of the key witness prior to the start of the trial in 2020.

Additionally, in March of this year, Adolphus was charged with being a member of a gang, as it was alleged that he was a member of the Rocky Road Bloods gang. When he was arraigned, he pleaded not guilty to the charge and was remanded to the Belize Central Prison, and according to the CEO of the Kolbe Foundation which manages the prison, Virgilio Murillo, he was recently released from prison after being a part of its rehabilitation program.

“Certainly the young man participated in the program that dealt with gangs, because he was a known member of a particular gang, and he took the training course or the rehab program. I know that for a fact,” Murillo said.

## “Mine Beer” owner and fiancée charged!

ORANGE WALK, Thurs. Oct. 20, 2022

The legal troubles being faced by the Caribbean International Brewery Company continue to mount—with another individual associated with the company being charged for immigration offenses, a little over a week after similar charges were brought against the eight employees of the company who were arrested during a multi-agency raid at its Carmelita factory on October 6 and 7. The individual—a woman identified as Liping Shu, who was charged with working illegally and immigration offenses—is said to be the fiancé of the owner of the company, Kevin Xin. Xin was also charged with employing a person without a valid work permit. This morning, attorneys for the company, Richard “Dickie” Bradley and Marcel Cardona, were at the Orange Walk Magistrate’s Court seeking to secure bail on behalf of their client, Xin, and his girlfriend, Shu, who were arrested and charged by police. Bail was subsequently granted to the two.

“This morning, I believe, Ms. Lucy was charged with a similar offense as the 8 previous workers that were brought in last week, and of course,

Ms. Lucy is a lawful visitor. She came in to visit her boyfriend, who happens to be the lawful owner of the brewing company,” Marcel Cardona said.

According to her attorneys, she came to the country at the request of Xin, and is a lawful visitor to Belize and permanent resident of Canada. Cardona claimed that he is confounded by the decision of the authorities to charge the woman.

“She is not a worker. She is the fiancé of the lawful owner of the factory. She is here at his request as his lawful guest, and they charged her that she is somehow working for the company,” Cardona pointed out.

“How can you throw behind bars, in jail, on remand, an individual who is given a charge like this one—a dummy charge, a fake charge, for want of a better word? A charge that will more than likely not stand up to the scrutiny of a court of law?!” Cardona exclaimed.

Notably, Caribbean Brewery International Limited this week issued a statement in which they expressed their belief that they are being targeted by entities which are seeking to destroy the business prospects of the company. (See story, “Mine Beer” factory points to other motives for



(l-r) Richard “Dickie” Bradley, attorney; Kevin Xin, owner of Caribbean International Brewery Ltd. and Marcel Cardona, attorney

raid”, elsewhere in this issue of the AMANDALA.)

Attorney Cardona thus suspects that the new charges are just another maneuver aimed at advancing the narrative of those entities which are, in their view, seeking to damage the company. Cardona has referred to this most recent charge as a clear example of the lengths the authorities have gone

to in an effort to twist the facts to suit their narrative.

Bail was rightly granted by the courts, Cardona said.

Shu was offered bail of \$7,500 dollars and two sureties of \$3,750 and Xin was offered bail of \$6,000, and two sureties of \$3,500 each, which they both met. The couple is to return to the court on November 30.

## Tragic RTA claims the life of 4-year-old

by Khaila Gentle

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Oct. 19, 2022

A traffic accident on the George Price Highway claimed the life of a 4-year-old boy this week. On Tuesday, October 18, at about 8:35 a.m., police officers went to the scene of the accident between Miles 60 and 61 on the highway, where they saw a Ford Expedition SUV lodged in a culvert.

The vehicle had been traveling westward when the driver, 36-year-old Erika Trapp, reportedly lost control of the car, which careened into the culvert. Trapp, a resident of Georgeville Village, was accompanied by four minors—two

of whom were her daughters, one six years old and the other 13 years of age, who were sitting on the back seat. Sitting on the front passenger seat was 4-year-old Zanden Villanueva, who would later die of the injuries he sustained. Sitting beside him was a 6-year-old boy, Randy, who, like the other occupants, was injured, but survived the accident.

The vehicle’s occupants, who, as mentioned, all received injuries of varying degrees of severity, were transported to the San Ignacio Hospital for treatment. Four-year-old Zanden, unfortunately, succumbed to his injuries.



The Ford Expedition SUV that crashed into a culvert

The police are continuing their investigation.

## UDP faction moves to recall Shyne

by Marco Lopez

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Oct. 20, 2022

Today, AMANDALA confirmed through reliable sources high in the UDP chain of command that an effort is underway to remove the current Leader of the Opposition, Hon. Moses “Shyne” Barrow, from his position as leader of the UDP, and that following the gathering of sufficient signatures on a recall petition, a recall convention at which such a removal could take place is possibly looming. We’ve been told that more than the minimum number of UDP delegates required to trigger such a convention (172) have signed the recall convention petition, a document that calls for the removal of Hon. Barrow as party leader under Article 9(7) of the UDP constitution.

Six reasons are laid out for his removal—highlighting mainly what the petitioners are classifying as a failed leadership. Hon. Barrow took up the Opposition Leader position in June 2021, in the midst of an effort, ironically, to recall the previous UDP leader, Hon.

Patrick Faber, after the surfacing of video footage of a domestic dispute in which Hon. Faber was allegedly involved. Hon. Faber had briefly reclaimed his position in the House of Representatives as Opposition Leader later in the year before he was accused once more of domestic assault—which resulted in his resignation and Hon. Barrow’s return to the Opposition Leader post. Hon. Barrow would later cement his position at the helm of the Opposition when he was elected leader of the UDP at a convention held in March 2022, when he garnered three more votes than his opponent, Albert area rep Hon. Tracy Panton, in a 257-254 victory.

Notably, despite the garnering of 290 signatures to trigger a recall convention to oust Hon. Faber in June 2021, that effort by the UDP’s “Caucus for Change” failed when on July 11, 2021, only 257 of the 483 delegates (53%) who voted at the convention triggered by that petition indicated support of the recall—less than the two thirds of the delegates that was needed in order for the recall effort to succeed. Hon. Faber’s

leadership would later end as a result of a police report of domestic assault by his fiancé—which led to his forced resignation. Since the change of leadership, however, there has been incessant infighting within the opposition party—mainly between Hon. Faber (who, along with his supporters such as Delroy Cuthkelvin, a former UDP central executive member, have posted online comments and videos critical of the decisions being made in the party), and current leader, Hon. Barrow.

Interestingly, point four of the petition states that Hon. Barrow failed to “unite and consult with the party’s active elected parliamentarians”—alluding to every growing rift seen in the Opposition at each sitting at the House of Representatives. Reports from local media are that the area representative for the Albert division, Hon. Tracy Panton, and Albert August, former UDP chairman (considered the party chairman emeritus), are, like Hon. Faber, supporting this recall petition, and are anticipating the submission of the petition shortly.

We spoke to Hon. Barrow off the record today, but he refused to comment on the matter directly — aside from calling the purported petition effort a bluff by Hon. Faber and his supporters and categorizing reports made by 7News as rumors and hearsay.

While we have confirmed that the Faber camp has gathered the number of signatures needed to trigger the recall—which Barrow has said is not indeed the case—it is not yet known how many signatures were gathered or when exactly the submission to the party secretariat will take place. Reports are, however, that the petition signatures will be submitted on Friday.

If that does occur on that date, a process of verifying the signatures would then take place, and if one-third of registered delegates are found to have signed the petition, a recall convention for the removal of Hon. Barrow will take place. There are reports, however, that the Barrow faction of the party is suggesting that persons who signed the petition are no longer supporting the recall.

# GoB puts some focus on Intellectual Property Rights

by Khaila Gentle

BELMOPAN, Mon. Oct. 17, 2022

A new amendment to the Patents Act may soon improve the efficiency of the offices that handle matters related to patents and trademarks.

Belize's Patents Act, while unfamiliar to most, is the piece of legislation that affords musicians, authors, producers, and other local creatives some degree of protection for their intellectual property rights via copyright, trademarks, and patents. A new amendment to that act, which was presented in the House of Representatives this week, is expected to make the process of trademarking and patenting a bit more efficient by placing a sitting Registrar at the Belize Intellectual Property Office (BELIPO).

During Monday's House of Representatives meeting, the Minister of Education, Culture, Science, and Technology, Hon. Francis Fonseca, presented the second reading of a bill for the amendment of Chapter 253 of the Patents Act. This amendment, he said, would remove the role of registrar of intellectual property from the Solicitor General's portfolio of duties and instead assign those duties to a sitting Registrar at BELIPO.

BELIPO, established under Chapter



Photo by Markus Winkler

253 of the Patents Act, is the country's sole intellectual property registry, responsible for the protection of copyrights, designs, patents, and trademarks.

According to Minister Fonseca, the new amendment would also allow for greater administrative and operational efficiency for the offices of patent examiners, patent officers, trademark supervisors, and trademark examiners.

The bill received unwavering support from the Leader of the Opposition, Hon. Shyne Barrow, who, as a former hip hop artist and former CEO of the Belize Society of Composers and Authors, said that he knows just how important intellectual property is.

"I fought very hard, even getting into it with the previous administration to protect the rights of artists. So I am glad that this administration takes seriously the creative sector in this bill," he said during the discussion of the bill in the House.

# 300 mangrove trees planted behind Wesley College



Mangroves planted in PVC pipes

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Oct. 20, 2022

Bowen and Bowen Ltd.'s Corporate Citizens Committee, in collaboration with the Coastal Zone Management Authority and Institute (CZMAI), has planted 300 mangrove seedlings in the shallows behind Wesley College on Yarborough Road, an area that has been subject to coastal erosion due to mangrove loss.

On October 3, before planting the seedlings, members of the committee, who are Bowen and Bowen Ltd. employees, and science students of

Wesley College participated in an introductory course in mangrove planting conducted by a member of Caye Caulker Strong with the guidance of CZMAI personnel. The group was divided into teams and planted red mangrove seedlings into the seabed by dropping them into PVC pipes. The growth of the plants will be monitored by Wesley College's science students as a part of their coursework.

The plants, when they reach maturity, will contribute to the long-term stability of the shoreline, and will serve to capture and store carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.

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# All-clear not yet declared for Avian flu outbreak

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Oct. 20, 2022

The Belize Agricultural Health Authority (BAHA) has not officially declared the end of the Avian flu outbreak that was confirmed to have been detected in Belize over a month ago. Since early September, government ministries have been monitoring an outbreak of Avian Influenza on poultry farms in Shipyard and Blue Creek in northern Belize. A Cabinet release recently confirmed, however, that—in the wake of a depopulation exercise that involved the killing of tens of thousands of chickens—the results of all the tests conducted by BAHA and sent to United States labs for detection of the virus have been negative.

The manager of the Belize Poultry Association, Armando Cowo, confirmed in an interview yesterday,



Armando Cowo, manager of Belize Poultry Association

however, that an all-clear has still not been declared in Belize, since some samples are still abroad being tested. As a result, they are not yet able to assess the losses caused by this recent outbreak of Avian Influenza in Belize.

"We don't have an update on the losses, because we have not done that, because we are waiting until the event is closed by BAHA; it needs to be officially closed. Although the Minister of Agriculture went to Cabinet and told them that it is all contained and so on, we need to have the event closed by BAHA, legally closed," Cowo said.

It is to be noted that at this time, SI 128 is still in effect, and until it is repealed, losses in the poultry industry caused by the outbreak cannot be definitively determined.

While he confirmed that we are seeing the end of the outbreak, since all the results of overseas testing that have so far been returned have been negative, there is one more batch that has not been returned to BAHA yet. "At the moment most of the restrictions has been lifted, and the industry is operating almost normally," Cowo said.

He confirmed that there are no potential shortages of poultry products at this time, nor are any foreseen in the short term.

# Belizean killed in Cancun



Luis Leiva, deceased

CANCUN, Mexico, Wed. Oct. 19, 2022

Local police are yet to confirm reports by a Mexican news outlet of



# Put down that gun, all weapons

It isn't right to boast about what we are not. The author of the words of our National Anthem, Samuel Haynes, could have led Belize (British Honduras) into major bloodshed in 1919, but he chose to talk, to negotiate. It is because of people like him that up to a decade after our independence in 1981 we lived in a "tranquil haven", a country that was the envy of our neighbors.

That country we knew, we barely recognize it now. For over two decades our homicide rate has been among the highest in the world. Belizeans desperately want their country back, and to that end they have turned from government to government, but they have all failed to return us to what we were before, failed to give us back the country we knew.

Belize City and the Belize District consistently have the highest murder rate. Data from the Belize Crime Observatory (BCO) put the 2021 murder rate in the Belize District at 51 per 100,000, while the rate in Belize City was 72.64. The rest of the country is far from safe, but considerably less dangerous than the Belize District and Belize City. In 2021 the murder rate in the Cayo District was 29.47; in Stann Creek, 21.17; in Toledo, 19.74; in Corozal, 9.70; and in Orange Walk, 7.38.

There isn't anything tranquil about our country right now. That we are so murderous is compounded by these extremely difficult times in which we live, with cases of Covid-19 infections still flaring up across the globe, numerous "rumors" of other dangerous diseases looking to pounce and harm lives/further disrupt our livelihoods, and a frightening war in Europe that is presently destabilizing economies around the world and threatening to explode into a devastating nuclear war.

We know what's at the root of our problem. The United States declared a war on drugs in the 1970s, and they have fought their battle south of the Rio Grande. The demand for drugs in the US is huge. They are the hardest working people on the planet, driven in their pursuit of material goods, driven to improve their already high standard of living. In the high-paced world, bodies and minds break down. Americans are, or are among, the highest users of drugs, pain killers and mind benders, not all of them legal.

Their war has helped make our region one of the most violent on the planet. The UK's Office of National Statistics, in the article "Homicide in England and Wales: year ending March 2021", which can be found at the website [www.ons.gov.uk](http://www.ons.gov.uk), says data from Eurostat shows that in 19 of the 27 EU member states the homicide rate in 2019 was below 10 per million persons. The paper says the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), in a global study on homicide, said "that the global average homicide rate was

61 per million population in 2017", and that same year, in Central America, it was 259 per million, and in South America it was 242 per million—both more than 20 times that of countries in the EU.

We know what's at the root of our problem. Dr. Herbert Gayle, Dr. Virginia Hampton, and Ms. Nelma Mortis (MSc), in the book, *Like Bush Fire: A Study on Male Participation and Violence in Urban Belize*, highlighted in their discussion the effects of our numerous fractured families, how that has led to aggression in boys; the "problems in the socialization and nurture of boys" in the inner city; what's behind all the feuds among urban male youth; the traumatic experiences of our young adolescents; the deficiencies in our education system, and the scarcity of job opportunities.

We know what's at the root of our problem. We have encouraged a culture that is disrespectful, notorious for violent, careless words. When we are consuming alcohol we are poor at containing our jealousies or our anger if we feel disrespected. We know what's at the root of the problem. There is too much corruption in high places, which we don't move to stomp out; instead, we focus on the speck in the eyes of destitute Belizeans, a woman or man stealing a loaf of bread or a tin of sausage. We know what's at the root of our problem. In the midst of excruciating poverty there is obscene wealth.

We know what's at the root of our problem. Our justice system has a fairly good record in dealing with violent crimes—but when it comes to murderers, they are free to roam. The UK's Office of National Statistics says, about the justice system in England and Wales, that "in the three years from the year ending March 2019 to the year ending March 2021, 81% of suspects indicted for homicide, where we have information on a court outcome, were found guilty of homicide, 13% were acquitted, and 4% were convicted of a lesser offence."

Meet Belize, where the last reported conviction rate for the world's worst crime hovered around 5%. In times past, when we were a tranquil haven, that wasn't so. In times past, jurors believed in the integrity of police officers and the prosecution branch; witnesses weren't afraid to tell their truth to the court; punishment was swift; and we weren't paralyzed by fear of "miscarriage of justice," because it was for the benefit of the whole.

We can't accuse our leaders of doing nothing. They have introduced numerous social interventions, tried to create jobs, and the present government is making high school education free on the south side of the Haulover Creek in Belize City, all good initiatives that will pay off down the road. They have also used the "big stick"—introduced numerous SOEs; passed draconian gun, drugs, and association laws; attempted to pass a Preventative Detention law; held murder trials without juries—measures that have produced questionable results.

We can accuse our leaders of not being successful in containing our murderous rage, but maybe the failure is as much ours as theirs. Blame aside, the truth is that the conditions in our country are ripe for chaos. We are living in a country that is no longer deserving of our anthem, and if we want to right our ship we'll all have to pitch in, we'll all have to do our part to keep the peace.

Leaders at every level will have to get directly involved in violence prevention. Our nation must go beyond prayer vigils when there's an especially horrific murder; we need to constantly be in prayer.

We need to ease our nation's pain. All our efforts must be directed toward the survival of our country, to pulling together, for life, the great gift of the Almighty. Our ancestors, returning soldiers from WWI, from the Caste War, from war-torn or unjust areas across the globe, made Belize the tranquil haven Samuel Haynes wrote about. We owe it to the past, the present, and the future, to put down the gun, all weapons.



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## **“Tour-Isms”**

### Tourism Terroir

The BTB’s first annual Elevate Tourism Training Expo was two days of amazing people, presentations, and possibilities. The *people* were dedicated tourism stakeholders from across the country, the *presenters* were local and international experts who imparted knowledge and passion, and the *possibilities* were a seemingly endless variety and scope of ideas for improving the industry. Held at the Best Western Biltmore Plaza, the event, was designed with tourism and hospitality sector employees in mind including restaurants, accommodations, tour operators, tour guides, tourism attraction personnel etc. The Training Expo was headlined by four subprograms: Safe, Taste, Ambassador, Scale-Up, and Best Together, all the topics, subtopics, and presenters made for an exceptional experience.

Director of the BTB, Mr. Evan Tillett, opened the Expo by asserting that “the BTB alone cannot carry the industry forward”. By the number of attendees in the room and their readiness to learn more, it was a clear indication that everyone supported the statement. Stakeholders were ready to do their part. The Director’s message was reiterated by the Chief Executive Officer’s (CEO) Mrs. Nicole Solano who suggested that “training is of utmost importance to the development of the industry”. The two days of expert lectures, hands-on demonstrations, powerful power-point presentations, impassioned speeches, and deliberate delivery on pertinent industry topics, were testament to the BTB’s intentionality in creating a dynamic training experience for its stakeholders. Separated into 1–2-hour long workshops, attendees were given university caliber classroom instructions based on topics curtailed to satisfy the industry’s needs. Certificates were printed, signed, and delivered at the completion of each course. The courses were nothing short of amazing.

Topics at the Expo were deliberately selected to satisfy industry gaps and demand. The areas covered included: Storytelling & Destination Branding, WhatsApp for Business, Introduction to Birding, Wine Fundamentals, Defensive Tactics for Rangers, Mixology, Designing Tourism Experiences and so many more. There was a course for every type of tourism stakeholder no matter where they are in the sector. The invited experts were as diverse as the courses. Keynote speaker, Mr. Alec Dalton, Ph.D. Christopher Muller, Brian Connors, and Gabriel Urrutia were some of the professionals handpicked from Florida International University (FIU) to participate. Belizean organizations such as Belize Audubon Society, BELTRAIDE, and House of Shotokan Karate Academy and local trainer Roni Martinez, were prominent at the Expo. All the trainers satisfied participants with workshops that were fun, informative, and forward thinking.

Key takeaway from the BTB’s 1<sup>st</sup> annual Elevate Training Expo is that training is important, it is fundamental to our industry’s competitiveness, and it is fun. As wine connoisseur, Mr. Brian Connors expressed in one of his sessions that, “just because something is about knowledge doesn’t mean it’s not fun”. Mr. Connors explained that in the wine business “*terroir* is the story of the wine”. Terroir is the combination of factors such as soil, climate, and sunlight that gives wine grapes their distinctive character. What story has this annual training expo already revealed about everyday tourism and hospitality personnel? Hopefully it has revealed that with the right combinations of factors such as passionate experts, participants’ willingness to keep learning, and with the BTB’s assistance, the Belize Tourism Product has good vintage, body, and taste. For those reasons we highlight **exceptionalism** as our-ism for this week. The Expo was exceptionally planned, hosted, and delivered to its attendees.

See you next week.

The Belize Tourism Board



# Team Belize returns to Belize with Gold prize in global robotics competition

**The team of Belize High School students took part in the FIRST Global Challenge 2022 in Geneva, Switzerland, from October 13-16. The Olympics-style competition featured teams from over 180 countries.**

*by Khaila Gentle and Charles Gladden*

GENEVA, Switzerland, Mon. Oct. 17, 2022

The members of the Belize High School (BHS) robotics team, who won the gold prize at the FIRST Global Challenge 2022, were greeted with



cheers and applause by their relatives, members of the media and BHS students when they arrived at the Philip Goldson International Airport this week. The challenge, which saw participation from 180 teams from across the world, is an Olympics-style international robotics competition for high-school-aged youth that takes place in a different country each year. For the past two years, the competition has been a virtual one due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but on October 13, participants and their mentors gathered face-to-face in Geneva, Switzerland.

FIRST Global, a non-profit organization, was established to promote innovation and leadership in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) among young people and to empower them through robotics. Each year, the organization invites countries to send a team to build and program a robot to compete in the FIRST Global Challenge. The focus of the




**Belize High School Robotics Team wins Gold**

competition is addressing some of the greatest challenges faced by the globe.

“Participants will see how they can compete to each provide better solutions, but more importantly, how they can work together. We’re all on the same team. We’re all competing with the same global challenges. The FIRST Global Challenge enables kids around the world to all participate in solving problems, and cooperate with each other to solve the world’s problems,” said the founder of FIRST Global, Dean Kamen.



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## Belize Airport Concession Company

### VACANCY: Trades Worker

A Trades worker is required at the Philip Goldson International Airport for a full-time trades position for the maintenance, repair, alteration and construction of airport buildings, offices, fixtures and sub-systems, i.e. plumbing, sewerage, masonry, fixtures and fittings, cabinets, windows and doors, minor mechanical repairs and upkeep, and reports to the Manager of Operations.

**Duties and Responsibilities:**

- a. Maintains airport buildings and various airport facilities.
- b. Repairs and maintains plumbing, sewerage system, fencing, roof and drainage.
- c. Performs carpentry duties.
- d. Installs and maintains traffic and directional signs.
- e. Performs masonry duties.
- f. Performs general painting, including surface markings, i.e. runway, taxiways, apron, roads.
- g. Assists with the cleaning of floor tiles and the renovation of offices.
- h. Performs other related trades duties as required.

**Qualifications:** High school diploma or certificate in building trades, plumbing, masonry, construction, and at least 3 years of related experience; able to work with minimum supervision and as a team; interacts professionally with co-workers and managers; follows instructions accurately; and available beyond operating hours when necessary.

**Remuneration:** Commensurate with qualifications and experience.

**Applications & Deadline:** Application forms are available at the Philip Goldson International Airport or at the P.G.I.A.'s website at [www.pgiabelize.com](http://www.pgiabelize.com) Application deadline is Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

Please send or deliver completed application form along with cover letter, copy of qualifications, and police record to: **Chief Executive Officer, Belize Airport Concession Company, P.O. Box 1564, Ladyville, Belize District. Phone: (501) 225-2045 Fax: (501) 225-2439 Email: [bacc@pgiabelize.com](mailto:bacc@pgiabelize.com)**



## Belize Airport Concession Company

### VACANCY: Fire Fighting & Rescue

A Crash, Fire and Rescue worker is required at the Philip Goldson International Airport to perform rescue operations, fire prevention, firefighting and safety activities. The full-time firefighter reports to the Manager of Operations.

**Duties and Responsibilities:**

- a. Performs fire prevention and firefighting, rescue operations, and safety activities.
- b. Documents, records and maintains information on airside activities.
- c. Interacts with and provides first-aid to passengers with medical or emotional stress.
- d. Participates in Emergency Response Exercises.
- e. Capable of repairing and maintaining Diesel engines V92 series and Caterpillar 16 engine.
- f. Possesses basic knowledge of electrical systems.
- g. Operates firefighting vehicles, equipment and tools.
- h. Participates in rigorous physical and mentally challenging operations.
- i. Performs other related duties as required.

**Qualifications:** Must have completed high school, is in possession of a valid driver's license, is not claustrophobic nor suffers from acrophobia, and is able to work independently, as a team and in conformity with strict protocols.

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# Baja esa pistola, todas las armas

No es correcto jactarse de lo que no somos. El autor de la letra de nuestro Himno Nacional, Samuel Haynes, pudo haber llevado a Belize (Honduras Británica) a un gran derramamiento de sangre en 1919, pero optó por hablar, por negociar. Es por gente como él que hasta una década después de nuestra independencia en 1981 vivimos en un “remanso de paz”, un país que era la envidia de nuestros vecinos.

Ese país que conocíamos, apenas lo reconocemos ahora. Durante más de dos décadas, nuestra tasa de homicidios ha estado entre las más altas del mundo. Los beliceños quieren desesperadamente recuperar su país, y con ese fin han pasado de un gobierno a otro, pero todos han fallado en devolvernos a lo que éramos antes, fallaron en devolvernos el país que conocíamos.

La Ciudad de Belize y el Distrito de Belize tienen constantemente la tasa de homicidios más alta. Los datos del Observatorio del Crimen de Belize (BCO por sus siglas en inglés) sitúan la tasa de homicidios de 2021 en el distrito de Belize en 51 por 100.000, mientras que la tasa en la Ciudad de Belize fue de 72,64. El resto del país está lejos de ser seguro, pero es considerablemente menos peligroso que el Distrito de Belize y la Ciudad de Belize. En 2021 la tasa de homicidios en el Distrito de Cayo fue de 29,47; en Stann Creek, 21,17; en Toledo, 19,74; en Corozal, 9,70; y en Orange Walk, 7,38.

No hay nada tranquilo en nuestro país en este momento. El hecho de que seamos tan asesinos se ve agravado por estos tiempos extremadamente difíciles en los que vivimos, con casos de infecciones por covid-19 que siguen estallando en todo el mundo, numerosos “rumores” de otras enfermedades peligrosas que buscan abalanzarse para dañar vidas/perturbar aún más nuestros medios de subsistencia, y una guerra aterradora en Europa que actualmente está desestabilizando las economías de todo el mundo y amenazando con estallar en una devastadora guerra nuclear.

Sabemos cuál es la raíz de nuestro problema. Estados Unidos declaró la guerra a las drogas en la década de 1970 y han librado su batalla al sur del Río Grande. La demanda de drogas en los Estados Unidos es enorme. Son las personas más trabajadoras del planeta, impulsadas en su búsqueda de bienes materiales, impulsadas a mejorar su ya alto nivel de vida. En el mundo acelerado, los cuerpos y las mentes se desmoronan. Los estadounidenses son, o se encuentran entre, los mayores usuarios de drogas, analgésicos y alucinantes, no todos ellos legales.

Su guerra ha ayudado a que nuestra región sea una de las más violentas del planeta. La Oficina de Estadísticas Nacionales del Reino Unido, en el artículo “Homicide in England and Wales: year ending March 2021”, que se puede encontrar en el sitio web [www.ons.gov.uk](http://www.ons.gov.uk), dice que los datos de Eurostat muestran que en 19 de los 27 miembros de la UE afirma que la tasa de homicidios en 2019 estuvo por debajo de 10 por millón de personas. El documento dice que la Oficina de las Naciones Unidas contra la Droga y el Delito (UNODC), en un estudio global sobre homicidios, dijo “que la tasa de homicidios promedio mundial fue de 61 por millón de habitantes en 2017”, y ese mismo año, en Centroamérica, fue 259 por millón, y en América del Sur fue de 242 por millón, ambos más de 20 veces la de los países de la UE.

Sabemos cuál es la raíz de nuestro problema. El Dr. Herbert Gayle, la Dra. Virginia Hampton y la Sra. Nelma Mortis (MSc), en el libro *Like Bush Fire: A Study on Male Participation and Violence in Urban Belize*, destacaron en su discusión los efectos de nuestras numerosas familias fracturadas, cómo eso ha llevado a la agresión en los niños; los “problemas en la socialización y crianza de los niños” en el centro de la ciudad; lo que está detrás de todas las disputas entre los jóvenes urbanos masculinos; las experiencias traumáticas de nuestros jóvenes adolescentes; las deficiencias de nuestro sistema educativo, y la escasez de oportunidades laborales.

Sabemos cuál es la raíz de nuestro problema. Hemos alentado una cultura que es irrespetuosa, notoria por palabras violentas y descuidadas. Cuando consumimos alcohol somos malos para contener nuestros celos o nuestra ira si nos sentimos irrespetados. Sabemos cuál es la raíz del

problema. Hay demasiada corrupción en los lugares altos, que no nos movemos para pisotear; en cambio, nos enfocamos en la mancha en los ojos de los beliceños indigentes, una mujer o un hombre que roba una barra de pan o una lata de salchicha. Sabemos cuál es la raíz de nuestro problema. En medio de una pobreza atroz hay una riqueza obscena.

Sabemos cuál es la raíz de nuestro problema. Nuestro sistema de justicia tiene un historial bastante bueno en el tratamiento de delitos violentos, pero cuando se trata de asesinos, son libres de vagar. La Oficina de Estadísticas Nacionales del Reino Unido dice, sobre el sistema de justicia en Inglaterra y Gales, que “en los tres años desde el año que finalizó en marzo de 2019 hasta el año que finalizó en marzo de 2021, el 81% de los sospechosos acusados de homicidio, donde tenemos información sobre un resultado judicial, fueron declarados culpables de homicidio, el 13% fueron absueltos y el 4% fueron condenados por un delito menor”.

Conozcan a Belize, donde la última tasa de condena reportada por el peor crimen del mundo rondaba el 5%. En tiempos pasados, cuando éramos un remanso de paz, no era así. En tiempos pasados, los jurados creían en la integridad de los agentes de policía y de la fiscalía; los testigos no tenían miedo de decir su verdad al tribunal; el castigo era rápido; y no nos paralizaba el miedo al “error judicial”, porque era en beneficio de todos.

No podemos acusar a nuestros líderes de no hacer nada. Han introducido numerosas intervenciones sociales, han tratado de crear puestos de trabajo y el gobierno actual está haciendo que la educación secundaria sea gratuita en la Zona Sur al otro lado del arroyo Haulover en la Ciudad de Belize, todas buenas iniciativas que darán sus frutos en el futuro. También han utilizado el “gran garrote”: introdujeron numerosos toques de queda; aprobaron leyes draconianas sobre armas, drogas y asociaciones; intentaron aprobar una ley de prisión preventiva; llevaron a cabo juicios por asesinato sin jurado, medidas que han producido resultados cuestionables.

Podemos acusar a nuestros líderes de no tener éxito en contener nuestra ira asesina, pero tal vez el fracaso sea tanto nuestro como de ellos. Dejando la culpa a un lado, la verdad es que las condiciones en nuestro país están listas para el caos. Vivimos en un país que ya no merece nuestro himno, y si queremos enderezar el barco todos tendremos que colaborar, todos tendremos que poner de nuestra parte para mantener la paz.

Los líderes en todos los niveles tendrán que involucrarse directamente en la prevención de la violencia. Nuestra nación debe ir más allá de las vigilias de oración cuando hay un asesinato especialmente horrible; necesitamos estar constantemente en oración.

Necesitamos aliviar el dolor de nuestra nación. Todos nuestros esfuerzos deben estar dirigidos a la supervivencia de nuestro país, a aglutinar, de por vida, el gran don del Todopoderoso. Nuestros antepasados, soldados que regresaron de la Primera Guerra Mundial, de la Guerra de Castas, de áreas injustas o devastadas por la guerra en todo el mundo, hicieron de Belize el refugio tranquilo sobre el que escribió Samuel Haynes. Se lo debemos al pasado, al presente y al futuro, bajar el arma, todas las armas.

## Sunday Review News Review Talk Show

On Krem TV & Krem Radio

Live-streaming on Krem Television Face Book Page

**Host:** YaYa Marin Coleman

**Date:** Sunday, October 23, 2022 **Time:** 10:30 a.m. to noon

**Guest:** Katie Numi Usher/Belizean Artist

Sunday Review will be repeated at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 23, 2022



# From the Publisher



Evan X Hyde

My sense is that people who think about such things consider Paris, the capital of France, to be the most romantic city on earth. It seems to me that the French are considered a highly civilized and cultured people.

Personally, I am not a travelling man, so I know very little about such things. I've never been to the Caribbean or South America or Europe. I spent a few years in the United States going to school, and I visited Guatemala City for a few days in 2012 for medical attention.

I've travelled through Mexico by road several times — in 1971/72; 1979; and 2012. Merida is a pretty classy city, and I liked Vera Cruz, mostly because it is a sea port, I guess. Vera Cruz's offshore island, San Juan de Ulloa, used as a prison by the conquering Spanish to confine rebellious Indigenous people in the sixteenth century, and later for political prisoners, is of historical interest to me.

The previous paragraphs are by way of introduction to this column's topic: the supposedly high-cultured French enslaved and wreaked havoc on millions of my African brothers and

sisters, on a Caribbean island they called San Domingo. Today, we know this island as Haiti.

After the African slaves in Haiti successfully revolted between 1791 and 1804, the French state then subsequently extorted huge amounts of money from Haitian governments as "compensation" for the money the French "lost" because of the Haitian Revolution.

Haiti has been essentially a pariah in this region ever since that revolution more than two and a quarter centuries ago. In the black Caribbean, of which British Honduras was a part, we grew up with the vague idea that Haiti was a weird place where voodoo/witchcraft was practised, and that the Haitian people were suffering terribly because they had not accepted European slavery docilely, and because they had not given their allegiance to Europe's Christian religions. Plus, there was a Papa Doc.

When they reach the United States, by whatever means, and gain access to higher levels of education, the Haitians, it seems to me, achieve highly. Bill Lindo had a Haitian stepfather who was an engineer on the

New York City subway system, the largest such system in the world. I have a great granddaughter whose father is a Haitian: he is an aircraft engineer.

But, the news we get coming out of Haiti has been all bad for all of my lifetime. Today, the news from the Western press is all about gangs and famine and cholera in Haiti. In fact, an American white Christian televangelist, Pat Robertson, actually has claimed on air that terrible things like earthquakes happen to Haiti because their slave rebellion leader in 1791, Boukman, swore an oath of allegiance to the Devil.

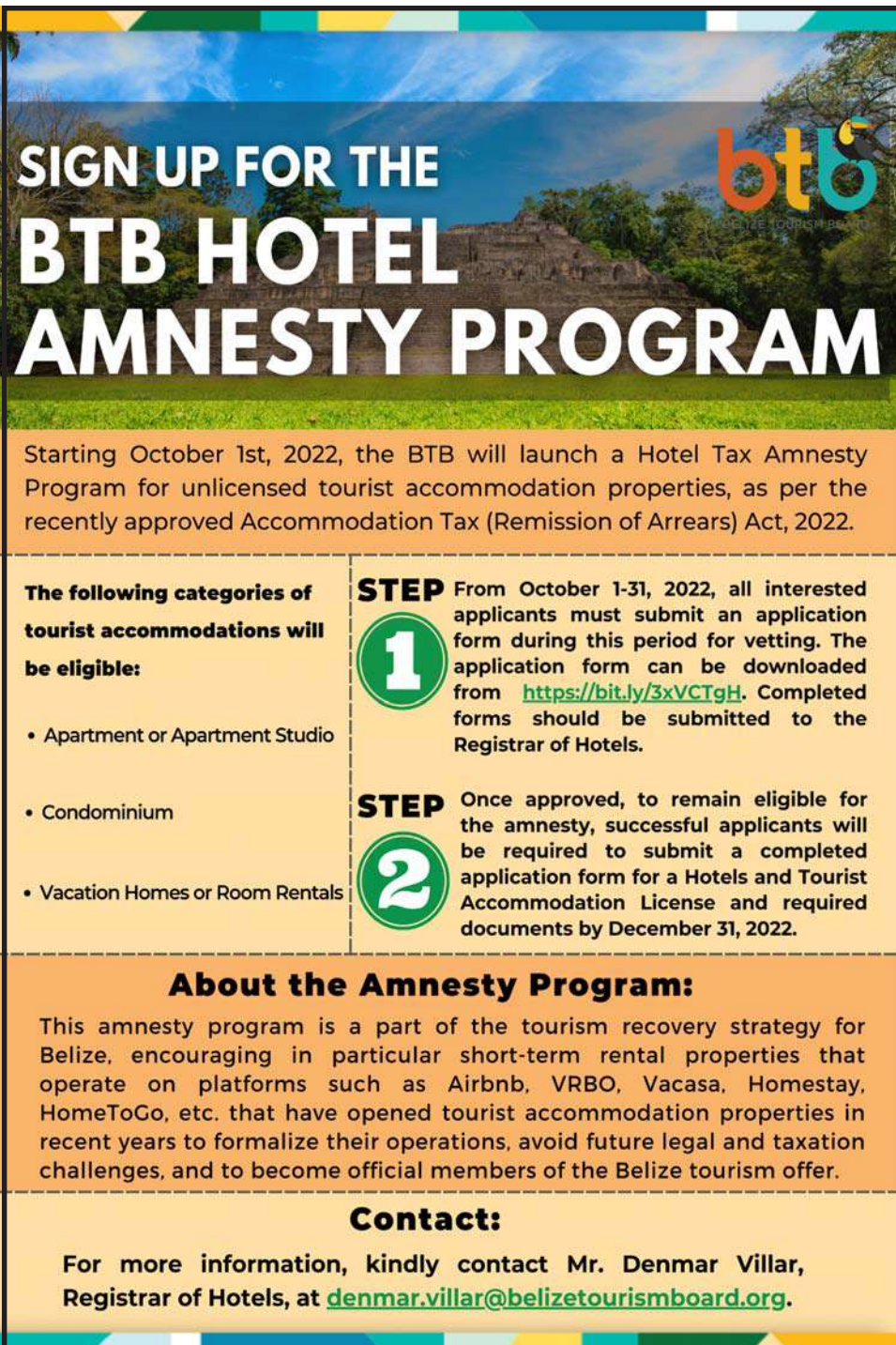
A couple years ago, Ya Ya Marin Coleman had as her guest for Emancipation Day events a Haitian lady intellectual/activist who explained to Belizeans that there was great mineral wealth in Haiti, and that the developed countries were all greedy to control that wealth.

Our Belizean people do not understand capitalism. All we know is that this is the economic system we practise in Christian countries like Belize. The important bottomline, however, is that capitalism only cares about money: human beings are disposable commodities, especially if they are black, Jack.

I respect the Europeans for their economic success, because I know they began to achieve their success five centuries ago by pooling their resources in companies and corporations. We Africans have not historically displayed an ability to pool our resources.

Fidel Castro said that Mobutu Sese Seko, who died of prostate cancer some years ago, stole forty billion dollars from the Congo, which is the richest territory in the world where minerals and metals and gold and diamonds are concerned. Where did that forty billion dollars go? It went into the banks of European countries, like Switzerland, while millions of Congolese were starving to death. This is the way of capitalism. But the capitalists say they are Christian in belief. I do not understand the teachings of Jesus Christ to encourage this capitalist way.

In any case, the Haitian people are suffering. In fact, if you want to look around, you can see thousands of our own Belizean people starving while their super wealthy black colleagues stash millions in American and other foreign banks. Capitalism, Jack. Only the strong survive. But it's all done in the name of Jesus. I do not understand.



**SIGN UP FOR THE BTB HOTEL AMNESTY PROGRAM**

Starting October 1st, 2022, the BTB will launch a Hotel Tax Amnesty Program for unlicensed tourist accommodation properties, as per the recently approved Accommodation Tax (Remission of Arrears) Act, 2022.

**The following categories of tourist accommodations will be eligible:**

- Apartment or Apartment Studio
- Condominium
- Vacation Homes or Room Rentals

**STEP 1** From October 1-31, 2022, all interested applicants must submit an application form during this period for vetting. The application form can be downloaded from <https://bit.ly/3xVCTgH>. Completed forms should be submitted to the Registrar of Hotels.

**STEP 2** Once approved, to remain eligible for the amnesty, successful applicants will be required to submit a completed application form for a Hotels and Tourist Accommodation License and required documents by December 31, 2022.

**About the Amnesty Program:**

This amnesty program is a part of the tourism recovery strategy for Belize, encouraging in particular short-term rental properties that operate on platforms such as Airbnb, VRBO, Vacasa, Homestay, HomeToGo, etc. that have opened tourist accommodation properties in recent years to formalize their operations, avoid future legal and taxation challenges, and to become official members of the Belize tourism offer.

**Contact:**

For more information, kindly contact Mr. Denmar Villar, Registrar of Hotels, at [denmar.villar@belizetourismboard.org](mailto:denmar.villar@belizetourismboard.org).

## FROM THE PUBLISHER en Español

Mi sensación es que las personas que piensan en esas cosas consideran que París, la capital de Francia, es la ciudad más romántica del mundo. Me parece que los franceses son considerados un pueblo muy civilizado y culto.

Personalmente, no soy un viajero, así que sé muy poco sobre esas cosas. Nunca he estado en el Caribe, Sudamérica o Europa. Pasé algunos años en los Estados Unidos yendo a la escuela y visité la ciudad de Guatemala por unos días en 2012 para recibir atención médica.

He viajado por México por carretera varias veces — en 1971/72; 1979; y 2012. Mérida es una ciudad bastante elegante, y Veracruz me gustó, sobre todo porque es un puerto marítimo, supongo. La isla de la costa de Veracruz, San Juan de Ulloa, utilizada como prisión por los conquistadores españoles para confinar a los indígenas rebeldes en el siglo XVI, y más tarde para los presos políticos, es de interés histórico para mí.

Los párrafos anteriores son a modo de introducción al tema de esta columna: los franceses supuestamente cultos esclavizaron y causaron

estragos a millones de mis hermanos y hermanas africanos, en una isla caribeña a la que llamaron Santo Domingo. Hoy, conocemos esta isla como Haití.

Después de que los esclavos africanos en Haití se rebelaron con éxito entre 1791 y 1804, el estado francés extorsionó a los gobiernos haitianos con enormes cantidades de dinero como "compensación" por el dinero que los franceses "perdieron" a causa de la revolución haitiana.

Haití ha sido esencialmente un paria en esta región desde esa revolución hace más de dos siglos y cuarto. En el Caribe negro, del que formaba parte Honduras Británica, crecimos con la vaga idea de que Haití era un lugar extraño donde se practicaba el vudú/brujería, y que el pueblo haitiano sufría terriblemente por no haber aceptado dócilmente la esclavitud europea, y porque no habían dado su lealtad a las religiones cristianas de Europa. Además, había un Papa Doc.

Cuando llegan a los Estados Unidos, por cualquier medio, y obtienen acceso a niveles más altos



# I don't know if the elder made a correct call

by Colin Hyde

A male elder of one of our Afro tribes, a highly venerated/educated man, said to a small group of young and middle-aged Garifuna and Kriol males who were gathered before him one day, that women in the Dominican Republic “know how to treat a man.” I don’t remember the discussion we were having; my memory tells me that the comment was just a little out of the blue, but I am pretty sure that what he said resonated with all of us there, maybe not the same way. I don’t think you need to know any math to know that in the elder’s mind our women ... well, you guess the rest of it, as it pertains to the full gamut of relationship issues.

It’s possible the comment went beyond our two tribes, so any Afro lady who feels “uptight” about what the elder brother said should, yes, consider that he might not have been talking just about our sisters of African heritage. I’m no expert; I’ve never even met a woman from the Dominican Republic, so, leave the messenger alone. Sorry, up to this point I can’t be accused of any wrong, and I mean to keep in the shallows. In fact, I am going to get completely out of our territorial waters.

I don’t know if/or how this story, “In Search of Black-On-Black Love”, which I found on this blog at npr.org, relates to our situation, but us being so immersed in things American, it can’t

be completely alien. The story, by Leah Donella, was published in 2018, and it’s her response (or is the response of one Nicole Xu) to a black young lady, Natalie, who wants to find a black man to be her mate. Natalie says she considers herself attractive and sociable, but the black man of her dreams seems to be out of reach and she wants counsel so she can protect herself from feelings of rejection.

Bully for Natalie that Leah, or Nicole, seems to have a good grasp of the situation, and so can give her sound advice. For ease of the flow here, let’s stick with Leah. She explains that dating isn’t easy for many, but it can be “uniquely horrible” for black women because they are “often expected to conform to white beauty standards”, and they face a slew of negative racial stereotypes

— *angry, overbearing, lazy, prudish and hypersexual and emasculating.* My view is that black women in Belize (and all over the world), thanks to 500 years of Columbus, face the same “conform” problems of the Black American woman, but I’m not aware of how many of the negative racial stereotypes they share.

Much of Black reality in Belize is similar to Black reality in the US because we have the common grounds of being black and in bondage. I’m thinking, per this Natalie discussion, that Garinagu women, never being in bondage,

definitely not sharing the reality of enslavement, well I don’t think they are as directly tied to this Natalie discussion, as Kriol women might be, though the shared reality of being Black would give them a front row view.

I’ll just sneak in a few lines in this paragraph and then I’ll sail posthaste to safer ground, okay? Ehm, there’s a discussion I haven’t heard about our patriarchs being nine months in the bush and our matriarchs being man and woman of the house for that period. I saw in an Oprah movie the lengths she went to show that our women were in complete solidarity with us, when we were both in chains. Whoa there, there’s no need to be so thin skin; it’s only a discussion.

Escaping back to Leah and Black women in the States ... she says these stereotypes and expectations limit the dating pool for black women and that instead of relaxing and having fun when they are out on dates, they are about proving that they are not the things they are accused of. Leah said that to compound the issues, there are also negative stereotypes of black men for black women to deal with.

Leah says a 2015 Pew Research study shows that “75 percent of recently married black men were married to black women.” And the study showed that 88% of black women were married to black men. So, yes, “black men [in the US] are still significantly

more likely to marry someone of a different race than black women.” Me noh noa if that’s because of what the elder said. And I also don’t know if he was making a general statement about Belizean women, or if he was speaking solely about Black sisters.

There’s a lot more juice in that black lady looking for a man from her tribe story, and if you can’t wait for me to squeeze any more juice out of it, just go to the Google, and link.

## This tale about 3 ports in one little city

There are people who know a whole lot about this decision by the UDP to wave the green flag for Stake Bank, but they aren’t saying. Concrete proposals for three ports were before the UDP, proposals that were about prior to their taking office in 2008, though not in the galvanized form they were in when they sat in Cabinet and decided that Stake Bank would be the one.

Now the other two are saying, have been saying, ‘why that one, why not us; in our capitalist system all three of us can and should play this game; all of us deserve the chance to win’. But my, three ports in little Belize City – Stake Bank is right offshore – do seem like a lot. There was a time when too many shrimp boats were in our coastal

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# PRESS PREDICTIONS

The sports psychic speaks

## BOLEDO

“Press” Predictions, 84-55-09  
Boledo stats thru 21<sup>st</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2022

In boledo news, the nineties series has not played for over 32 straight Sundays now, 99 was the last number to play on the 27<sup>th</sup> of February. These are my lucky numbers for this week: 84-47-09-35-55-16. These are my lucky jackpot numbers: 9532-7426-0896. These are my lucky PICK-3 numbers: 952-360-023-174-496. Get ready Belize, some mucho dinero will be coming our way this week. 55 refuses to play for over 2 years now, 26 is still out for over 1 year 9 months come this Sunday, 35 is still out for over 1 year and 2 months exact, 47 is still out for over 1 year 6 months come this Sunday, 30 just joined the crowd with 00, 18 and 94 - will complete 1 year in December. There are only 8 numbers left for the year: 00-18-26-30-35-47-55 and 94. You all must form some beautiful jackpot numbers out of those hard numbers. 22 played 8 times already, 33 and 88 played 7 times each, 52-70-42 and 68 played 6 times each now. Doubles has played all together some 37 times already. Remember to read your Psalms: 91-23-63-72. Good luck to all buyers, next week more lucky numbers.

## LOCAL FOOTBALL

Altitude FC will seed-1 in the playoffs

### Local Football Results Predictions

In local football action, Altitude FC beat Wagiya 2 to 1 in M a n g o C r e e k , D e l l o n Torres, the captain, scored in 2 straight games, then A n d r e s Orosco, the Colombian import, got his 9<sup>th</sup> goal which is the most at the moment in the tournament. They will be seeded number-1 in the playoffs. There will be 4 teams in the playoffs in 3 weeks’ time, the Police-Benque United Team will be in the playoffs, “Press Cadogan” predicts, because of Argentinian import Ayrton Sisa’s performance, they will beat out Wagiya FC, Progresso of OW and Port Layola FC of Belize City. There are 3 teams already in the playoffs, the 2 times defending champion Verdes FC, Altitude FC the present



Dellon Torres

leaders and the San Pedro Pirates. Number-1 will be play number-4 in home and away series, then 2 vs 3 the same way. The playoffs will create some serious excitement with a lot of upsets. Next week more stats and predictions by the best statistician the world has ever produced consistently, says my Boss, Mr. Evan X Hyde.



by Gilroy “Press” Cadogan

## NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Lebron James will break Kareem Abdul Jabbar’s record in 35 games

### NBA Updates and Preseason Results

In NBA news, the new season gets started Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> of October. The Golden State Warriors play the LA Lakers in the opener, they will receive their 4<sup>th</sup> rings in an 8-year span. Draymond Green will get some games suspension because of the punch to his teammate Jordan Poole. Lebron James will break Kareem Abdul Jabbar’s scoring record in 35 games played this season. The Lakers have a pretty young Team with Scottie Pippin in the D-League and many more. The Milwaukee Bucks with Giannis Antetokounmpo will be the team in the East to beat the Boston Celtics. The Miami Heat, the Brooklyn Nets and the Atlanta Hawks alongside the Toronto Raptors and the Chicago Bulls, all will be very competitive, the season will be for 82 games, then the playoffs in April. Next week some more stats.



LeBron James

## INTERNATIONAL BASEBALL

The San Diego Padres upset the LA Dodgers in 4 games 3 to 1

### Baseball Postseason Results and Predictions

In baseball post season action, there are a lots of upsets this year. The San Diego Padres shocked the Los Angeles Dodgers 3 games to 1 after losing game 1. The LA Dodgers had the best record at 110 wins to just 52 losses. Then the Philadelphia Phillies also upset the defending champions, the Atlanta Braves, 3 games to 1. Then in the American League, Justin Verlander and the Houston Astros swept the Seattle Mariners 3 straight games. The Astros won game 3 in the 18<sup>th</sup> inning on a walk off homerun. That was one of the longest post season games in over 15 years or more. Dusty Baker, the manager for the Astros, says that will be one of his most memorable games in his baseball career. Then the New York Yankees are struggling against the Cleveland Guardians who have not won a World Series in over 74 years - since 1948. Next week more post season predictions.



Justin Verlander

### PUBLIC AUCTION SALE BELIZE CITY, BELIZE DISTRICT

BY ORDER of the Mortgagees, Messrs. National Bank of Belize Limited (NBB), Licensed Auctioneer Jonathan Mulligan, will be selling by way of Public Auction, the following property ON SITE on Saturday November 19, 2022, at 10:00am.

REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Queen Square West	45	1523



This property consists of a fully fenced and gated two-level concrete house, which benefits from 6 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, living room, dining room, kitchen, and verandahs with stairways (upper & lower, back & front). This house is conveniently located in Belize City and is approximately 5 minutes away from major grocery stores, hardware stores, schools, gas stations, banks, churches, and hospitals. This is a phenomenal invest opportunity for those interested in purchasing a sizeable, well-built home in fantastic condition.

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# Some models on 90s relaxer boxes did not have relaxed hair

by *Khaila Gentle*

BELIZE CITY, Tues. Oct. 18, 2022

A number of the young girls pictured on the boxes of hair relaxers did not actually have relaxed hair themselves, a recent Twitter thread reveals. It's a revelation that has some black women feeling duped and has also sparked much discussion in the world of black hair care.

When Twitter user Ash Leon shared a photo featuring a collage of relaxer boxes from the 90s, she perhaps intended to stir up some nostalgia. Most women of Afro-descent who grew up in the 90s or 2000s, and even long before that, are all too familiar with the concept of hair relaxers, known colloquially here at home as a "perm".

It's a process that has been somewhat on the decline in recent years, thanks to the natural hair movement, but back then, it was akin to a rite of

passage for almost every girl child. In those days, many young girls, this writer included, felt that a fresh perm right after graduation or at the beginning of the school year meant that the transition to young womanhood was imminent. And even now, as those young girls, now young millennial women, stroll through the aisles

of their favorite cosmetic store, they can't help but feel a touch of nostalgia at the sight of Dark & Lovely or African Pride boxes sitting on the shelves. They look at the young models beaming on those boxes, with their silky soft—straight—hair, and remember the moment when they thought, "I want my



hair to look like that, too."

They think back to the hour or so spent sitting on a dining chair or in a hair salon trying their best to ignore the slight tingling-turned-burning of their scalps, or to a few weeks after, when silky straight hair would turn stiff and dry—but, of course, would still be

*A single question posed on Twitter has left users reminiscing on the collective experience of getting a relaxer as a child. It has also unearthed a revelation that has some black women feeling duped.*

mostly straight. Now, however, when they look at those boxes, and the young black girls on them, they might find that nostalgia accompanied by a sliver of mistrust.

Since the time of posting on October 2, 2022, Ash Leon's tweet, which asks where those relaxer models are today, has received over a thousand replies and almost half a million likes. It has also left many surprised after some of those models revealed that they had natural hair their entire lives. One woman, by the name of Jerrika,

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Vacancy exists for a Chef to work at the residence of U.S. Ambassador Michelle Kwan.

Successful candidate will be required to obtain a security clearance and undergo a medical examination.

### BASIC FUNCTION OF THE CHEF POSITION:

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

### QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED:

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

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

### HOW TO APPLY:

Interested candidates must submit a letter of application, current résumé, two references and all other applicable supporting documentation by email to [BelmopanJobs@state.gov](mailto:BelmopanJobs@state.gov).

All applications must include in the subject line the position they are applying for (eg: **Employment Application for Chef position**). Incomplete applications will not be considered. For a complete copy of the position description listing all duties and responsibilities, please send an email to [BelmopanJobs@state.gov](mailto:BelmopanJobs@state.gov) or call at 822-4011, Ext. 4231. The deadline for submitting applications is **Sunday, October 30, 2022**.



## Vacancy for Youth Coordinator in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Belize City & Belmopan

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Belize City & Belmopan is seeking a Youth Coordinator for Youth Ministry. The applicant must be an active Roman Catholic in good standing with the Church and possess a strong commitment to the Catholic faith and relationship with God. Must possess leadership skills and have a high degree of comfort working with youth and the ability to communicate effectively with youth. Some travel and weekend work is required.

Minimum qualification required is an Associate Degree or have participated in a youth leadership training program or have experience working with young people. Being bilingual would be an asset.

### Mission:

To serve the Roman Catholic Diocese of Belize in its ministry to youth and young adults

### Responsibilities:

- Coordinating and liaising with the Diocesan Pastoral Life Youth Ministry Resource Team and the Roman Catholic Chancery Office as to the goals and ideas for meeting youth needs and evangelization of the youth and young adult of our diocese.
- Giving support to youth ministries in the parishes and assisting in setting up youth ministries in the parishes.
- Assist in coordinating and supporting national youth gathering.
- Fostering the involvement of young people in the life of the parish by being involved in parish activities.
- Determine effective means for publicizing and promoting programs and activities among youth in the parish.

### Application package must include:

- ▶ A letter of application and résumé
- ▶ Two recent letters of recommendation (one must be from previous or present employer)

### Application package must be addressed to:

Youth Resource Team  
Roman Catholic Chancery Office  
148 North Front Street  
P.O. Box 1823  
Belize City

Or email application and résumé to [episkopos@btl.net](mailto:episkopos@btl.net)

**Deadline for application is Friday, October 28, 2022**

For further information contact the Roman Catholic Chancery Office at 223-6919 or via email: [episkopos@btl.net](mailto:episkopos@btl.net)

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# MADISON'S

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BY ORDER of the Mortgagee, Messrs. Ascendancy Belize Limited, Licensed Auctioneer, Sylvano Guerrero, is selling by way of ONLINE AUCTION via www.madisons.bz the following properties with reserved prices. The online public auctions will expire bi-weekly on October 26, 2022, November 9, 2022, and November 23, 2022 until a sale is determined within this period.

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

**Lot 63, Pomona Village  
Stann Creek**



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

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

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



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

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

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



All that piece or parcel of land being Block #3, Parcel 604, Sarteneja Village, Corozal District, Belize; comprising of 1,519.8 sq.m. together with a concrete bungalow having 2 bedrooms, 1 shared bathroom, living, kitchen, and dining rooms, and a large front porch. The building has an area of 1,475 sq. ft., porch of 5 ft by 25 ft and a back section with dimensions of 12 ft by 2 2 ft.

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

**Block 1, Parcel 224 San Pablo/San Jose, Orange Walk**



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

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

**Lot 184 Hummingbird Community, Stann Creek**



All that piece or parcel of land being Lot #184, Hummingbird Community, Stann Creek District; together with all erections thereon. On the property is a bungalow with two bedrooms, one bathroom, a living room, a dining room, and a kitchen. The property is in fair condition and measures 1,092 square feet.

The property is held in the Freehold Interest in the name of Pedro Guerra.

**Block 4, Parcel 1493/1 Ann Gabourel Registration Section**



All that pieces or parcels of land being Parcel #1493/1, Block #4, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District, Belize, totaling 416.67 sq. yds. The property has a single-story building with one bedroom, one bathroom, a living room, a dining room, and a kitchen. The floor area of this building is 657 sq. ft.

The subject property is held in Leasehold Interest in the name of Rosalba Rosado.

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



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

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

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



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

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

**Lot 143 Maya Mopan Village, Stann Creek**



All that piece or parcel of land, Lot #143, Maya Mopan Village, Stann Creek District, Belize; together with all erections thereon, totaling 825.22 sq. yds. The structure is a single-story structure with two bedrooms, a living room, and a dining room.

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

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



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

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

**Lot 246 Silk Grass Village Ext, Stann Creek**



All that piece or parcel of land being Lot #246, Silk Grass Village, Stann Creek District, Belize; together with all erections thereon. The property is 833.33 square yards in total, with all structures being an elevated residence with two bedrooms, one bathroom, living, dining, and kitchen. It is in fair condition and measures 624 square feet.

The property is held in the Freehold Interest in the name of Felix Galeana.

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



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

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

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



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

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

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



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

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

**Parcel 12B (5 acres), Jacintoville, Toledo**



All of that parcel of land, Parcel #12B, Jacintoville, Toledo District, Belize, together with all erections thereon, totaling 5 acres. The Southern Highway borders the property on the north, a vacant lot on the south, a residence on the east, and a residence on the west. The land has citrus, coconuts, pineapple, and other fruits, but only about 40% of it is cultivated.

The property is held in the Freehold Interest in the name of Laverne Williams.

**Block 42, Parcel 793, Punta Gorda**



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

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

# MOHW denies UDP's claims of "pharmaceutical hustle"

*The Ministry of Health has denied the UDP's claims that the government has been engaging in a "pharmaceutical hustle" that has led to a lack of medical supplies. Healthcare providers, however, are saying that the situation is dismal.*

by *Khaila Gentle*

BELIZE CITY, Tues. Oct. 18, 2022

The Ministry of Health & Wellness (MOHW) has issued a press release denying allegations made by the United Democratic Party that the ministry has been "putting Belizean lives at risk" by cancelling pharmaceutical partnerships and issuing medical supply contracts to newly formed companies. The UDP

claims that, as a result of this, there has been a lack of critical medical supplies at public care facilities in the country.

"Doctors and nurses have had to be extremely creative by using materials not prescribed for medical use in critical situations and rationing basic supplies like medical tape and IV bags," stated a release issued by the party on Tuesday.

The Health Ministry has also criticized local media house Channel 7 for



Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital

reiterating the UDP's claims during a segment on the outlet's *Sunup on 7* morning talk show. During that segment—*Monday Morning Beef*—7News director Jules Vasquez said,

"there is a critical medicine shortage." Vasquez, who also claimed that the shortage is a result of "maladministration

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## HELP FOR PROGRESS VACANCY: Operations Manager

### Description of the position

In close cooperation with the different positions in place at Help for Progress, the Operations Manager is responsible to assist with the overall management of quality of program, staff collaboration, logistics, project writing for fundraising, finance and procedures. When delegated by the Director, he/she may additionally represent Help for Progress with donors with specific focus on UNHCR partnership, institutions, NGOs, local Government and international agencies available in the area. He/she guides correct project implementation in accordance with the local and donors' standards and procedures. He/she cooperates with the Director in the definition of the Help for Progress' strategy and intervention priorities for its area of competence.

### RESPONSIBILITIES

- Project management and strategy: Always referring to the Director and in coordination with UNHCR interlocutors, he/she coordinates and directly supervises projects, guaranteeing their correct implementation in conformity with contractual obligations and donors' procedures, and in line with the Help for Progress procedures and management standards. He/she coordinates the elaboration, writing, and necessary documents preparation for presenting new projects, referring to the Director. He/she is responsible for the preparation of project reports and all monitoring documents requested by UNHCR. He/she ensures that all official and administrative documents are reviewed and cleared by the Director before sharing externally.
- Project budget responsibility and reporting requirements: he/she participates in the preparation of the project's budget and ensures – through the administrative function – the respect of financial reporting deadlines and the organization/donor's procedures.
- Management: As designated by the Director, he/she is responsible for all different aspects linked to management: economic and financial situation, logistics, monitoring and participating in evaluation, in conformity with the organizational and national guidelines and procedures.
- New opportunities identification: He/she verifies and proposes to the Director the intervention priorities to consolidate new opportunities of involvement for Help for Progress. He/she cooperates with the Director in the identification of new project opportunities and participates in the elaboration of the strategy.
- Institutional relations: Delegated by the Director, he/she manages relations with UNHCR, institutional donors and potential ones. In coordination with the Director, he/she represents Help for Progress in its area of competence through relations with institutions, NGOs, local and international organizations, and partners. He/she is also responsible for the Organization's reputation in the country.

### SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES

#### A. Program Technical Quality

1. Lead the planning of project activities and set appropriate performance targets ensuring adherence to technical standards, best practices, reporting time lines and donor guidelines are respected.
2. Ensure that the project execution is in line with the project guidelines and is effectively implemented and in line with s
3. Ensure key changes in program direction and focus are done in consultation with the Director and UNHCR interlocutors.
4. In close coordination with UNHCR interlocutor staff, ensure project objectives and results are fully accomplished and meet expected technical quality standards.

#### B. Partnership

5. In conjunction with the Director, positively collaborate with and manage partnerships between the representatives of the assisted/targeted communities, government, UNHCR, international agencies, civil society, learning institutions, and others as the needs arise.

#### C. Representation and Advocacy:

6. In conjunction with the Director, represent Help for Progress and act as primary program contact to the donor and other local and international stakeholders

7. responsible for addressing all programmatic matters.
7. In conjunction with the Director, strengthen linkages with existing and potential partner agencies.
8. In conjunction with the Director, ensure that the program communication strategies, including compliance with Help for Progress and the donor's branding and marking requirements as well as Help for Progress marketing and communication procedures are followed.

#### D. Project Management:

9. Project writing. Identification of new projects, and project writing for new projects.
10. Oversee the relevant technical scopes of work, associated budgets, sub-agreements and grant management of local implementing partners. In conjunction with the finance and administration teams, develop, implement and monitor capacity building plans to address any organizational capacity gaps for local implementing partners, as needed
11. In conjunction with the Director: Lead, manage and supervise Help for Progress staff.
  - 11.1 Ensure performance and development planning, coaching and appraisals of staff performance are conducted in keeping with Help for Progress performance management system, addressing any issues of underperformance as appropriate.
  - 11.2 Ensure staff and project compliance with all Help for Progress, operational, and financial procedures and policies, as well as applicable to the donor regulations.
12. Oversee the project's financial management, as per the project budget, reporting guidelines and timely submission of annual expenditure analysis reports, in conjunction with the Director's review and clearance.
13. Ensure timely submission of high-quality project narrative reports and other data as per request and agreement requirements.

**Competencies:** These are rooted in the mission, values, and principles of Help for Progress, used by each staff member to fulfil his or her responsibilities and to achieve the desired results.

- Serves with Integrity
- Models Stewardship
- Cultivates Constructive Relationships
- Promotes Learning

**Disclaimer:** This job description is not an exhaustive list of the skill, effort, duties, and responsibilities associated with the position.

#### PROFILE:

- Degree in International Education, International Development, Sociology, Business and Administration or a related field or equivalent work.
- Minimum five years experience in the humanitarian field and in a similar position, with a track record of success and results achieved;
- Previous experience with an international humanitarian NGO is an advantage;
- Strong analytical and practical problem-solving skills;
- Strong supervisory abilities, and demonstrated capacity of teamwork and of coordination with the relevant actors;
- Very good inter-personal and writing communication skills;
- Ability to organize work efficiently and deliver assignments in a timely manner often under time constraints;
- Proficiency in written and spoken English and Spanish
- Computer literacy, with high proficiency in the use of standard office software applications (e.g. Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint);
- Valid driving license with standard transmission.

**Salary:** negotiable

**Duty Station:** Belmopan

**Closing Date:** 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2022

**Application:** Please send resume, cover letter, police record, and provide the names of 3 references to PO Box 97, Belmopan City, or via email to [helpforprogressbz@gmail.com](mailto:helpforprogressbz@gmail.com). Letters will only be sent to short listed candidates.



## Donetsk activists proclaim independence

On April 8, 2014, *EL POR ESTO! de Quintana Roo* published an article under the heading, “Activistas en Donetsk, en el Este de Ucrania, proclamaron la independencia...”. Said article was republished in the *Amandala* on April 10, 2014 under the same heading in Spanish. Now, our dear readers of this column, I would like to present it to you in English, which is as follows:

Activists in Donetsk, in Eastern Ukraine, proclaimed independence...

DONETSK, Kyiv, April 7 (Xinhua/AFP/RT/AP/EFE) — A crowd of pro-Russian activists, who occupied government buildings in the city of Donetsk, in eastern Ukraine, today proclaimed the independence of the region. The protesters announced the creation of the Donetsk People’s Republic and set May 11 as the date to hold a referendum to validate the decision. The activists called on Russia to send a “peace mission” to Donetsk if Kyiv blocks the vote. The declaration of independence came after protesters seized government buildings in three eastern Ukrainian cities - Donetsk, Luhansk and Kharkiv - on Sunday night to demand that they hold a referendum to secede from Ukraine and join Russia. An overwhelming majority of Crimeans voted for Russia in a similar referendum held on the Crimean peninsula on March 16. Two days later, Russian President Vladimir Putin and Crimean leaders signed a treaty to make Crimea and the city of Sevastopol part of Russian territory. On the other hand, the Ukrainian interim president, Olexandr Turchynov, promised today to launch a major anti-terrorism operation to confront the separatist movements in the eastern regions of the country. “We will carry out anti-terrorist activities against armed secessionists,” Turchynov said in a national message.

Demonstrators proclaim the People’s Republic of Kharkov.

A group of Kharkiv regional deputies who took over government institutions have proclaimed the creation of the Kharkiv People’s Republic, according to local outlet Vestiua. According to the protesters, the republic will become a sovereign state, which “will establish relations with other states in accordance with international law.” The decision on the establishment of the People’s Republic will enter into force after its approval in a referendum. Moscow warns of military preparations in Ukraine. Moscow warned of military preparations in Ukraine that could spark a civil war. The Russian Foreign Ministry, Sergey Lavrov, demanded to “immediately” stop military preparations in Ukraine involving US experts. This situation could lead to a civil war in the country, Moscow warned. “According to the available information, units of the special forces and the National Guard of Ukraine with the participation of paramilitaries of the armed illegal formation Right Sector are directed to the southeastern regions of Ukraine, such as Donetsk,” reads the statement from the Russian Foreign Ministry. At the same time, as Russian diplomacy points out, “particular concern is based on the fact that this operation has the participation of about 150 American experts from the American private military organization Greystone, disguised in the uniform of the Ukrainian special unit ‘Sokol’.” The US asked Russia for direct dialogue and to repudiate separatist actions. Secretary of State John Kerry today asked his counterpart, Sergey Lavrov, that Russia repudiate Russian separatist activities in Ukraine and a meeting in the next 10 days in which the European Union (EU) would also participate. In a telephone conversation with Minister

Lavrov, Kerry told him that the United States observed “with great concern” the events of the last 24 hours in the Ukrainian provinces of Kharkov, Donetsk, Luhansk, and Mariupol, located on the border with Russia. For its part, NATO will impose restrictions on Russian diplomats from tomorrow to access its headquarters in Brussels, the organization reported in a statement.

On the other hand, the following is taking place according to a YouTube channel under the name OneIndia News which published a video entitled “Know the reasons why Germany and other European nations are protesting | OneIndia News\*Explainer” dated October 11, 2022, which states the following:

Last week, Germany saw a recap of what is happening in parts of Europe. This past Saturday, that is, on 8th October, several thousands of protesters gathered at Berlin, Reichstag building, which is the lower House of German Parliament, raising slogans against the government. Then, they held protest marches across the city decrying their government. Today, in this video, we decode why has Germany been in the grips of the unrest and what exactly made the demonstrators take to the streets? When the Russia/Ukraine war started, many anticipated it to be a short-lived one. Seven months later, the war doesn’t seem to be anywhere close to ending and hostilities seem to escalate every now and then. Apart from Russia and Ukraine, these seven months have cost Europe a lot. This war is one of the most important and perhaps the most significant blows to the lives of common people across Europe. Protests have been erupting across European nations and have been snowballing from one nation to another.



by Clinton Canul Luna

The reasons for this domino effect are very simple: higher cost of living, rising inflation, less supply of oil and gas leading to high prices of essential fuel and most importantly sentiments of opposition among common citizens with respect to their stand of their government in the Russia/Ukraine war. Add to it, the EU sanctions against Russia, growing aviation with NATO, and you get a cocktail of resentment, anguish and unrest. This is what Germany is currently grappling with. As we all know, the war has dried up the supply of oil and gas from Russia to Europe. The entire Europe is heavily dependent on Russia for running its critical infrastructures. The supply has dwindled while the costs have gone up massively. This has led to a huge jump in the prices of oil and gases and the common public is finding it very difficult to cope with these inflationary pressures. The recent incident of what is being described as sabotage in Nord Stream1 and Nord Stream2, the main pipelines that supply Russian oil to Germany, has aggravated the situation several notches up. The pipelines have been now rendered inoperable for the foreseeable future, and that means even greater worry for almost entire Europe that is facing a grim winter of power blackouts. Due to the EU’s over-reliance on Russian gas, anti-Russian sanctions have caused more damage to EU citizens than they did to Russia, and as EU governments struggled to find alternatives to Russian oil, the masses are taking to the streets to voice their opposition to NATO’s proxy war on Ukraine.

After the Czech Republic, Germany is the second major European nation to witness such huge protests. Yesterday, Paris also witnessed massive antenatal protests. Last month too, several thousands had rallied in East German states to protest against Berlin’s energy policy and sanctions against Russia. This time, Germany is facing its worst winter in 75 years. The oil and gas crisis risks crippling its economy, sweeping away its government and bringing chaos to the heart of Europe. At the onset of the Russian/Ukraine war, Germany had suspended certification of the Nord Stream2 project that was almost ready to start operations at the behest of NATO and USA. Gas supply through the Nord Stream1 pipeline also reduced and has now been halted by the Russian state-owned energy Giant Gazprom. These issues have led to an acute energy crisis across Europe including in Germany. In its bids to help gas importers, the German government had envisaged a controversial gas price levy of 2.4 Euro cents per kilowatt hour for

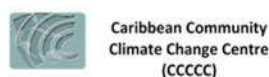
## Press Release

Date: October 3, 2022.



I, Dr Steven Wells, Podiatrist, Foot and Ankle Surgeon, hereby informs the general public that, effective today, October 3, I am no longer affiliated with the Rudolph Williams Diabetes Limb Salvage & Prosthetic Center.

All persons who have previously done castings for prosthetic limbs and persons with appointments, kindly contact the **Belize Diabetes Association** at telephone #670-9239 or #203-3333 for more information.



WFP-GCCA+ PROGRAMME An Initiative of the ACP Group of States Funded by the European Union's European Development Fund

Project: Enhancing Climate Resilience in CARIFORUM Countries

Lot 1: Supply, Delivery and Installation of Water Lines and Water Meters for the Upgrade of Rudimentary Water System for Billy White Village, Cayo District, Belize

Lot 2: Supply, Delivery and Installation of Water Lines and Water Meters for the Upgrade of Rudimentary Water System for Santa Familia Village, Cayo District, Belize

Contract#89/2022/EU-GCCA/CCCCC  
Publication Ref: EU-GCCA/WKS22

#### SUMMARY CONTRACT NOTICE

The Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (the Centre) intends to award a works contract(s) for the Expansion and Upgrade of the Rural Water Systems of Billy White and Santa Familia Village in the Cayo District, Belize with financial assistance from the European Development Fund financed programme "Enhancing Climate Resilience in CARIFORUM Countries (FED/2018/404-539) EDF.

1. Tenders are required to be submitted through the Electronic Procurement System of the Centre @ [E-bid Submission From – Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre \(caribbeanclimate.bz\)](https://www.caribbeanclimate.bz).
2. The deadline for submission of tenders is **on or before 12:00 p.m. (GMT- 6), Tuesday November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022**
3. A pre-bid conference/site visit will be organized by the Centre on **October 28, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. at the Santa Familia Clinic.**
4. Bidding documents can be downloaded at the Centre Website at <https://www.caribbeanclimate.bz/blog/category/opportunities/procurement-2/procurement/> or by obtained through email request to [tjohnston@caribbeanclimate.bz](mailto:tjohnston@caribbeanclimate.bz)

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## MINISTRY OF HEALTH & WELLNESS

### INVITATION TO BID

#### SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF BLOOD DONOR BAGS AND RELATED SUPPLIES

The Ministry of Health & Wellness (MOHW) hereby invites eligible and qualified bidders to submit sealed bids for **Supply and Delivery of Blood Donor Bags and Related Supplies**.

All interested bidders are asked to contact the Policy Planning and Project Management Unit, Ministry of Health & Wellness, Second Floor, East Block Building, Belmopan (Tel. 822-0992) for the relevant **Tender Document**. Eligible Bidders must be in accordance with Ministry of Health & Wellness requirements as indicated in the **Instruction to Bidders**. Tender package are free of cost.

The Tender Package may be collected from the Policy Planning and Project Management Unit, Ministry of Health & Wellness, East Block, Belmopan commencing on **Monday, October 17, 2022 to Friday, October 28, 2022 from 8AM to 4PM**. All tender submissions must be returned to the Policy Planning and Project Management Unit no later than **Thursday, November 3, 2022 at 10AM**. Late bids will be rejected.



## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

### ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE DESIGN AND SUPERVISION OF SIX (6) STORAGE AND PACKING FACILITIES

**Institution:** Ministry of Economic Development

**Country:** Belize

**Project:** Resilient Rural Belize Programme

**Loan No.:** 2000002301

**Deadline for Submission of Proposals:** November 11, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

#### 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:

The main objective of this consultancy is to contract the services of a consultancy firm to provide architectural services for the Design and Supervision of construction work for Storage and Packaging Centers for RRB Beneficiaries in the following villages:

1. Cayo District - Valley of Peace, San Antonio, and Seven Miles
2. Orange Walk - San Carlos
3. Corozal District - Concepcion and Xiabe villages.

#### Specific Experience of Firm:

- A minimum of four (4) years' experience designing, developing and supervising architectural designs.
- A minimum of at least one project of similar nature and complexity. Experience with any Agricultural and produce/food handling structures and facilities will be an advantage.

#### Key Staff Qualifications:

The consultancy firm must possess two (2) Key staff members:

- Architect
  - Must possess a minimum of a bachelor's degree in architecture, Professional Architect registered with the Association of Professional Architects of Belize (APAB)
  - Minimum 3 years relevant experience in architecture.
  - Proficiency in the use of Computer Aid Design (CAD) Software for the preparation of the drawings and the creation of the 3D renderings.
- Engineer
  - Must possess a minimum of a bachelor's degree in civil engineering
  - Must be registered with the Association of Professional Engineers of Belize (APEB)
  - A minimum of three (3) years' experience in engineering design, design review, construction supervision and its related requirements.

The Resilient Rural Belize (RRB) Programme now invites expressions of interest (EOIs) from firms to provide services for the **Design & Supervision of construction work for Storage and Packaging Centers**.

A Consulting 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.

Consulting Firms interested in receiving the Request for Expression of Interest (REOI) should register their interest by sending an e-mail (with subject: *Request for REOI - Design & Supervision of construction work for Storage and Packaging Centers*) 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 RFP.

**The REOI must be submitted via email to the following address on or before November 11, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. (Local time). Only electronic submission will be accepted.**

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

# WHO IS THE TERRORIST?

*Cuba besieged by hurricane on top of brutal illegal blockade.*

Today, 6th October, is the anniversary of a terrorist act that brought down Cubana flight CU-455 in the waters of Barbados, killing all 73 persons aboard.

Today Cuba is struggling to recover and rebuild after the devastation caused by Hurricane Ian on 27th September.

The illegal blockade imposed on Cuba by the USA for over 60 years is making it much more difficult for Cuba to recover from the recent hurricane. Ian devastated the island, destroying some 30,000 homes and hundreds of schools and health centers in Pinar del Río alone as well as causing severe damage in Havana and to agricultural production and the Cuban economy.

The blockade, condemned every year in UN resolutions with near unanimous support, was very slightly eased by President Obama, and in 2016 the US abstained on the resolution. US Ambassador Power confessed that the US embargo had “isolated the United States”, that this was “another small step” in U.S.-Cuban engagement, and that she wished there would be many more, “including, we hope, finally ending the U.S. embargo”. Joe Biden was then [US] vice president.

President Trump, however, added more sanctions and finally placed Cuba on the list of states sponsoring terrorism on 11 January 2021, 11 days before he left office, on the pretext that Cuba was harboring U.S. fugitives and Colombian rebel leaders.

This has made it almost impossible for Cuba to do business in the world, as banking institutions close their doors to countries on that list. Reuters reported that “Biden said during the election campaign he would promptly reverse Trump policies on Cuba that ‘have inflicted harm on the Cuban people and done nothing to advance democracy and human rights’”. Instead, Biden has kept in place all the measures imposed by Trump and added more of his own.

The “US fugitives” referred to are Black human rights militants that were being persecuted in the USA in the 1960s and 1970s. These included Huey P. Newton of the Black Panther Party and most famously the Black woman militant Assata Shakur, who escaped prison in the USA in 1979 and later surfaced in Cuba, where she was given political asylum. Cuba has refused all attempts, including offers of relaxing the blockade, to return this Black woman to the US “justice” system. Although at large since 1979 and having gone undercover quietly in Cuba since, the FBI inexplicably placed her on its Most Wanted Terrorists list in 2013, the first woman to be added to this list.

The Colombians Cuba was allegedly sheltering were members of a public Peace Conference in Havana between Colombian guerrilla and the Colombian government, held there at the request of the Colombian government and with Cuba and Norway as guarantors of the process. This occurred between 2012 and 2016, resulting in a peace agreement lauded by the United Nations and the world.

In other words, there was no valid reason to put Cuba on a list of state sponsors of terrorism. Indeed, Cuba has been the victim of numerous acts of terrorism from agents of the US

government—the CIA alone has admitted to countless attempts to assassinate Cuban leaders, and terrorist bombers of hotels and other places in Cuba have found shelter in the USA.

Today is the anniversary of one such terrorist act. On 6th October 2021, Cubana flight 455 from Guyana to Cuba, via Trinidad, Barbados, and Kingston, was carrying the Cuban fencing team that had just won every gold medal in the Central American and Caribbean Championships; many were teenagers. Also on board were 11 Guyanese, five of them youth going to Cuba to study medicine. Soon after leaving Barbados, two bombs placed on board exploded and brought the aircraft down, killing all 73 persons on board.

Last night at a ceremony in Havana to mark this terrorist act, Belize’s Ambassador to Cuba, Lou Anne Burns, spoke as the Dean of the CARICOM diplomatic corps, and decried this “act of terrorism so crude, so base and so frankly evil,” while demanding that “we who have voices MUST speak up against a new type of... horror that undermines economic security—the actual purpose of the economic and financial and social blockade... Let our goal be to end the yoke of this blockade and let us explore every path and peaceful trail that will take us to that end”.

Guyanese ambassador Halim Majeed, who lost a family member on that flight, explained how the two men who placed the bombs on the flight—one under seat 27 where a Guyanese girl sat—flew back to Trinidad and were apprehended there by the police. Interrogated by the Deputy Commissioner of Police, one of them confessed to placing the bombs, admitted to being CIA agents, and said their handlers were Posada Carriles and Orlando Bosch, two Cuban terrorists living in Florida. Both men collaborated with US government agencies over the years. Posada Carriles was an outright CIA agent who received training at Fort Benning, and was implicated in dozens of terrorist attacks in Cuba and against Cubans in the Caribbean and Latin America.

This from Wikipedia:  
 “Declassified FBI and CIA reports also show that the agencies suspected his involvement in the airline bombing within days of its occurrence. According to a declassified CIA document dated October 13, 1976, with information from what the CIA deemed a usually reliable source, Posada – in Caracas at the time – was overheard to say a few days before Cubana flight 455 exploded: ‘We are going to hit a Cuban airliner... Orlando has the details’. The details were contained in a memorandum sent to Kissinger. The memorandum suggested that Posada was likely to have planned the bombing. Another CIA document, based on a Miami-based informant, also implicated Posada in the conspiracy.”

The US sheltered and protected this CIA agent. Arrested in 2005 in Texas for illegal entry, he was released on bail in 2007, although “the US Justice Department had urged the court to keep him in jail because he was ‘an admitted mastermind of terrorist plots and attacks’”.

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## BELIZEPROPERTYAUCTIONS.COM

COUNTRYWIDE PUBLIC AUCTION SALES: PROPERTIES

Santa Elena, Belmopan & Duck Run 2, Cayo District; Belize City, Belize District; Corozal Town, Corozal District

BY ORDER of the Mortgagees Messrs. The Belize Bank Limited, Licensed Auctioneers Kevin A. Castillo and Christiana R. Castillo are selling ONLINE via [belizepropertyauctions.com](http://belizepropertyauctions.com) the following properties. Sales currently running until 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022. Public Auction Sales will expire fortnightly on the dates and times listed on the website until these properties are sold.

1. Parcels Nos. 2711 & 2712 Corner San Narciso & Eden Streets, Santa Elena, Cayo District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCELS
Santa Elena/Cayo	23	2711 & 2712

(Being a fabulous two storey timber/concrete dwelling house [3,106 sq. ft.] containing: Ground Floor – Office + Laundry + Garage; First Floor - 3 Bedrooms + 3 Bathroom + Living/Dining/Kitchen + Spacious Verandas and Double Lots [1,266.033 S.M.] situate at corner San Narciso & Eden Streets, Santa Elena, Cayo District, the freehold property of Mr. Audomaro Bedran)

2. Parcel No. 2025 Guatemala Street, Belmopan, Cayo District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Belmopan	20	2025

(Being a concrete bungalow house [1,200 sq. ft.] containing 2 Bedrooms + 1 Bathroom + 1 Kitchen + Living/Dining + Restaurant + 1 Small Apartment [1 bedroom + 1 Bathroom] TOGETHER with lot [800.072 S.Y.] situate on Guatemala Street, Belmopan, Cayo District, the freehold property of Mr. Luis Peraza and Ms. Emily Peraza)

3. Parcel No. 1153 Majorie Liang Street, Port Loyola, Belize City:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Queen Square West	45	1153

(Being a two storey concrete house [3399 sq. ft.] containing: Ground Floor – Recreation Room + 2 Bathrooms + Kitchen; First Floor – 4 Bedrooms + 3 Bathrooms + Living/Dining/Kitchen + Laundry + Verandah TOGETHER with lot [371.466 S.M.], the freehold property of Ms. Kimberly Haulzes)

4. Parcel No. 2094 Corner Fig & 26th Ceiba Streets, Corozal Town, Corozal District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Corozal North	1	2094

(Being a concrete bungalow dwelling house [1,657 sq. ft.] containing 3 Bedrooms + 3 Bathrooms + Living/Dining/Kitchen + Laundry/Storeroom TOGETHER with lot [5,507 sq. ft.], the freehold property of Mr. Ravey Vellos)

5. Lot No. 9 Duck Run 2 Village, Cayo District:



ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land situated in Duck Run 2 Village, Cayo District, Belize being Lot No. 9 comprising of 0.45 acres as shown on Entry No. 15300 of Register No. 38 surveyed by J. Javier Depaz, Licensed Surveyor TOGETHER with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon. (Being an elevated timber dwelling house [795 sq. ft.] containing 3 Bedrooms + 1 Bathroom + Living/Dining/Kitchen + Porch TOGETHER with lot [0.45 acre or 19,602 sq. ft.], the freehold property of Mr. Henry Klassen and Ms. Leticia Klassen)

“FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION & PHOTOGRAPHS PLEASE VISIT WEBSITE”

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**TELEPHONE 223-4488**

Website: [belizepropertyauctions.com](http://belizepropertyauctions.com)

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Facebook: [Belize Auctions](https://www.facebook.com/BelizeAuctions)



## 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: **November 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.



## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT SELECTION)

**Belize**

**Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project (CRESAP)**

Loan No.: **9347-BE**

Project ID No.: P172592

**Assignment Title: Procurement Officer**

**Reference No. (as per Procurement Plan): CS 06**

The Government of Belize has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services ("the Services") is for a suitably qualified fulltime **PROJECT STAFF- PROCUREMENT OFFICER** as part of the Project Implementation Unit of the CRESAP within the Belize Social Investment Fund. The Procurement Officer will be primarily responsible for the management of project procurement activities undertaken as part of the CRESAP implementation, supervise the international and national bidding process for goods, non-consultant services, consultant services and if needed, also civil works; prepare and submit bid evaluation reports, negotiate contracts and make recommendations for awarding contracts, conforming to terms and conditions stipulated in the subsidiary agreement and World Bank procurement regulation.

The GOB has appointed the Belize Social Investment Fund (BSIF) as the implementing agency for the project and the BSIF is seeking to recruit an individual to fill the position of **Procurement Officer**.

The consultancy is expected to be for an initial period of Twenty-four (24) months commencing November 2022. The Procurement Officer will be supervised by the Project Coordinator (PC) of the CRESAP.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be obtained by submitting a request in writing via e-mail to [nellie.trench@sifbelize.org](mailto:nellie.trench@sifbelize.org) or at the following link <https://sifbelize.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/CS-06-Term-of-Reference-TOR-Procurement-Officer-CRESAP-101022-final.pdf> on the website of BSIF at [www.sifbelize.org](http://www.sifbelize.org).

The Belize Social Investment Fund now invites eligible individuals ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services (such as cover letter, Curriculum Vitae etc.).

### Minimum Mandatory Requirements \*(Required)

#### Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in Law, Procurement, Business Administration, Public Administration, Finance, or any other field related to this assignment.

#### General Experience

- Five (5) years' experience working in public or private sector performing tasks that include drafting of reports, chairing of meetings, writing meeting minutes, procuring of goods or services etc. (max 20 points).

**\*If these minimum requirements are not met, the candidates will not be considered for the process\***

### Additional Requirements (Desirable)

#### Specific Experience

- Three or more years working experience at procurement officer level (max 30 points)
- Working experience conducting procurement under strict guidelines of IFIs (e.g. World Bank, IDB, CDB, EU etc.) (max 20 points)
- Project Management or Procurement training completed (max 15 points)
- Experience working in a project environment (max 15 points)

**Minimum total points required to be considered for the assignment is 75 points.**

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Selection of Individual Consultant method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours, i.e. 0800 to 1600 hours Belize Time.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by **October 28, 2022** at 16:00 hours Belize Time.

Belize Social Investment Fund  
 Attn: Nellie Trench, Finance Coordinator  
 P.O. Box 459, 1902 Constitution Drive (3rd Floor), Belmopan, Belize  
 Telephone +501-822-0239  
 Email: [nellie.trench@sifbelize.org](mailto:nellie.trench@sifbelize.org)

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## PUBLIC AUCTION

BY ORDER of the Supreme Court of Belize, Licensed Auctioneer Sylvano Guerrero, is selling by way of ONLINE AUCTION via [www.madisons.bz](http://www.madisons.bz) the following property with a reserve price. Auction is now open for bidding and will close on Wednesday, November 2, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.



Registration Section	Block	Parcel
Albion Island	4	96

All that piece or parcel of land being referred to as Parcel No. 96 Block 4 Albion Island Registration Section, San Roman Village, Orange Walk District, situate approximately 0.75 of a kilometer west of San Roman Village in the Orange Walk District; comprising of a total area of 15.77 Acres.

The subject property is held by Land Certificate in the name of Reinaldo Novelo.

[www.madisons.bz](http://www.madisons.bz) TERMS: 10% DEPOSIT. BALANCE IN 14 DAYS

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# PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

Licensed and Certified Auctioneer, Sheldon N. C. Arnold will sell the following properties with reserve prices.

## ORANGE WALK DISTRICT PROPERTIES TO BE AUCTIONED ON SITE - TUESDAY OCTOBER 25TH, 2022



**Time:** 9:00AM  
**Location:** Block 4, Parcel 3091/1, Orange Walk Town.  
**Description:** On the property is a single storey building having 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, living, dining and kitchen. It has reinforced concrete foundation. Land measures 555.56 sq.yds and building floor measures 727 sq.ft. being the freehold interest of Kenis Garcia.



**Time:** 10:00AM  
**Location:** Block 4, Parcels 514/515/516, situated in Indian Hill East, Orange Walk District.  
**Description:** The subject properties have a total area of 2055.94 sq.yds (1719.01sq.m), Lot 514 - 334.79 sq.yds, Lot 515 - 832.86 sq.yds, Lot 516 - 888.29 sq.yds. Being the freehold interest of Ishwar Mahbubani.

## COROZAL DISTRICT PROPERTIES TO BE AUCTIONED ON SITE - TUESDAY OCTOBER 25TH, 2022



**Time:** 1:00 PM  
**Location:** Block 3, Parcel 833/1, Sarteneja Village, Corozal District.  
**Description:** The property has a single storey residence having 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, living, dining, and kitchen, floor area measures 743

sq.ft. Land measures 1041.67 sq.yds, being the leasehold interest of Guiermo A Rodriguez.

## TOLEDO DISTRICT PROPERTIES TO BE AUCTIONED ON SITE - WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 26TH, 2022



**Time:** 8:00AM  
**Location:** Block 42, Parcel 577, Big Falls/ Golden Stream, Toledo District.  
**Description:** The property has a total area of 2642.64 sq.yds (0.546 Acres). The properties has 2 storey building having on the lower level three divided areas and a kitchen, the upper level has 3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, living, dining and kitchen, the building measures 1743 sq.ft, porch 421 sq.ft and covered shed 280 sq.ft, being the freehold interest of Mariano Kus.

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**Time:** 9:00AM  
**Location:** Block 42, Lot 157, Forest Home, Punta Gorda Town, Toledo District.  
**Description:** Total area of land is 1015.06 sq.yds. On the property is a single storey residence having 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, a large living room, dining, kitchen and a large porch, there is a small

upper level that has a bedroom and porch, being the leasehold interest of David Duncan.



**Time:** 10:00AM  
**Location:** Block 41/42, Punta Gorda/ San Antonio Road Elridgeville Village, Toledo District.  
**Description:** Lot has a total of 12.447 acres, on the property is a single storey residence having 3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, living, dining, and kitchen, being the freehold interest of Marcel R Jacobs.

## STANN CREEK DISTRICT PROPERTIES TO BE AUCTIONED ON SITE - WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 26TH, 2022



**Time:** 1:00PM  
**Location:** Block 31, Parcel 1294, Dangriga Town, Stann Creek District.  
**Description:** Land has a total area of 512.00sq.yds. On the property is a two-storey building on the lower level is a 3 bedroom apartment not occupied, the

upper level has 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom apartment, being the freehold interest of Gretel Mariano.

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## STANN CREEK DISTRICT PROPERTIES

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**Time:** 2:00PM  
**Location:** Lot 132, Hope Creek Village, Stann Creek District.  
**Description:** The property has a total area of 1388.89 sq.yds, it contains a two-storey residence having having on the lower level 2 bedrooms, living and kitchen, the

upper level has a 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom apartment, the building has a total area of 1001 sq.ft, being the freehold interest of Edwardo Saravia.



**Time:** 4:00PM  
**Location:** Lot 203, situated in Pomona Village Extension, Stann Creek District.  
**Description:** Lot - 802.713 square meters with a 2,232 square feet single family bungalow residence, comprising of 3 bedrooms, 2 bathroom an open plan facilitating kitchen, living and dining areas, verandah and a room which serves as a small convenience shop, being the freehold property of Luis Perez. Clemencia Perez.



**Time:** 5:00PM  
**Location:** Lot 54, Hummingbird Community, Stann creek District.  
**Description:** On the property is an elevated building having 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, living, dining, kitchen and a storeroom, the building has a floor area of 751sq.ft, the lot has a total area of 939.17 sq.yds being the freehold interest of Armando Coye.

## PROPERTIES TO BE AUCTIONED AT ARNOLD ENTERPRISES OFFICE ON 54 HUMMINGBIRD HIGHWAY, THURSDAY OCTOBER 27TH, 2022 AT 11:00AM



**Location:** Parcel 11-100-246/1 situated in Belize Rural North 1, Maskall Village, Belize District.  
**Description:** land contains 676.302 sq. m. being the leasehold interest of Ammon Alex Brackett.



**Location:** Block 7, Parcel 2112, San Pedro Town, Ambergris Caye, Belize District.  
**Description:** Lot - 500.2 square yards with a 7040 sq.ft building. The main floor is a business unit. Second Floor has 5 apartments and third floor is the main residence with 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, living, dining & kitchen areas, being the fee simple property of Thomas Santos.



**Location:** Block 4 Parcel 140/1, Yo Creek Village, Orange Walk District.  
**Description:** On the property is a single storey residence having 4 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, living, dining and kitchen, the floor area 1313sq.ft, land measures, 1599.27 sq.yds, being the leasehold interest of Florentino Cal.

## CAYO DISTRICT PROPERTIES TO BE AUCTIONED ON SITE - THURSDAY OCTOBER 27TH, 2022



**Time:** 2:00PM  
**Location:** Situated along the Mopan River, Paslow Falls area Cayo District.  
**Description:** Lot - 9.75 acre parcel as per Entry no. 10732 as per plan dated 3 Sept. 2007, containing a small two story house, used as a watchman room upstairs and a store room downstairs, being the freehold property of Mary K. Carridi.



**Time:** 3:30PM  
**Location:** Situated along San Antonio Chiquibul Road, San Antonio Village, Cayo District.  
**Description:** A concrete bungalow structure (1092. sq. ft.); a Two storey concrete house(1825 sq. ft.); An elevated timber structure (375 sq. ft.) and lot(0.563) being the freehold properties of Ruben Dario Lopez.

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# So Long as There are Nukes, We Had Better Hope We Live in a MAD World

by Thomas L. Knapp

Opening a column with statistics and dates may not be the best way to get your attention, but these three statistics and single date are important, so please take note:

The median age in the US is 38.5 years.

The median age in Russia is 39.8 years.

The median age worldwide is 31 years.

The Cold War ended, more or less, with the dissolution of the Soviet Union in 1991, 31 years ago.

To put it a different way, half of humanity and close to half of Americans and Russians in general can't remember the days of "Mutual Assured Destruction." [MAD]

Put simply, MAD was a situation in which at least two world powers (the US and the USSR) possessed enough nuclear weapons, in enough locations, to ensure that if one of the two decided to go nuclear on the other, both countries (and likely the world) would be reduced to lifeless, radioactive wastelands.

Those of us who came to adulthood before 1991 grew up in constant knowledge of our own prospective annihilation on, at most, a few minutes' notice.

It wasn't a good feeling.

On the other hand, I guess it worked. We're still here, anyway.

Lately, there's been a lot of talk about the possibility of "limited" nuclear war using "tactical" weapons. That talk is based in speculation that Vladimir Putin might resort to a nuclear strike in Ukraine. Whether that speculation is

really warranted is an interesting question and one I can't answer for you, since I don't work at the Kremlin.

What's far more dangerous than that speculation is additional speculation over what the response from other nuclear powers would be if the Ukraine war DID "go nuclear," even in a small way.

The problem with nukes is that the genie is out of the bottle. They've been around since 1945 and been used twice (Hiroshima and Nagasaki). They're not going to get un-invented, nor are the regimes which possess them likely to give them up (we should work toward that, but don't bet the ranch on it happening).

That being the case, the notion that hey, maybe we could live with nukes being used here and there, in very special cases, by very special regimes, and just pile on some more sanctions or throw a non-nuclear cruise missile or two at the rogue state to express displeasure, is madness ... which is the opposite of MADness.

The way — the ONLY way — to get through this crisis or any other without popping the cork on Armageddon is for every regime decision-maker in the world to know, down in their guts, beyond a shadow of doubt, that if they use nukes, nukes will be used on them.

Even that might not work, but it's the only thing that ever HAS worked.

If any one regime goes nuclear, even in a small way, and gets away with it, every other nuclear power on earth will consider itself free to do the same, and sooner or later it will exercise that option.

There must not be a third time.

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of the pharmaceutical tendering and contract process", said that the current situation in the country's healthcare system is at crisis level.

The Health Ministry, via its press release, is insisting, however, that contrary to the claims made by the UDP and Vasquez, suppliers are at present delivering pharmaceuticals and other products to health facilities countrywide. AMANDALA spoke with several healthcare workers, however, who have said that they have been struggling to obtain supplies for weeks now. One patient care assistant at the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital (KMH), who wished to remain anonymous, told AMANDALA that nurses have been having a difficult time obtaining items that are needed daily.

"It's tough," he told us. "People who want to do their job are struggling because they don't have the resources ... Being in healthcare is not easy. It's even more difficult when you don't have the resources."

According to that auxiliary nurse,

while the ministry might not be fully aware of what is transpiring within the country's hospitals, the situation is dire. Items as basic as glucose testing strips and brown paper towels are scarce, as are many medications, he said.

"We can't work like this," said a registered nurse stationed at the KMH. "We barely get anything."

That nurse told us that healthcare workers are now beyond frustrated by the situation.

In its press release, the Ministry of Health & Wellness also said that it will soon begin signing contracts with suppliers much earlier—by mid-December—so that products can be sourced and delivered on time this upcoming year.

The Ministry has called the allegations which were made by the UDP and Jules Vasquez a disservice to the public and has asked that, "in the interest of disseminating the proper information, at least basic questions are directed to the Ministry."

AMANDALA reached out to the Ministry for comment and we are currently awaiting a response.

## NOTICE

### GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE TREASURY BILLS ISSUE NUMBER 11/2022

Tenders are invited for an issue of Government of Belize Treasury Bills. The amount of the issue will be \$64,391,800.00.

The Bills will be issued in electronic form only evidenced by an electronic book entry in the Central Securities Depository of the Central Bank of Belize in multiples of \$200 and will be repayable at par 91 days after issue. They will be issued on Tuesday, 25 October 2022 and will be redeemed on Tuesday, 24 January 2023.

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

Members of the public who wish to participate in the auction must submit their bid to the Central Bank of Belize electronically to bids@centralbank.org.bz or at the designated drop off box no later than 12:00 noon on Friday, 21 October 2022.

The Auction in the Central Securities Depository System (CSD) will be opened from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm on Tuesday, 25 October 2022.

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

**Bank: Central Bank of Belize**  
**Account: GLICORP0402627**

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

**CENTRAL BANK OF BELIZE**

**Notices are placed on Central Bank of Belize Website (www.centralbank.org.bz)**

4 October 2022



## ATTORNEY GENERAL'S MINISTRY VACANCY NOTICE

Suitably qualified applicants are invited to fill the position of:

### SENIOR LITIGATOR

Applicants for the position of Senior Litigator:

- a) must be:
  - i. qualified to practice as an attorney-at-law or as an advocate in a court in any other part of the Commonwealth having unlimited jurisdiction either in civil or criminal causes or matters; and
  - ii. has been qualified for not less than five years so to practice in such a court.
- b) must be in good health.
- c) must be a person who conducts himself at all times, both in his professional and in his personal life, in a manner that will maintain public confidence in the standards of the legal profession.

Experience and training required:

- a) Minimum of ten (10) years' experience as a practicing attorney-at-law in the area of civil litigation of complex legal matters specifically in public law (constitutional law and administrative law) and human rights law;
- b) Bachelor of Laws Degree from a recognized institution; and
- c) Legal Education Certificate or equivalent from a recognized institution.

Salary: BZD \$84k per annum with allowances.

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**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**

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.

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## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT SELECTION)

**Belize**  
**Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project (CRESAP)**  
 Loan No.: **9347-BE**  
 Project ID No.: P172592  
**Assignment Title: Project Coordinator**  
**Reference No.** (as per Procurement Plan): **CS 01**

The Government of Belize has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) is for a suitable qualified fulltime **PROJECT STAFF- PROJECT COORDINATOR** as part of the Project Implementation Unit of the CRESAP within the Belize Social Investment Fund. The Project Coordinator will provide overall leadership and management of the Project Implementation Unit (PIU) and will coordinate the activities to be implemented. The Project Coordinator will have the ultimate responsibility for planning, budget preparation and management and execution to achieve the Project’s objectives and targets. In addition, the Project Coordinator will report to Ministry of Agriculture Food Security and Enterprise (MAFSE) and the Belize Social Investment Fund (BSIF) on overall project implementation and will act on the MAFSE behalf in his/her contacts with public and international institutions and provide overall supervision of service providers contracted by the project. The Project Coordinator will also provide regular project update to the Project Oversight Committee.

The GOB has appointed the Belize Social Investment Fund (BSIF) as the implementing agency for the project and the BSIF is seeking to recruit an individual to fill the position of **Project Coordinator**.

The consultancy is expected to be for an initial period of Twenty-four (24) months commencing November 2022. The Project Coordinator will be supervised by the Executive Director of the BSIF and will report to Ministry of Agriculture Food Security and Enterprise (MAFSE) and BSIF on overall project implementation.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be obtained by submitting a request in writing via e-mail to [nellie.trench@sifbelize.org](mailto:nellie.trench@sifbelize.org) or at the following link <https://sifbelize.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/CS-01-Terms-of-Reference-TOR-Project-Coordinator-CRESAP-10-10-2022-final.pdf> on the website of BSIF at [www.sifbelize.org](http://www.sifbelize.org).

The Belize Social Investment Fund now invites eligible individuals (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services (such as cover letter, Curriculum Vitae etc.).

### **Minimum Mandatory Requirements \*(Required)**

#### **Qualifications**

Master’s degree in project management, agriculture, rural development, or any other field related to the assignment.

#### **General Experience**

Eight years’ working experience in public or private sector performing tasks related to managing of projects (max 20 points)

**\*If these minimum requirements are not met, the candidates will not be considered for the process\***

### **Additional Requirements (Desirable)**

#### **Specific Experience**

- At least five years’ experience in implementation of projects in the agriculture field (max 30 points)
- At least five years’ experience working in rural development, particularly in rural/local communities (max 20 points)
- Minimum of three (3) years’ experience working with agriculture value chain particularly livestock or horticulture crops (max 15 points)
- At least five years’ experience with project management for activities funded by of IFIs (e.g. World Bank, IDB, CDB, EU etc.) (max 15 points)

**Minimum total points required to be considered for the assignment is 75 points.**

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank’s “Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers” July 2016 (“Procurement Regulations”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Selection of Individual Consultant method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours, i.e. 0800 to 1600 hours Belize Time.

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Belize Social Investment Fund  
 Attn: Nellie Trench, Finance Coordinator  
 P.O. Box 459, 1902 Constitution Drive (3rd Floor), Belmopan, Belize  
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**Assignment Title: Deputy Project Coordinator**  
**Reference No.** (as per Procurement Plan): **CS 02**

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# PUBLIC NOTICE

**Lodgement of an EIA Report, Additional Information and Public Consultation  
For  
“PORT OF BELIZE CRUISE TOURISM FACILITY AND CARGO  
EXPANSION”**

**Located on Caesar Ridge Road, Port Loyola area, Belize City, Belize**

The General Public is hereby advised that Additional Information complementing the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report for the expansion of the Port of Belize cargo facility and the establishment of a cruise port terminal and cruise tourism village has been submitted by Port of Belize Limited & Belize Logistics Terminal Limited to the Department of the Environment (DOE). The EIA report was prepared by Nextera Environmental and Engineering Consultants and Piedroba Consulting Group LLC. The EIA report and its additional information will be reviewed by the National Environmental Appraisal Committee (NEAC) before a final decision is taken by the DOE.

The General Public is hereby informed that both the EIA report and the additional information are available for public review, free of charge, and can be examined Monday to Friday during normal working hours (8:00 am to 5:00 pm) at the Port Loyola Library, National Library Service, Leo Bradley Library, Turton Library Center, all located within Belize City, and at the DOE's Office located at 7552 Hummingbird Highway, Belmopan. Please practice social distancing when reviewing hard copies of the report and follow the recommendations of the Ministry of Health. Furthermore, the Additional Information, EIA report and its annexes are all available on the DOE's website at link: <https://doe.gov.bz/environmental-clearance/> The public is invited to submit their comments in writing on or before November 17, 2022, to the DOE Office in Belmopan or email: [envirodept@environment.gov.bz](mailto:envirodept@environment.gov.bz); [eiaunit@environment.gov.bz](mailto:eiaunit@environment.gov.bz), or by link: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd4x5SsLjYXU7CD649P1uFYeEPD6kPEGLVWAAfX44Rw3O48Rw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd4x5SsLjYXU7CD649P1uFYeEPD6kPEGLVWAAfX44Rw3O48Rw/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Kindly be informed that a hybrid public consultation session for the EIA will be held on **November 4, 2022, commencing at 6:30pm sharp**. The in-person consultation will be held at the Best Western Biltmore Plaza Hotel and virtually via the Government of Belize Press Office Facebook Page.

The public is invited to participate in-person or virtually to this public consultation to express their concerns and/or provide comments/input to the DOE regarding this proposed project activity.

**BY ORDER OF MORTGAGEE****NOTICE OF INTENTION TO SELL**

ASCENDANCY BELIZE LTD., a company duly incorporated in accordance with the Companies Act Cap 250 of the Revised Laws of Belize 2020 with registered office situate at Cor. Landivar & 4<sup>th</sup> Streets, Kings Park, Belize City, Belize hereby gives notice of its intention to exercise its power of sale as Mortgagee under and by virtue of Charges between those hereinafter named and the said Ascendancy Belize Ltd. which said Charges are registered at the Lands Registry in Belmopan City. ASCENDANCY will at the expiration of **two months** from the date of the first publication of this notice sell the properties described in the Schedule hereto.

All offers to purchase the said properties must be made in writing to **CAVE LOCHAN WATSON LLP**, Cor. Landivar & 4<sup>th</sup> Streets, Kings Park, Belize City, Belize District, Belize, Attorneys-at-law for Ascendancy Belize Ltd., from whom full particulars and conditions of the sale (and for public auction) may be obtained.

**THE SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO**

1. **ALL that** piece or parcel of land being Parcel 3118/1, Block 4, Orange Walk Town Registration Section together with all building and erections standing and being thereon, the leasehold property of **Rafael Novelo**.
2. **ALL that** piece or parcel of land being Parcel 9171, Block 7, San Pedro Registration Section together with all building and erections standing and being thereon, the freehold property of **Nafez Faws Obeid**.

DATED this 30<sup>th</sup> day of September 2022.

CAVE LOCHAN WATSON LLP  
COR. LANDIVAR & 4<sup>TH</sup> STREETS  
KINGS PARK  
BELIZE CITY  
BELIZE



## 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:

- a) an Attorney-at-Law qualified to practice law in Belize or the Commonwealth
- b) versed and trained in Intellectual Property laws.
- c) in good health.
- d) 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:

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

Salary: Based on qualifications and experience.

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**Attorney General's Ministry**  
**Belmopan City, Cayo District Belize, Central America**  
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**email address: [agsecretary@agm.gov.bz](mailto:agsecretary@agm.gov.bz)**

Deadline for receipt of applications: **November 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.

# Some models on 90s relaxer boxes did not have relaxed hair

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responded to Leon's tweet and shared that she was the model for the Soft & Beautiful brand of relaxer, but her hair had only been pressed.

"I was a perm box gal, with only a press out," she wrote.

Another model, Kyla Upshaw Croal, told *The Root* magazine that she was sixteen-years old when she modeled for the Soft Sheen brand. She said that she was glad she didn't have to get a relaxer to do the shoot, pointing out that many of the girls did not have to use the hair treatment kits and were instead given extensions or used curling irons, rollers, and mousse to get the desired look.

"There were no lawsuits at the time for false advertising," Croal said.

Responses to the revelation have been mixed. Some Twitter users, feeling like they were deceived as children, have expressed outright anger, questioning whether they can take legal action against the relaxer brands. Others, however, have responded with humor.

Adama Munu, who wrote on the story for *Refinery29*, spoke with reporters at NPR News and explained the reasoning behind the pain that many women felt.

"When I think about this thread, you know, in that moment when we saw these girls, there was this joy. But we quickly came to the realization that there were these emotions of insecurity and inadequacy that also accompany these memories. And so when these women revealed—or at least some of these women revealed that they didn't perm their hair, it kind of harked us back to those feelings of inadequacy and

feelings of having to go through something to acquire something that wasn't even actualized in truth," she said.

She later added that she is in no way against women choosing to relax their hair.

"If that is something that women want to do, then they—I think we've earned the right to have that choice, as long as we're cognizant of the fact that the relationship between these relaxer kits and the idea of Eurocentrism as the default is never going to go away," she said.

Most people have simply taken the moment as an opportunity to reflect on the shared experience that black women across the globe had growing up in the 90s and 2000s. A number of the women who did have their hair relaxed at the time have since gone natural.

One woman, Jaeylin Evans, tweeted that, like many of her counterparts, she has since opted to wear her hair in its natural state. Meanwhile, sisters Alexis and Aleah Davis told reporters at *Buzzfeed* that, while they did often use the product that they were advertising while growing up, the experience has since helped them embrace their natural hair. Many other models have also gone on to express how hair relaxers have impacted how they view their natural hair, even today.

Twenty-four-year-old Nathalie Gitu, who modeled for Dark & Lovely, says that she stopped relaxing her hair in 2018. She stated, though, that "Whether in an afro, relaxed, shaved, or braided, Black hair will always symbolize survival, resistance, and celebration".

## WHO IS THE TERRORIST?

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Forever protected by the US government, Posada Carriles, confessed terrorist, died peacefully and as a free man in Florida in 2018.

The Guyanese Ambassador emphasized that we must never forget what happened on 6th October 1976 in the skies of Barbados, nor who did it and why.

Forgetting other acts of terror around the world, just on its record on Cuba alone, indeed just on the issue of Cubana Flight 455, what face does the US government have to put Cuba on a list of

state sponsors of terrorism?

And if President Biden is on record as saying that the blockade has "inflicted harm on the Cuban people and done nothing to advance democracy and human rights," why has he not ended it?

Assad Shoman, 6th October 2022, Havana.

Websites with some information:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cubana\\_de\\_Aviaci%C3%B3n\\_Flight\\_455](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cubana_de_Aviaci%C3%B3n_Flight_455)  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Orlando\\_Bosch](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Orlando_Bosch)  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Luis\\_Posada\\_Carriles](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Luis_Posada_Carriles)

## Donetsk activists proclaim independence

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consumers with effect from October 1<sup>st</sup>. This also added to the financial burden that common people are facing due to the ongoing cost of living crisis. Earlier, Germany's energy regulator, the Federal Network Agency, had issued a dire warning to the country's consumers and businesses saying they risked triggering a power emergency if they did not dramatically cut consumption. Reports have indicated that despite shortage of oil and natural gas, per capita consumption had

increased in Germany lately. Furthermore, the Eurozone is battling an unprecedented inflation that has been emptying people's pockets already. This was all you needed to know about the reasons Germany is witnessing huge protests. We hope you like this new video. Thank you for watching. Subscribe to One India Channel and never miss an update.

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## From The Publisher en Español

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de educación, los haitianos, me parece, logran mucho. Bill Lindo tenía un padrastro haitiano que era ingeniero en el sistema subterráneo de la Ciudad de Nueva York, el sistema de ese tipo más grande del mundo. Tengo una bisnieta cuyo padre es haitiano: es ingeniero aeronáutico.

Pero las noticias que recibimos de Haití han sido malas durante toda mi vida. Hoy, las noticias de la prensa occidental son todas sobre pandillas, hambruna y cólera en Haití. De hecho, un televangelista cristiano blanco estadounidense, Pat Robertson, ha afirmado al aire que cosas terribles como terremotos suceden en Haití porque su líder de la rebelión de esclavos en 1791, Boukman, hizo un juramento de lealtad al diablo.

Hace un par de años, Ya Ya Marin Coleman tuvo como invitada para los eventos del Día de la Emancipación a una intelectual/activista haitiana que explicó a los beliceños que había una gran riqueza mineral en Haití y que los países desarrollados estaban ansiosos por controlar esa riqueza.

Nuestro pueblo beliceño no entiende el capitalismo. Todo lo que sabemos es que este es el sistema económico que practicamos en países cristianos como Belize. Sin embargo, la conclusión importante es que al capitalismo solo le importa el dinero: los seres humanos son mercancías desechables, especialmente si son negros, José.

Respeto a los europeos por su éxito económico, porque sé que comenzaron a lograr su éxito hace cinco siglos juntando sus recursos en empresas y corporaciones. Históricamente, los africanos no hemos mostrado la capacidad de aunar nuestros recursos.

Fidel Castro dijo que Mobutu Sese Seko, quien murió de cáncer de próstata hace unos años, robó cuarenta mil millones de dólares del Congo, que es el territorio más rico del mundo en cuanto a minerales y metales y oro y diamantes se refiere. ¿Adónde fueron a parar esos cuarenta mil millones de dólares? Se fueron a los bancos de países europeos, como Suiza, mientras millones de congoleños se morían de hambre. Este es el camino del capitalismo. Pero los capitalistas dicen que son cristianos en sus creencias. No entiendo las enseñanzas de Jesucristo para fomentar esta forma capitalista.

En cualquier caso, el pueblo haitiano está sufriendo. De hecho, si quieren mirar a su alrededor, pueden ver a miles de nuestros beliceños muriendo de hambre mientras sus colegas negros súper ricos esconden millones en bancos estadounidenses y otros bancos extranjeros. Capitalismo, José. Sólo los fuertes sobreviven. Pero todo se hace en el nombre de Jesús. No entiendo.

# Nicholi Rhys, accused of killing cab driver, walks free

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Oct. 19, 2022

Street figure Nicholi Rhys, 31, who was accused of fatally shooting 31-year-old Jose Moh, a cab driver of the Kings Park area of Belize City, near the Mile 8 community on the George Price Highway, walked free after it was ruled that there was no case against him, due to the absence in court of a key witness.

The shooting had occurred in 2018. A security guard at Prosser Fertilizer had called the police around 11:00 in the night to report that he had heard sounds of gunshots in the area. When Hattieville police arrived at the scene, they saw a white Toyota Camry on the side of the road in the bushes, and when they began searching the area, they found Moh's motionless body with visible gunshot wounds to his head and the right side of his chest.

According to police reports at the time, Moh had received a call from someone requesting a taxi ride to Mile 8, and Moh, who was accompanied by his girlfriend, went to pick up a man on Vernon Street.

After picking the man up, Moh proceeded to drive toward the Mile 8 community, but while he was heading to that destination, a second individual was picked up, and when the vehicle was approaching Homeland Memorial Park, the men ordered Moh to turn off the highway, into a feeder road. It was at that point that Moh's girlfriend noticed that one of the men had a gun, and as the vehicle was slowing while Moh made the turn, she jumped out of the car and ran to Prosser Fertilizer, where she asked the security guard on the compound to call the police.

Rhys, who is a well-known street figure from the George Street area, appeared on Monday, October 17, before Justice



Nicholi Rhys, acquitted

Ricardo O'Neal the Supreme Court, where his attorney, Leroy Banner, entered a no-case submission on his behalf after the prosecution could not locate Moh's former girlfriend to testify in court. The submission was upheld, and Rhys was able to walk free. He had been on remand from 2018-2021, when he was granted bail.

Police had indicated that Moh was killed because he had provided taxi services to a rival gang.



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Deputy Programme Manager, Free Movement and Labour, CARICOM Single Market and Trade (CSMT)

Full details of the position may be obtained by accessing the following websites - [www.caricom.org](http://www.caricom.org); [www.oecs.org](http://www.oecs.org) and [www.caribbeanjobsonline.com](http://www.caribbeanjobsonline.com)

Interested candidates are required to apply using the **CARICOM Secretariat's Recruitment Portal** which can be accessed at [https://caricom.org/opportunities\\_category/caricom-secretariat-vacancies/](https://caricom.org/opportunities_category/caricom-secretariat-vacancies/)

The deadline for the submission of applications is **4 November 2022**.

**\*ONLY SHORTLISTED CANDIDATES WILL BE CONTACTED AND ADVANCED TO THE NEXT STAGE OF THE SELECTION PROCESS.**





# KREM Television Program Guide

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Friday, October 21 to Thursday, October 27, 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. Documentary: Afro Indians: India's Forgotten Africans
- 3:30 p.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (repeat)**
- 6:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (LIVE)**
- 7:00 p.m. Ted Talks: How to disagree productively and find common ground
- 7:30 p.m. **Navel String Connections (repeat)**
- 9:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**

**SATURDAY**

- 9:00 a.m. Documentary: Priceless-Economy & Food
- 9:55 a.m. Movie: Cesar Chavez
- 11:31 a.m. Documentary: The No 1 Ladies' Detective Agency
- 1:19 p.m. Movie: Pele
- 3:06 p.m. Documentary: Fidel - The Untold Story
- 4:31 p.m. Movie: The Fighting Temptations
- 6:17 p.m. Documentary: Freedom Summer
- 9:10 p.m. Music Videos

**SUNDAY**

- 10:30 a.m. **Sunday Review (LIVE)**
- 12:00 p.m. Movie: Soylent Green
- 1:20 p.m. Documentary: Liberated Media - a PRALER Livestream With Communities
- 3:30 p.m. Documentary: From Primary to Penitentiary
- 4:36 p.m. Documentary: Congolese Tin At the Heart of the New Scramble for Africa
- 4:57 p.m. Documentary: DNA
- 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. Holy Day of Atonement (repeat)
- 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: Belgium's dark past in the Congo
- 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. Documentary: What caused the partition of Africa?
- 3:30 p.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (repeat)**
- 6:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (LIVE)**
- 7:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 8:00 p.m. Documentary: QUEEN ELIZABETH'S DEATH: A CAUSE OF AFRICAN MASS PSYCHOSIS
- 9:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**

**WEDNESDAY**

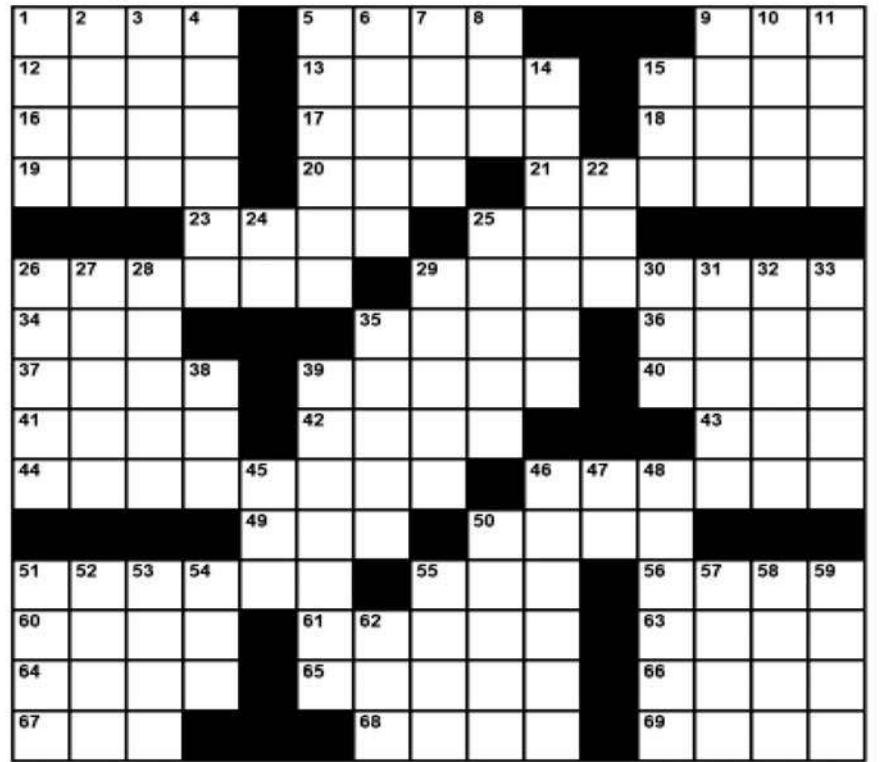
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- 12:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**
- 1:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 2:00 p.m. Movie: Lion
- 3:30 p.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (repeat)**
- 6:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (LIVE)**
- 7:00 p.m. Documentary: How an African taught America to Vaccinate Itself From Smallpox - Smallpox outbreak in Boston
- 7:30 p.m. **Navel String Connections (LIVE)**
- 9:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**

**THURSDAY**

- 6:30 a.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (LIVE)**
- 9:00 a.m. **Morning Stew (LIVE)**
- 12:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**
- 1:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 2:00 p.m. Documentary: Back to Kinshasa: The fight for democracy in the DRC - Witness
- 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: Beverly "Bunny" Rhamdas
- 9:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**



## Daily Printable Puzzle - 10-19-2022



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**Across**

- 1. Bolster up
- 5. Lose hair
- 9. C major or F minor
- 12. Corn territory
- 13. Poisonous
- 15. Boy Scouts' outing
- 16. Infinitesimal
- 17. Chihuahua chum
- 18. Actor Wilson
- 19. Besides
- 20. Put on the line
- 21. White waters
- 23. Easter emblem
- 25. Banned substance
- 26. Turned into
- 29. Long horn
- 34. Antiquity
- 35. Bedouin tribesman
- 36. Bhutan's locale
- 37. Exam answer
- 39. Alpaca kin
- 40. Maple genus
- 41. Annoyed interjection
- 42. Sponsorship, var.
- 43. Air hero
- 44. Airy
- 46. Disfigured
- 49. Be beholden to
- 50. Approach the terminal
- 51. Money of Spain
- 55. Before mouse
- 56. Battleship, e.g.
- 60. Apply the brakes
- 61. Ben Ezra, e.g.
- 63. Big lunch
- 64. Bank box
- 65. Bathtub feature
- 66. Carpet fastener
- 67. Blasting material
- 68. Batter's stats
- 69. Fizz flavor

**Down**

- 1. Kind of bread
- 2. Disquiet
- 3. Has title to
- 4. Money under the table
- 5. Mare's home
- 6. Cozy and comfy
- 7. Beltway sign
- 8. Archaeologist's site
- 9. New Zealand bird
- 10. Just got by
- 11. Great longings
- 14. Currency of Nicaragua
- 15. Bunny leap
- 22. 24/7 cashier
- 24. "-- a Man", 1967 hit
- 25. Ounce fractions
- 26. Enjoy the beach
- 27. Heron's cousin
- 28. Divan
- 29. Bring up the rear
- 30. Angora call
- 31. Writer Wilde
- 32. A family tree apple
- 33. Having handles
- 35. Bane of pool owners
- 38. Barely manage
- 39. Direction the wind is blowing
- 45. Decompose
- 46. Morning prayers
- 47. Wood chopping tool
- 48. Just claims
- 50. Fibula's neighbor
- 51. Classroom sound
- 52. Exuberance
- 53. Cushiony
- 54. Cote cutie
- 55. Aspen apparatus
- 57. Currency of Brazil
- 58. Bow, in music
- 59. Garment piece
- 62. Beatitudes verb

## Crossword answers for last edition

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



Daily Printable Crossword Puzzle - 10-13-2022 - Answers



**PUBLIC AUCTION SALE**  
**SANTA RITA HILL, COROZAL DISTRICT**

BY ORDER of the Mortgagees, Messrs. National Bank of Belize Limited (NBB), Licensed Auctioneer **Jonathan Mulligan**, will be selling by way of **Public Auction**, the following property **ON SITE** on Saturday **November 19, 2022 at 2:00pm**.

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



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

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The Inter-American Development Bank is looking for a professional in office administration who will work closely with the Resource Planning and Administration Specialist (RPA) at the Country Office in Belize, carrying out a wide variety of functions related to personnel actions, budget, accounting transactions, financial reports, and general administration, prioritizing the efficient use of resources to fulfill the Bank's objectives in the country.

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**Post of duty: The IDB Country Office in Belize City**

Contract type and duration: national staff contract, 36 months initially, renewable upon mutual agreement.

For more information on the position's requirements and to apply

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**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**  
**(CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT SELECTION)**

**Belize**  
**Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project (CRESAP)**  
Loan No.: **9347-BE**  
Project ID No.: P172592  
**Assignment Title: Senior Accounts Officer**  
**Reference No. (as per Procurement Plan): CS 05**

The Government of Belize has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services ("the Services") is for a suitable qualified fulltime **PROJECT STAFF- SENIOR ACCOUNTS OFFICER** as part of the Project Implementation Unit of the CRESAP within the Belize Social Investment Fund. The Senior Accounts Officer will have the overall responsibility of sundry project accounting and administrative tasks required for the successful implementation of the Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project.

The GOB has appointed the Belize Social Investment Fund (BSIF) as the implementing agency for the project and the BSIF is seeking to recruit an individual to fill the position of **Senior Accounts Officer**.

The consultancy is expected to be for an initial period of Twenty-four (24) months commencing November 2022. The Senior Accounts Officer will be supervised by the Finance Unit Coordinator of the Social Investment Fund (SIF).

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be obtained by submitting a request in writing via e-mail to [nellie.trench@sifbelize.org](mailto:nellie.trench@sifbelize.org) or at the following link <https://sifbelize.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/CS-05-Terms-of-Reference-TOR-Senior-Accounts-Officer-CRESAP-101022-final.pdf> on the website of BSIF at [www.sifbelize.org](http://www.sifbelize.org).

The Belize Social Investment Fund now invites eligible individuals ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services (such as cover letter, Curriculum Vitae etc.).

**Minimum Mandatory Requirements \*(Required)**

**Qualifications**

- Bachelor's degree in Accounting, Management, Business Administration, Finance or equivalent qualification.

**General Experience**

- Three (3) years' experience working in accounting field in public or private sector performing tasks that include reconciliation of bank statements, preparation of payroll and conducting general accounting services. (max 20 points)

**\*If these minimum requirements are not met, candidates will not be considered for the process\***

**Additional Requirements (Desirable)**

**Specific Experience**

- Three or more years of experience conducting accounting services for international funding agencies (max 25 points)
- At least three years of experience working with automated financial information systems preferably Quick-books (max 20 points)
- Experience working in a project environment (max 15 points)
- Experience conducting accounting processes under strict guidelines
- Project Management training completed (max 10 points)
- Formal training completed or working knowledge of Fund Accounting and Multi-Currency transactions (max 10 points)

**Minimum total points required to be considered for the assignment is 75 points.**

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Selection of Individual Consultant method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours, i.e. 0800 to 1600 hours Belize Time.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by **October 28, 2022** at 16:00 hours Belize Time.

Belize Social Investment Fund  
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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-09/2022 National Competitive Bidding (NCB) Deadline: **November 21st, 2022**

1. The Government of Belize has received funding through the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) towards the cost of Eligible Sub-projects and intends to apply part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the contract for **Installation of Water Meters for the Chunox Village Water Supply System, Chunox Village, Corozal 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 through the installation of approximately 425 water measuring and control devices in Chunox Village, Corozal District, Belize.*

3. **Final (Project Site) Destination as specified in BDS:** Chunox Village, Corozal 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 2018, 2019 and 2021 with activity of at least five (5) months in each year starting 1st January, 2018 (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\$39,425.00, but with a total value of all contracts equal or more than BZ\$118,275.00 (d) demonstrate cash flow requirement: capacity to have a cash flow amount of BZ\$14,800.00 of which not more than BZ\$7,400.00 can be credit for materials (e) an average annual turnover of BZ\$354,825.00 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 **October 24th, 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 Chunox Village Water Supply System, Chunox Village, Corozal 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., November 21st, 2022** at the address below. **Bids will be opened at 10:15 a.m., November 21st, 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\$1,200.00 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 Thursday, November 3rd, 2022 at Chunox Village, Corozal 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. Angeles Itzab**  
Senior Procurement Officer Social Investment Fund  
3rd Floor, #1902 Constitution Drive  
Belmopan Cayo District Tel: 822-0239/822-0508  
E-mail: [angeles.itzab@sifbelize.org](mailto:angeles.itzab@sifbelize.org)  
cc: [carlos.tun@sifbelize.org](mailto:carlos.tun@sifbelize.org)  
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## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST INDIVIDUAL CONSULTING SERVICES

**Institution:** Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing

**Country:** Belize

**Project:** Climate Vulnerability Reduction Program (CVRP)

**Sector:** Infrastructure, Environment and Natural Disasters

**Abstract:** Individual Consulting Services – Climate Risk Financing Strategy for the Tourism and Agriculture Sectors

**Loan/Credit/Grant No.:** 4616/OC-BL

**Deadline: November 3rd, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. (Local Belize Time)**

The Government of Belize has received financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), towards the cost of the Climate Vulnerability Reduction Program (CVRP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services ("the Services") include the contracting of an Individual Consultant for a four (4) month period who will be responsible for developing a Climate Risk Financing Strategy for the Tourism and Agriculture Sectors in Belize. The overall objective of the consultancy is to a.) assess opportunities for introducing climate risk financing strategies in Belize's tourism sector to strengthen resilience to climate change and to formalize a strategy and implementation plan that will reduce financial vulnerability of the sector in the face of climate change and b.) design a climate risk management financial product geared specifically to small and medium-scale farmers as part of the country's climate risk financing strategy for the agricultural sector.

The Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing now invites eligible Individual Consultants to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

A Consultant 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-2 American Development Bank](#) (GN-2350-15, January 2020) – Section V, 5.2 Selection of Individual Consultants based on Comparison of Qualifications of International Individual Consultants.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours:

Program Management Unit  
#1 Power Lane, Belmopan, Cayo  
Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Tel: 501-822-0100/1942  
Email: [pmupcmow@gmail.com](mailto:pmupcmow@gmail.com), [cvrp.4426.3@gmail.com](mailto:cvrp.4426.3@gmail.com) or [procurement.officer.midh@gmail.com](mailto:procurement.officer.midh@gmail.com)

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by **2:00 p.m. (Local Belize Time) on November 3rd, 2022.**

**Attn: Mr. Rolando Chan**  
Program Coordinator  
Program Management Unit  
#1 Power Lane, Belmopan  
Cayo District, Belize  
Tel: 501-822-0100/1942  
E-mail: [pmupcmow@gmail.com](mailto:pmupcmow@gmail.com), [cvrp.4426.3@gmail.com](mailto:cvrp.4426.3@gmail.com) or [procurement.officer.midh@gmail.com](mailto:procurement.officer.midh@gmail.com)

# Team Belize returns to Belize with Gold prize in global robotics competition

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This year's theme was "Carbon Capture." Throughout the challenge, nation teams—in groups of three or four—competed to capture and store carbon, which, according to FIRST Global, demonstrated the collective effort that is required to protect the atmosphere and slow the effects of climate change. It also highlighted the importance of collaborating across places of origin, religions, and cultures, to build a better tomorrow.

The Belize team found itself in a 4-way tie for 1<sup>st</sup> place with teams from Switzerland, Botswana, and Lithuania in the competition's final match.

Jamie Usher, principal of BHS, who had traveled along with the students and served as their mentor, told members of the local media about the experience. "I think honored, humble,

and grateful for the opportunity to showcase young Belizeans on a global stage and see their strengths as team players, as innovators, and as engineers rise to the top in this global alliance challenge. So I think this should hopefully inspire young women and young men in Belize to get involved in our robotics programs ... Belize has always had a lot of raw talent across the board no matter what sector you're working with [in] Belize, and I'm excited that the team in BHS has a way of facilitating that talent in robotics and engineering to come to this level," she said.

"... I'm encouraging them to stand tall, to be proud—not because they did it for applause but because we didn't know this would happen because of what they know they put in. They put in hours after school, weekends—Carnival day they were at

school working, and so I really want them to own this moment. At 16 and 17-years-old they have brought home gold for Belize in Olympics of the mind," Usher added.

On Monday, during the Sitting of the House of Representatives, Prime Minister Hon. John Briceño rose to congratulate Team Belize for a job well done.

"Here we have little Belize taking on huge countries, much more developed countries, and our students, our country, won the FIRST gold medal," he said.

Team Belize was made up of Belize High School students Justin Zhou, who acted as team captain; co-captain Benny He, Jaden Chen, Melysa Choi, and Tristian Bradley. The team's mascot was the scarlet macaw. The school's principal, Jamie Usher, said on Saturday that the students will be

taking home the invaluable life lessons that they have been taught throughout its course.

"This competition is a reminder that it is not always about winning but it is about competing collaboratively. A big part [and] a big transition for our teenagers in this competition is that it is about meeting people and working with them rather than getting your own way," she said.

The students were also mentored by Godfrey Sosa, Gustavo Carrillo, Ray Liang, Luis Silva, and Armando Morales. The students' winning robot was named Kaax, after the Maya god who is the protector of wildlife.

Per *Caribbean Loop News*, this is the first time that a team from the Caribbean has won a medal at the competition. In 2018, Jamaica placed 15th, which was the region's best performance up until now.



## THE UNITED NATIONS POPULATION FUND

Sub-regional Office for the Caribbean invites applications from suitably **qualified nationals of Jamaica and CARICOM nationals residing in Jamaica**

JOB ID NO.: 5762 - EXT

CLOSING DATE: **27th October 2022**

POST TITLE: Programme Officer

CATEGORY: Service Contract

POST NUMBER: **00149304**

POST TYPE: Non-rotational

DUTY STATION: UNFPA Liaison Office, Belize

DURATION: One year (renewable)

ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: UNFPA Sub-regional Office for the Caribbean

### **ORGANIZATIONAL LOCATION AND JOB PURPOSE:**

The Programme Officer is located in the Belize Liaison Office of the Sub-regional Office for the Caribbean (SROC), under the overall guidance of the SROC Director and direct supervision of the Belize Liaison Officer. The Programme Officer maintains collaborative relationships with all internal contacts such as the programme/project and operations staff at the Liaison Office as well as the wider RO/SRO functional units. External contacts include other UN agencies in country, counterparts and partners in Belize and the wider Caribbean including local and international NGOs, Civil Society Organizations and Centre of Excellence experts.

### **Job Description, *inter alia***

- Provide technical guidance to inform the selection of implementing partners for the Spotlight Initiative and identify capacity building needs of partners and lead the coordination of technical assistance, mentoring, training and capacity development initiatives targeted to partners.
- Coordinate, oversee, and manage the execution of and provide technical support to the Spotlight activities under pillar 3 – prevention and positive social norms change, in collaboration with UNICEF and UNDP, and associated agencies (PAHO/WHO, UN Women, and ILO)

### **Requirements:**

To apply please visit <https://bit.ly/UNFPABLPR> for the detailed Job Description and instructions. **Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.**

### **Disclaimer**

- There is no application, processing or other fee at any stage of the application process.
- UNFPA does not solicit or screen for information in respect of HIV or AIDS and does not discriminate on the basis of HIV/AIDS status.
- UNFPA provides a work environment that reflects the values of gender equality, teamwork, respect for diversity, integrity and a healthy balance of work and life. We are committed to maintaining our balanced gender distribution and therefore encourage women to apply



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### VACANCY NOTICE

Suitable qualified applicants are invited to fill the positions of:

### MAGISTRATES

#### Applicants must:

- be in possession of Bachelor's in Law (LLB)
- be in possession of Continuing Legal Education (CLE)

**Salary: Pay Scale 23 (LLB and CLE)**

**\$40,615 x 1,644 - \$71,851**

**Age Limit: 25-49**

#### Analysis of the position:

- Tries persons charged with committing summary offences;
- Conducts preliminary inquiries into indictable charges;
- Hears and determines applications made under the Domestic Violence Act;
- Hears and determines applications made under the Family and Children's Act;
- Hears applications made by the Belize Tax Service and Fisheries Department;
- Hears applications for Liquor Licenses;
- Serves as Coroner and conducts inquests into unnatural deaths;
- Can be assigned to any judicial district within Belize;
- Attends conferences, workshops and training in relation to capacity building of the Magistracy;
- Prepare Memorandum of Reasons for Decisions in a timely manner;
- Assists with the training needs of the department as required;
- Prepares appeals as required;
- Prepares statistics and reports as required;
- Must be computer literate with word processing proficiency;
- Is accountable to the Chief Justice, Chief Magistrate and the Judicial and Legal Services Commission.

Interested persons are asked to apply 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: **December 20, 2022**

Note: Only suitable qualified applicants will be acknowledged.

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## This tale about 3 ports in one little city

waters, and they raked and scraped until shrimps here were about to go on the endangered list. Certainly the catch had dramatically decreased compared to the industry's earliest years, and because of that there wasn't much of a peep when the GOB said enough, no more shrimp trawling, at the end of 2010.

There are a number of issues around this cruise port business, and not the least of them is environmental. Another big one

is how many cruise tourists our country can accommodate in a single day, and related to that is our capacity to sustain three ports in little Belize City.

Tourism was once the exclusive domain of rich Europeans (in the US, Canada, and Europe). Flush with cash, they could afford yearly vacations. Our barefoot minister from San Pedro and his entourage of elites were after this type of fish, when they headed to a Mecca called the French Riviera in 2014.

These rich Europeans gave their children vacation packages too, and they took trips around the world before settling

into jobs in their parents' empires. Stories about their exciting jaunts reached the children of the non-rich Europeans, and they too set out for a share of our world. They got backpacks, and a little easy-to-pick-up cash, which is always lying around in rich countries, and they were off for their share of sun, sea, and sand, before returning home to a job, which is never scarce in rich countries.

Cruise tourism is the domain of the non-rich, but with numbers, like one-one oakro full baaskit, it is a quite lucrative industry. Cruise tourists only come by sea, in big ships, and they need a place to

land. Thus, we have the almost market-day atmosphere, with entrepreneurs wanting to be the one, or one of three to provide these facilities.

Quién sabe. Maybe Belize City can handle THREE cruise ports! But that will take some mighty explaining. According to the website port.venice.it, Venice, the City of Antonio and Shylock, a metropolis with 262,000 people in 2017, has TWO ports that receive cruise ships. The state of Florida, population 22 million, according to the website familycruise.companion.com, has SIX cruise ports.



## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST Individual Consultancy Project Support Officer



**Institution:** Ministry of Finance

**Country:** BELIZE

**Project:** Strengthening of Tax Administration Project

**Sector:** Finance

**Project No.:** BL-L10315

**Operation No:** 4839/OC-BL

**Deadline:** Friday, November 4, 2022, at 4:00 pm local Belize time

The Government of Belize (GoB) has entered into a US\$ 14 Million Loan Contract Agreement (No. 4839/OC-BL) with the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for the execution of a five-year tax modernization project entitled "Strengthening of Tax Administration". The main beneficiaries of the Project are: (a) the Government, which will have more revenues to implement its public policies; (b) taxpayers, who will have more support and a digital environment to fulfill their tax obligations; and (c) the population, from the government policies implemented. The Ministry intends to apply a part of the proceeds towards payments for the services of Project Support Officer.

The objective of the position is to provide general administrative and clerical support to the PEU in compliance with IDB and national regulations.

The Project Support Officer is responsible for the overall daily affairs of the PEU as it pertains to the effective and successful completion of the various activities under the project portfolio of the Ministry of Finance (MoF) and ensuring that all Projects' activities are executed in accordance with the applicable MoF and the Bank's requirements.

The main responsibilities of the Project Support officer include, among others:

- Provide secretarial services for the PEU.
- Provide clerical services for the PEU.
- Work closely with the project team in coordination of a wide range of activities in order to meet project and organizational objectives, targets and demands.
- Work closely with the project team to ensure that internal and external policies and procedures are followed.
- Maintaining an adequate filing system for the PEU records, including the payment records, among others.

Qualification and Experience requirements:

**Education:** Associate degree in Business Administration, Public Administration or related fields. Participation in relevant courses/training in fields of project management, Microsoft Project, time-management, computer skills, Microsoft Office would also be considered an asset.

**General Experience:** A minimum of two (2) years general working experience.

**Specific Experience:**

- A minimum of one (1) year of work experience in performing administrative support services and/or secretarial duties.
- One (1) year experience working with SmartStream system is considered an asset.
- One (1) year experience working with international or national development

agencies is considered an asset.

- One (1) year experience working with Microsoft Project is considered an asset.

**Skills:** (a) knowledge of records management is an asset; (b) Have excellent computer skills, including Microsoft Office; (c) task orientated and able to prioritize projects, multitask and meet tight deadlines; (d) fluent in written and spoken English with the ability to express data in a concise and clear manner; (e) team player and possess strong self-motivation and initiative; (f) professional, honest and display strong business ethics and integrity.

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.

Expression of Interest package should contain:

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- Copy of degrees/certificates
- List of at least two references
- Proof of nationality: copy of documentation of nationality

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Qualified Individual Consultant must submit their expression of interest via e-mail to [Michelle.Longsworth@bts.gov.bz](mailto:Michelle.Longsworth@bts.gov.bz) no later than 4:00 p.m., Friday, November 4, 2022, marked **STAP- Project Support Officer** in the subject header; or applicants may also submit a hardcopy at the following address:

**Director General  
Belize Tax Service  
Strengthening of Tax Administration Project  
Eleanor Hall Building  
Lake I. Boulevard, Belize City**

For clarifications kindly contact:

**Procurement Specialist  
Strengthening of Tax Administration Project  
Ministry of Finance  
Eleanor Hall Building  
Lake I. Boulevard, Belize City  
Email: [tamara.tingling@mof.gov.bz](mailto:tamara.tingling@mof.gov.bz)**



# Water rises in Crooked Tree; countrywide damages: \$3 Mil

**The Prime Minister says that the government is prepared to do whatever is necessary to assist those who have been affected by the flooding caused by Hurricane Julia.**

by *Khaila Gentle*

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Oct. 19, 2022

The residents of Crooked Tree Village are no strangers to flooding. Earlier this year, in August, many found themselves displaced after two days of torrential rain, and this week, due to the receding of floodwaters out west following extensive flooding caused by Hurricane Julia, they are once again grappling with rising water. Just a few days earlier, the National Emergency Management Organization (NEMO) issued an advisory which gave notice that water in the Crooked Tree lagoon was rising and would likely cover the causeway that connects the village to the Philip Goldson Highway.

Since then, the Belize Coast Guard has been deployed to assist residents. While they are on standby in the event

that the conditions in the village worsen, they have also been helping villagers to cross the causeway that is covered by at least one foot of water in some parts.

Last week, during a press conference, the National Coordinator of NEMO, Colonel Shelton Defour, and Minister of Sustainable Development, Climate Change, and Disaster Risk Management, Hon. Orlando Habet, warned of the flooding that was expected to impact the Belize River Valley as water moves downriver from the west to the coast.

During that conference, it was also revealed that both the ministry and NEMO would be conducting preliminary flood damage assessments as the waters recede. This past Monday, at the start of the sitting of the House of Representatives, Prime Minister John Briceño reported preliminary estimates



**Crooked Tree causeway impassible to vehicular traffic**

of over \$3 million in damages as a result of the effects of Hurricane Julia.

The Prime Minister also spoke briefly on the impact that the rains, caused by the passage of that hurricane, have had on families across

the country. While no lives were lost, he said, many were affected, with some families losing everything due to the flooding.

“Let me assure everyone that our administration will do all that is necessary to assist those affected by this storm, Madame Speaker. Together we will get our crops replanted, and we’ll fix the broken rooftops. Our damaged infrastructure will be repaired,” he said.

According to the Prime Minister, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has begun to seek assistance from international partners and the disbursement of financing for relief through the budget contingency fund had already been approved.

“We have \$5 million that we can draw down for emergencies to be able to help address the immediate needs of those affected, and we expect that at the next House meeting we can come back and give the proper accounting as to what these funds were used [for] and that we can approve those expenditures and whatever else will be needed,” he said.

And while preliminary reports are pointing to \$3 million in damages, the flooding of the Belize River Valley is expected to compound this.

“Our experts tell us that the water is making its way into the Belize River Valley ... This means that we are going to have more damage in the agriculture sector and to homes along the River Valley,” the Prime Minister said.

The Prime Minister said that ultimately the losses sustained by both the public and private sectors could total tens of millions of dollars.



## BELTRAIDE, VACANCY, Export Business Advisor

The BELTRAIDE is seeking the services of a dynamic and proactive individual to fill the post of Export Business Advisor at its EXPORTBelize Unit. The incumbent will actively participate in export development and trade promotion programs that will assist Belize’s export sector to increase, diversify and consolidate their exports, as well as increase their competitiveness and sustainability.

### ESSENTIAL DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Proactively explore the local market for potential Belizean export industries or products (goods and services) with export potential and interest to meet demands of the international market;
- Compile sector and market research and prepare and maintain market profiles and other fact sheet to promote to targeted export markets;
- Identify trading opportunities in foreign markets for Belizean exports (including those provided under the trade agreements);
- Engage Belize mission abroad to assist in accessing emerging markets by providing market/sector information and intelligence that can guide promotion efforts;
- Facilitate linkages, match-making opportunities and negotiations between Belizean exporters and international buyers;
- Conduct, coordinate and participate in seminars, awareness programs, missions, forums and exhibition to support and promote Belize’s Export sector;
- Develop and implement training, coaching, and mentoring programs to build the capacity of local companies to compete in both domestic and international markets;
- Coordinate successful participation of BELTRAIDE, Belizean exporters, and other agencies in relevant trade shows/missions, national tours, buyer-seller meets and other promotional events; including conducting presentations on trade opportunities
- Liaises with relevant departments and Ministries to facilitate exporters and potential exports in obtaining relevant licenses and permits and to act as the bridge between private and public sectors;
- Provide specialized advising to exporters and develop implementable actions plans to address individual challenges to improve their competitiveness and sustainability;
- Liaises with financial institutions to act as a bridge between them and private enterprises needing assistance in accessing export finance;
- Conduct market research of targeted markets to determine market entry and other requirements and promotional strategies;
- Conduct research to identify relevant technical assistance sources and other export support programs through regional and international development agencies;
- Execute any other relevant duties as assigned.

### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- Bachelor’s degree in International Trade, Trade, Economics, Business Management, Marketing, Enterprise Development, Project Management, or related field
- Minimum of two (2) years working experience in trade or business development
- Experience working with the Export sector an asset

**SALARY:** Based on experience and qualifications

### APPLICATION DEADLINE:

- Qualified candidates should submit their cover letter, updated Resume/CV, two (2) letters of reference (one must be from current or last employer), copy of ID (SSB) by **Friday, October 28, 2022.**

### SUBMIT APPLICATION PACKAGE:

Via email to: [hr@belizeinvest.org.bz](mailto:hr@belizeinvest.org.bz)  
In the Subject indicate your name and post you are applying for (Subject: NAME-POST)

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## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

### Individual Consultant Project Coordinator

**Institution:** Ministry of Finance

**Country:** BELIZE

**Project:** Strengthening of Tax Administration Project

**Sector:** Finance

**Project No.:** BL-L1031

**Operation No.:** 4839/OC-BL

**Deadline:** Friday, November 4, 2022, at 4:00 pm local Belize time

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The objective of the position is to provide the necessary strategic, governance, organizational and administrative leadership for the Project, 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 BTS, the MoF and other public and private institutions.

The Project Coordinator is responsible for leading and guiding all matters pertaining to the effective, efficient and transparent implementation of the Project BL-L1031, 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.

The main responsibilities of the Project Coordinator include, among others:

- a. Implementing the intra- and inter-institutional coordination mechanisms with the BTS, the MOF and other public and private organizations related to and/or beneficiaries of the Project
- b. Promoting and disseminating the Project among beneficiaries, public entities, and other stakeholders.
- c. In close coordination with the pertinent technical and administrative personnel of the BTS and the MoF, guiding the strategic and operations planning activities of the Project.
- d. 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.
- e. Implementing the Programs' risk management mechanisms on the basis of the IDB tool Risk Management in Projects with Sovereign Guarantee (RMP), taking into consideration the assessment and evolution of the risk factors, the factors of probability and impact, and risk mitigation measures.
- f. Guiding the preparation, the periodic physical and financial progress reports to be submitted to BTS, MoF, MED, and the Bank.
- g. 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.

Qualification and Experience requirements:

**Education:** Bachelor's Degree in Economics, Business Administration, Business Management, Project Management or related fields. Certification in Project Management or a master's degree in a related field would be an asset. Participation in relevant courses/trainings in procurement, project management, time management, leadership, Microsoft Projects, or similar,

would also be considered an asset.

**General Experience:** A minimum of five (5) years general working experience.

**Specific Experience:** A minimum of three (3) years of experience working in project management including administration, monitoring, control and evaluation. Previous work with investments projects funded by international development agencies is a plus.

**Skills:** The following skills are highly desirable:

- Knowledge of Records Management
- Experience supervising staff
- Experience in Report Writing
- Knowledge and experience working with Microsoft Office, QuickBooks or similar accounting software
- 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 team management, leadership and delegation skills and ability to coordinate functional activities of multiple actors
- Strong team player
- Strong work ethics

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**Nana Yaw Amponsah, CEO of Asante Kotoko Sporting Club in Ghana, West Africa**

by Charles Gladden

BELMOPAN, Wed. Oct. 19, 2022

Back in September of this year, the Football Federation of Belize (FBB) signed an agreement for two exhibition games to be played in Belmopan between Belize's A team and Ghana's Asante Kotoko team in November during the Belize International College of Mayors and Investors Conference (BICMIC).

Since being founded in 1935, Asante Kotoko Sports Club has won 24 national

# CEO of Ghana's Asante Kotoko football team in Belize

titles and is the reigning champion in the Ghana Premier League, a Division One professional league established by the Ghana Football Association (GFA).

Ghana as a nation is known throughout Africa as a football powerhouse, as they have participated in three FIFA World Cup tournaments (2006, 2010, and 2014) and are scheduled to participate in the 2022 World Cup games. In addition, they also won the FIFA U17 World Cup twice—in 1991 and 1995, and are the only African nation to have won the FIFA U20 World Cup (2009).

"It's just not about a football match. For us, it's about cultural exchange, business exchange, and then to collaborate more on various aspects of the economy and the country to see how best we can develop Ghana and Belize

through collaborative efforts," said Nana Yaw Amponsah, CEO of Asante Kotoko Sporting Club.

"... I am particular about up-and-coming kids. We take them off the streets through sports. Sports is also a business, especially football. It is a multinational business, a multi-million-dollar industry, and we need to seize every opportunity to take our fair share of this kick", he added.

The exhibition match was arranged through the efforts of Belmopan mayor, Sheran Palacio, who visited Ghana and Liberia in July of this year.

"As you know, I journeyed to Ghana twice, and these are some of the fruits that we're reaping right now, and I'm definitely looking forward to this encounter between our team and the leading team out of Ghana, and the exposure that our guys are going to have. I'm sure that many of us are looking

forward to the different games that they will be having and for us to develop our sport even further," said Mayor Palacio.

The Asante Kotoko team is expected to arrive in Belize on November 15 and will be staying for 10 days.

## Man charged for murder of Mahogany Heights' teen walks free



**Shaquille Perrera, acquitted**



**Cameron Hernandez, deceased**

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Oct. 20, 2022

After being on remand for 11 months at the Belize Central Prison for the November 18 murder of Cameron Hernandez, 17, in Mahogany Heights, Shaquille Perrera, 27, was able to walk free after the murder charge against him was dropped. Hernandez, a student who lived in Mahogany Heights, was fatally shot in November of last year while he was walking toward the highway to catch a bus, en route to Belize City.

On Wednesday, October 19, Perrera, who was unrepresented when he appeared in the Magistrate Court, was informed by Chief Magistrate Sharon Fraser that, as a result of a directive issued by the Director of Public Prosecution (DPP), the charge against him had been withdrawn.

On November 18 of last year, Hernandez was shot and left for dead in his home village. He had remained alive for a few hours before passing away while undergoing medical treatment at the Western Regional Hospital, and during that time he reportedly named Perrera as the man who shot him.

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# No cutting corners for Waterloo, says PM

BELMOPAN, Tues. Oct. 18, 2022

The EIA for Waterloo Holdings Limited's proposed construction of a cruise terminal and expansion of the cargo capacity at the Port of Belize Ltd. is currently under review by the National Environmental Appraisal Committee (NEAC), following a public consultation in early September. Due to the limited time afforded to members of the public to pose questions and make presentations at that public consultation, calls have been made for the Department of the Environment to recommend a public hearing on the project. While the department has so far given no indication whether this will take place, Prime Minister Hon. John Briceño, when questioned by reporters this week, said that they will follow the recommendations made by the NEAC after it reviews the EIA. (Notably, the deadline for submission by members of the Belizean public of their views on the project was September 14.)

Despite claims by Waterloo Holdings

Limited that it has already invested millions in developing plans for the project, the Prime Minister noted that there is a process that must be carried out fully, regardless of the size of the planned investment.

"We must follow the process, and that applies for somebody that's investing 1 million to one that's investing 300 million, and we made that abundantly clear to the investors at Waterloo, that we're not going to cut corners, because even if we were to attempt to do so, other people are going to sue, and it's going to end up in court," said Hon. Briceño.

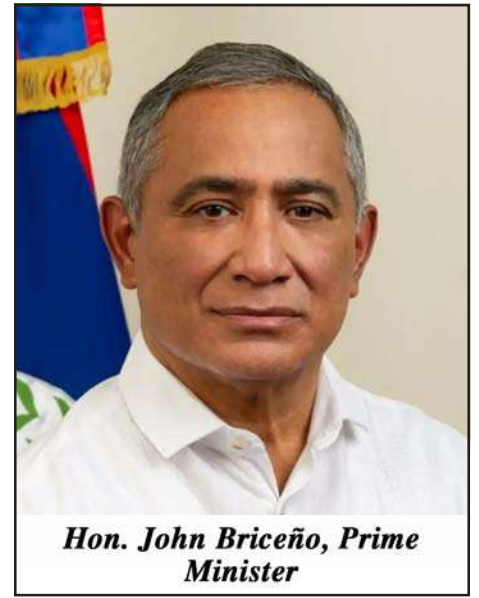
He went on to state, "It's best that we do it right ... We are going to abide by what the EIA tells us, and if the EIA says yes, it's a good project under whatever conditions, it will have the full support of the government, but if the EIA tells us that it should not be done for X, Y, Z, then we as a government will abide by that."

Notably, the EIA currently under

review is a second submission following the NEAC's rejection late last year of a previous EIA submitted by the company due to absence of key pieces of information. It has already been pointed out by a number of conservation organizations that there are still gaps in the current EIA—areas of concern that they claim are not addressed sufficiently.

The company has made its own legal threats, claiming that the Government of Belize could be in breach of the UK-Belize investment treaty and that they could resort to international arbitration if the company is denied approval of the project.

The Prime Minister noted, however, that there may be other factors which might influence the outcome in the cruise port sector and determine which of the entities with cruise terminal ambitions proceed with their projects. One such factor would be the assessment within the private sector of the feasibility and profitability of the



**Hon. John Briceño, Prime Minister**

existence of possibly three cruise ports (Stake Bank Enterprises Ltd.'s Port Coral, Portico Enterprises Limited's Port Magical Belize and the proposed Waterloo port) within just a few miles

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## GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND INVESTMENT



### INVITATION TO QUOTE OFFICE CLEANING SERVICE FOR THE BELIZE INTEGRAL SECURITY PROGRAMME (BISP)

N°CABEI-CS-004-2147/2022

October 21, 2022

#### BACKGROUND

The Government of Belize (GOB) is implementing a security programme with the overall objective to contribute to improving the quality of life of Belizeans and supporting regional efforts that seek to combat crime. The key goal of the Belize Integral Security Programme (BISP) is to strengthen citizen security by providing support to those institutions directly engaged in maintaining national security. The Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI), as part of the services it provides to its beneficiary member countries, is providing the total financing for the procurement of a consultant to fill the role of Procurement Officer in the framework of the Belize Integral Security Programme (BISP). The Ministry of Finance, **Economic Development**, and Investment will be responsible for the execution of the Programme and all its components, reporting all progress to CABEI and ensuring the execution of each component under the terms established for CABEI for mutation and approval. The execution of BISP components will be carried out by the Co-Executors: Belize Police Department, Belize Defence Force, Belize Coast Guard and National Forensic Science Services.

The General objective of the service to be contracted is to provide general cleaning services for the office of the Programme Executing Unit.

The Ministry of Finance, **Economic Development** and Investment now invites interested consultants to submit their price quotations along with their respective resumes to participate in the selection process for the provision of Cleaning Services with the Belize Integral Security Programme (BISP).

#### SCOPE OF WORK

The Office Cleaner will be responsible to maintain the cleanliness and orderly conditions of all office spaces. In doing so the Office Cleaner must comply with the following functions:

- Cleaning of the office spaces, conference room, restrooms, storeroom, kitchen, and dusting and polishing of its furniture and cleaning of equipment and appliances
- Disposal of office and kitchen garbage
- Notify management of occurring defects or needs for repairs to equipment and/or appliances
- Secure facilities after operating hours by locking doors, closing windows, turning off lights and Air conditioning units
- Perform any other duties assigned from time to time

#### SUPERVISION AND REPORTING

The Office Cleaner will work under the general guidance of the Administrative Assistant and report directly to the Administrative Assistant and the Project Coordinator. The position will be based at the Project Executing Unit's office located at #1904 Constitution Drive, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Unit#3, Belmopan City.

#### ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

The potential service provider must submit documentation to support experience and academic qualifications

- At least two (2) years experience in providing cleaning services in a professional organizational setting
- Clean Police Record
- In possession of a Social Security Card that is valid for employment in Belize
- Fluent in English
- At least one (1) letter of reference from a previous or current employer
- Resume

#### TERMS

The Office Cleaner will be selected by a competitive process in accordance with the Policy for the Procurement of Goods, Works, Services and Consultancies with CABEI resources and its Norms for Application (DI-52/2020/PRE-40/2021). The duration of the service provision period is for **27 months**. The post will be for one year, in the first instance, subject to an annual review and evaluation. Salary will be commensurate with the requirements of the post and the qualifications and experience of the selected candidate.

Interested eligible Service Providers may obtain further information and a complete Terms of Reference from the Programme Execution Unit of the BISP. Requests should be addressed to [projectcoordinator.bisp@med.gov.bz](mailto:projectcoordinator.bisp@med.gov.bz) during office hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. local time from Monday to Friday; or you can visit the Ministry of Economic Development's webpage, [www.med.gov.bz](http://www.med.gov.bz) to download the Terms of Reference. Additionally, the consultancy announcement can be found on the Belize Procurement Notice Board's webpage <https://blz-cppnb.caricom.org/epps/home.do> Further information can be received by calling: 822-0156

The deadline for submission of Price Quotations is **Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022**. Quotations along with Resume and supporting documentation (Diplomas, Certificates, References, etc.), can be sent via electronic mail (email) to [projectcoordinator.bisp@med.gov.bz](mailto:projectcoordinator.bisp@med.gov.bz) and copied to [procurementofficer.bisp@med.gov.bz](mailto:procurementofficer.bisp@med.gov.bz) with the subject heading:

**Ref: N° CABEI-CS-004-2147/2022 Office Cleaner** or via direct mail or hand delivered to the address indicated below by **9:00 a.m. on Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022**.

**Project Coordinator  
Belize Integral Security Programme (BISP)  
1904 Constitution Drive, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Unite #3  
Belmopan City, Belize C.A.**

**LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED!**

# PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

## *Belmopan Civic Center*

BY ORDER of the **Embassy of the United States of America**, **Licensed and Certified Auctioneer, Sheldon N.C. Arnold** will sell the following items at the Belmopan Civic Center, Belmopan, Cayo District on **Saturday, October 29, 2022**, at 8:00 am sharp.

2016 Toyota Hilux	Kitchen Ware Items
2014 Toyota Landcruiser Hardtop	Ramp used to off load cargo
Household Appliances	Ceiling Tiles
Office Furniture	Carpet Tiles
Office Supplies	Freezer
Computer Parts	Pressure Washer
Gym Equipment	Dump Trailer
Portable AC	Tractor Spare Parts
Mechanical Tool Bags	Water Filter

**[And other attractive items...]**

Buyers must load onto their vehicles/transport by 4pm the same day of the sale.

*All items will be available for viewing on Friday, October 28, 2022 between the hours of 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Belmopan Civic Center.*

**\*\*\*All interested bidders must be 18 years or older and will be required to register using a valid (picture) identification card on the day of the sale. Please note that all Rules and Agreements regarding this sale will be available for those viewing the Lots. Final viewing will be permitted one hour prior to the sale. \*\*\***

**\*\*\*CUSTOM DUTIES AND TAXES MUST BE PAID\*\*\***

**TERMS: STRICTLY CASH OR CERTIFIED CHEQUES**

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**P.O. BOX 666, Belmopan**

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## NOTICE TO SUPPLY CORN FORAGE FOR SHEEP & GOAT

*Sheep and Goat Project, Central Farm, Cayo*

The Sheep and Goat Project is seeking to procure a weekly supply of 4,400 lbs corn forage for the National Sheep and Goat Breeding Center in Central Farm.

Farmers are invited to submit a price quotation that includes all fees for 129,800 lb. of Corn Forage.

A tendering letter by interested farmers including quotation in Belize Dollars is to be emailed to [h.y.huang@icdf.org.tw](mailto:h.y.huang@icdf.org.tw) before 4:00 p.m. Thursday October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Late bids will not be accepted. Bids received on time will be opened on Thursday March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. for evaluation and selection. The bidder whose offer has been determined to be the lowest evaluated quotation and is qualified to satisfy the contract shall be awarded the purchase order. For further details on the tendering process please contact Sheep & Goat Project via telephone number 832-8187 or email at [h.y.huang@icdf.org.tw](mailto:h.y.huang@icdf.org.tw).

## INCREASING PARTICIPATION OF THE BELIZEAN CACAO INDUSTRY IN THE COCOA-CHOCOLATE GLOBAL VALUE CHAIN

**Procurement for the Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Processing Equipment for The Toledo Cacao Growers Association**

### INVITATION TO BID

The Toledo Cacao Growers Association (TCGA) has received financing from the CDB in an amount equivalent to USD \$515,727 towards the costs of "Increasing Participation of The Belizean Cacao Industry in the Cocoa-Chocolate Global Value Chain" Project and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this financing to eligible payments under a contract for which this invitation is issued. Payments by CDB will be made only at the request of TCGA and upon approval by CDB and will be subject in all respects to the terms and conditions of the Financing Agreement. The Financing Agreement prohibits withdrawal from the financing account for the purpose of any payment to persons or entities, or for any import of goods, if such payment or import, to the knowledge of CDB, is prohibited by a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations. No party other than TCGA shall derive any rights from the Financing Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the Financing.

The TGCA now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified Bidders for the Procurement for the Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Processing Equipment for The Toledo Cacao Growers Association.

Firms whether bidding individually or in the form of a Joint Venture, shall:

- be legally incorporated or otherwise organised in, and have their principal place of business in an Eligible Country;
- be more than fifty (50) percent beneficially owned by a citizen or citizens and/or a bona fide resident or residents of an Eligible Country, or by a body corporate or bodies meeting these requirements, as far as the ownership can be reasonably determined; and
- shall have no arrangement and undertake not to make any arrangement whereby the majority of the financial benefits of the contract, i.e., more than fifty (50) percent of the value of the contract, will accrue or be paid to sub-contractors or sub-consultants that are not from an Eligible Country.

Eligible countries are member countries of CDB and members of the European Union. Bidders are advised to review the detailed eligibility criteria detailed in Section 4 and conflict of interest provisions in Section 5 of the Procurement Procedures for Projects Financed by CDB (January 2021), as published on CDB's website.

Eligible bidders will be required to submit full qualification information with their bids establishing their eligibility to bid and qualification to perform the contract if the bid is accepted. Tender and qualification information are to be submitted in the English Language on the prescribed forms inserted in the Bid Documents. Submissions that do not provide the information required

or that do not demonstrate the prospective contractor's ability to perform satisfactorily, will not qualify and will not be considered for further evaluation

Bid documents are available from address 1 below. Written requests can be made by email marked: "Request for Bid Documents for the Procurement for the Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Processing Equipment for The Toledo Cacao Growers Association Procurement" The documents will be promptly dispatched, but under no circumstance will the TGCA be held responsible for late delivery, loss, or damage to the documents.

Bids must be submitted either in:

- Hard copy in the form of a sealed envelope, with the name and address of the bidder, and be clearly marked "Tender for the Procurement for the Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Processing Equipment for The Toledo Cacao Growers Association" to the postal address or electronically to email address identified in Address 2 below.

The deadline for Bid submission is:

**Date: November 18, 2022**

**Time: 13:00 hrs (Belize Time)**

**Each bid must be accompanied by Bid-Securing Declaration. Late bids will be rejected.**

TCGA reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, and to annul the process and reject all bids, at any time prior to award of contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected prospective bidder(s) or any obligation to inform the affected prospective bidder(s) of the grounds for TCGA's action. TCGA will not defray any costs incurred by any bidder in the preparation of bids.

#### 1. Address to Obtain or Request Clarifications Related to Bidding Documents:

Attention: The Project Manager, Increasing Participation of The Belizean Cacao Industry in the Cocoa-Chocolate Global Value Chain" Project  
The Toledo Cacao Growers Association Limited  
P.O. Box 160 George Price Street,  
Toledo District, Belize  
Tel 501 670-6874  
Email: [tcgaprourement@gmail.com](mailto:tcgaprourement@gmail.com) or [orlando@belizetcg.com](mailto:orlando@belizetcg.com)

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- Must be willing to relocate to the City of Belmopan

#### RESPONSIBILITIES

- Manage a portfolio of client engagements and develop presentations to solve financial and strategic challenges
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- Prepare Pitch Books and PowerPoint presentations on Private Placement Memorandum (PPM), Initial Public Offering (IPO) and Mergers and Acquisition strategies
- Conduct market analysis of industry, economic research and surveillance of the financial sector
- Complete various reports including the financial analyst of the performance and position of commercial banks and credit unions, industry and Service Sector reports
- Perform data entry, verification, and maintain advisory and investment services database
- Attend daily team meeting to discuss current and upcoming projects

#### KEY COMPETENCIES

- Strong quantitative abilities combined with the ability to conduct research to resolve problems and to think creatively and outside of the box
- Strong written communication skills specifically for drafting Private Placement Memorandum (PPMs) and Prospectuses
- Knowledge of MS Office especially MS Excel working with large data sets with numerous integrated spreadsheets
- Knowledge of financial forecasting and diagnosis, corporate finance, and information analysis
- Excellent presentation skills particularly for analysis presentations
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# 10 long weekends for 2023

by *Khaila Gentle*

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Oct. 20, 2022

Cabinet has endorsed the recently published list of public and bank holidays for 2023. The list, notably, reveals a total of ten long weekends for the upcoming year, including the weekend of July 29th to 31st.

Monday, July 31, will be observed as Emancipation Day instead of Tuesday, August 1. The UBAD Educational Foundation (UEF), however, says that having the holiday on any day other than that on which Emancipation Day actually falls is a disservice to Belizeans of African descent.

The Chairperson of UEF, Ya Ya Marin Coleman, in an interview with KREM News this week, highlighted the fact that the day of August 1, 1838, specifically, has meaning for African descendants globally.

“That was the day under British

colonial rule that our African ancestors became legally liberated,” she said.

Marin Coleman has since sent a written request to the government that the African Emancipation Day holiday be observed on August 1.

The other public and bank holidays include New Year’s Day on Monday, January 2; George Price Day on Monday, January 16; National Heroes and Benefactors Day on Monday, March 6; Holy Week running from Friday, April 7, to Monday, April 10; Labour Day on May 1; St. George’s Caye Day on Monday, September 11; Indigenous Peoples’ Resistance Day on Monday, October 9; Garifuna Settlement Day on Monday, November 20; and Christmas Day & Boxing Day on Monday, December 25, and Tuesday, December 26, respectively. Independence Day will be observed on the day on which it falls, which is Thursday, September 21.

# GoB holds workshop on converting waste to energy

BELMOPAN, Wed. Oct. 19, 2022

Today, the Ministry of Public Utilities joined with energy stakeholders in a pre-feasibility workshop on converting waste to energy. This is in line with the government’s efforts to ensure energy security in Belize. It is to be noted that, according to government officials, while the country currently generates 50% of its own energy, we still get about 45% of the energy we need to power our grid from Mexico. The workshop is thus geared at identifying the quality of waste material present in Belize and determining the best use for it—which could possibly lead to a further reduction of the amount of energy the country purchases from abroad.

“It is imperative for us as a country



**Hon. Michel Chebat, Minister of Public Utilities**

to have as much of the generation of energy within our borders so that in the event that there is any disruption abroad, it does not affect us that much. As you know currently we are getting about 45% of our electricity from Mexico, and so we need to find a way to reduce that so that we are more self-sufficient in this country,” Minister of Public Utilities, Hon. Michel Chebat, noted during an interview today.

He said that new technology will certainly be required if the country decides to embark on waste-to-energy conversion, but the purpose of the pre-feasibility study is really to determine Belize’s capacity for such energy-generation. This study is to be concluded by March 2023, Hon. Chebat said.

“What we are hoping to get out of this is really a definition of the type of waste products we have, the quality of waste products, and how to use it to generate energy,” Hon. Chebat went on to note.

## No cutting corners for Waterloo...

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of each other in the Belize District.

“... No sane businessman will put money where there are 3 big ports or 2 other ports. So, if Port Magical were to start build their own port, I could guarantee you that Port of Belize they will not do it, because they will say, well, the numbers are not there; they’re going to fail. The investors would not go, and the same thing applies to Stake Bank. So a part of it has to be where the private sector decides which way to go as opposed to the government deciding well, oh this is the one that we want to build, because should we do that, then we are going to end up in court also. We need to follow the law,” he said.

The Prime Minister also noted that the drafting of a National Port Policy is ongoing and that a first draft has already been completed. “We are working on a ports policy, and the ports policy, which we already have the first draft, it hasn’t come to Cabinet. It’s supposed to come to Cabinet very soon,” he said.

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## BELTRAIDE, VACANCY, Training Facilitator

The BELTRAIDE is seeking the services of a dynamic and proactive individual to fill the post of Training Facilitator at its Belize Training & Employment Centre (BTEC). The successful candidate will be responsible to develop, coordinate, and facilitate training workshops and seminars. They will create and deliver job preparedness trainings and education programs in a formal and informal settings for adult learners nationwide.

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## Liz Truss gone: Who will become the UK's new prime minister?

*Truss, the shortest serving prime minister in British history, resigned following a controversial tax-cutting budget.*

UNITED KINGDOM, Thurs. Oct. 20, 2022 (Al Jazeera)

After Liz Truss announced her resignation, a leadership election will be completed within the next week to replace the shortest-serving prime minister in British history.

George Canning previously held that record, serving 119 days in 1827 when he died. Truss accomplished only 45 days in office.

Given the divisions in the Conservative Party, there is no obvious candidate and any replacement would face a country likely heading into a

recession.

Al Jazeera's Charlie Angela, reporting from Westminster, said events have moved much faster than anyone in the United Kingdom anticipated.

It was a chaotic 24 hours with Home Secretary Suella Braverman resigning amid rumours she was sacked, chaos in Parliament with Conservative members reportedly being pushed and shoved, allegations of bullying, and a chief whip who resigned, then unresigned after being begged to stay by Truss.

"Now the question is – who can

replace her?" said Angela.

Here are the main contenders potentially in the running to succeed Liz Truss:

### Rishi Sunak

The United Kingdom's former finance minister was the most popular candidate among Conservative lawmakers at Westminster in a leadership contest earlier this year.

But after getting through to a run-off against Truss, he lost out in a vote involving some 170,000 party members.



**UK Prime Minister Liz Truss resigns**

They made the final decision based on promises by Truss to slash taxes and regulations without curbing government spending.

Sunak, 42, had warned her plans to fund the proposals through extra borrowing were reckless and could worsen decades-high inflation, as well as market confidence in the UK.

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## Magistracy Department Attorney General's Ministry

# 1 Treasury Lane, Belize City · Telephone: (501) 227-4587 or 227-6262

### VACANCY NOTICE

Suitably qualified persons are invited to submit applications to fill the position of:

#### CHIEF MAGISTRATE

The Chief Magistrate is responsible for the lower judiciary, both administratively and legally, throughout the country of Belize.

#### Applicants must:

- be in possession of Bachelor's in Law (LLB)
- be in possession of Certificate of Legal Education (CLE)

**Salary:** Pay Scale 25 (LLB and CLE)

\$47,624 x 1,644 - \$78,860

**Experience:** 5 Years in Supervisory/Management level

10 Years in the Legal field

#### Analysis of the position:

- Adjudicate criminal, civil, family, and preliminary inquiries.
- Serves as Coroner and Revising officer.
- Financial Manager for all positions that fall under the Magistracy Department countrywide
- Manage the Vote/Financial Matters of the Magistracy Department.
- Prepare Memorandum of Reasons for Decisions in a timely manner.
- Attends conferences, workshops, and training in relation to capacity building of the Magistracy.
- Assists with the training needs of the department as required.
- Prepares appeals as required.
- Perform duties as the Accounting Officer for the Magistracy Department.
- Prepares statistics and reports as required.
- Must be computer literate with word processing proficiency.
- Is accountable to the Chief Justice, Solicitor General and the Judicial and Legal Services Commission.

Interested persons are asked to apply 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: **December 20, 2022**

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

## TENDER



### AC Servicing Countrywide

BEL invites tenders for AC servicing of BEL office buildings and substations countrywide for the period January 1 to December 31, 2023, at the below-mentioned locations:

#### Belize District

- Corporate Headquarters, 2½ Miles Philip Goldson Highway
- Dispatch Building at Corporate Headquarters
- Magazine Road Compound
- Ladyville Compound
- Westlake GT, 8 Miles George Price Highway
- Belize City Substation
- Ladyville Substation
- Maskall Substation

#### Cayes

- Caye Caulker Office
- San Pedro Office
- San Pedro Substation

#### Corozal District

- Corozal Office
- Buena Vista Substation
- Corozal Substation
- Chan Chen Substation

#### Cayo District

- Belmopan Office
- San Ignacio Office
- Belmopan Substation
- Democracia Substation
- Camalote Substation
- Santander Substation
- San Ignacio Substation

#### Orange Walk District

- Orange Walk Office
- Belcogen Substation
- Orange Walk Substation

#### Stann Creek District

- Dangriga Office
- Independence Office
- Dangriga Substation
- Independence Substation
- Independence Switching Station
- Belize Aquaculture Limited Substation

#### Toledo District

- Punta Gorda Office
- Punta Gorda Switching Station

BEL requires all contractors to pre-qualify as an AC technician. The bidding documents, which outline all the duties and responsibilities of the contract are available on BEL's website at [www.bel.com.bz/Tenders.aspx](http://www.bel.com.bz/Tenders.aspx)

Bidders are invited to a virtual pre-bid meeting held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 22, 2022. To access the meeting send an email to [bidboxrequest@bel.com.bz](mailto:bidboxrequest@bel.com.bz) and include the subject BID #2022-708 AC Servicing Countrywide Pre-bid Meeting.

An email submission must be received at [bidsubmittal@bel.com.bz](mailto:bidsubmittal@bel.com.bz) no later than 3:00 p.m. on Friday, November 25, 2022.

Proposals will be accepted by email only and should include the subject listed in the respective bidding document.

**For more information or queries, send email to [bidboxrequest@bel.com.bz](mailto:bidboxrequest@bel.com.bz)**

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



### **NOTICE TO SUPPLY CUBICLES & OFFICE CHAIRS FOR THE DIGITAL INCLUSION PROGRAM**

The Digital Inclusion Program is seeking to procure **twenty-four (24) cubicles and thirty (30) office chairs**.

All Furniture companies or Carpenters are welcome to submit sales quotations for respective equipment needed.

The Taiwan Technical Mission invites eligible Computers Stores to submit bids for the required to indicate their interest, including the delivery fee to supply the procurement of the equipment listed above for this project. If you have any queries about the requirements of the needed equipment, please contact us via the email and or phone number listed below. The tenders are to be printed and sealed in an envelope, reflecting the value of the items in United States Dollars and delivered to 43 Forest Drive Belmopan. Interested bidders please submit the bids before the deadline 27<sup>th</sup> of October at 5:00 p.m. Opening of the bids will commence on the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022 at 11:00 am participating Bidders are invited to attend.

#### **Taiwan Technical Mission**

Address 43 Forest Drive, Belmopan, Belize  
Phone +501 822-1568  
Email: ludwinnajerattm@gmail.com

### **NOTICE TO SUPPLY COMPUTER PERIPHERALS FOR THE DIGITAL INCLUSION PROGRAM**

The Digital Inclusion Program is seeking to procure **fifteen (15) Battery Backups, thirty (30) wireless receivers, thirty (30) webcams, thirty (30) computer speakers** with 3 years defect warranty honored by local supplier.

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### **NOTICE TO SUPPLY 30 MICROSOFT OFFICE PRO PLUS 2021 FOR THE DIGITAL INCLUSION PROGRAM**

The Digital Inclusion Program is seeking to procure **thirty (30) Microsoft office pro plus 2021 licenses**.

The Taiwan Technical Mission invites eligible Computers Stores to submit bids for the required to indicate their interest, including the delivery fee to supply the procurement of the equipment listed above for this project. If you have any queries about the requirements of the needed equipment, please contact us via the email and or phone number listed below. The tenders are to be printed and sealed in an envelope, reflecting the value of the items in United States Dollars and delivered to 43 Forest Drive Belmopan. Interested bidders please submit the bids before the deadline 27<sup>th</sup> of October at 5:00 p.m. Opening of the bids will commence on the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022 at 2:00 pm participating Bidders are invited to attend.

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### **NOTICE TO SUPPLY THIRTY COMPUTERS WITH MONITORS FOR THE DIGITAL INCLUSION PROGRAM**

The Digital Inclusion Program is seeking to procure **thirty (30) computers & thirty (30) monitors** with 3 years defect warranty for the computer systems honored by local supplier.

The Taiwan Technical Mission invites eligible Computers Stores to submit bids for the required to indicate their interest, including the delivery fee to supply the procurement of the equipment listed above for this project. If you have any queries about the requirements of the needed equipment, please contact us via the email and or phone number listed below. The tenders are to be printed and sealed in an envelope, reflecting the value of the items in United States Dollars and delivered to 43 Forest Drive Belmopan. Interested bidders please submit the bids before the deadline 4<sup>th</sup> of November at 5:00 p.m. Opening of the bids will commence on the 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 8:30 am participating Bidders are invited to attend.

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## Another murder!? Lord help us!

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**“Take me back, to my old home, Belize! There is not a place so fine!” – Mr. Wilfred Peters**

Monday, October 17, 2022

Belize no gaan yet! There is still a lot of love in this little Jewel; but there is also a whole lot of heartbreak and anguish, as every week there are reports of another murder, or two, or three, each with a heart-wrenching story of loved ones overcome with grief and pain. And it has reached the point where, more and more citizens are crying out in frustration for a return to carrying out the death penalty as something that might put an end to, or at least drastically reduce the number of productive citizens being lost to violent deaths by the gun or machete. But is that the answer?

Our justice system seems overwhelmed with the number of new cases piling up, as police investigators and our courts battle to keep pace with the plethora of crimes of all sorts, especially economic crimes like theft, robbery, burglary, as well as home invasions and other violent offences such as common assault, wounding, maim, etc. as everyone seems to be on edge. Then there are the murders – some carried out during violent robberies, while others have resulted from emotional revenge vendettas, jealous love, gang turf battles, victims getting caught in a crossfire, or the seemingly more common drug-related “hit” — a targeted, cold blooded execution by a hired “gunman” who may have no personal relationship with the targeted individual. It has been generally accepted that the conviction rate for murder in Belize is less than 10 per cent of those charged. Our Commissioner of Police has publicly lamented the futility of police efforts when critical eye-witnesses, on whom a case often depends, decline to give evidence in court for fear of losing their very lives after receiving threats.

In this prevailing climate of fear and dread that citizens are compelled to live under, aside from the many still grieving the loss of loved ones, more and more people are calling for bringing back the death penalty, but there are at least two important factors often overlooked in that train of thought.

First, the death penalty as a possible deterrent to murders can only be such if the perpetrator is convicted, and such may become even harder if the anticipation is real of possible hanging. Witnesses may be even harder to come by. And with well-schooled defence lawyers and often inept or over-worked police investigators, the would-be killers may remain confident of their chances of escaping conviction and the gallows.

Secondly, and perhaps more importantly, despite our gut feelings, there is a strong argument that past experience suggests little correlation between the murder rate and application of the death penalty. True, in the old colonial days in Belize when hanging was the norm, murders were few. But then, the whole society was different. There was not a 60 percent poverty rate coexisting with obscene wealth, where hunger is a daily reality for many, while they see others living the lifestyle of the rich and famous. Crack cocaine had not turned our social lives upside down, with victims strewn all across the nation; while others are effectively employed in the illegal drug trade, and are “strapped” with lethal weapons to defend their “turf.” We can look at the numbers in places where the death penalty has been enforced, and it doesn’t show the effect we would expect. For example, Amnesty International USA ([www.amnestyusa.org](http://www.amnestyusa.org)) tracked the murder rate in all the states of the U.S. that practiced the death penalty, and those that did not apply the death penalty. And, interestingly, the murder rate fluctuated between the period from 1990 to 2010 in almost the same way with the two sets of states; and in fact, in every year, the states that practiced the death penalty had a higher murder rate than the states that did not use the death penalty. According to their report, “A 2009 survey of criminologists revealed that over 88% believed the death penalty was NOT a deterrent to murder.”

So, despite our emotions and frustration with this terrible problem, we may be barking up the wrong tree. Curtis Mayfield once sang, “People are the same everywhere. They have the same fears, shed similar tears, die in so many years.” But it all depends on the conditions in which people are living. Crime and poverty just seem to go together in the big scheme of things. And the caravans of people running away from Venezuela, Haiti, Cuba, Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador and even Mexico (We in Belize have traditionally had less difficulty gaining access to the U.S.), are mostly poor people seeking out a better life, or not so poor people trying to escape the crime and violence spawned by poverty and exacerbated by the “drug war” in their native lands.

Reviewing the murder rate per 100,000 citizens on the world list in the last two decades of the new millennium is so much like separating the “haves” from the “have nots”. According to [wikipedia.org](http://wikipedia.org), the numbers reported by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) show some revealing trends, although the individual accuracy of reported numbers cannot always

**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 on October 5th, 2022 Judgment was entered against you in Claim No. 1 of 2022 in the sum of \$126,422.37 with continuing interest at a rate of 6% per annum until settlement of the debt in full, including attorney’s fees and costs.

**AND** it has been ordered that service of the Judgment of October 5th, 2022 on you be effected by this advertisement.

DATED the 20th day of October, 2022.

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

be verified. While the average for the whole world (195 countries examined) was 6.1 murders per 100,000, Europe, Oceania and Asia all averaged 3.0 or fewer murders per 100,000 of their population. What effectively raised the global average figure was the high murder rate in Africa and the Americas, which together averaged over 15.0 murders per 100,000, which is five times the average for Europe, Oceania and Asia.

In this age of discussion and debate about “Reparations” for the damage suffered due to centuries of slavery and exploitation, the effects are quite graphic when one observes the murder rate figures for countries in the Americas which endured European colonization followed with neo-colonization by big brother USA; and what they all had in common was the presence of significant numbers of African and indigenous people enduring centuries of exploitation of their labor and resources.

While the U.S. is currently sending billions of dollars in arms to help the Ukrainians fight their war with Russia, impoverished Central American and Caribbean caravan travellers are making their way north to try and escape the murderous climate of poverty at home and get a piece of “the American pie”. But instead of helping to build the economies of these countries, the U.S. keeps “knocking them down” with “embargoes” and “sanctions”, often intervening on the side of dictatorial and exploitative puppet-leaders, or sending guns and ammunition to fight a drug war that ends up killing more and more poor people in these nations.

Contributing writer Helen Clark in an article “George Schultz was among the first to understand drug policy and prohibition” (at [thehill.com](http://thehill.com) dated 02/21/21), said that “Shultz, who died this month at age 100, was a secretary in the Nixon administration at the announcement of the war on drugs in 1971,” and he was of the opinion that “the impacts of drug policies in the Western Hemisphere, supported politically, financially and militarily by the U.S., outsourced the violence, in effect, to Mexico and Guatemala and Honduras. And earlier, Colombia.” And we may include Belize in that list. For comparison, during a similar period, [wikipedia.com](http://wikipedia.com) had Canada at 2.0, and USA at 6.3; while Mexico was at 28.4, Belize 25.7, Guatemala 22.5, Honduras 36.3, and El Salvador at 37.2 murders per 100,000.

Former U.S. Secretary of State George Schultz strongly advocated an end to the “war on drugs,” and that might just be what would stem this terrible tide of violence and murder in our once peaceful Belize. However, the U.S. gun manufacturing industry is doing good business; they are “awash with cash” from agents of the same illegal drug dealers at whom the so-called “war on drugs” is targeted.

We’re in a tough spot, Belizeans; but our forebears have been through centuries of much worse. We’ll get through this because we still have the love, and love conquers all. And remember, this is still our “old home, Belize;” and “There is not a place so fine!”

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COUNTRYWIDE PUBLIC AUCTION SALES: PROPERTIES

San Pedro, Ambergris Caye; Potts Creek/Salt Creek, Belize District; Little Belize Settlement, Corozal Town, Xaibe Village, Consejo Village, Corozal District; Shipyard Settlement/August Pine Ridge Village, Hill Bank Area, Orange Walk District; Lord's Bank, Los Lagos, Hattievillage, Belize District; Georgeville, Camalote Village, Cayo District; Bella Vista Village, Toledo District

BY ORDER of the Mortgagees Messrs. Atlantic Bank Limited, Licensed Auctioneers Kevin A. Castillo and Christiana R. Castillo are selling ONLINE via belizepropertyauctions.com the following properties. Sales currently running until 31st December 2022. Public Auction Sales will expire fortnightly on the dates and times listed on the website until these properties are sold.

A: San Pedro, Ambergris Caye, Belize District:

1. Parcel No. 6824 Colonia Diego, San Pedro Ambergris Caye, Belize District:



Table with 3 columns: REGISTRATION SECTION, BLOCK, PARCELS. Contains details for Parcel No. 6824, including registration section San Pedro, block 7, and parcel numbers 4093, 4094, 4095, 4872, 4873, 4874. Freehold properties of Messrs. Casa Katerina Limited.

2. 5 Acres situate at Junction Potts Creek Road & north bank Potts Creek, Belize District:



ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land containing 5 acres situate at the junction Potts Creek Road and the north bank of Potts Creek TOGETHER with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon. (Freehold property of Messrs. Smuggler's Run Holdings Limited)

2. Parcel No. 6824 Colonia Diego, San Pedro Ambergris Caye, Belize District:



Table with 3 columns: REGISTRATION SECTION, BLOCK, PARCEL. Contains details for Parcel No. 6824, including registration section San Pedro, block 7, and parcel 6824. Freehold property of Mr. Pablo Sosa.

3. Lot No. 58 situate in Lord's Bank Village Extension, Belize District:



ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land being Lot No. 58 situate in Lord's Bank Village Extension, Belize District comprising 1066.42 square yards TOGETHER with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon. Freehold property of Mr. Norman Augustine Jr.)

3. Parcel No. 2601 San Pedro Ambergris Caye, Belize District:



Table with 3 columns: REGISTRATION SECTION, BLOCK, PARCEL. Contains details for Parcel No. 2601, including registration section San Pedro, block 7, and parcel 2601. Freehold property of Mr. Pablo Sosa.

4. Lots Nos. 43 & 44 Fred Hunter's Subdivision, Mile 13 Phillip Goldson Highway, Belize District:



ALL THOSE pieces or parcels of land being Lots Nos. 43 and 44 situate Southwest of the Phillip Goldson Highway at Mile 13, Belize District, Belize being a portion of land comprised in Minister's Fiat Grant No. 15 of 1989 date 23rd February 1989 TOGETHER with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon. (Being 2 vacant lots situate in the Fred Hunter Subdivision near Mile 13 on the Northern Highway, South of Los Lagos in the Belize District, the freehold properties of Mr. Gildardo Cardona and Mrs. Rocio Aguilar Cardona)

4. Parcel No. 9412 approximately 13 miles northeast of San Pedro Town in Bracelette Caye on the west coast of Ambergris Caye, Belize District:



Table with 3 columns: REGISTRATION SECTION, BLOCK, PARCEL. Contains details for Parcel No. 9412, including registration section San Pedro, block 7, and parcel 9412. Freehold property of Messrs. Pair of Aces Limited, surety for Mr. Keith Alan Zielaskowski.

B: COROZAL DISTRICT:

1. Parcel No. 799 Waree Bight Area, near Little Belize, Corozal District:



Table with 3 columns: REGISTRATION SECTION, BLOCK, PARCEL. Contains details for Parcel No. 799, including registration section Waree Bight/Freshwater Creek, block 3, and parcel 799. Freehold property of Mr. David Neufeld of Little Belize Corn Mill.

5. Lot No. 307

Hattievillage Village, Belize District:



ALL THAT piece or parcel of land being Lot No. 307 situated at Belizean American Site near Mile 17 1/2 South of George Price Highway, Hattievillage Village, Belize District comprising 613.44 square meters TOGETHER with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon. (Freehold property of Mr. Sean Delroy Nicholas)

2. Parcel No. 929 8th Avenue, Corozal Town, Corozal District:



Table with 3 columns: REGISTRATION SECTION, BLOCK, PARCEL. Contains details for Parcel No. 929, including registration section Corozal Central, block 1, and parcel 929. Freehold property of Mr. Abraham Nicholson.

E: CAYO DISTRICT:

1. Lot No. 193 Georgeville, Cayo District:



ALL THAT piece or parcel of vacant land being Lot No. 193 Minister's Fiat 606 of 2013 of Georgeville Village, Cayo District, comprising of 1026.481 Square Meters, TOGETHER with all buildings and erection standing and being thereon. (Freehold property of Ms. Tanesha Salazar)

3. Parcel No. 178 Xaibe Village, Corozal District:



Table with 3 columns: REGISTRATION SECTION, BLOCK, PARCEL. Contains details for Parcel No. 178, including registration section Xaibe, block 1, and parcel 178. Freehold property of Mr. Abraham Nicholson.

2. Parcels Nos. 2286 & 2287 Camalote Village, Cayo District:



Table with 3 columns: REGISTRATION SECTION, BLOCK, PARCELS. Contains details for parcels 2286 & 2287, including registration section Society Hall, block 24, and parcels 2286 & 2287. Freehold properties of Mr. Ron Waight & Ms. Karina Waight.

C: ORANGE WALK DISTRICT:

1. Parcel No. 1124 August Pine Ridge Village, Orange Walk District:



Table with 3 columns: REGISTRATION SECTION, BLOCK, PARCEL. Contains details for Parcel No. 1124, including registration section August Pine Ridge, block 9, and parcel 1124. Freehold property of Mr. Jacob Freisen.

F: STANN CREEK DISTRICT

1. Parcel Nos. 440 Dangriga, Stann Creek District:



Table with 3 columns: REGISTRATION SECTION, BLOCK, PARCEL. Contains details for Parcel Nos. 440, including registration section Dangriga South, block 31, and parcel 440. Freehold property of Messrs. Dangriga Cable Vision.

2. 726.969 Acres Indian Creek Community, Hill Bank Area, Orange Walk District:



Table with 3 columns: REGISTRATION SECTION, BLOCK, PARCELS. Contains details for 726.969 Acres, including registration section Sierra De Aqua, block 23, and parcel numbers 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, & 81. Freehold properties of Mr. Jacob Freisen & Mr. Bernhard Freisen.

2. Parcel Nos. 618 Dangriga, Stann Creek District:



Table with 3 columns: REGISTRATION SECTION, BLOCK, PARCEL. Contains details for Parcel Nos. 618, including registration section Dangriga South, block 31, and parcel 618. Freehold property of Messrs. Dangriga Cable Vision.

D. BELIZE DISTRICT:

1. 995 Acres situate at Intersection Potts Creek Road & Western Boundary of Salt Creek Work, Belize District:



ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land containing 995 acres situated on the intersection of Potts Creek Road and the western boundary of Salt Creek Work TOGETHER with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon. (Freehold property of Messrs. Smuggler's Run Holdings Limited)

G: TOLEDO DISTRICT:

1. Lot No. 2 Bella Vista Village, Toledo District:



All That piece or parcel of land known as Lot #2 located in Bella Vista Village, Stann Creek District comprising 445.892 square meters Together with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon. (Freehold property of Mr. Robert Andrew August and Ms. Roselia E. Lizama)

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## L.A. Belizean cyclists ride for Alfred Parks, Cross Country Champion 1976 & 1979

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Oct. 20, 2022

The sport of cycling remains alive and well among Belizeans resident in the U.S., and this past weekend, a group of Belizean cyclists banded together for a ride around the city of Los Angeles in memory of recently departed two-time Holy Saturday



**Belizean cyclists on city ride for Alfred Parks in Los Angeles**

Cross Country Champion, Alfred Parks.

Ironically, no doubt because of the heavy northern migration of young Belizeans over the years, there appears to be much more consciousness, reverence and nostalgia expressed for the departed champion by the cycling community in the U.S., L.A. in particular, than is being observed among the present crop of young cyclists still resident in

the Jewel, few of whom have been adequately schooled about the heroics of past champions who ruled the pavement before they were even born.

A home-going service is reportedly being held this coming Saturday in L.A. Our sincere condolences to all his relatives and friends. Respect forever, champion; and Rest In Peace, brother Alfred Parks!

## FFB announces NAWL Closing Season 2022

BELMOPAN, Wed. Oct. 19, 2022

The Football Federation of Belize (FFB) is happy to announce that the Closing Season for the National Amateur Women's League (NAWL) is scheduled to commence on Saturday, October 22, 2022, with the participation of 9 clubs. The nine participating clubs have been divided in two groups based on the standings from the previous season. NAWL-A will be consisting of four clubs, while NAWL-B will be consisting of five clubs as listed below:

NAWL-A: Rumberas; Jewel Fury; Verdes Rebels; Sagitun Girlz.

NAWL-B: Wagiya SC Ladies; Cayo Dreamers; Guardian FC; Napoles FC; Millennium Fusion.

The Football Federation of Belize takes this opportunity to welcome all nine participating clubs and wish them the best of luck in the tournament.

NAWL-A will be playing home-and-away in the qualifying phase, with the top two ranking clubs moving to the finals, and conclude with a knockout game.

NAWL-B will be playing a single round during the qualifying phase, and semifinals and finals will be knockout games.

At the end of the tournament, there will be two (2) winners, one from each group. The tournament is scheduled to run for seven weeks, starting on October 22 and culminate on December 3, 2022.

The FFB thanks all clubs for working closely with our Competitions Director to meet all necessary requirements to get the competitions underway. Fans are invited to stay tuned for details on upcoming matches and are encouraged to come out and support their favorite team.

- press release -

## Belize City high school volleyball update; playoffs start Monday

BELIZE CITY, Tues. Oct. 18, 2022

High school volleyball games continue almost daily at the Mexican Center as the Central Secondary Schools Sports Association (CSSSA) 2022 Volleyball Tournament nears playoffs, which are scheduled to start next week Monday.

Six female, and five male teams are participating in the tournament: FEMALE (F) – Wesley College (WES), Pallotti High School (PHS), Nazarene High School (NHS), Belize High School (BHS), Edward P. Yorke High School (EPY), and St. Catherine Academy (SCA). MALES (M) – Wesley College (WES), St. John's College (SJC), Nazarene High School (NHS), Edward P. Yorke High School (EPY), and Gwen Lizarraga High School (GLHS).

Following are the results of regular season games played in the male (M) and female (F) categories since our last reported result for Wednesday, October 5:

Thurs. Oct. 6 – (M) SJC defeated EPY, 25-8, 25-11; (M) WES def. GLHS, 26-24, 22-25, 19-17.

Fri. Oct. 7 – (F) BHS def. WES, 25-10, 25-13; (M) NHS def. EPY, 25-19, 27-25.

Sat. Oct. 8 – (M) SJC def. NHS, 25-8, 25-19; (M) GLHS def. EPY, 25-19, 10-25, 15-12; (F) SCA def. EPY, 25-8, 23-25, 15-5; (F) BHS def. PHS, 27-25, 25-12; (M) SJC def. GLHS, 25-9, 25-16.

Tues. Oct. 11 – (F) EPY def. WES, 21-25, 25-14, 15-7; (M) EPY def. WES, 25-13, 25-13.

Wed. Oct. 12 – (F) SCA def. NHS, 25-7, 25-7; (M) NHS def. GLHS, 26-24, 25-22.

Thurs. Oct. 13 – (M) EPY def. NHS, 25-8, 25-23; (M) SJC def. WES, 25-9, 25-12.

(All Star Games were scheduled for Friday, October 14.)

Sat. Oct. 15 – (M) WES won over GLHS by default, (25-0, 25-0); (M) SJC def. EPY, 25-10, 25-15; (F) SCA def. WES, 25-7, 25-6; (F) EPY def. NHS, 26-24, 25-16; (M) EPY def. WES, 25-18, 25-20.

Mon. Oct. 17 – (F) SCA def. BHS, 25-20, 25-17; (M) SJC def. GLHS, 25-10, 25-13.

Tues. Oct. 18 – (F) NHS def. WES, 25-17, 25-14; (M) NHS def. WES, 26-24, 26-24.

Wed. Oct. 19 – Rest. (Basketball planning meeting)

Upcoming volleyball games:

Thurs. Oct. 20 – (F) EPY vs BHS; (M) GLHS vs EPY

Fri. Oct. 21 – (F) PHS vs SCA; (M) SJC vs NHS

Regular season over; playoffs next.

PLAYOFF SCHEDULE:

Mon. Oct. 24 – (F) seed 1 vs seed 4; (M) seed 1 vs seed 4

Tue. Oct. 25 – (F) seed 2 vs seed 3; (M) seed 2 vs seed 3

Wed. Oct. 26 – Rest. (Basketball season begins.)

Thurs. Oct. 27 – Female Championship

Fri. Oct. 28 – Male Championship

Games start at 4:00 p.m. sharp from Mondays to Fridays. Players' passes are only for the games the team will be playing. Entrance fee is \$2.00 for regular season games and \$3.00 for play-off games.

(Information courtesy Mrs. Barbara Cadle Lanza of the National Sports Council.)

## Orange Walk F.A. to hold Fundraising Marathon on Sunday

by Alex Palacio

ORANGE WALK TOWN, Thurs. Oct. 20, 2022

The Orange Walk Football Association (OWFA) has 14 teams prepared to participate in the upcoming OWFA Amateur Tournament. The teams are as follows:

Group A – Mi Gente – Guinea Grass; San Jose FC; San Felipe FC; Caribbean Rum Boys; Palmar FC; Guinea FC; and Sinbad FC.

Group B – Lazio FC – Guinea Grass; San Jose Pumas; Red Devils – San Felipe; Charles Cave Tubing – San Estevan; Louisiana FC; Trinidad FC; and Progreso FC.

A Marathon will be held on Sunday,

October 23, 2022 at Louisiana Football Field to raise funds for medical expenses for a player, Armando Patt, who suffered a broken leg in the Busito accident where fellow passenger Jorge Vargas lost his life in the Corozal District. Prizes for the Marathon will be: First Prize -\$300.00 + Trophy; Second Prize - \$200.00 + Trophy; Third Prize - \$100.00 + Trophy.

The Marathon begins at 9:00 a.m. For further information, call 661-0132/671-8902.

Entrance - \$5.00. Come out and support a worthy cause! All participating teams in OWFA tournament will be participating. Food and soft drinks will be on sale by family members of Armando Patt and community members of San Estevan.



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# Week 1 results of National U13 Girls Elite Championship

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Oct. 19, 2022

The Football Federation of Belize (FFB) sponsored National U13 Girls Elite Championship 2022 kicked off on Saturday, October 15, with teams representing all 10 football regions engaged in Week 1 games at five different venues across the country, all games starting at 2:00 p.m. Below are the results.

At the Carl Ramos Stadium in Dangriga, home team Stann Creek secured a 2-1 victory over Belmopan. Jolene Aranda (18' & 21') netted both goals for Stann Creek, while Emely Rodriguez (45') scored for Belmopan.

Further south at the Victor Sanchez Field in Punta Gorda, it was the visiting Mid-South shutting out Toledo, 5-0, with goals from Amara Coe (13'), Riann Acal (25' & 44') and Haylee Villanueva (50' & 57').

Up north at the People's Stadium in Orange Walk, the visitors also prevailed, as Corozal won, 2-1 over Orange Walk. Yancy Chan (17' & 46') struck twice for Corozal, while Orange Walk's lone goal was by Ziany Santos (30').

The invaders maintained the upper hand out west at the Marshalleck Stadium in Benque Viejo, where Cayo bombed Benque Viejo, 11-0, with goals coming from Jahxann Waight (1' & 54'), Aneeke Mesa (2', 6', 7', 11' & 47'), Eva Chuc (9'), Jemma August (19'), Marley Garcia (22') and Tiana Labriel (36').

It was a keenly contested match here at the MCC Grounds in Belize City where the San Pedro visitors scored first but the home team Belize eventually prevailed, 3-2. Shaking the net for Belize were Oceanna Castillo (30'), Maleah Bladen (33') and Amina Burgess (51'); while San Pedro's goals were by Tamile McCauley (18') and Teresita Diaz (49').

Upcoming Week 2 games:

Saturday, October 22

2:00 p.m. – Mid-South vs Stann Creek – M.A. Stadium in Independence

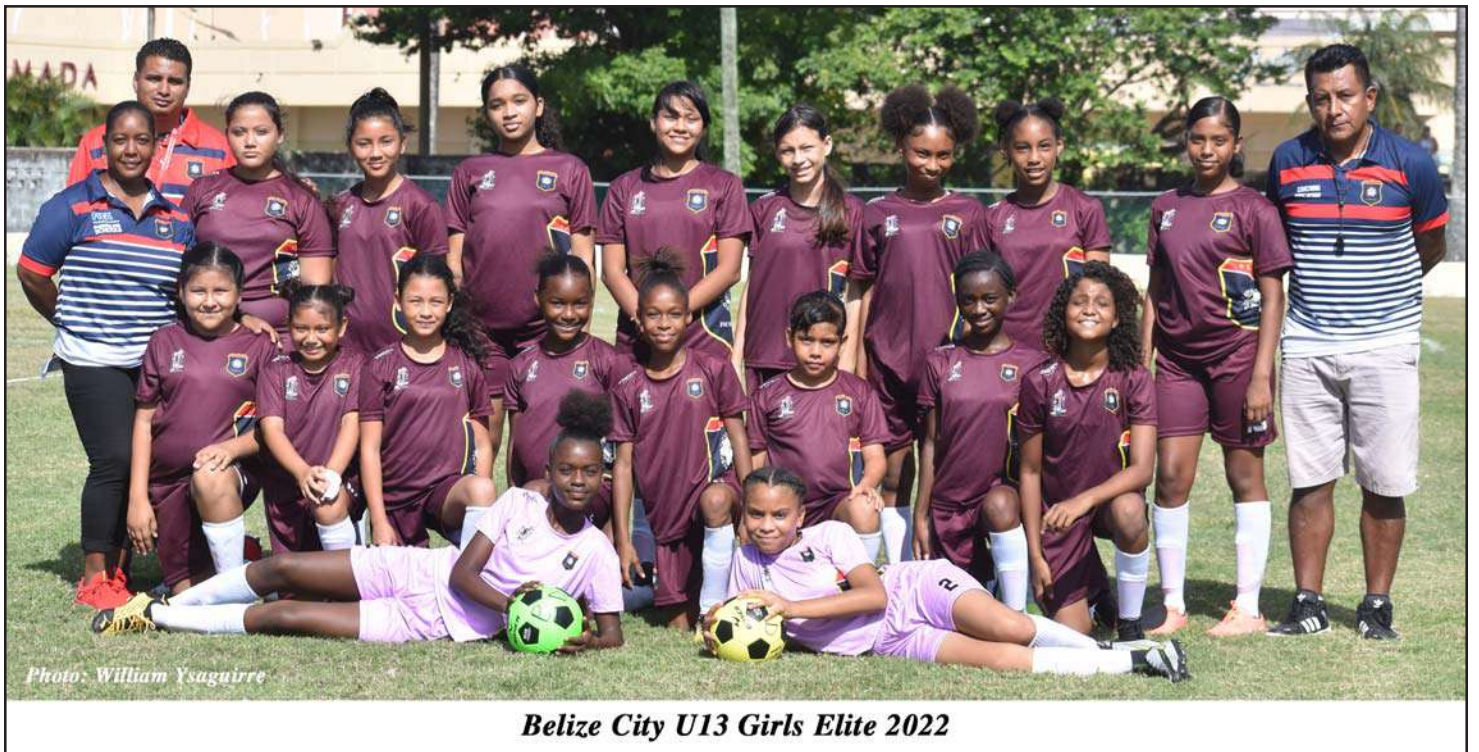
2:00 p.m. – Belmopan vs Toledo – Isidoro Beaton Stadium

2:00 p.m. – San Pedro vs Benque Viejo – Ambergris Stadium

2:00 p.m. – Corozal vs Cayo – Andres Campos Civic Center

2:00 p.m. – Orange Walk vs Belize (City) – People's Stadium

(N.B. Apparently, the Ricalde Stadium is not available for the U13 game in Corozal, which, according to FFB sources, will be played at "a pitch there" at the Andres Campos Civic Center.)



*Photo: William Ysaguirre*  
**Belize City U13 Girls Elite 2022**



*Photo: William Ysaguirre*  
**San Pedro U13 Girls Elite 2022**

## BTB Travel Belize Beach Soccer Cup kicks off in Hopkins

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Oct. 20, 2022

The Belize Tourist Board (BTB) Travel Belize Beach Soccer Cup kicked off in Hopkins Village on Saturday, October 15, with 3 games played, the first beginning at 10:00 a.m.

In the Week 1 opener, Christ Warriors Seine Bight dropped Cayo Selection, 6-3, with goals coming from Valeak Valerio (2'), Devin Guzman (3' & 17'), Terin Major (10' & 18') and Jaheim Mena (16'); while Cayo goals were by Armin Lopez (3') and Jared Jeff (12' & 33').

Game 2 at noon saw Griga United prevailing, 5-2, over BDFA City Rookies from Belize City. Shaking the net for Griga were Ramon Olmedo (2'), Evan Mariano (15' & 21'), Byron Ferrel (30') and Raymond Ramos (31'); while the City Rookies got a goal each from Hubert Baptist (23') and Gilbert Gomez (34').

And in the nightcap game, home team Hopkins Ibayani bombed Corozal FC, 7-1, with goals coming from Kahleel Lopez (2'), Elton Gordon (6' & 27'), Wayne Ford (7' & 30'), James Martinez (22') and Felix Martinez (28'); while the lone strike for Corozal was by Angel Gutierrez (33').

The tournament travels to Seine Bight Village for Week 2 games:

Saturday, October 22, Seine Bight

10:00 a.m. – Cayo Selection vs Griga United

12:00 noon – Hopkins Ibayani vs BDFA City Rookies

2:00 p.m. – Christ Warriors Seine Bight vs Corozal FC



*Photo: William Ysaguirre*

**Action from Belize vs San Pedro; Amina Burgess, with ball, scored winning goal for Belize**

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## Belize starts drafting its Marine Spatial Plan



**Julie Robinson, Belize Program Director, TNC, and Prime Minister John Briceno revealing the name of Belize MSP**

BELIZE CITY. Thurs. Oct. 20, 2022

The process of creating a Marine Spatial Plan (MSP) for Belize has officially started. Stakeholders — including officials from the Ministry of Blue Economy and representatives of the Fisheries Department and The Nature Conservancy (TNC)— met yesterday at the Belize Best Western Biltmore Plaza in Belize City to chart a way forward for the implementation of an inclusive, science-based exercise geared towards defining how we use our ocean space. Four overarching goals have been set out, and users of our marine spaces are to work together to design the Belize Sustainable Oceans Plan (BSOP), which is the name that has been selected for the country's MSP. According to the TNC program director in Belize, Julie Robinson, the process that was started this week will lead to the development of the BSOP — a policy document that will be utilized to achieve ecological, economic, and social objectives for our marine ecosystem through an overall mapping of Belize's marine areas and an overall vision or strategy that could guide critical development decisions that might affect the country far into the future.

The TNC program director had noted in a letter sent to the CEO in the Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management last month that the creation of the plan, which is to be spearheaded by the Coastal Zone Management Authority and Institute (CZMAI), is a “public, participatory process... that is based on science, information and local knowledge”. It went on to say that such a process “can be used to decide the best locations” for “industrial and large commercial developments such as cruise and cargo ports”.

“This Belize MSP will provide government, local communities, and marine sectors with a transparent, equitable, and participatory process for ensuring that Belize will continue to receive the benefits and services that a healthy ocean can provide,” a post on the TNC Facebook page had also stated.

The process of designing and implementing the plan will fulfill one of the principal commitments made by the country under the Blue Loan Agreement and the Conservation Funding Agreement, which was facilitated by TNC. During his remarks, Prime

Minister John Briceno said, “It signals my government's commitment to ensuring the wise use of the blue natural capital for the benefit of all of us.” Milestones 1 and 2, which were also outlined in the agreement, were reached earlier this year when the total protected ocean space in the country was increased to 20.5 percent, Briceno noted. Ultimately, however, the marine conservation goal that was set out in that agreement which enabled the country to significantly reduce the national debt through Blue Bond financing is the legal protection of up to 30% of Belize's oceans.

The TNC country director, Julie Robinson, additionally noted at the launch of the MSP design process that the protection of our ocean space in Belize, an ecological objective, is the primary goal of the MSP, but she pointed out that the economic and social objectives are just as important.

“It's really about how do we best design ocean spaces to meet all these multiple objectives to ensure that while we are maintaining our natural resources we are developing in a sustainable way,” Robinson said.

This is in line with another key goal that has been laid out: supporting the growth of the blue economy, which will require the protection of our marine ecosystem while supporting those citizens whose livelihoods depend on the ocean — particularly those in the fisheries and tourism sectors. CEO in the Ministry of the Blue Economy, Kennedy Castillo, thus commented, “...it will not only focus on the conservation aspect but also on how we make the smartest decision in terms of the sustainable and responsible use of our marine space as well as our resources. It is extremely important for us to highlight that this must be a consultative process that engages all the different sectors. Particularly, I want to emphasize the role of those sectors that depend, and have depended on the oceans for many many years. We are speaking about the fishing communities - they must be an integral part.”

The Director of Fisheries, Beverly Wade, agreed on the importance of protecting the livelihood of fisherfolk while also protecting the natural capital that exists in our marine spaces and which is the foundation of the eco-tourism sector.

“Ensuring that we have the systems in place, we have the policies in place



## Yabra youth teams play friendlies in Cayo

by Rudolph “Bolo” McKay

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Oct. 19, 2022

Norman Broaster Stadium in San Ignacio, Cayo on Sunday, October 16. More than 70 kids travelled to represent Yabra Football Club. We were hosted by a team under the management of Mrs. Diane Chuc, wife of FFB president Sergio Chuc. Mrs. Chuc was kind to host (and feed) around 75 kids from the Yabra community.

In the first game, the Yabra 13 & Under kids defeated the Cayo team, 8 goals to 5. In the second game, Yabra Under 10 team defeated the Cayo Under 10 team, 4 to 0.

Entrance to the games was free.

This was a great experience for

the kids.

[AMANDALA Sports Ed. Note: In the picture above, the Yabra U10 kids are accompanied by coaches Steve “Gellies” Young (left) and Rudolph “Bolo” McKay (right).]



**Yabra U10 kids at Norman Broaster Stadium**

## Opening weekend games for NAWL Closing Season

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Oct. 20, 2022

Yesterday, the Football Federation of Belize (FFB) announced the start this weekend of the National Amateur Women's League (NAWL) Closing Season 2022.

The 9 participating teams are separated into two groups - 4 teams in NAWL-A, and 5 teams in NAWL-B. NAWL-A teams are: Sagitun Girlz; Verdes Rebels; Jewel Fury FC; and Rumberas; and NAWL-B teams:

Wagiya SC; Cayo Dreamers; Napoles; Millennium Fusion; and Guardian FC.

NAWL-A teams kick off their season this Saturday, while NAWL-B teams will start their season next weekend.

NAWL-A Week 1 schedule:

Saturday, October 22

4:00 p.m. – Jewel Fury vs Rumberas – Isidoro Beaton Stadium

4:00 p.m. – Sagitun Girlz vs Verdes Rebels – M.A. Stadium in Independence

which ensures that the functional integrity of natural capital is maintained — and all that means is that they are healthy, they continue to be productive and that they are central to all these economic activities that at the end of the day leads back to the everyday man's livelihood,” Wade said.

The MSP is used largely as a tool for ocean zoning and is the first step in making ecosystem-based management a reality. According to MSP Global, about 100 countries around the world have embarked on MSP initiatives — with some, like Belize, being at the initial phase of such a process while others have planned, revised, and adapted their MSPs.

The Minister of the Blue Economy, Hon. Andre Perez, has described Belize's commencement of its own MSP process as historical and said that we in Belize will be looked at as an example by other countries and as a

leader in marine conservation in this region.

“We as a country have to lead,” Perez said. “We are at this point in time, by launching the MSP right now, make us create history — that we are going through uncharted waters, and it is going to work.” Minister Perez further said.

He noted that challenges, conflicts, and controversies may arise, but the MSP will be viewed as a guiding document to protect the country and will enable all stakeholders to stick to the principles of developing the nation sustainably.

Notably, the TNC program director in Belize, in a letter sent to the CEO in the Ministry of Sustainable Development to present comments on an EIA that was submitted in August for Waterloo Holdings Limited's cruise

# “Mine Beer” company points to other motives for raid

“...it is our opinion that there are elements at work here, whose mission is to destroy our company,” a release from the Caribbean International Brewery Limited states.

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Oct. 19, 2022

Caribbean International Brewery Company Ltd., the company whose factory in Carmelita Village in Orange Walk was raided by members of several local law enforcement agencies on October 6 and 7 and which is purportedly struggling to continue its operations after BZ \$3.1 million contained in a safe at the facility was seized, has issued a press release suggesting the raid was not an exercise aimed at curbing illegal activity, as it is has been purported to be. Instead, the company believes that there might be other entities, with other objectives, who were involved in staging the raid and who might possibly have a vested interest in destroying the business prospects for the company.

“The action of the Government agencies involved can only be interpreted as an attack on lawful business investment”, the company’s release said.

The company, an apparently Asian-owned enterprise which manufactures “Mine Beer” as well as other beverages that are primarily sold at Chinese-owned establishments in the country, is currently attempting, through its attorney Dean Barrow SC, to stave off efforts of the Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) to hold onto the \$3.1 million dollars that was seized from their facility for a three-month period as the FIU carries out an investigation to determine whether the funds are the proceeds of human trafficking, money laundering or tax evasion.

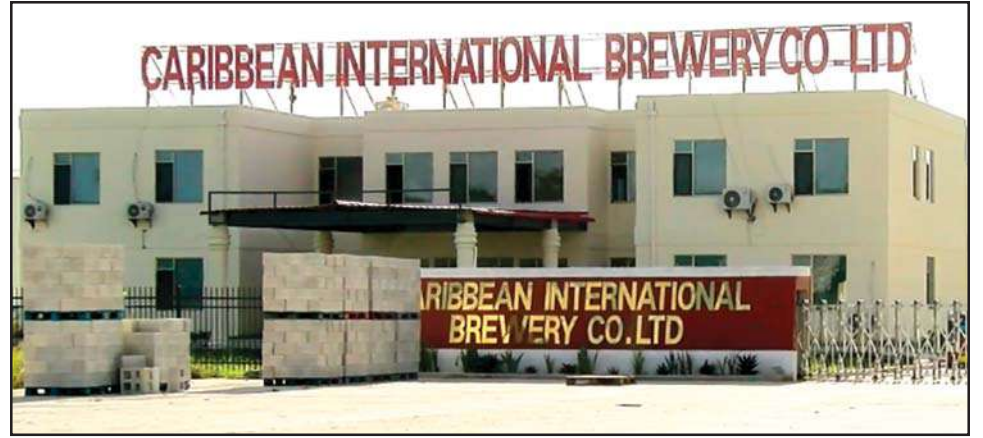
The company, however, is insisting that the money found at the facility is the proceeds of sales of beer during

the month of September and is claiming that it might not be able to cover the costs of its operations if the money is not promptly returned. Today, the company told us that the funds were being held in the locked safe at the facility because the bank from which it accesses financial services has a cap on the amount that can be deposited—an assertion that attorney for the FIU, Godfrey Smith SC, says is a lie.

“As a result of our money being seized, operation temporarily halted, and we now have multiple challenges. We are faced with the difficult decision to either shut the factory down or to take steps to ensure that we continue production at a contracted pace,” the company’s release states.

The company goes on to refer to the law enforcement raid as an “attack” on their premises and classified the seizure of the money found at the facility as illegal. They have also pointed out that the type of information that has been publicly released by local law enforcement — particularly the open discussion about the amount of money found in a safe on the company’s premises — has possibly put the enterprise at risk, presumably by making it a target for criminals. “We must add that we don’t usually keep cash at the factory,” they then noted in the release.

Notably, the multi-agency raid carried out at the company’s Carmelita facility was executed on the basis of a warrant which authorized a search for undocumented workers. The money was found locked in a safe, which also contained the passports of the Chinese nationals working for the company,



who have been charged for violating their visitors’ permits.

The manager of the facility, reportedly a Belizean, has been charged with 8 counts of employing persons without a work permit.

The current application by the FIU to seize the money found at the company has become a high-profile legal proceeding in which one former attorney general is representing the company — Rt. Hon Dean Barrow (former prime minister)— while another former attorney general, Godfrey Smith, is representing the FIU and local authorities.

Barrow SC has pointed out that there was a procedural error in the submission of the FIU — since it was a police officer who was not affiliated with the FIU who seized the money during the raid, which was based on concerns about the hiring of undocumented workers, rather than money laundering/tax evasion allegations. He has also asserted that there is no proof that the company was engaged in human trafficking. Smith SC has insisted, however, that only reasonable suspicion is necessary for the seizure of the funds for investigation.

“... I noted that in earlier public communication on this matter, the Caribbean Brewery International mentioned that the reason for the stash of cash was because the banks would not allow for any deposits for more than \$50,000, and obviously we would have gotten information through the FIU that in fact that is not the case. As you are aware, the FIU has certain powers to request banking information and so on, and so we intend as this case develops

to demonstrate that it’s a complete lie,” Smith said during an interview this week.

The case continues in the Magistrate’s Court before Magistrate Deborah Rogers, who is expected to make her decision known next week, but for now, the company has said that they will either have to borrow money, or subject their employees to a pay cut until the matter is resolved. They maintain that the company is a law-abiding business and that the actions taken against the company are malicious.

“We assure the public that we operate legally and have nothing to hide or be ashamed of,” states the company’s release.

They have been in operation for just 1 year and 10 months, and in their release they thanked Belizean consumers of their product for the support —adding that their inclusion in the industry creates healthy competition.

“We hope that we can be afforded a level playing field, as competition is quite healthy, especially since you the consumer benefit the most,” they said in their release.

Notably, when asked by AMANDALA today the reason for the company’s assertion that seemingly malicious entities are seeking to destroy its business, reps of the company did not provide additional information on any such reasons for their suspicions.

## Liz Truss gone...

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Now that he has been proven right, Sunak was installed by bookmakers as the early favourite following Truss’s resignation announcement.

A new YouGov poll on Tuesday found he has the best ratings of the touted alternatives to Truss – albeit still with an overall net favourability rating of -18.

But many members of the party were angry when Sunak quit in July, helping to trigger a rebellion that eventually brought down ex-leader Boris Johnson.

Many party members who usually get the final say on who leads the party are unwilling to forgive him for his role in removing Johnson.

### Boris Johnson

Former Prime Minister Boris Johnson, once a journalist, has loomed large over British politics ever since he became London mayor in 2008. After causing trouble for leaders such as David Cameron and Theresa May, he finally became prime minister in 2019 and went on to win a landslide election victory.

Johnson was the face of the Brexit referendum and won votes in parts of

the country that had never voted Conservative before.

But the former prime minister left office early last month after a revolt among his cabinet and Conservative members of Parliament, sparked by the resignation of Sunak and others from his faltering government following months of controversies.

A recent YouGov poll showed the 58-year-old is far more popular than Truss. Yet about two-thirds of those asked had an unfavourable opinion of him.

Encouraged by several strong hints from Johnson himself, speculation has swirled ever since that he would attempt an eventual comeback – though few thought that could be feasible this quickly.

Johnson is flying back to the UK this weekend, a journalist at the Daily Telegraph newspaper reported on Thursday. The Times newspaper reported that Johnson, who is on holiday abroad, was expected to stand in the race to replace Truss.

Full article can be viewed at: <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2022/10/20/liz-truss-has-resigned-who-could-become-the-uks-new-pm>

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## Belizean killed in Cancun

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the execution of a Belizean in Cancun, Mexico. *Quinto Poder* reported that on Monday morning around 8:30 a.m., a Belizean man identified as Luis Leiva was ambushed by two men on a motorcycle who shot him dead at his Cancun home in the Villas Del Mar area.

According to reports, Leiva had entered his home, but the gunmen chased him and “riddled him with bullets in the backyard.” The men reportedly fired a total of eight shots.

According to Mexican officials, this is the third time Leiva has been the victim of an armed attack. There was reportedly tension between him and his neighbors, who claimed that he was a hitman, and he was also accused of robbery.

Local media is reporting that the victim is an Orange Walk native.

## Belize starts drafting...

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terminal project, had stated that it would be best that an MSP be completed before decisions are made about such high-impact projects. “A national Marine Spatial Plan will facilitate decisions on a coordinated way forward... and will be inclusive of all major coastal and marine developments, including the other cruise port developments,” the letter, dated September 30, had pointed out.

The letter had also noted that a completed MSP could be of aid to the country when it is seeking financing. “An MSP can be an important asset for Belize when applying for large grants or loans, as it demonstrates that there is an integrated plan for the coastal and marine waters for uses and activities,” the letter stated.

“The zoning plan provides a level of business certainty for economic development and secures marine space,” noted the TNC program director in that letter.

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Grand Anniversary Raffle

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FlavorFizz Shack

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Juices

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Mexican Style Tacos

BBQ

Burgers

Rice and Beans

Pizza

Chips and Dip

Ceviche

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Salads

Panko Dogs

Garnaches

Churros

Fried Chicken

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