

Fat perks increase for GOB CEOs



PSU president, Dean Flowers says the Belizean public should be upset

Prime Minister Hon. John Briceño says that, after the reinstatement of the full salaries of government workers, who had been subjected to a 10% pay cut, the reinstatement of the allowances that CEOs had been receiving before May 2020 is timely. Public officers beg to differ.

by *Khaila Gentle*

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Oct. 27, 2022

A leaked Government of Belize circular dated September 8, 2022, has revealed that, on July 1 of this year, approval was given for an increase in living and entertainment allowances

from \$750.00 to \$1,500.00 monthly for chief executive officers in various Cabinet ministries. It is a revelation that has not been received well by much of the Belizean public, especially public officers whose salary increments are still frozen.

When asked about the matter and how such an increase in allowances can be justified, considering the current state of the country's finances, Prime

Minister Hon. John Briceño responded that the apparent increase is simply a reinstatement of the allowances that the CEOs had been receiving in May 2020, following a period during which their allowances had been reduced. The circular, sent by the Cabinet Secretary, Stuart Leslie, indicates that the reinstatement took effect on July 1,

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KHMH Workers Union says hospital on verge of collapse

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Oct. 27, 2022

The executive board and members of the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital Workers Union (KHMHWU) staged a press conference yesterday to highlight shortfalls and crises within the institution that are affecting the delivery of care to patients. On the top of the list are

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(l-r) Andrew Baird, president of KHMHWU; Hon. Kevin Bernard, Minister of Health and Wellness and Chandra Nisbet Cansino, CEO of KMH

Rejected! Recall petition fails



(l-r) Michael Peyrefitte, UDP Chairman and Alberto August, UDP Vice Chairman

by *Marco Lopez*

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Oct. 26, 2022

The petition for the recall of UDP leader Hon. Moses "Shyne" Barrow, which was submitted by the UDP vice chairman, Alberto August, last Friday has, according to UDP chairman Michael Peyrefitte, failed to meet the threshold needed to trigger a recall

convention after a vetting of the 201 signatures that were affixed to that petition. According to Peyrefitte, forty-three of the persons whose signatures were on the petition had requested that their signatures be removed from the petition, and 9 others were disqualified for varying reasons – resulting in the

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BSCFA tells BSI/ASR to prove claims about costs

According to the Belize Sugar Cane Farmers Association (BSCFA), BSI/ASR has agreed to give them the right to audit their financial statements. But the association says that is not what they're asking for.

by *Khaila Gentle*

BELIZE CITY, Tues. Oct. 25, 2022

The Belize Sugar Cane Farmers Association (BSCFA) says that they want BSI/ASR to provide them with proper documentation that verifies the accuracy of financial figures in statements given to them when they receive payment for sugar cane deliveries. This week, the association held another press conference at their headquarters in Orange Walk Town to explain some of the proposals they have made to BSI in an effort to resolve the impasse between the two parties before the start of the crop season this December.



Oscar Alonzo – CEO, Belize Sugar Cane Farmers Association (BSCFA)

According to the CEO of the

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Coast Guard officer charged with arson

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Oct. 26, 2022

Emmanuel McFadzean, 30, a resident of Double Head Cabbage Village, Belize District, who has been a member of the Belize Coast Guard for 12 years, has been criminally charged with three counts of arson for allegedly causing a fire that destroyed a 38-foot Boston Whaler belonging to the Belize Coast Guard, which was dry-docked on the Coast Guard compound at Mile 5 on the George Price Highway for maintenance.

According to Tuesday's issue of the AMANDALA, shortly before 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 22, just before a fire flared up on the vessel, a few members of the Coast Guard had seen someone exiting the vessel, and moments later they saw the vessel in flames.

McFadzean is facing charges for the damage done to three vessels—one count of arson for the damage that the fire caused to a 38-foot boat and two 200 Yamaha outboard engines; another count of arson for the damage done to a 38-foot Colombian boat, which was in the care of the Coast Guard; and one count of arson for the destruction of the Boston Whaler and three 250 Mercury outboard engines.

On Tuesday, October 25, McFadzean, who, according to some reports was allegedly stealing fuel from the Boston Whaler when the fire started, was charged in the Magistrate's Court, where he appeared along with his attorney, Richard "Dickie" Bradley, who is being assisted by another attorney, Leeroy Banner. The



Emmanuel McFadzean, charged with arson

Senior Magistrate explained to him that the offense is an indictable one for which he will be tried in the Supreme Court, where his plea would be taken.

McFadzean was granted bail in the sum of \$10,000 plus two sureties of \$5,000 each. He must report every Friday to the Ladyville police station between 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and surrender all his travel documents.

Some reports have suggested that there has been an active gas theft ring among some members of the Coast Guard. However, when AMANDALA asked Rear Admiral Elton Bennett, Commandant of the Belize Coast Guard, about such reports, he stated that he is unaware of the operation but that there have been incidents of theft.

The new Miss Y and her inspiring journey

by Khaila Gentle

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Oct. 27, 2022

On Friday, October 21, Carolyn Clarke was crowned Miss Y 2022 inside the Bliss Center for Performing Arts. Her journey towards becoming a beloved pageant queen, however, extends far beyond mastering the elegance, style, and conversational skills, required of participants.

Her story is one of resilience and perseverance, which is also the message that she hopes to impart to women young and old.

Her story begins with time spent in the US, where she first began honing the cooking skills that would lead her to becoming a restaurant owner in her home country. Eventually, she would return home, and after working at the Radisson Hotel for some time, she would make the decision to step into the world of entrepreneurship.

Today, Clarke—affectionately known as Miss CeeCee—is the proprietor of Shirly Homestyle Cuisine, located at the corner of Gibnut and Curassow Street, which she opened two years ago, amazingly, during the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic. There, she sells a variety of traditional Belizean dishes for breakfast and lunch, enjoyed by customers from all over the city.

Clarke, having taken part in pageants before while she was living in the US, says she has always wanted to participate in Miss Y. This year, with the encouragement of her neighbor, she finally accomplished that feat.

On stage at the Bliss, she shone in the talent segment as she danced, donned in traditional Garifuna garb, with a mortar and pestle. She was a woman determined to win, and that is exactly what she did.

The 27th edition of the YWCA's



Miss Carolyn Clarke – Miss Y 2022

annual Miss Y pageant saw the participation of six women, all above the age of fifty-five. The competition serves as a way of celebrating older women, or "seenagers," as they are often referred to by the YWCA. The proceeds from the pageant go towards supporting the YWCA's Seniors Program as well as the Helping Early Leavers Programme (HELP), which gives young school dropouts a second chance at education.

While Miss Clarke came out on top, Ms. Diane McKay was first runner-up and Ms. Maria Loague second runner-up. Ms. McKay was also given the prize for best talent. All six contestants, however, were given various prizes, including gift baskets, gift certificates and cash prizes.

In her capacity as Miss Y 2022-2023, in addition to inspiring women of all ages, Clarke will be attending a number of events, including those organized by the YWCA.

Mud Street resident killed in the Jane Usher Blvd. area

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Tues. Oct. 25, 2022

Shortly after 6:30 p.m. on Monday, October 24, Calvin Palma, a 32-year-old fisherman who resided on Mud Street in the Jane Usher Boulevard area, was fatally shot in front of a shop at the corner of Curl Thompson Street and Mud Street, just a few houses away from his home.

According to police reports, Palma went to a nearby shop to make a purchase, and on his way back, an unknown gunman approached him and fired as many as 7 shots in his direction, then fled the scene. Palma's motionless body was later seen in a small drain.

Palma has a very extensive criminal past. Back in 2004, when he was only 14 years old, he was charged with attempted murder for stabbing Lewis Hamilton. Previous attempts had also been made on his life. In 2009, he was a victim of a drive-by shooting on Nurse Findley Crescent. Also, in that same year, he was charged for possession of an unlicensed firearm and ammunition.

In 2020, he was among a group of Belize City men who were sought by police for detention under a state of emergency.

Calvin Palma is the third member of his family to be executed in a span of 4 months. In June, Palma's younger brother, Iwin Palma, 24, was fatally shot in Ladyville, and last month, the body of his uncle, Philip Palma, 55, who had been reported missing, was found buried in a shallow grave.



Calvin Palma, deceased

Ricardo Palma, the father of Calvin Palma, told 7News that he last spoke to his son last month when they were in search of his brother, and his son had told him that he was changing his life.

"... When I spoke to him, he always tell me, 'Dad, I've been through so [many] problems. I'm trying to change my life.' But I don't know if this is the way he means to change his life, I don't know," he said.

The common-law wife of Palma, with whom he had been in a relationship for 4 years, also told local reporters that Palma had put his life of crime behind him and had become a family man.

Anyone wishing to assist the Palma family to cover the costs of the burial of their loved one, can contact Ricardo Palma at 630-6629.

Palma had no children of his own, but

Butane tank explodes in Battlefield Park

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Oct. 27, 2022

On Wednesday morning, October 26, a butane tank exploded at around 10:45 a.m. at the Fish and Chip's food stall at the Battlefield Park in downtown Belize City and caused injuries to two of the cooks at the stall – Danica Rowland, 40, and her sister, Shantel Andrew, 30, who were burned on their hands and feet.

According to initial police reports, while butane company workers were at the establishment filling the stall's tank, one of the cooks tried to check the stove by igniting a spark. That caused flames to burst forth, which was followed by a mini explosion. Then, when the butane company workers attempted to remedy the situation by detaching the gas hose from

reportedly took care of his common-law wife's kids and recently moved to the Jane Usher Boulevard area about 5 months ago.



Fish and Chip's food stall

the fryer, a much larger blaze flared up.

The fire was ultimately "outed" when they turned off the gas valve, and it was later discovered that a hose connected to the tank was not properly sealed and was leaking—which created the circumstances that led to the fire when the tank was filled.

Rowland and Andrew received burn injuries to their hands and feet and drove themselves to the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital, where Rowland remained admitted for treatment.

So far, two men have been detained for questioning by police in connection with Palma's death.

A new sister city for Belize

by Khaila Gentle

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Oct. 26, 2022

The city of Angleton, Texas, has a population of over 19,400 and is located in Brazoria County, just a stone's throw away from Houston. As of this month, the small Texan city and the Old Capital (Belize City) are officially sister cities.

Last week, a delegation led by Mayor Bernard Wagner travelled to Angleton to meet with its mayor, Jason Perez, and the president of the Brazoria County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Ms. Gina Aguirre, who made the connection between the two cities possible, along with a host of councilors of that city council and the city manager, Chris Whitaker.

That delegation included members of the Belize City Council, Stephanie Hamilton and Kaya Cattouse, as well as the City Administrator Stephanie Lindo-Garbutt and a number of representatives from the education, tourism, business, youth, and sports sectors.

On Monday, October 17, the group received a Texas welcome from Mayor Perez and his team, followed shortly



(l-r) Councilor Stephanie Hamilton, Angleton mayor Jason Perez, and Belize City mayor Bernard Wagner

after by a tour of the city's parks and recreation areas. According to the Belize City Council, their hosts provided them with "key insights into fostering inclusive and resilient communities." The delegation also got a chance to visit Angleton High School, where they were treated to lunch, courtesy the school's culinary students, and were granted a tour of the facilities.

Mayor Wagner told Angleton reporters that he was impressed by the high school's Career and Technical Education Center, stating, "It's awesome and one of a kind. Having kids learn at a young age about technical opportunities is something I want to take back to Belize

City. They are our future and backbone of any nation."

The following day, representatives held fruitful discussions around the topic of college education. President of the University of Belize, Dr. Vincent Palacio, gave a presentation on the national university and also had the opportunity to learn about Angleton's Brazosport College, via a presentation by that college's president, Dr. Vincent Solis. The group discussed the possibility of having student and staff exchanges between the two institutions.

Later that day, both parties signed the official sister city agreement, the duration of which, said Angleton City Manager Chris Whittaker, is "forevermore."

Several months ago, Whittaker approached Brazoria County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce president, Gina Aguirre, in search of a potential

international partner. Aguirre, according to Angleton news reporters, already had Belize in mind.

"We talked a little bit about how the two cities have similarities. They had to come up with the bio of the city and an overview of what the city is... We have an international ambassador that specializes in sister cities. He called me the next day and said he was flying to meet with the Belize ambassador," she said.

Shortly after that, in May, the mayors of both cities met via Zoom.

With the signing of the sister city contract, Belize City and the City of Angleton have agreed to collaborate meaningfully for the development of both cities in areas such as art, commerce, disaster risk management, technology, sports, public health administration, and technical and vocational education.

The signing was followed by a celebratory toast. This year, Belize also established sister city relations with Newark, New Jersey.

Miss World contestants visit the YWCA

by Khaila Gentle

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Oct. 27, 2022

The Miss World Belize beauty pageant is set to take place this Saturday, October 29, at the Ramada Belize City Princess poolside. Today, we met with some of the delegates as they paid a visit to the YWCA Daycare Center to deliver Halloween treats to the children.

Twenty-five-year-old Shante Morgan is from Belmopan. She took a brief break from preparing Halloween-themed party bags to tell us about what guests can expect when they attend Saturday's pageant.

"Come out and enjoy a night of entertainment—we're all talented, and we all have something to bring to the table that night," she said.

Morgan has said that she believes pageantry goes much further than having a beautiful face or dress and that all beauty ambassadors should use the platforms that they are granted to effect change in their communities and in those around them. Notably, one of the main themes surrounding this year's Miss World pageant is "beauty with a purpose."

Paris Cawich, who is also from Belmopan, added that each of this year's contestants is unique in her own way. When asked what she hopes to take away from the experience, she told us that she is looking forward to being friends "for the long run" with the other contestants.

Elise-Gayonne Vernon, 21-years old, will be representing her village of Biscayne



(l-r) Elise-Gayonne Vernon, Veronica Ruano, Paris Cawich, Shante Morgan

and the Belize District on Saturday. So far, she said, the experience of being a delegate has been a journey that has taught her much. An Agriculture student and a certified beekeeper, she possesses a deep-rooted passion for farming and caring for animals.

Twenty-five-year-old Veronica Ruano from Spanish Lookout, Cayo, who holds an Associate Degree in Biology, says that the competition has provided her with a new way of challenging herself. Having grown up an orphan, she says that she hopes to inspire young girls and children across the country through her story and her successes.

After speaking with us, the four contestants then made their way up to the YWCA Daycare Center, with smiles on their faces and party bags in hand.

The other two contestants taking part in this year's competition are 18-year-old Tori Chaplin from Dangriga and 19-year-old Babe Lopez from San Pedro Town. Chaplin is a junior college student and a member of the Wagiya FC football team, while Lopez has stated that she has a strong interest in the conservation and protection of Belize's marine ecosystem.

Caribbean International Brewery's \$3.1 M held by FIU

Attorney for the Caribbean International Brewery Limited, Dean Barrow, SC, intends to take the matter to the Supreme Court, and has indicated that his clients will pursue a constitutional claim against the government.

ORANGE WALK, Wed. Oct. 26, 2022

Magistrate Deborah Rogers ruled this week that \$3.1 million seized from Caribbean International Brewery Limited's Carmelita facility in Orange Walk during a raid by multiple law

enforcement agencies on October 6 and 7 will be held by the Financial Intelligence Unit, pending an investigation into allegations of money laundering, tax evasion, and human trafficking. The attorney representing the company in its attempt to prevent the FIU from seizing the funds, former prime minister Dean Barrow, has called on Magistrate Rogers to state the case to the Supreme Court, in order for that higher court to hand down a determination on the matter.

This is a process that will take place over a period that will likely stretch beyond three months—meaning that the company will nonetheless be bereft of funds needed to cover its operational expenses for an extended period. Barrow has acknowledged that this is the case and said that the company has had to secure bridge financing in order to keep its operation afloat. "They've said they had to go and borrow money at, I don't know the rate of interest, but no doubt extortionate, but they've done that, and so they continue to operate. It is still one hell of a strain, and they are being prejudiced, but they are going to be able to survive...," he said.

Barrow noted, however, that the application will set the stage for a constitutional claim for his clients against the government of Belize.



(l-r) Dean Barrow, SC and Godfrey Smith, SC

"Look, in my view, this magistrate was never going to do other than accede to the application for continued detention, so nothing is lost by getting ahead, and we would have to go to the Supreme Court. Nothing is lost by getting a head start on now. By the time we get to the Supreme Court, as I said the application she is considering will be moot, because 3 months would have passed, but we will then have the chance to establish that she proceeded absolutely wrongly... and that if she proceeded correctly, either her procedure is unconstitutional or the law permitting such a procedure is unconstitutional. Either way, my clients will be then be entitled to demand and receive redress," Barrow explained.

Attorney for the FIU, Godfrey Smith, says that a case to decide an interim matter has been blown out of proportion by the company and its attorney. He said that the FIU had simply sought to hold on to the cash temporarily pending its tax evasion investigation, and the company had not been facing any imminent forfeiture of the money to the government. While he said that neither guilt nor innocence are being determined in this proceeding, the company, which manufactures "Mine Beer" and whose owner was charged for

Gardenia teen hit by a house on a trailer

Arthur Thomas, a fifteen-year-old of Gardenia Village, Belize District, was hit by a wooden house that was being transported on a trailer while he was riding his bike heading towards Sandhill Village. His family is seeking assistance to cover the costs of overseas surgery on Thomas.

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Oct. 27, 2022

It has been over a week since fifteen-year-old Arthur Thomas of Gardenia Village, Belize District, was injured when one section of a wooden house that was being transported on a trailer on the Philip Goldson Highway hit him while he was heading towards Sandhill Village on his bike around 4:00 in the afternoon on Tuesday, October 18.



Wooden house that hit Arthur Thomas

According to local media reports, Thomas was traveling in the direction of Belize City, the same direction in which the trailer was headed, when planks of wood that were projecting from the sides of the structure hit him. After he was hit, Thomas, who was in an unresponsive state, was quickly transported to the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital, where he received treatment.

He was discharged later that same day. When he was subsequently examined at a private hospital, however, his family was told that Thomas must undergo an emergency life-saving surgery, as doctors discovered that he was suffering from

internal bleeding and had suffered from bone fractures as a result of being hit.

Thomas's father, Fred Thomas, told us that the family had to pay a \$1,500 deposit before his son was admitted at the private facility. He further explained that he had reached out yesterday, Wednesday, October 26, to the company that was carrying the wooden structure which hit his son, but so far they have been unable to access funds to cover medical costs through the company's insurance scheme.

Currently, Fred Thomas is searching for a facility in the region that can conduct surgery on his son before resorting to making a trip to the United States. Persons wishing to assist can contact him at 672-6378.

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Eruptions nightclub managers charged for admitting minor

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Oct. 27, 2022

Mirna Portillo, 44, and Hector Choj, 51, managers of one of the most popular nightclubs in Belize, Eruptions Nightclub, which is situated at Mile



11 1/2 on the Philip Goldson Highway, have been criminally charged for admitting a person under 18 years of age—a 17-year-old female minor—into the club, which is an offense under the Liquor License Act, Section 44(3b), Chapter 150. That same minor was allegedly drugged following her entry into the club and was subsequently raped sometime between Friday night and Saturday morning. She was later seen walking on the highway in a partially nude state after she awoke in a vehicle wearing just her underwear after seemingly losing consciousness.

The female minor had reportedly attended a wake in Ladyville on Friday night, October 21, but then went to the Eruptions nightclub with some friends later that night and consumed a few drinks before becoming unconscious.

When the minor awoke at about 7:00 the following morning, she was partially nude inside a vehicle approximately a mile away from the nightclub. The minor reportedly told police that she had no recollection of the events that occurred after she had a few drinks at the nightclub, but she noted that she had been robbed

and raped.

The man accused of raping her, 25-year-old Michael Llewellyn Flowers, appeared represented on Monday, October 24, in the Belize City Magistrate Court, where he was charged with one count of rape. Flowers has said that the victim was intoxicated, but he insisted that the intercourse he had with her was consensual. Flowers was remanded to the Belize Central Prison and is scheduled to return to court on December 29.

Mirna Portillo told a local media outlet that she ascertained, upon reviewing security footage that was recorded on the night of the incident by the club's cameras, that the female minor did not purchase any drinks and entered the establishment already intoxicated.

The management of the Eruptions nightclub released the following statement. "The club does not encourage underage drinking nor allow minors within the establishment... The management takes this time to notify all customers that a form of identification must be presented at all times before entering the club."

As the UDP sinks, the orchestra plays!

by Rudolph A. Neal

Just when you think one couldn't go any farther than rock bottom, they prove you otherwise! And here, I am referring to the ongoing anarchy that continues to prevail and reign supreme inside the loyal opposition, United Democratic Party. Given the most recent show of discord within the party, all will readily admit that the opposition is anything but "United", and now the question of how "Democratic" they are has been brought to the fore. This is after sparring factions within the opposition launched a recall attempt against its current party leader, which after a few days of vetting has been determined by the internal party leadership to have failed after supposedly not meeting the requirements to trigger such a recall mechanism. Now, whether or not it truly failed is a matter for debate, but what is more apparent than ever is that the United Democratic Party (UDP) is sinking, and as it sinks, the orchestra is playing on.

This latest attempt to trigger a recall of its current party leader was monumental. It was a bold and divisive move, one of the likes that rarely ever happens in the intricate ventricles of political parties. The fact that such a mechanism was attempted twice in under two years speaks to the eerie state of disarray, dysfunction, and grave discord that is prevalent within the opposition UDP. If I may say, it is an outright shame and disgrace and is cause for grave concern and alarm in our country. History will recount that there were times in the past when oppositions were

weakened, and had internal scuffles and skirmishes; but man, I tell you, this one takes the cake, by far! And what is even more concerning is the glaring fact that this "failed" attempt to trigger the recall will only further deepen the divide within the party and further strain internal relations, sinking the party further into the dark and dismal depths of the cold and bitter abyss of the political fringes.

Now, in lively discourse with my friends, and in talking about the state of the affairs of our country, the horrid state that the UDP finds themselves in came up. And one of my friends said to the other that what is happening within the UDP is none of our business. To that, I dissented, because, on the contrary, the goings-on within the UDP are all of our business. They are our sworn opposition who are tasked and charged with the fiduciary responsibility to be guardians of our democracy and watchdogs over the political process through which the government executes plans and manages our affairs. So we can't turn a blind eye to this inability to get their act together and serve their best in their capacity. It's our business, and the opposition is failing, and it's failing badly, and thus we must speak of it and be concerned about what is taking place.

When I objectively survey the state of the affairs within the UDP, where a stable democracy is concerned as a viable opposition, it's not going to happen anytime soon, nor in the foreseeable future.



Behind the troubles of Afro-Belizeans

Afro-Belizeans living in Belize – the Creoles/Kriols and Garinagu – have never had much economic power, and for decades their fortunes have been dwindling. The Creoles (Kriols) comprise less than 25% of our population, but in 2017, 50% of persons serving time in Belize’s main jail were from that group. The Belize Crime Observatory listed the 2021 murder rate in the area of Belize where the most Afro- Belizeans live, as being a staggering 72.64 per 100,000. Insincere or naïve Belizeans tell Afro-Belizeans to pull themselves up by their bootstraps. Sincere Belizeans, and fortunately there’re many of them in our beautiful country, want to find out what’s going on with their brothers and sisters, and how they can form links to help them improve their condition.

It’s important for people to observe what’s going on around them, so they can learn and emulate the good things they see in their neighborhood, and avoid the bad things. While observing what’s going on with their neighbors, people must keep a firm grip on themselves, so they don’t fall victim to pride, if they are more successful than their neighbors, or envy, if their neighbors have more than they have.

Things were simple when countries were peopled by a single group (tribe). But there has never been a nation without problems. There will always be divisions among individuals and peoples—divisions over religious beliefs, political beliefs, economic policies, wealth distribution, social positions, and the location where people live (rural vs urban). In countries that have more than one group, race and cultural issues are added to the mix.

In our Belize, we have more than a fair share of differences to divide us, if we allow them to. It is hard to pin down which of the potential

dividers is the most volatile in the rest of the world. We have seen so many countries split apart over political, economic, and religious differences, and along tribal lines. Our country is blessed with many groups, and we boast to the world about the harmony that exists here; indeed, we have had a fairly long run of peace between and among our many groups, but having seen what has happened in other parts of the world, we have to know that if we don’t work at it, things could fall apart.

Ask any Belizean to tell you which group is the hardest to deal with, and they will unfailingly say, Afro- Belizeans, particularly the Creoles/Kriol. A number of non-Afro groups in Belize came here to escape war, poverty, or religious persecution, so few are strangers to hardship. Even the Mayan groups, the original peoples of this land, many of them are here because within the borders demarcated by the European conquistadors, they were oppressed. While nearly all of our groups have experienced troubles, none face the unique hardships of the Afro-Belizeans.

Briefly, since the Europeans introduced a blond, straight-haired, blue-eyed, thin-lipped, narrow-faced man as God, people

of African descent, being farthest from that phenotype, have been maltreated and maligned. The fact is that Jesus the Christ, direct son of God or prophet, did not look like the picture painted by the Europeans, but they have used their world dominance attained via the barrel of the gun to impose their bias.

Briefly, the modern Belize was built on the backs of people who were predominantly of Afro-ethnicity. Naturally, over time the percentage of Afro-descendant people in the population has diminished because Belize is surrounded by countries peopled by Maya and Mestizos, the latter also called Hispanic.

Natural phenomena, as we are seeing with climate change, play an important role in the movement of peoples. In 1961, Hurricane Hattie, a cataclysmic storm that was tracking north, away from Belize, made an unexpected turn to the southwest, a turn that had epochal ramifications, particularly for Afro- Belizeans. Belize City, Gales Point, Mullins River, and Dangriga (then Stann Creek Town), the population centers with the highest concentration of Afro-Belizeans, were devastated. Around 70% of Belize City was destroyed; the US opened its borders for Belizeans left destitute by the storm, and there was a massive exodus of Belizeans, mostly Afro-Belizeans, from our shores.

Afro-Belizeans have watched their percentage of the legal population decrease further over the years— in the 1980s when thousands from neighboring countries took refuge here to escape civil wars, and this year, when an amnesty for people who are here illegally will cause their percentage of the population to fall even more. For many Afro-Belizeans it is taking some getting used to, the number of places that are being taken over by faces different from theirs.

Consider what happened after slavery “ended”. We entered the age of colonialism, and the Afro population (Creoles/Kriols) was groomed to serve the colonial masters in the public sector – as public servants, teachers, police officers. Meanwhile, the colonial government started focusing on agriculture, as the forest stock in a forestry-dominated economy had been severely depleted. A small segment of the Afro population engaged in the productive sector, those in the rural areas in agriculture, and those who lived on the coast, in fishing. The majority of Afro-Belizeans, locked in the main urban area of the country, now find themselves competing for scarce jobs with new Belizeans who accept wages that are the bare minimum.

Jobs as laborers in agriculture are available, but unattractive to the urban Afro-Belizean because living conditions on farms are poor, and wages are of necessity low, so that our raw products can compete on the world market. Added to the unattractive wages and poor living conditions is the fact that farm owners prefer pliant foreign laborers, who come to work on seasonal work permits.

By no means are Afro-Belizeans the only group that is stressed. The Afro groups have reason to complain, but so do the other Roots groups. For example, the grocery business was dominated by our Mestizo group, and they have lost their share of that to the Asian group that arrived after Belize began selling economic citizenship in the 1980s.

Things can only be well if all are getting a sufficient share of the pie. It is the worst of times for Afro- Belizeans, because not only are they experiencing serious economic woes, but violence, mainly triggered by poverty and the US drug war, is stymying the group’s efforts to thrive. Bullets are flying, and the young men, young women and children too, are falling. In this violent environment, Afro-Belizean entrepreneurs are trapped, unable to give their all in pursuit of their daily bread on streets that have been taken over by thugs. Parents live in fear every moment their children are outside of their homes.

Afro-Belizeans have every reason to call on the country’s political leaders to help the group overcome their troubles. Afro-Belizeans can’t look for other groups to “put out” for them; some of them have problems too, but it’s important for other groups to have a better understanding of their Afro brothers and sisters, because we share this space and we are all Belizeans.



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Belizean-American inventor André Gray tops *London Defender's* "Power 100" list

Gray, hailed as the Godfather of Internet Inventions, has topped the *London Defender's* "Power 100" Most Influential People in the World list, which took an astounding four months to compile.

by Khaila Gentle

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Without many of the inventions of Belizean-American André Gray, social media as we know it would not exist. He is credited with being responsible for at least 80% of how smartphones and the internet work and has been hailed as the world's No. 1 inventor every year for the past 33 consecutive years.

The Godfather of Internet Inventions, as he is often called, is credited with a number of revolutionary innovations that have helped to shape the world of technology. Take the voicemail icon, displayed on every single mobile phone ever made, for example. He designed it in 1988. That year, he also created the world's first internet bot, inkling, complete with artificial intelligence.

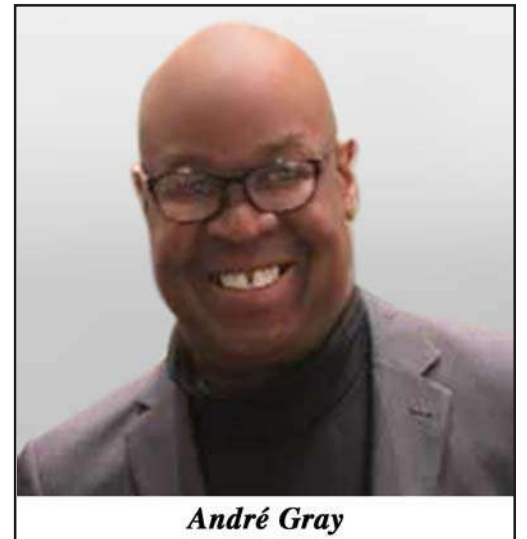
Gray's inventions also include

Retrogrooves, the world's first DJ software (1989); Microgrooves-E, the world's first mobile phone multimedia player (1998); Online Music Sales Certifications (1999), and much more—all of which went on to shape the world of online digital media, including social media, an industry that is now worth trillions of dollars.

Having had a curious mind for as long as he could remember, Gray says that the inventor's life chose him, rather than the other way around. His father, Joseph Gray, was an attorney and his mother, Eleanor, a stay-at-home mom for much of his younger years. In 1981, at the age of 15, he migrated to the United States.

In a December 2021 interview with the *Los Angeles Tribune*, Gray remarked that when it comes to money, his views are aligned with those of Nikola Tesla. Tesla was known for wanting to improve the lives of people—for free—and did not care much about personal profit. Likewise, Gray, as per his Twitter bio, firmly believes in open source and inventing for the benefit of humanity rather than primarily for profits.

According to the *London Defender*, in the process of creating their "Power



André Gray

100" list, they opted to avoid "superficial inclusion" of world famous celebrities and instead chose serious-minded people "who are really making an indelible impact upon the world now." And while the writers and editors at the *Defender* took an astounding four months to deliberate on who would be on their official list, the number one title was almost a given.

"If there is one true unassailable genius in the world today, it is this great inventor," stated the *London Defender*.

Other notable figures on the Power 100 list include Barbados Prime Minister, Mia Amor Mottley at the sixth position; Ren Zhengfei, the founder of the Huawei phone company, who holds

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"Tour-isms"

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The Hotels and Tourist Accommodation Act, Chapter 285 of Laws of Belize, is very specific about everything tourism related. The Law includes specifics about establishments such as rooms, apartments, apartment studios, condominiums, and vacation homes that are rented to local or foreign tourists. As the statutory body representing the Ministry of Tourism and Diaspora Relations, the BTB is intentional about ensuring that industry standards, pertaining to accommodation rentals, are understood and upheld. These standards safeguard that service remains consistent across all aspects of the Belize Tourism Product. Accommodations are an important component of any visitor's experience, therefore; they must be standardized. The BTB Hotel Amnesty Program was designed with tourists' accommodations in mind.

Why Amnesty? With new platforms such as Airbnb, VRBO, Vacasa, HomeToGo, and Homestay, it is easier now to create short term rentals than ever before. The ability for anyone to create rentals and increase overnight stays is a plus for Belize tourism, however those accommodations must be registered and licensed to operate within the industry. Some proprietors, particularly those who started their operations during Covid-19, may have neglected to consult with the BTB and local Law to better understand their obligations and important role in the industry. The legal responsibilities of those wishing to rent to tourists are clear under the Hotel and Tourists Accommodation Act. Therefore, as a part of its recovery strategy, the BTB and the Government of Belize (GOB), created this program for anyone who has already opened tourists' accommodation properties (primarily rooms, apartments, apartment studios, condominiums, and vacation homes) but have not yet legally registered their operations. Importantly, this program helps renters avoid future legal and taxation penalties. Additionally, under the BTB Hotel Amnesty Program, these properties can become official members of the Belize Tourism offer and access all the resources and support available to them through the BTB.

The word "amnesty" has been in use since the late 16th century. It can be defined as "a ruling authority's pardon of past offence". The BTB does not regard new accommodations for local and foreign tourists as an offence. However, the organization is responsible to ensure that all travelers, foreign or domestic, renting in Belize can expect a safe and consistent experience across the industry and across the country. The GOB has decided to remit arrears. Their recently approved Accommodation Tax (Remission or Arrears) Bill, 2022 is the proof. Sign up now and taxes owed will be forgiven. It is essentially, a legal accommodation for unlicensed tourists' accommodations. Even more accommodating, is that applicants are given the entire month of October to apply to the Registrar of Hotels for amnesty, but they have until December 31st to complete the licensing process once they are approved.

Victor Hugo once said of amnesty that "it is as good for those who give it as for those who receive it- it has the admirable quality of bestowing mercy on both sides". The BTB Amnesty Program will benefit all parties concerned. For this reason, the -ism we underscore this week is "Altruism" because sometimes it's not all about the bottom line. A little goodness in business can go a long way. For the GOB, pardoning legally owed taxes in this case is an act of good will. For the public, applying for proper licensing is an act of trust. For the BTB, creating the program is a practice of good ethics and faith for its stakeholders. To apply for the program, download the application at <http://bit.ly/3xVCTgH>.



See you next week.

The Belize Tourism Board

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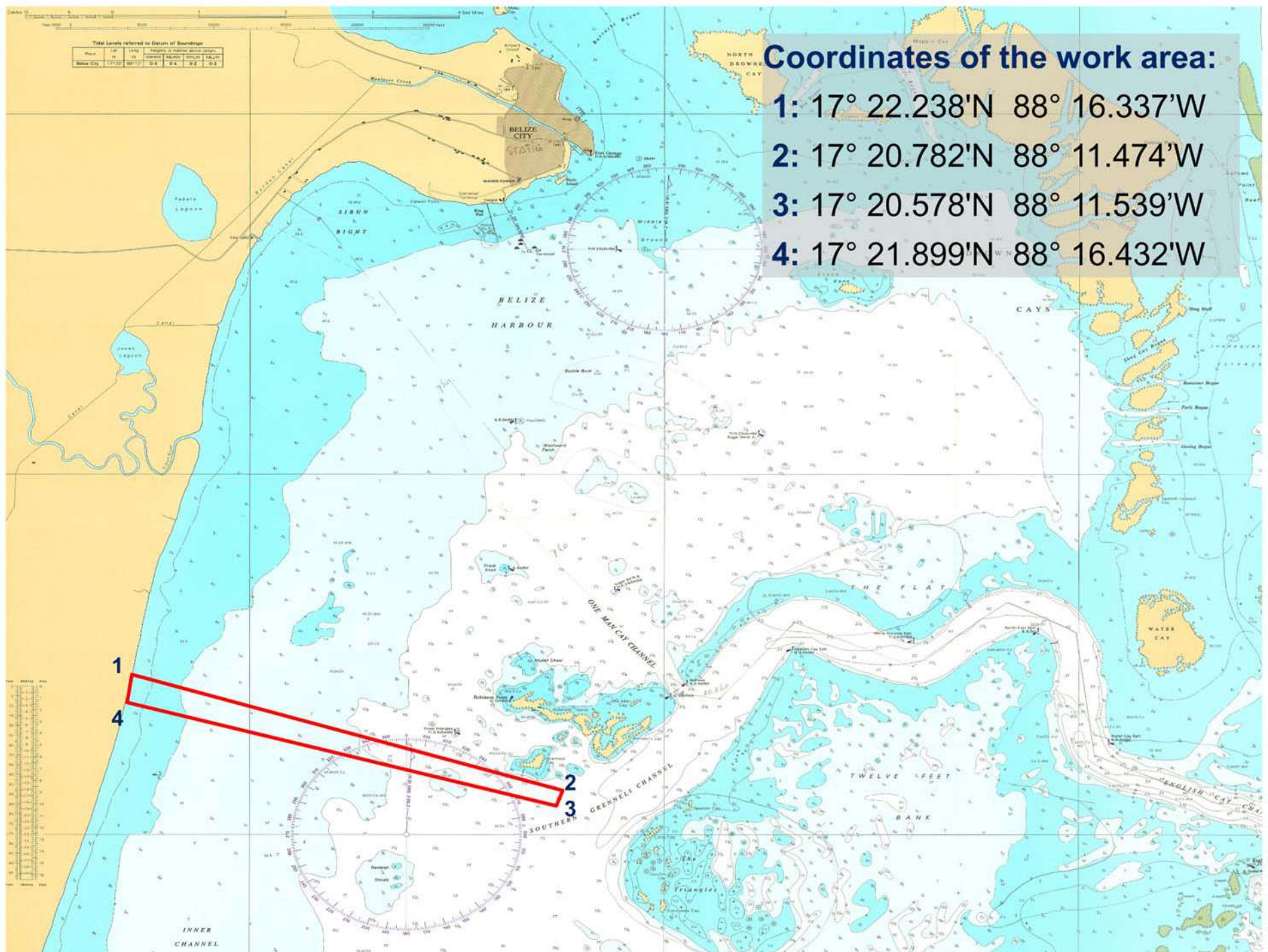
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Detrás de los problemas de los afrobeliceños

Los afrobeliceños que viven en Belize, los criollos/*Kriols* y los garinagu, nunca han tenido mucho poder económico y, durante décadas, sus fortunas han ido disminuyendo. Los criollos (*Kriols*) comprenden menos del 25% de nuestra población, pero en 2017, el 50% de las personas que cumplen condena en la cárcel principal de Belize eran de ese grupo. El Observatorio del Crimen de Belize enumeró la tasa de homicidios de 2021 en el área de Belize donde vive la mayoría de los afrobeliceños, con un asombroso 72,64 por 100.000. Los beliceños insinceros o ingenuos les dicen a los afro-beliceños que se levanten por sus propios medios. Beliceños sinceros, y afortunadamente hay muchos de ellos en nuestro hermoso país, quieren saber qué está pasando con sus hermanos y hermanas, y cómo pueden formar vínculos para ayudarlos a mejorar su condición.

Es importante que las personas observen lo que sucede a su alrededor, para que puedan aprender y emular las cosas buenas que ven en su vecindario y evitar las cosas malas. Al observar lo que sucede con sus vecinos, las personas deben controlarse firmemente a sí mismas, para no ser víctimas del orgullo, si tienen más éxito que sus vecinos, o de la envidia, si sus vecinos tienen más que ellos.

Las cosas eran simples cuando los países estaban poblados por un solo grupo (tribu). Pero nunca ha habido una nación sin problemas. Siempre habrá divisiones entre individuos y pueblos: divisiones sobre creencias religiosas, creencias políticas, políticas económicas, distribución de la riqueza, posiciones sociales y el lugar donde vive la gente (rural versus urbano). En los países que tienen más de un grupo, se agregan a la mezcla cuestiones raciales y culturales.

En nuestro Belize, tenemos más que una buena cantidad de diferencias para dividirnos, si lo permitimos. Es difícil precisar cuál de los divisores potenciales es el más volátil en el resto del mundo. Hemos visto tantos países divididos por diferencias políticas, económicas y religiosas, y por líneas tribales. Nuestro país está bendecido con muchos grupos, y nos jactamos ante el mundo de la armonía que aquí existe; de hecho, hemos tenido una racha bastante larga de paz entre nuestros muchos grupos, pero habiendo visto lo que ha sucedido en otras partes del mundo, debemos saber que si no trabajamos en ello, las cosas podrían desmoronarse.

Pregúntele a cualquier beliceño que les diga con qué grupo es el más difícil de tratar, e indefectiblemente le dirán afro-beliceños, particularmente los criollos. Varios grupos no afro en Belize llegaron aquí para escapar de la guerra, la pobreza o la persecución religiosa, por lo que pocos son ajenos a las dificultades. Incluso los grupos mayas, los pueblos originarios de esta tierra, muchos de ellos están aquí porque dentro de las fronteras demarcadas por los conquistadores europeos, fueron oprimidos. Si bien casi todos nuestros grupos han experimentado problemas, ninguno enfrenta las dificultades únicas de los afrobeliceños.

Brevemente, desde que los europeos introdujeron como Dios a un hombre rubio, de cabello lacio, ojos azules, labios delgados y rostro angosto, las personas de ascendencia africana, que son las más alejadas de ese fenotipo, han sido maltratadas y difamadas. El hecho es que Jesús el Cristo, hijo directo de Dios o profeta, no se parecía al cuadro pintado por los europeos, pero ellos han usado su dominio mundial alcanzado a punta de pistola para imponer su parcialidad.

En pocas palabras, el Belize moderno se construyó sobre las espaldas de personas que eran predominantemente de etnia afro. Naturalmente, con el tiempo el porcentaje de afrodescendientes en la población ha disminuido debido a que Belize está rodeado de países poblados por mayas y mestizos, estos últimos también llamados hispanos.

Los fenómenos naturales, como estamos viendo con el cambio climático, juegan un papel importante en el movimiento de los pueblos.

En 1961, el huracán Hattie, una tormenta catastrófica que avanzaba hacia el norte, alejándose de Belize, dio un giro inesperado hacia el suroeste, un giro que tuvo repercusiones trascendentales, en particular para los afrobeliceños. La Ciudad de Belize, Gales Point, Mullins River y Dangriga (entonces el Municipio de Stann Creek), los centros poblacionales con la mayor concentración de afrobeliceños, quedaron devastados. Alrededor del 70% de la Ciudad de Belize fue destruida; EE. UU. abrió sus fronteras para los beliceños que quedaron en la indigencia por la tormenta, y hubo un éxodo masivo de beliceños, en su mayoría afrobeliceños, de nuestras costas.

Los afrobeliceños han visto disminuir aún más su porcentaje de la población legal a lo largo de los años: en la década de 1980, cuando miles de personas de países vecinos se refugiaron aquí para escapar de las guerras civiles, y este año, cuando una amnistía para las personas que están aquí ilegalmente hará que su porcentaje de la población disminuya aún más. A muchos afrobeliceños les está costando acostumbrarse a la cantidad de lugares que están siendo ocupados por rostros diferentes al suyo.

Consideren lo que sucedió después de que la esclavitud “terminara”. Entramos en la era del colonialismo y la población afro (criollos) fue preparada para servir a los amos coloniales en el sector público, como servidores públicos, maestros, policías. Mientras tanto, el gobierno colonial comenzó a centrarse en la agricultura, ya que la reserva forestal en una economía dominada por la silvicultura se había agotado gravemente. Un pequeño segmento de la población afro se dedicaba al sector productivo, los del área rural a la agricultura y los que vivían en la costa a la pesca. La mayoría de los afrobeliceños, encerrados en la principal área urbana del país, ahora se encuentran compitiendo por los escasos trabajos con los nuevos beliceños que aceptan salarios mínimos.

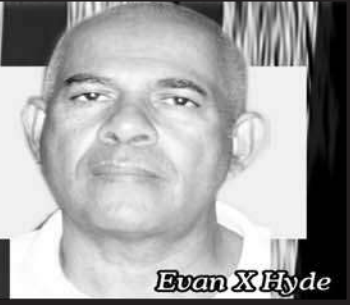
Los trabajos como trabajadores agrícolas están disponibles, pero no son atractivos para los afrobeliceños urbanos porque las condiciones de vida en las fincas son malas y los salarios son necesariamente bajos, para que nuestros productos crudos puedan competir en el mercado mundial. A los salarios poco atractivos y las malas condiciones de vida se suma el hecho de que los propietarios de fincas prefieren trabajadores extranjeros dóciles, que vienen a trabajar con permisos de trabajo estacionales.

De ninguna manera son los afrobeliceños el único grupo que está estresado. Los grupos afro tienen motivos para quejarse, pero también los otros grupos de la base. Por ejemplo, el negocio de las tiendas de comestibles estaba dominado por nuestro grupo mestizo, y ellos han perdido su parte de eso ante el grupo asiático que llegó después de que Belize comenzó a vender ciudadanía económica en la década de 1980.

Las cosas solo pueden ir bien si todos obtienen una parte suficiente del pastel. Es el peor de los tiempos para los afrobeliceños, porque no solo están experimentando graves problemas económicos, sino que la violencia, provocada principalmente por la pobreza y la guerra contra las drogas de EE. UU., está obstaculizando los esfuerzos del grupo para prosperar. Las balas vuelan y los jóvenes, las jovencitas y los niños también, están cayendo. En este ambiente violento, los empresarios afrobeliceños están atrapados, incapaces de darlo todo en busca de su pan de cada día en calles que han sido tomadas por matones. Los padres viven con miedo cada momento que sus hijos están fuera de casa.

Los afrobeliceños tienen todas las razones para pedir a los líderes políticos del país que ayuden al grupo a superar sus problemas. Los afrobeliceños no pueden buscar que otros grupos velen por ellos; algunos de ellos también tienen problemas, pero es importante que otros grupos tengan una mejor comprensión de sus hermanos y hermanas afro, porque compartimos este espacio y todos somos beliceños.

From the Publisher



Evan X Hyde

Early Wednesday morning, I telephoned Clinton Canul Luna in Corozal because I could not remember the name of the second of the treaties that the United States and the United Kingdom (Great Britain) signed in the 1850s, a few years before the U.S. “godfathered” the critical and historic 1859 treaty between Guatemala and Great Britain with respect to the territorial boundaries of British Honduras.

I remembered the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, but could not remember the name of the second treaty.

Luna said to me, “Do you know where I am? I’m in the hospital. I was attacked yesterday by bees in Finca Solana, and some neighbors saved me by lighting fires.”

Luna is about 78 years old. If I were liquid the way I used to be, I would try to bring him to Belize City so that he could educate our younger generations on KREM Radio and Television. Young people nowadays don’t like to read: they want to write, put things, on social media.

Anyway, old codger that I am, I know enough about the computer to search for information, such as the name of

the second treaty, which is Dallas-Clarendon, signed in 1856, subsequent to Clayton-Bulwer, signed in 1850.

As a result of the January 6, 2021 attack by Donald Trump supporters on the U.S. Capitol building in Washington, we learned that the last time that this happened was in 1812, when the British did it.

The history of the relationship between the U.S. and the U.K. has always intrigued me. Since the U.S., then a British colony (thirteen of them, in fact), declared independence from Great Britain in 1776, and, with the aid of the French, fought off the monarchy and established a constitutional, democratic republic, there have been periods when the Americans and the British, whom we have known as the best of friends for many decades, have had occasional disagreements.

In 1823, the U.S. flexed its muscle by declaring the so-called Monroe Doctrine, essentially declaring their hegemony in this Western Hemisphere. Spain had controlled most of the Western Hemisphere after Columbus entered the Caribbean in 1492, but the Spanish were forced to concede independence to Mexico and the Central

American republics in 1821. The Central American republics soon broke away from Mexico, and then they began fighting amongst themselves.

In the 1830s, there was a Central American war between the liberal element, led by Francisco Morazan, representing Honduras and Salvador, and a conservative force, led by Guatemala and their Rafael Carrera (supported by the Church), who was president of Guatemala when the aforementioned 1859 treaty was signed.

By 1839, 1840, Guatemala and Carrera had defeated Morazan. The British were, of course, all the while ensconced in Belize, but they also controlled the Bay Islands, now the property of Honduras, and the Bluefields territory, which is now Nicaragua’s. The treaties of the 1850’s constituted pressure on the British by the Americans to cede these territories, while permitting continued British possession of Belize, hence the 1859 treaty, which Carrera signed on behalf of Guatemala. (He died in 1865.)

This week controversy erupted in Belize because of a claim to Belize’s Sapodilla Islands by Honduras, who placed that claim a few decades ago in their constitution. This controversy took us Belizean elders back to the 1981 Heads of Agreement, when a clause in that agreement allowed Guatemalans to “use and enjoy” Belize’s Ranguana and Sapodilla Cayes. And it took us back to 1991, when Hon. Philip Goldson broke away


from the United Democratic Party (UDP), because the then Opposition UDP’s leaders, the late Dr. Manuel Esquivel and Hon. Dean Barrow, were supporting the Maritime Areas Act (MAA) initiative being pushed by the ruling People’s United Party (PUP).

There are complications surrounding these breathtakingly beautiful islands which are in the Caribbean Sea about equidistant from the southern land mass of Belize and the northern land masses of Honduras and Guatemala. The complications involve the very strong suspicion that there are massively valuable hydrocarbons in this area of the sea, which includes the point where the maritime rights of Belize, Honduras, and Guatemala intersect.

When you introduce “valuable hydrocarbons” into this discussion, then the monster American oil companies will become very much interested, and the foreign policy of the government of the United States, the most powerful nation in the world, will have to defend the interests of their oil companies.

So then, the Sapodilla issue underlines the fact that we Belizeans feature some articulate attorneys, but a military which is not competitive with those of the two republics which are relevant to the controversy.

In international relations, my understanding from the great Vincent Starzinger at Dartmouth was, I think, that might makes right. Washington, in other words, holds the relevant cards here. Or, this is how it appears to this Starzinger student.



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FROM THE PUBLISHER en Español

La madrugada del miércoles llamé por teléfono a Clinton Canul Luna en Corozal porque no recordaba el nombre del segundo de los tratados que Estados Unidos y el Reino Unido (Gran Bretaña) firmaron en la década de 1850, unos años antes de que Estados Unidos “apadrinara” el tratado crítico e histórico de 1859 entre Guatemala y Gran Bretaña con respecto a los límites territoriales de Honduras Británica.

Recordé el tratado Clayton-Bulwer, pero no podía recordar el nombre del segundo tratado.

Luna me dijo: “¿Sabes dónde estoy? Estoy en el hospital. Ayer me atacaron las abejas en Finca Solana y unos vecinos me salvaron encendiendo fuegos”.

Luna tiene unos 78 años. Si tuviera dinero como antes, trataría de traerlo a la Ciudad de Belize para que pueda educar a nuestras generaciones más jóvenes en Radio y Televisión KREM.

A los jóvenes de hoy en día no les gusta leer: quieren escribir, poner cosas en las redes sociales.

De todos modos, como vejete que soy, sé lo suficiente sobre la computadora para buscar información, como el nombre del segundo tratado, que es Dallas-Clarendon, firmado en 1856, posterior a Clayton-Bulwer, firmado en 1850.

A raíz del ataque del 6 de enero de 2021 por parte de los partidarios de Donald Trump al edificio del Capitolio de los EE. UU. en Washington, supimos que la última vez que esto sucedió fue en 1812, cuando lo hicieron los británicos.

La historia de la relación entre los EE. UU. y el Reino Unido siempre me ha intrigado. Desde que EE. UU., entonces una colonia británica (trece de ellas, de hecho), declaró su independencia de Gran Bretaña en



PRESS RELEASE

BTB'S NATIONAL TOURISM AWARDS 2022

Belize City, Belize, 23rd October, 2022: The Belize Tourism Board held its annual National Tourism Awards Gala on Saturday, 22nd October in Belize City. The signature event honored and celebrated the excellence of the industry's top performers for 2022.

The gala was attended by Hon. Anthony Mahler, Minister of Tourism and Diaspora Relations, other government officials, diplomatic core, industry partners, and other distinguished guests including all nominees and winners. In his remarks, Minister Mahler, thanked industry partners for their resolve to survive and remaining steadfast in their commitment to the tourism industry in the face of the pandemic.

As the governing body for the tourism industry, the BTB recognized excellence in service and efforts in several categories: Frontline Person of the Year, Tour Guide of the Year, Tour Operator of the Year, Site of the Year, Restaurant of the Year, Small Accommodation of the Year, Hotel of the Year, Posthumous Award, Minister's Award, Lifetime Achievement Award. Three new categories were introduced being Green Champion of the Year, Health and Wellness Provider of the Year and Cultural Experience of the Year. The addition of the new categories is a reflection of the dynamic growth of Belize's tourism industry over the past year.

The winners were verified by a panel of judges. The table below highlights the winners for 2022.

Category	Winner
Frontline Personnel of the Year	Charlene Young
Tour Guide of the Year	Sherman Cain
Tour Operator of the Year	Belize Diving Adventures
Green Champion of the Year	Turneffe Flats Resort
Cultural Experience of the Year	San Antonio Women's Cooperative
Site of the Year	Blue Hole Natural Monument
Health and Wellness Provider of the Year	Om Shanti Belize Yoga and Wellness Center & School Ltd.
Restaurant of the Year	Elvi's Kitchen
Hotel of the Year	Sleeping Giant Rainforest Lodge
Small Accommodation of the Year	Off the Wall Dive Center & Resort
Lifetime Achievement Award	John Greif and Steve Schulte
Minister's Award	Verna Samuels
Posthumous Award	Sharon Matola

We cannot rewrite the chapters of history already passed, but we can learn from them, evolve and adapt. When we all help one another, everybody wins. The BTB takes this opportunity to congratulate all the winners as well as the nominees for their exceptional service and dedication to fast track our industry's recovery and strengthen Belize tourism product.



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Belize City, Belize District; Esperanza, Cayo District, Sarteneja, Corozal District

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



REGISTRATION SECTION BLOCK PARCEL
Albert/Mesop 45 1533

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

2. Parcel No. 284 Esperanza Village, Cayo District:



REGISTRATION SECTION BLOCK PARCEL
Esperanza 23 284

(Being a concrete bungalow house [1,116 sq. ft.] containing 3 Bedrooms + 1 Bathroom + 1 Kitchen + Living/Dining + verandah TOGETHER with lot [501.850 S.M.] situate in Esperanza Village, Cayo District, the freehold property of Mr. Melburn Hill)

3. Parcel No. 715 Spinney Lobster Boulevard, Sarteneja Village, Corozal District:



REGISTRATION SECTION BLOCK PARCEL
Sarteneja 1 715

(Being a concrete bungalow dwelling house [825 sq. ft.] containing 2 bedrooms + 1 Bathroom + Living/Kitchen TOGETHER with lot [75 ft. X 125 ft.] situate on Spinney Lobster Boulevard, Sarteneja Village, Corozal District, the freehold property of Mr. Graciliano E. Rivero Jr.)

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BELIZE CITY COUNCIL EX-PARTE NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 27(3) of the Town Property Evaluation Act, the Belize City Council hereby publishes the following Property Tax matter heard Ex-Parte in the Municipal Court.

Name	Address	Years & Acct#	Amount	Court Date	Remarks
Jung- Chung & Shao- Fu Lee/ Li	Parcel 2424 Palm Grove Estate	2008-2014	\$2700.00	August 2019	Defendant ordered to pay the sum of \$2700.00 + \$5.00 c/c in full by 30 th October 2019, in default Distress.

Belizean-American inventor André Gray tops *London Defender's* "Power 100" list

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the 20th position on the list, and US Senator Bernie Sanders at the 60th spot. André Gray has not been home in several decades, but according to recent interviews, 2022 may be the year he finally pays a visit. When asked by the *Los Angeles Tribune* what his future plans are in regard to inventions and philanthropy, Gray said that he will be turning his attention to Belize. His focus will be on orphanages—providing every child with a laptop or tablet, and building STEM labs for them to utilize.

ALL, Brother Paul

by Colin Hyde

As an official member of the Kriol group (ooh, I'm so proud; I got my papers during the present membership drive by the leaders of the Kongs!) and a columnist in the *Amandala*, which is closely connected to the UEF, I'm on board the ship calling for inclusion, in the Briceño, Henry Usher Constitutional Committee, which got its impetus when the very ill-advised social partner senators overreached and made the call that we go the whole hog.

Yap, I think the social partner senators should simply have stepped aside, let the PUP and the UDP duke it out on the proposed 11th amendment, which would have put in black and white what properly civilized and mature countries don't have to say, that there must be sensible standards established for people who vie for leadership positions in a nation.

But no, wisdom did not enter the fray and tell them to keep quiet on matters that these politicians are fully capable of resolving. Of course, the PUP would have won; the opposition party would have had to dump nepotism and self-interest, and quite likely by now the country would have had a viable opposition.

I see Senator Salas has cut and run after his share in the mess. Now we are left with this crazy paper thing that will push back meaningful progress for

another ten years. I don't support this Constitutional Commission. It's a distraction, and at a very inopportune time. Bah, on the surface it looks and sounds good, but it's a hasty pudding that won't taste much better than a *bruku*.

The sense I got from Brother Paul Rodriguez, OBE, in his letter to the editor/column in last week's *Reporter*, is that we're opening a can of worms with all these "special interest" groups on the Commission. Brother Paul says over the years "we have been sufficiently color blind to live and move across racial lines without riots and violence to preserve cultural and racial interests, where there have been any."

I think I understand Brother Paul's position, but as the Commission goes, I think we have to accept all. Assuredly, the people behind the Commission know that they are off base to deny any individual or group, because this is one show that belongs to all a wi. Somebody has to speak for those who have serious mental health issues; everyone else, even the ones with the preposterous men-at-the-altar proposition, has a right to be up front and present if they wish to be there.

But you know why the PM, Henry, and their gang are moving to limit the number of groups on the Commission. Respect to Plan Blu for preparing themselves well to lead; it's not their fault that luck is a beast, meaning they'll get a

slight ease because they took over in the teeth of a pandemic. On this wholesale repair of our Constitution, that was not part of the plan, and the game now is to wrap it up as soon as possible, definitely within the next two years so they have something on the table before the next big election. No sir, that's not the correct recipe for this!

Nobody knows better than the PUP about the value of preparation. They spent years working on Plan Blu, and in doing so they set the standard for aspirants for our throne. Never again should any hurry-come-up group offer themselves for leadership here. The PUP burned the midnight oil to get us Plan Blu, and now they want to rush this Constitution thing through. But they won't lose many points at the poll for this one either, because it's our social partner senators that caused it. Senator Salas should pay. Bah, the historic 13th senator is off frolicking on some big job with the WWF.

Hmm, you see how one thing leads to another thing. The job, 13th senator, was always for the great Greg Ch'oc. But Barrow was terrified, knew that Greg would not be taffi for his dictatorship to work with. It turned out all his fear was for naught. I know a slow man when I see one. It took him ages to figure that he could offer a prize to Howell, a branch of the Council of Churches would break away, and he and his party wouldn't need to control the 13th senator because

the deal would bring them their very own social partner representative—lock, stock, and barrel.

Stake Bank and causeways

The biggest marketing point of Waterloo is that the cruise ship owners have indicated that very soon they will no longer accept moving their people to shore by tenders. Tenders, that's what they call the boats that move folk between the ship and shore. This story about the end of tenders has been about a very long time, and maybe it will happen one day. I expect the agitation is coming from older tourists who lack the agility to get on a boat that isn't stable like a solid ferroconcrete pier. We know that when the real Joe Naat blows, the ships don't enter the quebrada at English Cay, and the reason for that is that only the sprightly ones can handle getting on the tenders when the wind and sea are whipping up.

The crowd at Stake Bank says they need the causeway from the island to Belize City for the same "tenders" issue. Massive piers are being constructed on the island, to berth the big ships, and with a causeway tourists can be ferried on a bus or a taxi to the mainland. Adios, goodbye to tenders, if this goes through.

With the Waterloo crowd's biggest

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VACANT POSITION

POSITION: Health Care Attendant

Educational and other requirements:

Job Description

- You will assist in the overall cleanliness of the operating theatre; perform interim and terminal cleaning; remove soiled linen and waste from operating theatre and endoscopy suite. You are required to maintain inventory of equipment and accessories, assist in positioning of patient and responsible for pottering as well. You will also perform ad-hoc duties assigned by the department.

Job Requirements

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- Relevant experience would be an advantage
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- 3-year experience.

Please submit application to
General Manager
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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.

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



This concrete bungalow house measures an impressive 1,740 square feet in space and 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 1/2 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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PRESS PREDICTIONS

The sports psychic speaks

BOLEDO

“Press” Predictions: 74-03-35
Boledo stats thru 28th Oct to 4th Nov. 2022

In boledo news, 59 has not played in 6 years and 1 month on a Sunday. These are my lucky numbers for this week: 74-03-35-28-10-96. These are my lucky jackpot numbers: 1183-9263-7626. These are my lucky PICK-3 numbers: 479-138-056-282-969. Get ready Belize, some big bucks will be coming our way this week. 55 is still out for over 2 year 2 weeks now, 26 is still out for over 1 year 8 months 1 week this Saturday. 47 is the missing number, still out over 1 year 6 months and 1 week this Saturday. 35, 30 and 00 all are out over 1 year and more, only 18 and 94 are not out over 1 year. There are only 8 numbers left: 00-18-26-30-35-47-55-94. The nineties series refuse to play on a Sunday for over 33 straight Sundays now, since the 27th of February when 6099 last played. 22 played some 9 times already, 33 and 88 played some 7 times each, 52, 70, 68, 42 and 23 played 6 times already. Good luck to all buyers, remember to read your Psalms: 91-72-63. Next week more stats.

LOCAL FOOTBALL

Port Layola F.C. must win their 2 games for a chance at the playoffs
Local Football Results, Predictions and Updates

In local football action, Port Layola F.C. crushed the Belmopan Bandits 5-nil. Sean Young got his 6th goal of the season.

Jarrett Davis finally scored a goal for his team, then Ryan Simpson got his first of the season, “Bredda”



Sean Young

Velasquez scored his first goal also of the season. Then the San Pedro Pirates and the Police Benque United drew nil-nil in Benque Saturday night, Progresso F.C. of OW drew F.C. of Mango Creek 1 goal apiece, Andres Orosco still have 9 goals. Verdes FC then beat Wagiya F.C. of Dangriga 2-nil, Progresso F.C. now has 17 points, Wagiya F.C. with 14 points and Port Layola F.C. with 13 points with 2 games left - Wagiya F.C. in Dangriga and Altitude F.C. in Mango

Creek. They will have to win those 2 games to have a slim chance of making the 4-team playoffs picture. Next week all games will be very important.

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

The LA Clippers will be the team to beat in the West
NBA Results, Updates and Predictions

In NBA action, the new season has started with a bang and the Golden State Warriors have received their rings. They beat the LA Lakers 123-109. Steph Curry had 33 points 7 assists and 4 steals, LeBron James had 25 points.

The team is pretty young. Anthony Davis is an injury prone player. The LA Clippers are 3-0 with



Kawhi Leonard

Kawhi Leonard, they have acquired Donovan Mitchell and John Wall. They are pretty deep right now with Paul George, they will be very competitive in the West, this season. The Denver Nuggets with Nikola Jokic will create a lot of problems for the champions, the Golden State Warriors. They beat them in last week. The Dallas Mavericks with Luka Doncic will also be scary. In the East, the Milwaukee Bucks and the Boston Celtics will be the 2 teams to beat. The Philadelphia 76ers are struggling right now, but Joel Embiid will get their act together. The Brooklyn Nets and Kevin Durant will need 2 more pieces, next week more stats.

INTERNATIONAL BASEBALL

The Houston Astros will beat the Philadelphia Phillies in 6 games
Baseball Postseason Results and Predictions

In Baseball postseason action, the Houston Astros and Justin Verlander are dominating the New York Yankees in 5 games. Aaron Judge was booed at the Yankees stadium; the Astros pitching staff is too deep for them. Dusty Baker is seeking his 2nd championship in a 5-



Justin Verlander



by Gilroy “Press” Cadogan

year span. Then in the National League, the Philadelphia Phillies beat the San Diego Padres in 5 games, Bryce Harper is their top hitter. The World Series will get started this Friday night in Houston. They will win the series in 6 games; they also have very good hitters. They are very deep - must remember they won 106 games to the LA Dodgers 110 games. They will be champs. Next week some results.



Bryce Harper

INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL

Real Madrid’s Karim Benzema is the best player right now
International Football Results and Predictions

In international football results, Real Madrid Karim Benzema is the player of the year,

Balón de Oro. In the La Liga, Real Madrid has a 3-point lead on F.C. Barcelona. The El Clásico went Sunday, Real Madrid won F.C. Barcelona 3 goals to 1, Benzema scored 2 goals. The La Liga is not as strong as the EPL right now. In the EPL standings Arsenal has 27 points, Manchester City has 23 points alongside Tottenham Hotspurs, Chelsea in the fourth spot with 20 points, Manchester United at the fifth spot with 19 points, Liverpool with 16 points. Then Brighton have 15 points, Crystal Palace have 13 points. The leading goal scorer is Erling Haaland with 16 goals, Harry Kane for the Tottenham Hotspurs only has 9 goals. The World Cup in Qatar 2022 is just 24 days away. Get ready the world. The action will be very fast and furious. Next week more stats on the World Cup.



Karim Benzema

PUBLIC NOTICE

Lodgment of an EIA Report and Public Consultation For MDL Investments Ltd.

For the construction and operation of a Tourism Resort facility at Deadman Caye Group – Turneffe Atoll

The General Public is hereby informed that the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report for a tourism accommodation facility to be located on Deadman Caye Group – Turneffe Atoll was submitted to the Department of the Environment (DOE) for and on behalf of MDL Investments Ltd. The EIA report 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 the EIA report is available for public review, free of charge, and can be examine Monday to Friday during normal working hours (8:00 am to 5:00 pm) at the Port Loyola & Leo Bradley Libraries in Belize City, San Pedro Public Library and Caye Caulker Library, in San Pedro Town and Caye Caulker Village, respectively, 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. The EIA, inclusive of its annexes is 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 25, 2022, to the DOE Office in Belmopan or email: envirodept@environment.gov.bz; eiaunit@environment.gov.bz, or by link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScKln0jGVXLgRaFLxkWBQZGpkcRtlAa1WL9P-7opkcxPHjMQ/viewform?usp=pp_url

Kindly be informed that a hybrid public consultation session for the EIA will be held on November 17, 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 in this public consultation to express their concerns and/or provide comments/input to the DOE regarding this proposed project activity.

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Honduras claim will extend ICJ timeline

The government is attempting to have Honduras' claim to the Sapodilla Cayes addressed at the International Court of Justice (ICJ) by signing on to the Pact of Bogotá treaty. If no resolution is reached in regard to the claim at the current time, the ICJ may not deliver a final determination regarding rightful sovereignty over certain maritime areas within Belize's territory. As a result of the possible inclusion of Honduras' claim in the case currently before the court, however, the ICJ's final decision may be delayed by an additional year—or more. The UDP has called for a referendum on the matter.

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Oct. 27, 2022

Many Belizeans had not been aware that, since 1982, Honduras has maintained a claim to the Sapodilla Caye Range (a cluster of islands located about 40 miles offshore of Punta Gorda in the Toledo District that is said to be “home to the most concentrated area of beaches in all of Belize”) in Article 10 of its Constitution. That claim, however, was overshadowed by the aggressive steps

taken by Guatemala to assert a claim over large swaths of Belizean territory, including the Sapodilla Cayes. At this particular juncture, however, following the submission of a memorial and counter-memorial by Belize and Guatemala at the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in an attempt to resolve that country's claim over Belizean territory, Honduras' claim has suddenly become a matter that is of concern—something



Sapodilla Cayes

that could prevent the ICJ from determining who in fact owns certain portions of Belize's maritime areas, including the Sapodilla Cayes in the southernmost part of the country. This is a specter that suddenly emerged to haunt Belizeans when the Lead Senator for Government Business in the Senate, Hon. Eamon Courtenay, introduced on

Monday a resolution for the country to sign on to a pact that would enable Belize to include Honduras' claim in the matter currently being adjudicated at the ICJ. The undertones of his presentation suggested that it is a serious matter—and that a complete confirmation of what is Belizean territory could be at stake.

The 2005 Special Agreement, signed on to by both Belize and Guatemala, has led them to this process of arbitration that is currently underway at the ICJ, in an attempt to “put an end to any and all differences” regarding the ownership of insular and maritime territories. What is now appearing to be a major oversight, however, is the failure to include the Honduran claim over the Sapodilla Cayes Range (which consists of 14 islands, including Hunting Caye, Tom Owens Caye, and Lime Caye, as well as a 39,000-acre section of the barrier reef) in the list of questions posed to the Belizean public in a 2019 referendum which followed an education campaign that was heavily tilted toward ICJ adjudication. Although Belize's legal team is prohibited from disclosing particular details about the case, that team, at this critical juncture, when Belizeans were expecting a final ruling to be possibly two years away, has recommended that Belize accede to the Pact of Bogotá in order to include Honduras's claim with the Guatemala claim that is currently before the ICJ.

Hon. Courtenay stated in the Senate on Monday, “We have been advised by international lawyers that the position of the current case brought by Guatemala against Belize may not result in a final settlement as required and requested by the Belizean people because the Honduran constitution claims sovereignty over the Sapodilla Cayes.”

He further explained during that Senate meeting, “We do not believe that the Honduran claim is credible. Because both Belize and Guatemala claim the Sapodillas in the ICJ case, which said cayes are claimed by Honduras in its constitution, it is our understanding that Honduras will feel obliged to intervene in the Belize/Guatemala case, now before the ICJ to assert its claim to the Sapodillas. Madam President, Belize and Honduras have excellent relations. After taking legal advice, we have engaged the Honduran government with a view to negotiating a resolution of their claim to the Sapodillas on the basis of Honduras acknowledging Belize's exclusive sovereignty over the Sapodillas. Regrettably, this has not been successful. If, as we believe is likely, Honduras applies to intervene in the case now before the court, it is likely to affect



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Taiwan injects momentum into the global transition to net-zero emissions

Chang Tzi-chin
Minister of the Environmental
Protection Administration
Republic of China (Taiwan)

occupies a pivotal position in international supply chains. The industry actively cuts the use of energy resources in its production processes by developing new technologies and new models. Through ever-evolving semiconductor innovations, it has developed numerous smart applications of electronic devices and promoted global energy conservation. Taiwan is carrying out substantial climate actions and vigorously advancing energy transition. As of May 2022, cumulative installed renewable energy capacity had reached 12.3 GW, a significant 60 percent increase from 2016. From 2005 to 2020, Taiwan's GDP grew by 79 percent. Over the same period, greenhouse gas emission intensity fell by 45 percent, demonstrating that economic growth has been decoupled from greenhouse gas emissions.


On Earth Day of April 22, 2021, President Tsai Ing-wen announced

Taiwan's goal of net-zero emissions by 2050. In March 2022, the Executive Yuan published *Taiwan's Pathway to Net-Zero Emissions in 2050*. The roadmap outlines four major transition strategies in energy, industry, lifestyles, and society. Resting on the twin governance foundations of technology research and development (R&D) and climate legislation, the strategies are supplemented by 12 key sub-strategies. These are wind and solar power; hydrogen; innovative energy; power systems and energy storage; energy conservation and efficiency; carbon capture, utilization, and storage; carbon-free and electric vehicles; resource recycling and zero waste; natural carbon sinks; green lifestyles; green finance; and just transition. By integrating intra-governmental resources, Taiwan will develop a step-by-step action plan to reach its targets.

In building the foundations of technology R&D needed to achieve net-zero transition, Taiwan will focus on five areas: sustainable energy, low carbon, circularity, carbon negativity, and social science. The Greenhouse Gas Reduction and Management Act is being amended and will be renamed the Climate Change Response Act. The amendments will make net-zero emissions by 2050 a long-term national reduction target, improve the effectiveness of climate governance, add a chapter on climate change adaptation, strengthen information

disclosure and public participation, and introduce a carbon pricing mechanism. The act will provide economic incentives for emissions reduction, guide low-carbon and green growth, and contribute to completing the foundations of national climate legislation and governance. Taiwan's long-term vision for 2050 is to make the transition to net-zero emissions the new driving force of national development. By creating competitive, circular, sustainable, resilient, and secure transition strategies and governance foundations, Taiwan will stimulate economic growth, encourage private investment, create green jobs, promote energy independence, and improve social well-being.

Due to political factors, Taiwan is excluded from international organizations and cannot participate substantively in discussions on global climate issues. It is difficult for Taiwan to stay abreast of current developments and properly implement related tasks. This will create gaps in global climate governance. Taiwan has limited independent sources of energy and an economic system that is oriented to foreign trade. If it cannot seamlessly link with the international cooperation mechanisms under the Paris Agreement, this will not only affect the process of Taiwanese industries going green but will also undermine the stability of

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The world has embarked on the transition to net-zero emissions. The innovative approaches to international cooperation highlighted in the Paris Agreement—which calls for wide cooperation by all countries to meet global reduction targets—are gradually taking shape. Taiwan is willing and able to cooperate with international partners to jointly achieve net-zero transition, mobilize global climate action, and ensure a sustainable environment for future generations.

As the world's 21st-largest economy, Taiwan has an important influence on economic prosperity and stability in the Indo-Pacific region. In particular, Taiwan's semiconductor industry

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.

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 or call at 822-4011, Ext. 4231. The deadline for submitting applications is **Sunday, October 30, 2022**.

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
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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

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A: San Pedro, Ambergris Caye, Belize District:

1. Parcel No. 6824 Colonia Diego, San Pedro Ambergris Caye, Belize District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCELS
San Pedro	7	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:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
San Pedro	7	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:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
San Pedro	7	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:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
San Pedro	7	9412
Freehold property of Messrs. Pair of Aces Limited, surety for Mr. Keith Alan Zielaskowski.		

B: COROZAL DISTRICT:

1. Parcel No. 799 Warea Bight Area, near Little Belize, Corozal District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Warea Bight/Freshwater Creek	3	799
Freehold property of Mr. David Neufeld of Little Belize Corn Mill.		

5. Lot No. 307

Hattievillage, 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, 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:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Corozal Central	1	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:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Xaibe	1	178
Freehold property of Mr. Abraham Nicholson.		

2. Parcels Nos. 2286 & 2287 Camalote Village, Cayo District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCELS
Society Hall	24	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:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
August Pine Ridge	9	1124
Freehold property of Mr. Jacob Freisen.		

F: STANN CREEK DISTRICT

1. Parcel Nos. 440 Dangriga, Stann Creek District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Dangriga South	31	440
Freehold property of Messrs. Dangriga Cable Vision.		

2. 726.969 Acres Indian Creek Community, Hill Bank Area, Orange Walk District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCELS
Sierra De Aqua	23	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:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Dangriga South	31	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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National MSME Roadshow Dates & Locations:

The Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) through the Belize Trade and Investment Development Service, is coordinating a national initiative to support Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) across Belize.

The overall objective of the NMR is to provide technical and financial support MSMEs and includes the following activities:

A Boot Camp that will deliver business development trainings in Business Models, Marketing, Customer Service, Goal Setting, and Money Management.

A Formalization Clinic that will provide a space for key government agencies and financial institutions, to offer services and relevant information to MSMEs inclusive of live registration.

A Town Hall session on government's policies and incentives and

A Showcase/Pop Up Shop that will provide MSMEs an opportunity to promote and sell their products, while facilitating supply chain linkages with the Tourism Industry.

COROZAL | AUG 24 - 26

BOOT CAMP & FORMALIZATION CLINIC: ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
POP-UP SHOP: HOUSE OF CULTURE + BASKETBALL COURT

BELMOPAN | SEPT 28 - 30

BOOT CAMP & FORMALIZATION CLINIC: BELMOPAN CIVIC CENTER
POP-UP SHOP: CIVIC CENTER PARKING LOT

ORANGE WALK | AUG 31 - SEPT 02 | SAN IGNACIO/SANTA ELENA | OCT 05 - 07

BOOT CAMP & FORMALIZATION CLINIC: BANQUITAS HOUSE OF CULTURE
POP-UP SHOP: CENTRAL PARK

BOOT CAMP & FORMALIZATION CLINIC: SI/SE TOWN HALL
POP-UP SHOP: WELCOME CENTER

BELIZE CITY | SEPT 07 - 09

BOOT CAMP & FORMALIZATION CLINIC: ITVET DINING ROOM
POP-UP SHOP: ITVET

DANGRIGA | OCT 12 - 14

BOOT CAMP & FORMALIZATION CLINIC: SPORTS COMPLEX
POP-UP SHOP: ALEJO BENI PARK

PUNTA GORDA | SEPT 14 - 16

BOOT CAMP & FORMALIZATION CLINIC: SOCIAL SECURITY CONFERENCE ROOM
POP-UP SHOP: CENTRAL PARK/WELCOME CENTER

PLACENCIA VILLAGE | OCT 19 - 21

BOOT CAMP & FORMALIZATION CLINIC: VILLAGE COUNCIL CENTER
POP-UP SHOP: FOOTBALL FIELD

CAYE CAULKER | SEPT 22 - 23

BOOT CAMP & FORMALIZATION CLINIC: CAYE CAULKER VILLAGE COMMUNITY CENTER
POP-UP SHOP: MARKET PLACE AREA

SAN PEDRO | OCT 26 - 28

BOOT CAMP & FORMALIZATION CLINIC: LIONS DEN
POP-UP SHOP: CENTRAL PARK AREA



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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.

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BY ORDER of the Supreme Court of Belize, Licensed Auctioneer Sylvano Guerrero, is selling by way of ONLINE AUCTION via 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.



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Block 4
Parcel 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.

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Workers in France clash with cops during protest for better

Due to the sanctions implemented against Russia, we can have an understanding of the situation that is taking place today in the countries that make up the European Union. The elite neoliberals of the Western world thought that Russia was going to fall on its knees and would have been an easy prey to split and divide it among the participants of such venture. However, after 8 months of a constant war, things have changed, and the optic seems as if the European Union would become colonized by the head or leader of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. A juicy market for the USA. Nonetheless, permit me, our dear readers of this column, to present to you the below report which I find to be of interest. The

following was posted on YouTube by WION on October 18, 2022, under the heading "Gravitas| France: Workers clash with cops during protest for better pay". It is as follows:

France, Italy, Belgium, Spain. Four leading European economies. All four have witnessed mass protests in recent days. All four happened because of exactly the same reasons: rising food prices, out-of-control energy bills and lower wages, basically, the ongoing cost-of-living crisis. It is now hitting Europe hard. Today, Europe witnessed one more protest, in France. Yes, the European power is quickly becoming a hot spot for these protests. Just look at these visuals. Over the weekend we saw large crowds on the streets of Paris, and

today trade unions took to the streets. There was a massive crowd on the streets of Paris and going by some reports, scuffles broke out between the cops and the protesters. So, what do these protesters want? They are demanding higher salaries. These protests are being called Emmanuel Macron's stiffest challenge yet, but he isn't the only European leader who is facing this challenge. The entire economy of the Euro area is now being tested. Why is the European economy hurting? That's our cover story tonight on Gravitas.

Let me tell you what's happening in France. It was a day of major disruptions. Trade unions called for a nationwide transport strike. The reason,

by Clinton Canul Luna

as I said earlier, is the demand for higher salaries. The unions were holding talks with the government; they remain in a deadlock. The move by the trade unions comes after workers at refineries staged a walkout. This disrupted the distribution of fuel across France. Remember these long lines. For nearly three weeks, drivers struggled to get fuel as several fuel depots were closed down. Even now, French drivers are struggling.

- "It's been two weeks now that the French government says that it will be fixed in the week. What week? We don't know. It's starting to be too long now. We professionals, but also the individuals, we are fed up. Seriously! A solution needs to be found." (Mohamed Mahrouk, taxi driver)

- "I live pretty far in the suburbs, and in the suburbs, there is no petrol at all. I came to Central Paris now to find some. As I am a courier, I need petrol to be able to work, as simple as that." (Samba Cissé, courier)

French president, Emmanuel Macron, was forced to step in. He issued orders and forced some workers on strike to return to work. The negotiations have clearly broken down, because the French government is in no mood to relent. Recently, the French Finance Minister declared the time for talks is now over.

Today's protest is a response from the unions. They are clearly doubling down. Workers staged a protest at prominent areas in Paris. They believe the French government is treating them unfairly. Listening now to what some of the transport workers have to say about this.

- "Today the wages at the RATP for someone who comes in, he comes in a bit above the minimum wage. It's 1400 to 1500 francs, so, it's largely insufficient, given that the company has changed the working conditions since August; we work one or more. I have 15 years seniority at the RATP and I barely get 2,000 Euros." (John Borges, bus driver at RATP)

- "Today, there are several reasons, but the main one is the revaluation of salaries. The index point has been frozen for more than 10 years. It was revalued this year by 2.2 percent, but in the view of the inflation over this year and over the last 10 years, it is not enough for employees." (Bertrand Hammache, General Secretary, CGT RATP Union)

Now, that's the kind of story you'll hear all around Europe these days, because the region is going through an economic turmoil. Rising inflation is hurting people's pockets. The cost of living has gone up, and the Euro area is finally feeling the shock of Russia's war in Ukraine.

- "The energy crisis especially in

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- Conduct market research of targeted markets to determine market entry and other requirements and promotional strategies;
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MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- Bachelor's degree in International Trade, Trade, Economics, Business Management, Marketing, Enterprise Development, Project Management, or related field
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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.**

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Workers in France clash with cops...

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Europe is not the transitory shock. The geopolitical realignment of energy supplies in the wake of the war is both broad and permanent. Winter 2022 will be challenging, but winter 2023 will likely be worse." (Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas, International Monetary Fund)

Those words are significant. It isn't a transitory shock. That was the assessment from the International Monetary Fund. Winter is almost here, and protests across the region are intensifying. It seems like people across Europe are already hurting. We showed you these pictures yesterday; again, they are from France. Thousands of protesters hit the streets on Sunday against rising prices. On the same day, there were protests in Rome. Again, people were demanding relief from rising gas and electricity prices. Similarly, there have been protests in Brussels, London, Madrid, and Budapest. All this in recent weeks. The war in Ukraine has tested Europe's solidarity. So far, they have presented a largely united response against Russian aggression, but the crisis within European economies presents a challenge to their unity. And now, to get more perspective, joining me now from Madrid in Spain, is Jamie Martinez. He's an economic advisor. Jamie, thanks for joining us. Now my first question: we're seeing protests across France over the cost-of-living crisis; in fact, Europe is on the boil. We saw some visuals. In fact, do you see this crisis getting worse?

Jamie's response – "Yeah, this growth, as I said before, the growth in the level of prices is giving more pressure to the labor and trade unions in France, which now they are asking for higher salaries and announcing nationalized strikes in the country. Of course, this keeps more pressure, and there is a big political risk for the government of Macron, which is now working the national budget for the next year, for 2023, and for sure we can expect that the situation is going to get worse, because the labor unions in France are very strong, and they are going to demand higher salaries, accurate increase, but I think that despite this rig, weights increases should be moderate to avoid an inflationary spiral where the new wages fuel additional price increases."

Right. Jaime, the entire economy of the Euro area is being tested. My question to you is, did experts and analysts anticipate this?

Jamie's response – "I think, the European Union, in terms of economy, is now facing a huge risk of recession. As for instance, the United States, it became, it went, into recession in the last semester, but now a European Union is having a lower economic growth in terms of consumption, investment and of course also in terms of exports, because this problem of the inflation is affecting worldwide, but that's why I think to tackle the problem of this high inflation in Europe it is necessary to reduce the public spending of the government. For instance, talking about France and the



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Taiwan injects momentum into the global...

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international supply chains. Presented with the threat of carbon border adjustment measures, Taiwan's overall competitiveness could be seriously hit if it is unable to fairly participate in international emission reduction mechanisms. This will also weaken the effectiveness of international cooperation

public can spend in terms of GDP is a 59, which is very high in comparison with other countries of the OCCD."

Right. You raise some valid points about what needs to be done, but my question now is, what happens from this point on? The French president, Emmanuel Macron, was in fact forced to step in, but talks seemed to have broken down. Is this the beginning of a wider movement, perhaps, similar to the Yellow Vest protests?

Jamie's response – "Well, I will be in there to bet if it's going to be that worse in terms of if this movement

and undermine the global economy.

Making the transition to net-zero emissions is an inescapable collective responsibility of this generation. It will only be possible to achieve the target if the international community works together. In the spirit of pragmatism and professionalism, Taiwan is willing to make concrete contributions to tackling global climate change. The COVID-19

is going to export in the whole continent of Europe, but yes, of course, we can expect more pressure from all the trade unions in Europe, claiming higher salaries, and I think governments in Europe and they will have to respond with more moderation, because of course we can understand that workers are claiming more salaries, but as I said before, we can avoid if we want to avoid inflation and spiral, right, we have to be very moderate with this increase of salary and also, doing so, and maybe reducing the government spending, the

pandemic has shown that whatever the situation, Taiwan has enormous potential to contribute to the world in extremely helpful ways. Taiwan should be given equal opportunity to join international cooperation mechanisms in response to climate change. We hope the international community will support Taiwan's immediate, fair, and meaningful inclusion.

public spending, the fiscal policy of Europe will be in coordination with the monetary policy addressed by the European Central Bank."

Right. Jamie, thanks so much for all those inputs and thanks for joining us on Gravitas. We'll of course continue to get you all the updates of what's happening in Europe, all because of the cost-of-living crisis.

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October 21, 2022
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Corozal Town

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; eiaunit@environment.gov.bz, or by 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.

Honduras claim will extend ICJ timeline

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the Belize/Guatemala case. Once the ICJ becomes aware of the claim by Honduras to the Sapodillas, there is a significant risk that the court would not delimit the maritime areas that pertain to the Sapodillas, thereby leaving unresolved a large part of our maritime entitlement. Indeed, the ICJ may decide not to pronounce sovereignty over the Sapodillas as well, even between Belize and Guatemala. This would mean that sovereignty over a very important part of our sovereign domain, the Sapodillas and the maritime areas pertaining to it, will remain unresolved ...”

Since Honduras is not a party to the Special Agreement, they would not be able to be included in the current case at the ICJ; and this would prevent the court from being able to issue a final decision on the sovereignty exercised by the countries over particular pieces of territory. As a result, the Government of Belize decided to seek approval from the Senate for the country to sign on to the Pact of Bogota treaty, also known as the American Treaty on Pacific Settlement. The treaty compels nations of Latin America to resolve disputes peacefully, first exhausting dispute resolution options regionally before going to the United Nations and seeking

to have the case heard at the ICJ.

Courtenay stated in the Senate that they have not been able to resolve the Honduran claim, but made no note of specific attempts made in the past or recently to attempt a resolution. “We have been trying to resolve this issue with Honduras and have not been able to successfully resolve it,” Courtenay said. Lead UDP senator and former Attorney General, Michael Peyrefitte, remarked in response, however, that, as far as he is aware, Honduras has not made any official moves to assert such a claim or to challenge the sovereignty of Belize.

“Honduras has not expressed in any official way, to my knowledge, that they

have any issue with Belize and the sovereignty of what we know to be Belize. So why drag them in? And in any event, the people went to a referendum with Guatemala in their mind. Now, if it has come to the attention of certain people that we need to make an adjustment to the process to the point where we may bring a third country into this thing, that could extend the process another couple years. That is a decision for the Belizean people.” Peyrefitte stated in an interview yesterday.

The UDP has thus called for a referendum on the matter.

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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.

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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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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**



ATTORNEY GENERAL'S MINISTRY VACANCY NOTICE

Suitably qualified applicants are invited to fill the position of:

DEPUTY REGISTRAR

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

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

Experience and training required:

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

Salary: Based on qualifications and experience.

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

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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: **November 30, 2022**

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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:

- must be:
 - 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
 - has been qualified for not less than five years so to practice in such a court.
- must be in good health.
- 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:

- 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;
- Bachelor of Laws Degree from a recognized institution; and
- Legal Education Certificate or equivalent from a recognized institution.

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

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**Development Finance
Corporation**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

FOR CONSULTANCY SERVICE TO PREPARE A BUSINESS CONTINUITY PLAN

The Development Finance Corporation (DFC) invites suitably qualified consulting firms or individuals to submit proposals to provide consultancy services to develop a Business Continuity Plan (BCP) for the Corporation.

SUMMARY - PROJECT OBJECTIVE AND SCOPE OF WORKS

The main objective of this project is to enhance capacity and institutional strengthening through the design, development and implementation of a BCP to optimize the value added by DFC's transition to virtual and digitalized operations and ensure that efficiency of services is balanced with cost effectiveness. The Scope of Work covers:

- Design and develop the BCP and a Business Continuity Management Systems Program
- Conduct identification, assessment and analysis of various risk indicators
- Develop monitoring and reporting mechanisms
- Develop testing criteria and procedures
- Coordinate, test and evaluate the plan and provide staff training and general awareness sessions to the Management and Board, as necessary

The deliverables of consultancy are to be submitted no later than three calendar months from the date of execution of the engagement contract. Details of the Scope of Work, consultant requirements, information regarding the submission and evaluation of proposals, and other pertinent information, are included in the full Terms of Reference which is posted to the DFC's website:

www.dfcbelize.org

SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

Fully completed proposals are to be submitted by
5:00 p.m. on November 25, 2022.



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

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 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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National One Health Program launched

by *Khaila Gentle*

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Oct. 26, 2022

The World Health Organization's One Health Initiative seeks to balance the health of humans with that of animals, plants, and the environment that they share—all of which are very intricately linked—through multi-sectoral collaboration. On Tuesday, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), along with the Ministry of Health & Wellness (MOHW) and the World Health Organization (WHO), held the official launch ceremony for Belize's own National One Health Program.

The One Health Program will allow Belize the opportunity to address zoonotic and vector-borne illnesses with never before seen efficiency. According to Dr. Noreen Jack, the PAHO/WHO Representative in Belize, that is because the initiative, made possible through funding from the European Union, will involve the efforts




(l-r) Dr. Noreen Jack—PAHO/WHO Representative in Belize; Hon. Kevin Bernard – Minister of Health; Hon. Jose Abelardo Mai – Minister of Agriculture; Francisco Gutierrez – Plant Health Technical Director at BAHA

of the Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change, and Disaster Risk Management; the Department of the Environment; the National Meteorology Service of Belize; the Forestry Department; the Ministry of Agriculture; BAHA, and a number

of other ministries, departments, and organizations.

“It allows us to address the full spectrum of diseases, from the prevention to detection to preparedness

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The revenge of the oppressed!

Well, the United Kingdom has a prime minister who is colored, of Indian descent! How about that? As Malcolm X once said: the chickens are coming home to roost! Or maybe it's karma, or payback, or just plain old retribution. England, which is rooted in tradition, believing themselves more a master race than the Germans ever were, not in a racist sense, but as in who had more cojones! This little island ruled more than half of the world, all at the same time. Their method was to divide and conquer, and they did a pretty good job at that! It worked exceptionally well in India, where they allowed the rajahs to believe that they were in charge of their states. They were not! They left their mark wherever they colonized, and left the subjects (I was going to use the word natives, but that's not politically correct anymore) wishing they were British themselves, for the most part, or maybe it was the minority?

After the fanfare and ceremony of the marriage between Harry and Megan finally subsided, the racism immediately began, especially in the press, and flowed into the minds of the uniformed masses, who are always gullible. What do you think is going to happen to PM Rishi Sunak? For one, the press won't give him any passes, like they did to Boris Johnson, until it was too late to cover up his shortcomings. Nooooo! Unless he's 100% right all the time, he won't last!

I've told my son that I didn't realize how racist America was until Barack Obama became president. I knew it was there, but it was in hibernation, on hold, and his election opened up the faucets, let loose the dogs of war, fueled by a hatred for this black president. It came mainly from those older, rural and southern Americans, who have always seen the inexorable browning of America as a fatal blow to their dominance. Imagine if you will, this black man wandering about the White House, probably sleeping in Lincoln's bed, with a comfortable mattress, of course. It hurt them so much, so deeply. That hate and racism is what spawned Donald Trump, and has created the ungovernable country America now is!

So? What is going to happen in England with this Hindu PM? I suggest that same latent racism that was in America, pre-Obama, will once again resurface in the English zeitgeist, and bring the Conservative party down, for a very long time! Let's see how long it will take for them to start with the hating and xenophobia, which is already there, to some extent, thus, we have Brexit!

The lesson here is that you can't go around colonizing much of the world, and not expect it to catch up with you some 400 years later. The chickens have come home to roost! Let's see how you handle that, Westminster, and England as a whole! I'm almost positive that Ghandi is laughing his ass off!

Glen



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.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Plan, prepare and deliver job preparedness and capacity building training;
- Facilitate learning through a variety of delivery methods including classroom instruction and virtual trainings;
- Track and report on training outcomes, such as number of participants, subjects and subject level, and other predetermined indications;
- Assist in the organization, development or sourcing of training programs to meet specific training needs of client-enterprises;
- Assist in the revision of training aids, such as manuals and handbooks and other related items as needed;
- Work closely with Curriculum Development Officer to design and apply assessment tools to measure training effectiveness and impact;
- Evaluate and make recommendations on training material and methodology;
- Source instructors from the community for specialized programs and coordinate the activities for these instructors;
- Responsible for administering and analyzing training evaluations from both training participants and client-enterprises;
- Carry out all organisational and administrative work, preparation and marking associated with teaching responsibilities. To include, but not limited to, the provision of lesson plans, schemes of work, assessment schedules and the completion of Individuals Learning plan (E-ILPs) including any associated records.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- Bachelor's degree in Education, Business Administration, Management, or equivalent
- Minimum of two (2) year in training, education, curriculum development, Customer Service or project management
- Second language is a requirement, preferably Spanish
- Excellent time management skills/ ability to prioritize and deliver planned results in a fast paced environment
- Proactive communicator, problem solver and goal oriented
- Have excellent communication skills (both written and verbal)
- Ability to present and communicate effectively in front of varied populations

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
In the Subject indicate your name and post you are applying for (Subject: NAME-POST)

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION VISIT:

<https://www.beltraide.bz/publications.html>
<https://www.facebook.com/BELTRAIDE/>
(501) 822-3737 or 822-3607



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 or submit in writing to:

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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: Administrative Assistant

Reference No. (as per Procurement Plan): CS 03

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- ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT** as part of the Project Implementation Unit of the CRESAP within the Belize Social Investment Fund. The Administrative Assistant will be primarily responsible for the project's general administrative and logistics activities undertaken as part of the CRESAP implementation, including safeguarding of project files.

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 **Administrative Assistant**.

The consultancy is expected to be for an initial period of Twenty-four (24) months commencing November 2022. The Administrative Assistant 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 or at the following link <https://sifbelize.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/TOR-Administrative-Assistant-draft-for-CRESAP-October-20-2022.pdf> on the website of BSIF at 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

- An Associate degree in Arts, Business Studies, Business Administration, or any other field related to this assignment.

General Experience

- Three years' experience working in public or private sector performing clerical and/or administrative functions such as making telephone calls; photocopying and/or scanning documents (max: 30 points)

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

Additional Requirements (Desirable)

Specific Experience

- Experience in creating, maintaining, and/or updating files based on public sector guidelines (max: 25 points);
- Experience in writing basic reports in MS Word, assisting with writing presentations in MS Power Point, preparing compilations done in MS Excel, scanning documents and sending via email (max: 20 points)
- Experience with logistics, planning and scheduling of events for 10 to 20 persons, preparing travel plans (max: 15 points)
- Experience working in a project environment (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 **November 4, 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

MADISON'S

AUCTIONS AND APPRAISALS LLP

PUBLIC AUCTION

BY ORDER of the Supreme Court of Belize, Sylvano Guerrero, is selling by way of ONLINE AUCTION via www.madisons.bz the following property with a reserve price. Auction is now open for bidding and will close on Wednesday, November 16, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.



Registration Section
Iguana Creek

Block
18

Parcel
67

All that piece or parcel of land being referred to as Parcel No. 67 Block 18 Iguana Creek Registration Section, situate approximately 1.75 Miles North of Spanish Lookout, Los Tambos Area, Cayo District; comprising of a total area of 99.979 Acres.

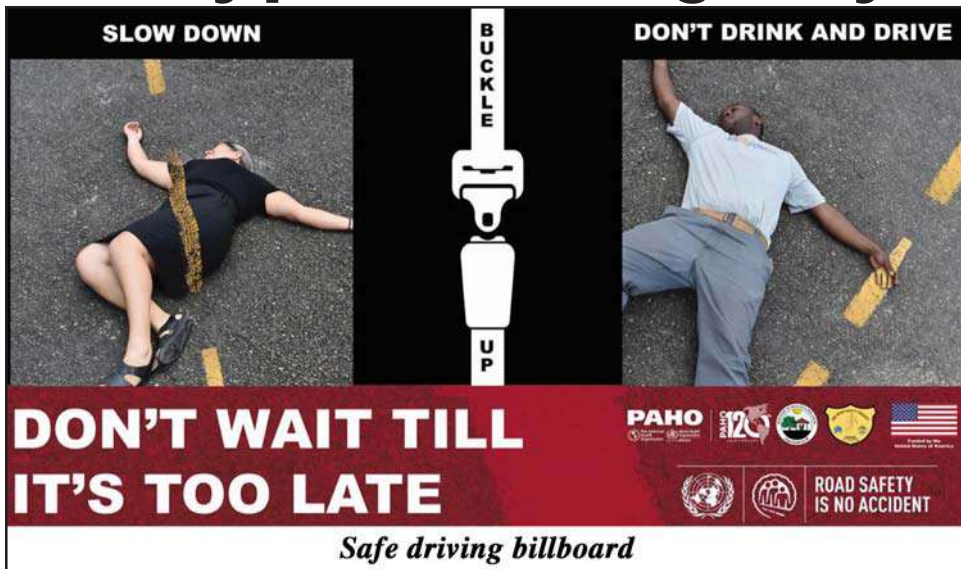
The subject property is held by Land Certificate in the name of Darin M. Smith.

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Billboards to promote traffic safety placed on highways



by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Oct. 26, 2022

Billboards bearing messages aimed at promoting road safety have been placed along each of Belize's four major

highways as part of an initiative being carried out as a component of The Second Road Safety Project, which is a collaboration between the Pan

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1776 y, con la ayuda de los franceses, luchó contra la monarquía y estableció una república constitucional y democrática, ha habido períodos cuando los estadounidenses y los británicos, a quienes hemos conocido como los mejores amigos durante muchas décadas, han tenido desacuerdos ocasionales.

En 1823, EE. UU. mostró su fuerza al declarar la llamada Doctrina Monroe, declarando esencialmente su hegemonía en este hemisferio occidental. España había controlado la mayor parte del hemisferio occidental después de que Colón ingresó al Caribe en 1492, pero los españoles se vieron obligados a conceder la independencia a México y las repúblicas centroamericanas en 1821. Las repúblicas centroamericanas pronto se separaron de México y luego

comenzaron a luchar entre ellas mismas.

En la década de 1830, hubo una guerra centroamericana entre el elemento liberal, dirigido por Francisco Morazán, que representaba a Honduras y El Salvador, y una fuerza conservadora, dirigida por Guatemala y su Rafael Carrera (apoyado por la Iglesia), quien era presidente de Guatemala cuando se firmó el mencionado tratado de 1859.

Para 1839, 1840, Guatemala y Carrera habían derrotado a Morazán. Los británicos estuvieron, por supuesto, todo el tiempo instalados en Belize, pero también controlaban las Islas de la Bahía, ahora propiedad de Honduras, y el territorio de Bluefields, que ahora es de Nicaragua. Los tratados de la década de 1850 constituyeron una presión sobre los británicos por parte de los estadounidenses para que cedieran estos territorios, mientras permitían la continuación de la posesión británica de Belize, de ahí el tratado de 1859, que Carrera firmó en nombre de Guatemala. (Él murió en 1865.)

Esta semana estalló la controversia en Belize debido a un reclamo de las Islas Sapotillos de Belize por parte de Honduras, quien colocó ese reclamo hace unas décadas en su constitución. Esta controversia nos llevó a los ancianos beliceños a los Preámbulos del Acuerdo de 1981, cuando una cláusula de ese acuerdo permitía a los guatemaltecos "usar y disfrutar" de los cayos Ranguana y Sapotillos en Belize. Y nos llevó de vuelta a 1991, cuando el Honorable Philip Goldson se separó del Partido Demócrata Unido (UDP por sus siglas en inglés), porque los entonces líderes de la Oposición UDP, el finado Dr. Manuel Esquivel y el Honorable Dean Barrow, estaban apoyando la iniciativa de la Ley de Áreas Marítimas (MAA por sus siglas en inglés) impulsada por el gobernante Partido Unido del Pueblo (PUP).

Hay complicaciones en torno a estas islas de una belleza impresionante que se encuentran en el Mar Caribe, aproximadamente equidistantes de la masa terrestre del sur de Belize y las masas de tierra del norte de Honduras y Guatemala. Las complicaciones involucran la sospecha muy fuerte de que existen hidrocarburos de gran valor en esta zona del mar, que incluye el punto donde se cruzan los derechos marítimos de Belize, Honduras y Guatemala.

Cuando se introduce "valiosos hidrocarburos" en esta discusión, entonces las monstruosas compañías petroleras estadounidenses se interesarán mucho, y la política exterior del gobierno de los Estados Unidos, la nación más poderosa del mundo, tendrá que defender los intereses de sus empresas petroleras.

Entonces, el tema Sapotillos subraya el hecho de que los beliceños contamos con algunos abogados articulados, pero un ejército que no es competitivo con los de las dos repúblicas que son relevantes a la controversia.

En las relaciones internacionales, mi entendimiento del gran Vincent Starzinger en Dartmouth fue, creo, que el poder hace la razón. Washington, en otras palabras, tiene las cartas relevantes aquí. O, así es como le parece a este estudiante de Starzinger.



MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR 4 INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANTS

Institution: Ministry of Health and Wellness
Project: Belize Covid-19 Response Project
Funding Agency: World Bank
Loan No.: IBRD-9344

1. BACKGROUND

The COVID-19 pandemic was declared by the World Health Organization (WHO) on March 11, 2020. COVID-19 is an acute respiratory illness caused by a novel human coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2). SARS-CoV-2 causes coronavirus disease or COVID-19, the first non-influenza pandemic to affect the world. As of May 16, 2022, there were 58,028 confirmed cases of COVID-19 with 676 reported deaths in Belize. In response to the pandemic, the Belize COVID-19 Emergency Response Project supported by the World Bank aims to prevent and respond to the threat posed by COVID-19 and strengthen the national health system for emergency response to the pandemic.

The Belize COVID-19 Response Project will form part of an expanded vaccination effort led by the GoB and supported by several international partners. The IDB, PAHO, UNICEF, and the European Union have played a key role in supporting the GoB's financial and technical response to COVID-19, including COVID-19 immunization. Moreover, Belize benefited from COVID-19 vaccines donated by foreign governments (Barbados, India, Mexico, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States of America). Close coordination with other partners, under the leadership of the Ministry of Health and Wellness (MOHW), will avoid duplication of efforts and maximize synergies. An overview of the Project's key components are as follows:

- Vaccine deployment and supporting the health system emergency response capacity for which activities include:
- The procurement of vaccines from the COVAX and AVAT facilities. Other sources to be determined may be included.
- Project Management Activities including financial management, procurement, environmental and social requirements, and due diligence; and monitoring and evaluation. These activities will be carried out per Bank's guidelines and procedures.

IMPLEMENTATION NEEDS

The Policy, Planning and Project Management Unit (PPPMU) will be responsible for project implementation with technical support from other internal and external partners. The implementation of project activities will require complementary staffing in the PPPMU to ensure adequate monitoring, supervision and reporting throughout the Project. The PPPMU will be strengthened with the following technical staff for an initial period of one (1) year:

1. Project Officer
2. Senior Accounts Officer
3. Environmental & Social Officer
4. Monitoring & Evaluation Officer

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Interested parties may view the full Terms of Reference (TOR) for these positions on the Vacancies page of the Ministry of Health and Wellness' newly launched website at <https://www.health.gov.bz/vacancies/>. Interested applicants are to submit a cover letter with their Curriculum Vitae (CV) / Resume along with copies of educational qualifications and/or relevant certificates, and/or other supporting documents electronically to the following address. **The deadline for submission of Expressions of Interest is 3:00 PM on Tuesday, November 8, 2022. Email subject line must commence with the subject "WB - CSPT - EXPRESSION OF INTEREST" + your name + Position you are interested in.**

Address to:

Dr. Javier Zuniga
Director, Policy Planning and Project Management Unit
Ministry of Health and Wellness
East Block Building, Independence Plaza
City of Belmopan, Belize
pmu@health.gov.bz

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEES

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

The Bank thus hereby gives notice of its intention to exercise its power of sale under a Deed of Mortgage between Scotia Bank (Belize) of the one part and Lawrence Ellis and Kimberly Ellis (hereinafter called "the Mortgagors") of the second part which was filed at the Land Titles Unit in Belmopan City on the 2nd Day of October 2013 Instrument: LTU-201301802. The Bank will at the expiration of two months from the date of the first publication of this notice sell the property of the Mortgagors described in the SCHEDULES hereto.

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

THE SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO AS

ALL THAT parcel of land being Lot No. 8 containing 764.041 square meters situate at Mile 8 ½ Western Highway, Belize District and more particularly delineated and described as shown on plan by Licensed Surveyor Cyrus Samuels and recorded at the Office of the Commissioner of Lands and Surveys at Entry No. 3255, Register No. 21 TOGETHER with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon. situated at Mile 8.5 on the Northern side of Hector Creek Road, Western Highway, Belize District of Belize more particularly shown and described in a subdivision Plan Survey by A.R. Marin, Certified land Surveyor, recorded at the General Registry in Surveyors Plan Book No. 6 at Folios 170 as Lot 158 TOGETHER with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon

Dated the 23rd September 2022

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

Lodgment of Supplementary Information to the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report for Angelfish Caye LLC, for the Establishment of an Eco-Resort located twelve (12) miles southeast of Hopkins, Stann Creek District, Belize, C.A.

The General Public is hereby advised that a supplementary information report titled "Assessment on Possible Impacts to Outstanding Universal Value (OUV) of the Belize Barrier Reef Reserve System (BBRRS), UNESCO World Heritage Site, by the proposed Angelfish Caye LLC development", has been submitted to the Department of the Environment (DOE) on behalf of Angelfish LLC.

The General Public is hereby informed that the both the EIA report and its Supplementary Information are available for public review, free of charge, and can be examined Mondays-Fridays during normal working hours (8:00am-5:00pm) beginning October 21, 2022, at the following locations: Ignacio Cacho Library, Dangriga Town, Hopkins Berties Library, Hopkins Village and the Placencia Village Council Office, Stann Creek District, and 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; eiaunit@environment.gov.bz, or by link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScaBxYApVE7H0GtRFWSPRFbUp8xqaQLxy5r_zfsDEhZyeUAW/viewform?usp=pp_url

Kindly be informed that a hybrid public consultation session for the EIA will be held on November 10, 2022, commencing at 6:30pm sharp. The in-person consultation will be held at the Belizean Dreams Resort in Hopkins Village, Stann Creek District 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 regarding this proposed project activity.

BELIZEPROPERTYAUCTIONS.COM

COUNTRYWIDE PUBLIC AUCTION SALES: PROPERTIES

Beach Front Condo, Las Terrazas Resort, San Pedro, Ambergris Caye, Belize District

BY ORDER of the Supreme Court of Belize, Licensed Auctioneer Kevin A. Castillo is selling ONLINE via belizepropertyauctions.com the following property. Sale currently running until 31st December 2022. Within this period, a Public Auction Sale will expire fortnightly on the dates and times listed on the website until this property is sold.

BEACH FRONT UNIT NO. 105 LAS TERRAZAS RESORT, SAN PEDRO, AMBERGRIS CAYE, BELIZE



REGISTRATION SECTION
San Pedro



BLOCK
7

PARCEL
5437 H 5

(Being BEACH FRONT Unit No. 105, a two-storey beach front condo [2,465 sq. ft.] containing Ground floor – 1 Bedroom + 1 Bathroom + Living/ Dining/Kitchen + Laundry + Large External Porch; First Floor – Master Bedroom + Bathroom + Queen Bedroom + Bathroom + Terrace situate at Las Terrazas Resort, San Pedro, Ambergris Caye, Belize District, the freehold property of Mr. David A. Title and Ms. Paula Tatiana Cortes Londono)

“FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION & PHOTOGRAPHS PLEASE VISIT WEBSITE”

TERMS: STRICTLY CASH

KEVINA A. CASTILLO

TELEPHONE 223-4488

Website: belizepropertyauctions.com

E-mail: kevinacas@yahoo.com

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

PG veteran footballer, Mike Flores, reflects on David Cruz, Sr.

Written by Mike Flores, Veteran Footballer from PG

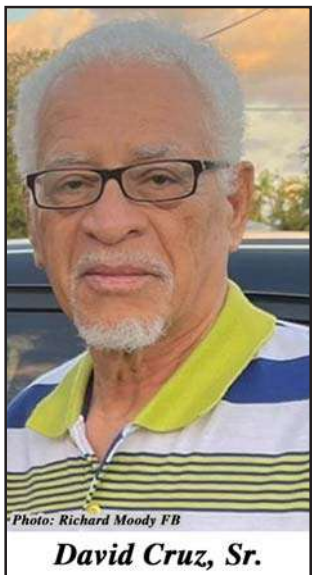


Photo: Richard Moody FB

David Cruz, Sr.

If and when Punta Gorda opens its football Hall of Fame museum, Mr. David Cruz, who recently passed away on October 19, 2022, must be featured among the top five for his stellar contributions to the development of football in this town and the district. Many players were impacted by his coaching, mentoring,

and guidance to bring out the best, during those years in the 1970s and 80s when P.G. used to field outstanding national football players.

When I was 16 years old, I used to watch the training of the Toledo selection team. For some reason, at a few of their training practices, the team had no goalkeeper, since their goalie, Gully Petillo, was sick. As a result, whenever the players scored in the empty goal post, I, as a young teenager, would retrieve the ball for them from the bushy prickly patch behind the goal post. After a while, I got tired of going in the prickly patch, so I drew nearer to the goal post and tried to stop the ball as best as I could so I wouldn't have to go there. I voluntarily did this for the team during their practice. Eventually, I stood about 3 feet behind the goalposts and was catching or stopping most of the balls.

One day I got to the field late since I

took a longer time selling bread for my grandmother because it didn't "raise" well. Interestingly, when I got there, the players were just standing around and not practicing.

As soon as I got to the field, the coach, Mr. David Cruz, asked me, "Mike, you ready?"

"Ready fu what, Sah?" I asked, puzzled.

"To go in the goalpost" he responded.

"Me, Sah?" This time I was in shock. How could I, a young teenager, be the goalie of these senior players?

"Yes, you," Mr. Cruz insisted.

Still dazed, I slowly walked to the posts, and training began. In the middle of training, senior player Milaad Nunez walked to the coach, and I noticed them talking while glancing at me. Milaad then asked me to bring the ball to him. Immediately he started to train me to serve as goalkeeper for the team.

Training was four days a week.

Within a few weeks I was traveling with the team on the stake body PWD truck driven by Joe-Joe Avila for a major game with Dangriga. The team included John-John, Chuck Gutierrez, Oak Lambey, Pancho Paulino, Pike Avila, Mirung Augustine, Lawkins Garcia and others. At midday that Sunday before that afternoon game, Mr. Cruz mustered the players in one room. He sent for me from my room and gave me my first goalkeeper uniform. Soon after the team arrived at Carl Ramos Stadium that afternoon, I was given the ball and instructed to run along the sideline to the middle of the field while the team followed behind. I couldn't believe this moment had arrived; serving as a goalie for a big game not too long after I was only a ball boy for the team. The run leading the team to the middle of the field to start the game was scary as I listened to the packed stadium of unwelcoming home team spectators cursing at us, the visiting team, trying to intimidate us so that we lost our morale, knowing that we were a very strong rival team. "As to the lee maaga one with di ball, we wa bruk-up fu he lee r*ss". I knew that such a comment was directed at me.

The game began; at the end of first half, P. G. was down 1-0. During the halftime break, while our coach, David Cruz, was being interviewed by Radio Belize live, I heard him telling the announcer, Evan X Hyde, in a calm but stern and confident voice that we were going to win the game. Right away I felt a huge relief, as those words injected something into me, a confidence that all was not lost and that we would win. Long story short, our P. G. Toledo selection team won the game 3-2.

In the other game against Corozal, that opposing team scored two easy goals against me in the first 10 minutes of play. Mr. Cruz, knowing that something was wrong with me, took me out the game, and we lost. After we returned to P.G., grown folks gave me some dirty looks, and hurled insults, blaming me for the team's loss. Feeling dejected, I didn't show up for training for two days. As a goalie, it was hard for me to have people celebrate my skills on the day of winning and then a week later turn around to hurl insults after the team lost.

Mr. Cruz was very concerned that I was missing training. He came to my house to find out what happened. "Mike, last week when we defeated Stann Creek, everybody was praising you, wanted to be your friend, your high school celebrated you." I explained to him that I quit because it was difficult to take the love-hate relationship in which one moment everyone was praising and celebrating my skills then soon after they were chastising and blaming me the goalie for the loss of a game. As a teenager, I was finding it too difficult to carry such a burden. Mr. Cruz keenly listened and smiled as I shared those feelings and reassured me, "That's the way people are; some will like or hate you for whatever reason. Don't let it get in your head; that's life." Never having a role model in my life,



Development Finance Corporation

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

FOR CONSULTANCY SERVICES TO PREPARE AN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) STRATEGY PLAN AND AN IT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

The Development Finance Corporation (DFC) invites suitably qualified consulting firms or individuals to submit proposals to develop an Information Technology (IT) Strategy Plan and prepare an IT Policies and Procedures Manual for the Corporation.

SUMMARY - PROJECT OBJECTIVE AND SCOPE OF WORKS

The main objective of the project is to develop and operationalize an IT Strategy Plan that will strengthen the DFC by enhancing its IT capabilities and contribute to the fulfilment of its mandate and realization of its strategic goals. The Scope of Work involves:

- To review all aspects of the Corporation's Strategic Goals and in particular, the IT strategic objectives and the IT Function, and make recommendations to address gaps between its current state and applicable best practices to create an effective, efficient and high-performing IT function.
- Development of an IT Strategy Plan (and framework for implementation) that aligns with and supports the DFC's Strategic Development Plan and corresponding Business Plans.
- Development of an IT Policies and Procedures Manual to guide the implementation of the new IT Strategy Plan and which includes a framework for professional operating standards and performance.

The consultancy period may be up to a period of five (5) calendar months from the execution date of the engagement contract. However, consultancy days should not exceed a total of 60 working days. Details of the Scope of Work, consultant requirements, submission and evaluation of proposals, and other pertinent information, are included in the full Terms of Reference which is posted to the DFC's website:

www.dfcbelize.org

SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

Fully completed proposals are to be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on November 25, 2022.



KREM Television Program Guide

Shoa Wiself, Si Wiself, Bee Wiself!!!

Questions or comments may be forwarded via email to

Phone: 202-5848 kremtelevision@yahoo.com

Friday, October 28 to Thursday, November 3, 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: The Killing of a Revolution
- 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: Body Language
- 7:30 p.m. **Navel String Connections (repeat)**
- 9:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**

SATURDAY

- 9:00 a.m. Documentary: John Pilger - Utopia
- 10:50 a.m. Movie: Shaka LuLu
- 12:13 p.m. Documentary: Fire in the Mirror
- 1:38 p.m. Movie: A Time To Kill
- 4:14 p.m. Documentary: The Power Principle
- 5:30 p.m. Movie: Mrs. Doubtfire
- 7:35 p.m. Documentary: Beyond Treason
- 9:36 p.m. Music Videos

SUNDAY

- 10:30 a.m. **Sunday Review (LIVE)**
- 12:00 p.m. Documentary: Zeitgeist 2011
- 2:40 p.m. Movie: Race
- 4:54 p.m. Belizean Legends: Rodwell "Raddy" Leslie
- 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. Hon. Louis Farrakhan Addressed Inmates at Belize Central Prison(Repeated)
- 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: Slavery By Another Name
- 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: Regeneration
- 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: San Francisco 2.0
- 9:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**

WEDNESDAY

- 6:30 a.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (LIVE)**
- 9:00 a.m. **Morning Stew (LIVE)**
- 12:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**
- 1:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 2:00 p.m. Movie: Tigertails
- 3:30 p.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (repeat)**
- 6:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (LIVE)**
- 7:00 p.m. Ted Talk: Can Seaweed Help Curb Global Warming
- 7:30 p.m. **Navel String Connections (LIVE)**
- 9:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**

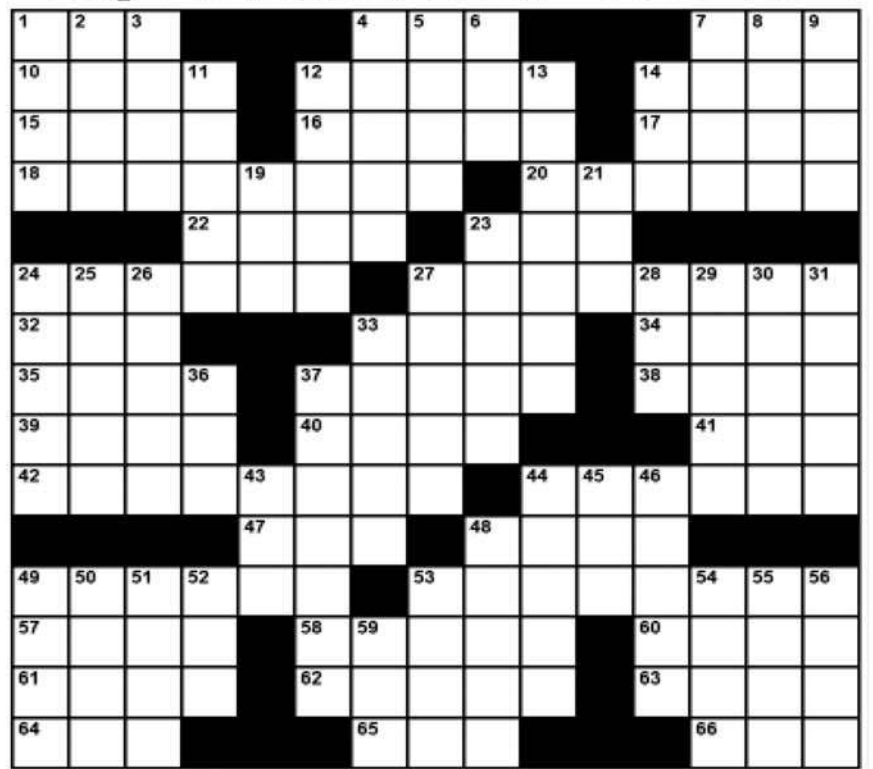
THURSDAY

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



NEW PUZZLE

Daily Printable Puzzle - 10-27-2022



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Across

- 1. Ankle site
- 4. Austin Powers, e.g.
- 7. Biz degree
- 10. Congregational cry
- 12. A Titan
- 14. Apple skin
- 15. Distance measure
- 16. Country singer Judd
- 17. Bible twin
- 18. With a passion
- 20. Plasterboard material
- 22. Actor Bogarde
- 23. A relative
- 24. Grapple
- 27. Diving gear
- 32. Anecdote
- 33. Violate
- 34. Cabbie's income
- 35. A cling on
- 37. Like a lion or zebra
- 38. Gulf sultanate
- 39. Anne Frank's father
- 40. Assistant
- 41. Coal receptacle
- 42. Not quite a collision
- 44. Cooked cereal
- 47. A Canadian export
- 48. Eat at the Ritz
- 49. Name source
- 53. Seasickness
- 57. Timber wolf
- 58. Be of profit
- 60. Diversify
- 61. Extra dry
- 62. Mother-of-pearl
- 63. Cornell or Pound
- 64. ABC, for short
- 65. Biblical possessive
- 66. Feminine suffix

Down

- 1. Asian monk
- 2. Abu Dhabi leader
- 3. Fix, in a way
- 4. Celery serving
- 5. Maneuver
- 6. Candied item
- 7. Army dinner
- 8. Boyfriend
- 9. A styptic
- 11. Care concerns
- 12. A cavern
- 13. Glimpsed
- 14. Brisk energy
- 19. Love, in a sense
- 21. Affirmative reply
- 23. Conical abode
- 24. Hawk grabber
- 25. Band together
- 26. Annual traveler
- 27. Magic sticks
- 28. Craft of sci-fi
- 29. Metrical unit
- 30. Choo-choo
- 31. Cassia plant
- 33. Boost
- 36. Craggy peak
- 37. Letter deliverer
- 43. Cape in New Jersey
- 44. Dijon daughter
- 45. Additionally
- 46. Female ruff
- 48. Grocery section
- 49. Exuberance
- 50. Burn midnight oil
- 51. Final bio
- 52. Agree silently
- 53. Flying speed word
- 54. Lab puzzle
- 55. Botches up
- 56. Nordic rugs
- 59. Brewery sight

Crossword answers for last edition

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



Daily Printable Crossword Puzzle - 10-19-2022 - Answers





ORGANISMO INTERNACIONAL
REGIONAL DE SANIDAD
AGROPECUARIA

Invites Participants to an International Tender
Ref. 014/2022

“ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF LABORATORY EQUIPMENT FOR THE DIAGNOSTIC DEPARTMENT OF THE NATIONAL DIRECTORATE OF PLANT HEALTH AT THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT”

- ◆ The specifications and conditions can be downloaded from the OIRSA website, after completing the registration form at the following link: <https://forms.gle/iVJdKT4zti7odWcg6>
- ◆ Date of submission of offers is on Thursday, 10th November 2022 from 08:00 am to 04:00 pm, at the addresses indicated in the specifications and conditions, directed to Licda. Sara Gabriela González, Manager of the Purchasing Department of OIRSA.
- ◆ For inquiries and clarifications write to the email sgonzalez@oirsa.org or call to phone number +(503) 2209-9232

25th October 2022



ORGANISMO INTERNACIONAL
REGIONAL DE SANIDAD
AGROPECUARIA

Invites Participants to an International Tender
Ref. 015/2022

“ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF AN INCINERATOR AT THE NATIONAL DIRECTORATE OF ANIMAL HEALTH IN TAPIA-TOCUMEN- PANAMA”

- ◆ The specifications and conditions can be downloaded from the OIRSA website, after completing the registration form at the following link: <https://forms.gle/NgggnU1shZydr9FUA>
- ◆ Date of submission of offers is on Monday, 14th November 2022 from 08:00 am to 04:00 pm, at the addresses indicated in the specifications and conditions, directed to Licda. Sara Gabriela González, Manager of the Purchasing Department of OIRSA.
- ◆ For inquiries and clarifications write to the email sgonzalez@oirsa.org or call to phone number +(503) 2209-9232

31st October 2022



INVITATION TO QUOTE – GOODS

Institution: Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing
Country: Belize
Project: Climate Vulnerability Reduction Program
Sector: Infrastructure, Environment and Natural Disasters
Abstract: Equipment for the Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing
Loan No.: Loan 4426/OC-BL
Deadline: 10:00 a.m. (Belize Local Time) on November 10th, 2022

1. The Government of Belize has received loan financing from the Inter-American Development Bank toward the cost of the Climate Vulnerability Reduction Program, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this financing to payments under the Contract for the Supply and Delivery of **3 Mini PCs and 3 Monitors** under the Climate Vulnerability Reduction Program.
2. The Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing now invites sealed quotation from eligible and qualified suppliers for the supply of the following item: **3 Mini PCs and 3 Monitors**.
3. Bidding will be conducted through Shopping procedures specified in the Inter-American Development Bank's Policies (GN-2349-15, January 2020 – Section 3.6) for the Procurement of Works and Goods financed by the Inter-American Development Bank.
4. Interested eligible suppliers may obtain the full Invitation to Quote for the required **PCs and Monitors** from the Program Management Unit, Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing, located on the First Floor of the Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing Soils Lab Building, Power Lane, Belmopan by emailing pmupcmow@gmail.com AND cvrp.4426.3@gmail.com.
5. Quotation must utilize forms provided in the invitation to quote. One (1) Original and two (2) copies are to be submitted in sealed labelled envelopes to the address indicated below. Quotations by email **WILL NOT** be accepted.
6. Suppliers are informed that they can only quote for the type of **PCs and Monitors** specified, and quote for all items in this Invitation. Price quotations will be evaluated for all the items. Price quotations should be **Inclusive of General Sales Tax**.
7. Your quotation(s) should be submitted as per the following instructions and in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of supply in the attached Quote Submission Sheet.
 - (i) **VALIDITY OF THE OFFER:** Your quotation(s) should be valid for a period of **90 days** from the date of receipt for quotation(s).
 - (ii) **SUBMISSION OF OFFERS:** Offers will be submitted on the Quote Submission Sheet including a description of specifications offered, Price Schedule for Goods and Related Services. These templates are annexed in the full Invitation to Quote. All documents must be completed without any alterations in format, and no substitutes shall be accepted. All blank spaces shall be filled in with the information requested.
8. The Purchaser shall award the Contract to the offer which complies substantially with the technical specifications and other requirements in these documents and represents the lowest price.
9. Quotation must be delivered to the address below at or before **10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time) on November 10th, 2022**. Electronic quote **will not** be permitted. Late quote will be rejected. Your quotation should be in the English language in the required format or other similar, acceptable format should be addressed and submitted to:

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

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

Phone #: **822-1942/822-0100**

Email: pmupcmow@gmail.com, cvrp.4426.3@gmail.com
AND procurement.officer.midh@gmail.com

Honduras claim will extend ICJ timeline

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“My contention is this, that is not a decision for 13 people who nobody elected. Nobody elected the 13 of us to make a decision on something that affects the Belize-Guatemala issue,” Peyrefitte said, following the Senate meeting on Monday. He remarked that the possibility of addressing the claim to Honduras through acceding to the Pact of Bogota surfaced in June of this year, following conversations with the co-agents of the ICJ case, during which the possibility of addressing the Honduran claim was discussed.

Belize’s counter-memorial was submitted to the ICJ in early June of this year, within the timeline set out by the court for the review of Guatemala’s claim. Notably, Guatemala was scheduled to submit its reply on 8 December 2022, and Belize’s rejoinder from Belize would then have been submitted on June 8, 2023.

Senator Courtenay has stated that Belize’s signing on to the Pact of Bogota will allow the ICJ to hand down a full decision without the country having to embark on a new legal proceeding against Honduras, which could delay a final ruling on the ownership of certain parts of Belizean territory for a number of years.

“We were advised that if we join the Pact of Bogota and commence a claim against Honduras and bring that to the ICJ, then we can say, the Guatemala v Belize and Belize v Honduras cases are related because of this overlap of the claim of sovereignty, resolve it once and for all,” Courtenay said, noting that the objective of the 2019 referendum, which was to bring an end to all claims, would be achieved if this is done.

“If we don’t bring Honduras into the court, our advice is that it is likely that we will have to commence yet another case, suing Guatemala and Honduras to resolve sovereignty over the Sapodillas,” Courtenay said. He thus pointed out that addressing the Honduras claim at the same time that Guatemala’s claim is dealt with at the ICJ would be the most efficient way to resolve the matter finally in order for Belize to “achieve its strategic

objective of obtaining a conclusive determination of its territorial sovereignty over all its continental, insular and maritime territory, including the Sapodilla Cayes.”

Courtenay said that this would extend the duration of the proceedings at the ICJ—thus delaying a final ruling by about a year at the most. “It may delay it for some months. The guesstimate is anywhere from months to a year in order to get the whole Honduras case—the Honduras case is a very narrow and simple thing, who has sovereignty over these particular cases. That’s not a long case. It’s not like the one that Guatemala has commenced which is going back from time immemorial, where they are trying to prove that they owned or were sovereign of, over Belize. So we expect the pleadings to be quick,” he said.

Senator Peyrefitte, however, has estimated that introducing the Honduras claim to the matters being adjudicated at the ICJ could lengthen the ICJ’s adjudication process by a few years, and he speculated that it may be part of the agenda of the current administration to do so. “I think they want this matter to be decided not before the next general elections, and if all matters remain this way, then I think a decision will come in sometime around 2024 given the historical record of the court in terms of them hearing cases and deciding on it,” Peyrefitte claimed.

He said that he was informed of the motion that was introduced by Senator Courtenay shortly before the Senate meeting on Monday, and a few hours before it was brought to the House of Representatives. “Yesterday morning, the Leader of Government Business texted me and said they are bringing the Pact of Bogota to the Senate,” he told local media on Tuesday. He pointed out, however, that the social partner senators—representing the country’s churches, NGOs and business community respectively (including Senators Benguche, Chanona and Herrera, who supported the motion), seem to have known about the motion well ahead of time, and had written remarks prepared. “The way the social partners responded in the Senate, to me, one, was extremely shameful and two, they clearly knew that that matter was coming to the Senate before 8:20 Monday morning. They clearly had a discussion, and they knew that that matter was coming and they had time to prepare their responses that seem to be very similar to me,” he said.

“If you notice, I think they might have been more in the know than the PUP senators, because the 5 other PUP senators had nothing to say on this issue,” Peyrefitte added. He went on to say that the pros and cons of signing on to the Pact of Bogota need to be explained to the Belizean people.

Notably, when stating support of the motion, the senator who represents the business community, Kevin Herrera, remarked, “It’s something that has been before us for over a hundred years or more, in fact. We grew up with this issue, Madam President. It’s something that has always plagued us, but I think there’s an opportunity for us right now to finally resolve it. We wouldn’t want to have any issues hanging out there that would prevent a definitive resolution to this



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- ◆ The specifications and conditions can be downloaded from the OIRSA website, after completing the registration form at the following link: <https://forms.gle/CWmPp85rpafBN7R19>
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PG veteran footballer, Mike Flores, reflects...

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those profound words of David Cruz remain permanently engraved in my deepest thoughts.

Mr. David Cruz, a soft-spoken man with a wealth of knowledge, was the best coach I ever had. I am very grateful for the discipline, integrity, and hard work that he instilled, which served as lifelong values that I have carried with me. If Belize had more role models who mentor and empower youths to excel through their talents and skills like Mr. Cruz did to make a profound difference in my life, this country would be a much better place for youths. Along with John-John, Taylor, Tash Gutierrez, Pancho Paulino, and Lawkins, may you rest in peace, Mr. David Cruz.

claim. So, I think it is the responsibility of the government to bring all the pieces together, those that were not put in the initial claim, to bring those together ... I don’t think that if we have something hanging out there, that will be possible. So, from all the information that I’ve seen, from all literature that I’ve read about it, and from all the advice we’ve seen, this seems to be the route that is most advisable. So, I support the motion.”

Senator Janelle Chanona, who represents the country’s NGO’s, went on to point out in the Senate, “I think it was a missed opportunity before the first vote to also call out such a critical aspect of what we’re dealing with ... I don’t think, as we have been advised, that we want to end this matter before the court only to have to [go] back to address the Honduran claim. My question, then, on behalf of those I represent, is why didn’t we take the opportunity during that—as we now know—very expensive campaign effort to make sure that this was addressed to the Belizean people.”

Senator Courtenay later made reference to that question posed by Senator Chanona—regarding why the Honduras issue was “not featured prominently during the campaign for the referendum”. He then remarked, “The only person in this chamber who has an obligation and a duty to answer that question is the Honorable Senator Michael Peyrefitte, who championed the referendum, championed a ‘yes’ vote, and presented to the Belizean people an argument—you all remember this? ‘Ironclad.’ Do you remember this? ‘Slam dunk.’”

It is still unclear why Honduras’ claim to the Sapodillas Cayes was not included

in the referendum carried out by Belize (under a UDP administration) and Guatemala in a purported attempt to address all territorial disputes. While a referendum would allow for an education campaign and would make it possible for the government to gauge the views of Belizeans on the matter of signing on to the Pact of Bogota, carrying out such a process would also extend the overall timeline for conclusively determining the territorial integrity of Belize—unfinished business that has been hanging over the Belizean people’s heads.

The possible introduction of this second claim at the ICJ as early as possible is seen as a more feasible course of action by former attorney general, Godfrey Smith.

Prime Minister John Briceno informed the media today that they held a meeting with the social partners, during which they discussed the Pact of Bogota, and Honduras’ claim to the Sapodilla Cayes.

“We continue to maintain very good bilateral relations with Honduras, but this is a matter that has to be addressed, and they themselves understand that. Their foreign minister has already approached our foreign minister and said ‘we will have to adjust this now that you have taken this to the ICJ’, and the judges of the ICJ would not touch the Sapodilla Cayes because they would realize now that it’s not only Guatemala but it’s also Honduras,” said Briceno.

More importantly, the Prime Minister noted that timing is a concern, since in 2024 new ICJ judges will be elected to sit on the court for a term starting in 2025.

“So if we don’t address this now, who knows—we may have to start the process all over,” he said.



**GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE
SECOND ROAD SAFETY PROJECT**

SUPPLY OF ROAD SAFETY EQUIPMENT

INVITATION TO BID

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

The Ministry of Finance, **Economic Development** and Investment (MFEDI), through its Road Safety Unit (RSU), now wishes to invite sealed bids from eligible bidders for the **Supply of Road Safety Equipment**.

Consideration will be limited to firms or joint ventures of firms which are legally incorporated or otherwise organized in, and have their principal place of business in an eligible country and are either:

- a.) more than 50% beneficially owned by citizen or citizens and/or bona fide resident or residents of an eligible country or by a body corporate or bodies corporate meeting these requirements; or
- b.) owned or controlled by the government of an eligible country provided that it is legally and financially autonomous and operated under the commercial law of an eligible country and otherwise meets the eligibility requirements of the CDB Guidelines for Procurement (2006).

Eligible countries are Member Countries of CDB.

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 Document. Submissions that do not provide the information required or that do not demonstrate the prospective supplier's ability to perform satisfactorily, will not qualify and will not be considered for further evaluation.

Interested eligible firms may obtain further information and inspect the bidding documents by contacting the RSU at the first address below between the hours of 9.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m., local time, Monday through Friday until **November 11, 2022**. A complete set of the bidding documents (electronic copy) may be obtained on the submission of a written application to the RSU, at the first address below. The documents will be promptly dispatched, but under no circumstance will the RSU be held responsible for late delivery, loss or damage to the documents.

One (1) original and five (5) hard copies of each submission must be received at the first address below no later than 3:00 p.m. local time on **Monday, November 28, 2022**. The sealed envelope containing each submission should include the name and address of the applicant and shall be clearly marked "**TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY OF ROAD SAFETY EQUIPMENT FOR SECOND ROAD SAFETY PROJECT – BELIZE**". Bids will be opened, immediately thereafter at 3:15 p.m. (local time) on Monday, November 28, 2022, at the first address below in the presence of Bidders' representatives who choose to attend. Bids received after the prescribed time and date will be rejected. Qualification information only must be sent simultaneously to CDB at the second email address below.

MFEDI 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 MFEDI's action. MFEDI will not defray any costs incurred by any bidder in the preparation of bids.

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Statutory Notice to Creditors

IN THE ESTATE of CHARLES ARNOLD RAMCLAM, Deceased, of #69 Fabers Road North, Belize City, Belize.

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 36 of the Administration of Estates Act, Chapter 197 of the Laws of Belize that all creditors and other persons including the beneficiaries and kin having any claims and demands upon or against the Estate of Charles Arnold Ramclam, late of #69 Fabers Road North, Belize City, Belize who died on the 23rd day of May, 2022 in whose Estate a Grant of Probate has been granted to Orlando Castro of #2675 Albert Hoy Avenue, Belize City, Belize to lodge any claims or demands in writing to Reyes Retreage LLP of #122 Eve Street, Belize City, Belize, Attorneys-at-Law for the Executor of the Estate of Charles Arnold Ramclam on or before the expiration of three months from the date hereof; and notice is also hereby given that upon the expiration of the said three months the said Executor shall proceed to distribute assets of the said Charles Arnold Ramclam (deceased) amongst the beneficiaries entitled thereto, having regard only to claims and demands of which they shall then have had notice.

Dated the 27 day of October, 2022.

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Charles Arnold Ramclam

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
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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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Former national football President and Mighty Avengers manager, David Cruz passes

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Oct. 20, 2022
 We received the sad news last night that retired senior civil servant and sports enthusiast David Cruz had passed. Though not a star footballer himself, David was the founding manager/secretary and driving force behind the renowned Mighty Avengers Football Club of the late 1960s and 1970s in the Cayo District's twin towns of San Ignacio/Santa Elena. He later held the post of National Sports Director, and also served a few years as President of the then Belize National Football Association (BNFA) in the late 1980s. David, who was a diabetic for many

years, reportedly passed away yesterday afternoon in Belmopan where he has resided for the past four decades plus.
 Our sincere condolences from the *Amandala* sports desk to all his relatives, including his Mighty Avengers family, and many friends in the sporting community. Respect on your contribution to Belizean sports, and Rest In Peace, brother David Cruz!

(AMANDALA Sports Ed. Update: Funeral services for David Cruz were held on Tuesday afternoon, October 18, at the Nazarene Church in Belmopan.)

Belmopan Trojans host workshop on emotional control

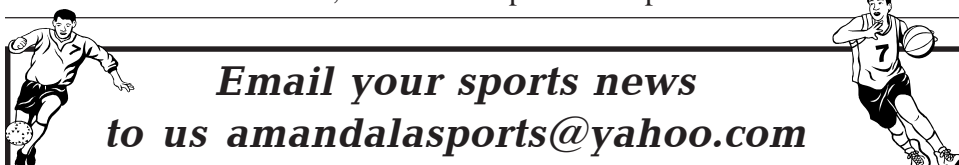


Belmopan Trojans

by Charles Gladden

BELMOPAN, Tues. Oct. 25, 2022
 Over the weekend, the Belmopan Trojans, a basketball team in Belmopan founded by Aldo Manzanero over 15 years ago, held a workshop for members of the team and youths from the surrounding community on the psychological aspects of decision-making on and off the court, along with emotional control.
 "The kids that we serve tend to have unusual family circumstances, from broken homes, single- mother households, and every single one in this generation has some psychological issue and some emotional stress that they have to deal with. We find that if we deal with that early before it grows, and they learn to manage [it], [which] leads to more mature children at an earlier age. When we say mature we don't mean physically, we mean emotionally—being able to deal with the stresses of life and be able to defuse certain situations, even among friends and family members, because every time when we have a child that can't control their emotions, we have a

situation where we have losses that we aren't willing to accept. The idea is to have the kids be able to defuse situations that will come up in their lifetime," stated Manzanero.
 Jeremy Vargas, a registered clinical psychologist, who led the workshop, explained, "You don't understand what you're feeling, then you don't know how to navigate it, and a lot of times for Belizean young men, we aren't given the opportunity to experience emotions. We only express emotions in [highly] intense situations, which [are] when we have fights at school, when we have back-talking to parents or guardians; we have disobedience, and usually those things happen as a third or fourth level of intervention, when in fact the first is sadness or upsetness or confusion, and young men in Belize aren't educated to understand those emotions. They are actually taught to be strong and sturdy, to be rocks, [and] there's nothing wrong with that, but you also need to respect where they're coming from as well. A rock is strong because it is made up of smaller parts together, and those smaller parts are important for men."



Week 2 results from BTB Travel Belize Beach Soccer Cup in Seine Bight

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Oct. 27, 2022
 Week 2 games in the Belize Tourist Board (BTB) Travel Belize Beach Soccer Cup 2022 were held on Saturday, October 22, in Seine Bight Village where all 6 participating teams saw action. Two teams remain undefeated so far in the tournament – Hopkins Ibayani and Seine Bight Christ Warriors.
 In the opener at 10:00 a.m., Cayo Selection prevailed, 6-4, over Griga United. The Cayo Selection got 2 goals apiece from Marlon Meza (2' & 29'), Jermaine Jones (5' & 15') and Jared Jeff (13' & 31'); while Griga United got a goal each from Curtis Valerio (13'), Daijon Daniels (26'), Raymond Ramos (33') and Wasan Lewis (34').
 In game 2, Hopkins Ibayani bombed the BDFA City Rookies, 6-1, with goals from Wayen Ford (2' & 17'), Felix Martinez (5' & 19'), Norman Castillo (20') and Kahleel Lopez (25'); while the lone goal for the City Rookies was by Elton Gordon (11').
 And in the nightcap match at 2:00 p.m., it was the home team, Seine Bight Christ Warriors grabbing the 6-2 win over Corozal FC. Scoring for Seine Bight were Terin Major (6' & 18'), Jaheim Mena (9', 22' & 26') and Jaheim Caballero (32'); while Corozal goals were by Luis Casanova (20') and Tracy Ramirez (35').

Week 3 of the Beach Soccer Cup moves to Placencia Village this weekend:
Saturday, October 29, Placencia
 10:00 a.m. – Cayo Selection vs Corozal FC
 12:00 noon – Hopkins Ibayani vs Griga United
 2:00 p.m. – BDFA City Rookies vs Seine Bight Christ Warriors

BTB Travel Belize Beach Soccer Cup 2022								
Standings at Week 2, Saturday, October 22, 2022								
CLUBS	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	+/-	Pts
Hopkins Ibayani	2	2	0	0	13	2	11	6
Seine Bight C. Wriors.	2	2	0	0	12	5	7	6
Griga United	2	1	0	1	9	8	1	3
Cayo Selection	2	1	0	1	9	10	-1	3
BDFA City Rookies	2	0	0	2	3	11	-8	0
Corozal FC	2	0	0	2	3	13	-10	0

Week 2 results in National U13 Girls Elite Championship

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Oct. 27, 2022
 The Football Federation of Belize's (FFB) National U13 Girls Elite Championship continued over the weekend with Week 2 games at five different venues across the country, all with the same 2:00 p.m. kickoff time on Saturday, October 22.
 At the M.A. Stadium in Independence, home team Mid-South won, 3-0, over Stann Creek with goals coming from Deborah Gordon (2' & 20') and Unique Green (32').
 Meanwhile, at the FFB Stadium it was the same 3-0 score, as Belmopan prevailed over Toledo with goals from Angelica Lopez (4'), Rychel Melchor (26') and Alexia Tillett (32').
 Across the waters at the Ambergris Stadium, Demilee Welch (10') scored the only goal of the game, as San Pedro clipped Benque Viejo, 1-0.
 Up north at the Ricalde Stadium in Corozal, it was the visitors, Cayo coming away with the 4-0 victory over Corozal. Goal scorers for Cayo were Aneeké And at the People's Stadium in Orange Walk, Belize came from behind to clinch the 2-1 win over Orange Walk. J. Vello (37') gave the home team a 1-nil lead, but Amina Burgess (41' & 63') responded with two goals to secure the victory for Belize.

Upcoming Week 3 schedule, home team listed first:
Saturday, October 29
 2:00 p.m. – Stann Creek vs Benque Viejo – Carl Ramos Stadium
 2:00 p.m. – Belmopan vs San Pedro – Isidoro Beaton Stadium
 2:00 p.m. – Cayo vs Mid-South – Norman Broaster Stadium
 2:00 p.m. – Corozal vs Belize – Ricalde Stadium
 2:00 p.m. – Toledo vs Orange Walk – Victor Sanchez Union Field

FFB National U13 Girls Elite Championship								
Standings at Week 2, Saturday, October 22, 2022								
Group-A	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	+/-	Pts
Cayo	2	2	0	0	15	0	15	6
Midsouth	2	2	0	0	8	0	8	6
Stann Creek	2	1	0	1	2	4	2	3
Toledo	1	0	0	1	0	5	-5	0
Benque Viejo	2	0	0	2	0	12	-12	0
Group-B	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	+/-	Pts
Belize	2	2	0	0	5	3	2	6
San Pedro	2	1	0	1	3	3	0	3
Belmopan	2	1	0	1	4	2	-2	3
Corozal	2	1	0	1	2	5	-3	3
Orange Walk	2	0	0	2	2	3	-1	0



High drama in final week of PLB regular season

3 teams still in contention for 4th playoff spot

Well, it looks like this one is going right down to the wire this weekend, as Week 14, the last of the regular season in the Premier League of Belize (PLB) 2022-2023 Opening Season, will finally determine which of 3 contending teams will secure the fourth spot in the Top-4 Playoffs.

In back matches played yesterday, Wednesday, Port Layola clipped Wagiya, 1-0, at the Carl Ramos Stadium in Dangriga on a 90th minute goal by Shawn Young. Later in the evening at the M.A. Stadium in Independence, leading goal scorer Andres Orozco (37') led Altitude FC to a 1-nil win over San Pedro Pirates FC.

Going into Week 14 to end the regular season, "any number can still play" among three contending teams for the fourth playoff spot.

Three teams – Altitude FC, Verdes FC and San Pedro Pirates FC have already secured a spot in the playoffs; it is only left to be determined who will be their opponents in the semi-finals.

Two other teams at the bottom of the standings, Bandits SC and Police/Benque United FC are out of playoff contention. Last place Bandits have only 8 points; and at 13 points, even a victory for Benque in their last regular season game this weekend would not bring them abreast of currently fourth ranked Progresso FC at 17 points. They, Benque, could only be "spoilers" for Wagiya. Meanwhile, both Wagiya SC and Port Layola FC are still entertaining playoff dreams, and a chance of eclipsing Progresso



Photo: William Ysaguirre

Zamir Bonilla of Progresso FC

and seizing the coveted last remaining playoff spot this weekend.

Just two weeks ago, at Week 12, Belize City's Port Layola FC seemed to be completely out of the playoff picture, following a depressing 1-0 loss at the MCC to young Progresso FC from Orange Walk. But since then, the city boys have recorded two straight victories, a 5-0 blowout of Bandits SC this past Sunday at the MCC, followed by yesterday, Wednesday's (Week 11 back match) 1-0 victory over Wagiya at the Carl Ramos Stadium. And suddenly, since Progresso drew their last outing against league leaders Altitude FC in Mango Creek, Port Layola is now a single point behind Progresso going into the final match of regular season. (See latest standings below.) Two points behind Progresso is Wagiya.

So, 3 teams remain in contention for the 4th spot, and there are many possibilities this weekend. The hopes for the young Progresso squad rest heavily on their new shining star, Zamir Bonilla, just up from the amateurs and in his first PLB season. While Wagiya lost their star midfielder/striker Warren Moss to a scholarship in the U.S. in mid-season, young Cion Augustine has risen to the challenge and delivered some important goals for Wagiya. For Port Layola, their leading goal scorer Shawn Young has figured prominently in each of their five victories, netting the opener in four of those; and ball wizard Gilroy "Bredda" Thurton has also scored important goals for Port Layola.

Wagiya's opponent is a Police/Benque United squad that is looking for redemption and respect; Progresso will face a very tall order against Juventus veteran coach Jorge Nunez's San Pedro Pirates who don't need a victory, but are not travelling far to lose; and the biggest task will face Port Layola when they clash with league leaders, Altitude FC and their league leading striker Andres Orozco.

According to PLB General Secretary, Wilhelm Miguel, the leading PLB goal scorers going into the final week of regular season are: Andres Orozco of Altitude FC leads with 10 goals; and three players are tied with 7 goals each. They are: Luis Ibarra of Verdes FC, Horace Avila of San Pedro Pirates FC, and Shawn Young of Port Layola FC.

The PLB brain trust could not have planned it any better. And this is just the previews of the coming playoffs.

Football is back in the Jewel. Enjoy Week 14, folks?

OWFA starts its 1st Division Opening Season

by Ben Ramos, Jr. – OWFA Regional Administrator

ORANGE WALK TOWN, Thurs. Oct. 27, 2022

The Orange Walk Football Association (OWFA) starts its 2022-2023 Opening Season 1st Division Amateur Tournament this weekend at Louisiana Football Field.

The 14 participating teams are divided into Group A and Group B as follows:

Group A – Mi Gente, San Jose, San Felipe, Caribbean Rum Boyz, Palmar, Sinbad, and Guinea Grass.

Group B – Guinea Grass Lazio, Red Devils, Charlie's Cave Tubing, Louisiana, Trinidad, Progresso, and San Francisco.

Below is the Week 1 schedule of games at Louisiana Field:

Saturday, October 29

7:00 p.m. – Mi Gente of Guinea Grass vs Sinbad FC

9:00 p.m. – Louisiana FC vs Trinidad FC

Sunday, October 30

9:00 a.m. - San Jose Pumas vs Palmar FC

11:00 a.m. - Red Devils of San Felipe vs San Francisco FC

1:00 p.m. - San Felipe FC vs Caribbean Rum Boys

3:00 p.m. – Charlie's Cave Tubing of San Estevan vs Progresso

5:00 p.m. - San Jose Pumas vs Guinea Grass FC

OWFA says Thank You

by Alex Palacio

ORANGE WALK TOWN, Mon. Oct. 24, 2022

The Orange Walk Football Association (OWFA) and the family of Armando Patt would like to extend its sincerest gratitude to all participating teams who participated in the OWFA marathon held on October 23, 2022 at Louisiana Football Field to raise MUCH NEEDED FUNDS for Armando Patt who was involved in an accident and suffered a broken leg. The

accident involved a Busito and an ambulance.

Thanks to the Prime Minister for sponsoring trophies, Mrs. Froyla Cuello Osorio for sponsoring referees' payment, and Mr. Jorge Celiz for the cash prizes.

Thanks to the following participating teams: Louisiana FC, Palmar FC, Mi Gente of Guinea Grass, San Jose FC, San Jose Pumas, Sinbad FC, Charles Cave Tubing of San Estevan, and Progresso FC.

Once again, THANKS AMILLION!

Week 14 schedule to end regular season:

Saturday, October 29

7:30 p.m. – Bandits SC vs Verdes FC – Isidoro Beaton Stadium

Sunday, October 30

3:30 p.m. – Altitude FC vs Port Layola FC – M.A. Stadium in Independence

3:30 p.m. – Progresso FC vs San Pedro Pirates FC – People's Stadium

3:30 p.m. – Wagiya SC vs Police/Benque United FC - Carl Ramos Stadium

Premier League of Belize 2022-2023 Opening Season								
Week 13 Standings update, Wed. Oct. 26, 2022								
TEAMS	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Diff	Pts
Altitude FC	13	9	2	2	20	9	11	29
Verdes FC	13	6	6	1	20	9	11	24
San Pedro Pirates FC	13	6	4	3	18	11	7	22
Progresso FC	13	4	5	4	10	10	0	17
Wagiya SC	13	4	2	7	14	19	-5	14
Port Layola FC	13	5	1	7	16	18	-2	16
Benque Viejo FC	13	3	4	6	11	16	-5	13
Bandits SC	13	2	2	9	11	28	-17	8

Caribbean International...

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company, which manufactures "Mine Beer" and whose owner was charged for employing nine foreign residents without proper permits, has called the raid and seizure of their money a direct attack, and their attorney has indicated that while this portion of the case is effectively over, he is confident that they will be vindicated in the Supreme Court.

Barrow will seek to challenge the constitutionality of the Magistrate's interpretation of section 38 of the Money Laundering Act and the constitutionality of the section itself.

Smith, the attorney for the FIU, says that they will resist the case-stated application. He agrees that this portion of the case is effectively over, but

interestingly pointed out that Barrow, in his role as former Prime Minister in 2016, was the one who spearheaded the amendment of the Money Laundering Act to allow for the inclusion of section 38, a provision that he is now willing to challenge in the High Court.

"Mr. Barrow made an application for the case stated, in the Supreme Court, challenging the constitutionality of the law and certain things the Magistrate did. We have given notice that we intend to oppose to show that it is actually frivolous and vexatious, and there are good reasons to not allow it," Smith said.

The parties will go back to court in November to address that new development in the case. The FIU will remain in possession of the cash until their investigations are complete.

Fat perks increase for GoB...

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on which the full salaries of public officers and teachers were reinstated, after those public workers had endured a 10% salary cut.

“Remember the CEOs, their allowances were cut. So what we’re doing basically is just giving them what they had before the pandemic,” said the Prime Minister, who, at first, refused to address the issue any further.

Throughout the course of this year, Belizeans have continued to lament the skyrocketing prices of goods and services as the country, like many parts of the world, continues to grapple with record levels of inflation. To many of those Belizeans, the increase in allowances may feel like a slap in the face. But according to Prime Minister Briceño, there is empirical evidence that shows that the country—including its people—is doing better than ever.

“If you look at the empirical evidence, more and more Belizeans are working. Right now the unemployment rate is at 9.2%. That’s the lowest rate in the past five years. The new labor survey is going to be out soon ... and it seems that it shows that unemployment is going to go down even more,” he said.

National One Health Program...

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response and management, and contributes to global health security,” said Dr. Jack.

Minister of Health & Wellness, Hon. Kevin Bernard, said in an interview after the launch ceremony that the main focus of the initiative is the fact that human activity affects the environment and, likewise, changes in the environment can affect human health.

“What One Health is trying to highlight here is that we have to start to look at not just human health, but we also have to find how we can link that with animal health and our environment,” he stated.

Health has no borders, said Minister Bernard, and as such the local and regional collaboration that will be made possible through the initiative via data sharing will allow not just Belize but also its neighboring countries to effectively respond to issues that may affect human, animal, and environmental health.

In his opening address, Minister Bernard acknowledged the importance of preventing, predicting, detecting, and responding to global health threats such as the COVID-19 pandemic. He also said that the holistic vision of the One Health program provides a module for protecting and promoting the health of populations through interdisciplinary collaboration.

“We are now in an era where globally it is recognized that enabling environments need to be created for health to emerge. This is what would aspire health and wellness to emerge and not diseases when we do not control the environmental and social risks,” he stated.

So far, Belize is one of two countries in the Americas that have recently made progress in establishing the One Health initiative.

The president of the Public Service Union, Dean Flowers, noted when he was interviewed by the media today that public officers are disappointed with the way they are treated by the Government in comparison to Cabinet CEOs.

“We’re talking about fifteen thousand public officers thereabout. So of course, any increment tied to that number would be substantially higher than the thirty-one or thirty CEOs who are receiving this benefit. However, what we’re saying is that when you have roughly 80-81% of public officers earning less than \$31,000 a year and then you have thirty CEOs earning in excess of about 85 to 90 thousand dollars a year, there is absolutely no way you can justify that more needs to be given to them,” Flowers said.

The PSU president added that the Belizean public should, rightfully, be upset.

The United Democratic Party has also publicly denounced the increase in CEO allowances, noting in a press release that, while public health facilities are faced with a shortage of basic medical supplies and equipment, including gloves and gauze, CEOs are receiving a 100% increase in their allowances. In that release, the UDP calls the increase an act of disrespect toward public officers and toward the Belizean people.

“The party calls on the government to rescind this allowance increase and make funds available to reinstate the Public Officers’ increments and purchase medical supplies and medications which are in shortage at the public health facilities across the country,” stated the UDP.

Billboards to promote traffic...

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American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) and the Ministry of Health & Wellness (MoHW), with funding support from the United States government. The project is an attempt to reduce the number of road traffic incidents (RTI’s) in the country, which has increased considerably in recent years.

The billboards will be focused particularly on two primary causes of traffic accidents: speeding and drunk driving, and will remind drivers not to ‘wait till it’s too late’ to make the right decision before getting behind the wheel of a vehicle to drive on the roads and highways.

RTIs are recognized as one of the leading causes of mortality/morbidity, and it has been predicted that by 2030, such accidents will be the fifth cause of mortality in the world. According to data from Joint Intelligence Coordinating Centre (JICC), from January to September 2022, there were 234 road traffic incidents in Belize and 338 road traffic injuries, 63 of which were fatal.

A billboard has been installed in each district in the country at the following locations: Mile 6.2 on the Philip Goldson Highway; Mile 78.5 on the Philip Goldson Highway; Mile 66.5 on the George Price Highway; Mile 14 on the George Price Highway; Mile 8 on the Southern Highway; and Mile 6.5 on the Stann Creek Valley Road.

Rejected! Recall...

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did not appear on the list of delegates. And thirdly, there were two persons, he said, who had resigned. While we might be inclined to concede the first four signatures, we can most certainly challenge the other five. But let’s say for example, in order to make a long process shorter, we concede all nine of those signatures. That is going to leave one hundred and ninety-one valid signatures, which is more than enough to constitutionally trigger a recall,” August told local media.

He also addressed Peyrefitte’s assertions that some delegates might not

have known what they were signing, since their signatures were not placed on the same pages that described the recall effort and the reasons for the recall.

“Now of course you will not have the heading on all the pages, because it’s 2 pages, so you had the attachments to it, and some of them signed on the third page that might have had the heading. But the entire document includes 2 pages of information. Although all we could have said was that you’re signing to recall the party leader, but we gave them 6 reasons as to why the party leader should be recalled,” he said.

Notably, the retractions of support by some who signed the petition were sent via those delegates’ personal e-mail addresses, and it appears that those involved in the recall effort are questioning the authenticity of those retraction messages.

In regard to what further steps might be taken by members of the party who are seeking to recall the UDP leader, August said, “That is the decision of the team to first seek legal advice on the matter. Probably, who knows, might be the commencement of another recall. We don’t know, because there is no limit for the conduct of any recall. If they want one name on each paper, then we will give them one name on each paper, because those same persons are prepared to sign again.”

ALL, Brother Paul

Stake Bank and causeways

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marketing point for their cruise terminal being terra firma from ship to shore, obviously they don’t want the GOB to bless Stake Bank’s road to Belize City. Aha, Port Magical Belize, whoever they are and whatever they are about, nary a peep has been heard from them about developments and proposals by the other two. Ah, in this world of shadow and shell companies, a lot goes on in the dark.

I’m after the truth, not about poisoning the water. Because these proposals and developments concern Belize, it’s important that we all share our ideas so that the people charged with making decisions have facts upon facts to sift through. I say, Belize won’t lose any tourists because of “tenders” if Waterloo and Port Magical are denied, or if Stake Bank doesn’t get a causeway to Belize City. Remember: Joe Bradley and Fonso say never use the word “recall” — remember the difficulty with tenders is strictly an old folk issue, and it is confined to embarking and disembarking.

There are times when the wind is whipping up, but most of these tenders are sturdy little ships, so the trip between Stake Bank and Belize City is always a smooth ride. Landing oldsters in Belize City can be a problem when the sea is rough, but that problem can be hurdled by creating a small sheltered area. That can easily be done with the use of barriers to cut down the size of the chops so getting on or off a boat is no big deal for those on shaky legs.

There’s a lot of thinking that has to go in here, about new cruise ports, about causeways. May our experts study all the facts and make the right decisions for us.

Pehreh standing on thinning ice

Senator Pehreh got major points for his sensible decision to NOT offer himself for election under the Shyne Barrow/John Saldivar wing, but the ice under his feet is thinning. Reports are that at Bird’s Isle he absolutely refused to interrupt his fry fish and beer to hold a recount, and now we have this rebuffed recall story. It’s in the history book, what happened to *With Malice Toward None*. So many shady stories, soon even non-cynics started believing the whole lot was a set of crooks.

As the UDP sinks, the orchestra plays!

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Quite frankly, I am of the view that the UDP will remain in opposition for a very, very long time. If my prediction serves me right, based on the severe state of disunity that they find themselves in and their inability to yield to one another and accede to amicable relations and make amends, the ruling People’s United Party (PUP) has secured their second and third terms, comfortably — quite comfortably! But more than just that, the way things are going, not only will the PUP win a handsome second term, but the UDP, in its current state, risks losing at least 2 of the 5 seats that it currently holds.

I am telling you, the UDP is in a terrible, terrible state. It finds itself in treacherous waters amid angry and perpetual waves that are devouring its party. The organization is in a state of disrepair, and the very people that are responsible to repair it are warring factions with significant differences and are in staunch opposition to each other. Their previous captain has been recalled; there was just a failed attempt to recall the current captain, and other crew members are sailing in various directions, while some senior (past and current) party faithful have already taken off in the life rafts, with their life vests securely attached, not even looking back to the sinking ship. And despite the grim prognosis for the UDP, there are a few hopefuls, who despite the current situation, cling to that unalterable spirit that draws from that well that springs eternal. But the truth of the matter is that the Opposition’s days are dark, and as the UDP sinks, the good old orchestra plays on!

Unchained Reflections Of A Liberal Pragmatist.

KMH Workers Union says...

A widespread shortage of supplies needed to administer treatment, and issues with income tax deductions and pension payments to healthcare workers are some of the issues of concern raised by the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital Workers Union during its press conference this week. KMH CEO Chandra Cansino says management was caught off guard.

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shortages in medical supplies, but in a letter sent to the Prime Minister, John Briceno, and Minister of Health and Wellness, Kevin Bernard, the union also outlined issues related to the income tax and pension arrangements for healthcare workers. According to the union, they were promised a meeting with Minister Bernard at which their concerns could be addressed. But that meeting has been postponed twice and is now scheduled to take place sometime around mid-November, after Minister Bernard's return from Taiwan.

The postponement is, in the view of the union, unacceptable, since they have asserted that leaving the issues unaddressed for the next three weeks may likely lead to a "collapse" in the delivery of primary care at the national referral hospital.

"He did say that he is willing to meet with us between the 12th and 16th of November, but by the time the Minister comes back from where he goes, Karl Heusner will fall," Andrew Baird, president of the KMHU, pointed out. He said that the difficulties being faced at the facility require urgent attention, and they cannot wait for another two to three weeks to be addressed.

"The users of the institutions continue to suffer. The staff of the institution is being asked to carry water in baskets. This cannot continue. We will stand no more in silence, and these needs and concerns of the KMH must be addressed now — people will die." Baird forewarned, adding that the failure in the health system needs to be addressed.

The union members noted that in addition to the fact that they have not gotten the chance to have a meeting with government officials after they sent a letter to both PM Briceno and Minister Bernard in early September, they also have found it difficult to arrange necessary discussions with the hospital's management, who, they claim, are disconnected from the reality on the ground within the institution. This has impacted the morale of the staff and could lead to a mass resignation of workers from the institution, Baird said.

"Generally there is a sense of unworthiness among the staff at Karl Heusner. There is a sense of not wanting to come to work; there is a sense when you come to work, how am I going to do my job?" Baird said. He added, "if we can't have simple things like gloves to work, how do they expect our performance?"

One nurse, Darwin Slusher, said that in one instance, it took him up to 25 minutes to get the supplies needed to begin administering life-saving care to a gunshot victim. There have also been reports of nurses having to attempt to resuscitate adults using a pediatric resuscitation bag.

"That's death, but we do it because we love our job and we will try whatever means, knowing that it is not effective, but yet they act as if all is fine and dandy at the KMH," Baird said.

There were also complaints about having to work under a leaky roof—leading to concerns about the stability of the structure which houses the facility.

Minister of Health and Wellness, Kevin Bernard, for his part said in an interview yesterday that he has never shied away from meeting with the union and that he had offered to have a Zoom meeting recently, but according to him, when he received the agenda the union had outlined for discussion,

he realized that Ministry of Finance reps would have to be present to provide input from that ministry.

"The people at the union did write the Prime Minister and myself sometime in September, or in the middle of September celebrations, activities. Right after, I traveled to the World Health PAHO Conference, I did see to the union representative, who also, by the way, is a member of the KMH board.... In fact, let me say this. And for the record, we are — we had scheduled at 4:00 Monday [a Zoom] meeting because I told them I would not have been able to do the face to face at, in this specific week. But can we do this, I'm prepared to do this Zoom meeting. At 9:30 in the morning, I got an agenda: item one. I could have addressed immediately — the issue of the medication concerns and supplies that they are talking about. But on the agenda, they have some other things that I believe needs the input of the Ministry of Finance and other people that has pensions, the issue of income tax. I cannot go there and make decisions on my own unilaterally. I have to consult. I have to be able to have the people that have that responsibility to be able to sit on. It's similar to what we did with the nurses when we went and we had to involve Labour; we had to involve Ministry of Finance because of the Ministry of Health cannot make those decisions on its own," Minister Bernard stated.

The union, however, has claimed that he had ample time to have such a discussion, since the agenda topics had been listed in the letter delivered to him and PM Briceno in early September.

Baird did note, however, that efforts are underway to address the shortage of medical supplies for healthcare institutions across the country and that his ministry is aiming to improve the tendering process for medical supplies to ensure that these supplies are within the country in a timely manner.

"We know that there have been the issues of medical supplies and pharmaceuticals, and we know that that had been an issue, but we are working on that," Minister Bernard said.

He further explained, "We are working on it, on that. In fact, KMH is receiving medical supplies and pharmaceuticals as we speak. From the past two weeks, they have been getting—now there are certain factors that were beyond our control. We can't, we can't change that. But these, the suppliers are receiving stuff. Then we, as we receive them, there's a process now; we cannot issue medication because the supplier receive it in country today. Tomorrow it goes out. We have to inspect; it takes a process and we do that. When these inspections are done, so that we know that the supplier is bringing the right medication that was tendered and that people are getting the correct medical medicine that was approved to be brought in."

He also addressed another concern put forward by Dr. Alain Gonzalez at the press conference: the need for a functioning CT scan machine at the KMH, since the hospital's patients currently have no choice but to access such services at private facilities, where the cost of getting a CT scan is sometimes twice what they would have paid at the KMH.

"We have stepped in and we have written to the Contractor General for us to ensure that we go to a selective bidding process, because it's urgent that we get the CT scan

BSCFA tells BSI/ASR to prove...

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BSCFA, Oscar Alonzo, while BSI has indicated that it is willing to give the farmers the right to audit its financial reports, which are presented in the form of a document known as a Net Strip Value (NSV) statement, the farmers currently have no means of verifying the accuracy and relevancy of the statements. This, he says, is why they have been asking BSI for additional documentation.

"In that manner, they have offered, in my view, a red herring, in terms of saying 'we will give you the right, and we will include in the commercial agreement a clause that gives BSCFA the right to audit the figures that [are] in that NSV statement'," Alonzo said.

The BSCFA says that it is not asking for an audit—that the farmers simply want some level of transparency that will allow them the confidence that they're getting paid fairly for their product. And according to Alonzo, the audited accounts, invoices, and management statements that could make that possible have not been made available to them by BSI since 2014.

"There is nothing wrong with [giving BSCFA] the right to audit, but in our view that right would be meaningless if the figures that they will propose to us for us to audit do not reflect the true value before we attempt to audit," he said.

"We're not asking to audit their operations," Alonzo reiterated. "What we are asking for is documentation—detailed documentation—that will enable us to verify the cost that they are deducting from the gross revenues for the sales of sugar and molasses to determine if we are getting fair payment for our product."

The sugar crop season is set to begin less than two months from now. The standstill has led both sides to claim that the viability of their operation would be put at risk if a reasonable agreement is not made soon.

Last week, in an AMANDALA article dated Thursday, October 20, we reported that the BSCFA chairman, Andy Westby,

had stated that farmers would likely begin phasing out of the sugar industry if the conflict is not resolved.

Apart from a lack of transparency that Oscar Alonzo says has fueled an atmosphere of distrust for decades now, another point of contention between BSCFA and BSI/ASR is the BSCFA's proposal to split gross revenues at a 40/60 ratio, with the millers receiving 40% and the producers (the farmers) receiving 60%.

Javier Keme, chairman of the Finance Committee of the BSCFA, explained that the 40/60 formula is not something the association chose arbitrarily, but is in fact a model used in various parts of the world.

"In Mauritius, there is 78% for the producers and 22% for the mill from the gross revenues. In the case of Costa Rica, there is 65.5% for the producers and the rest for the mill. In Mexico, there is a straight split of 57% for the producers and 43% for the mills. And in Guatemala, it's 56/44. And here in Santander, we have a split of 54/46, but there is an additional benefit that the farmer gets on top of the 46% from the payment of sugar, which is a \$3 for the use of bagasse, per ton, for the sale of electricity to the national grid," he said.

According to Keme, the 40/60 split is a simpler and, more importantly, transparent formula that will remove the distrust that the producers feel towards the millers—thus creating a better working relationship between the two entities.

The overhead costs that BSI/ASR had been deducting from the gross revenues, Keme further explained, would be included in the company's 40%, under the arrangement being proposed by BSCFA. BSI/ASR has suggested, however, that it would not be feasible for them to cover all those overhead costs—which include transport and shipping—on their own.

Note: In a previous article we incorrectly stated that the 60/40 split would result in 40% of gross revenues going to the sugarcane farmers and 60% to the millers. What we should have stated is that 60% would go to the producers and 40% to the millers.

for each image. And I said, just as I have said before, we are going to ensure that that CT scan comes... The ministry will find the funding for us to be able to give that to this country... I believe that people that goes to our public facilities are the ones that really cannot afford. And so we have to get those services provided.... And... I call again on the Contractor General for us to end the bureaucracy and let's get the process done. We have done what we need to do. We have submitted what we need to submit. We cannot continue to hold back the process, and we need to get that CT scan procured.. so that we can start to provide the service to the Belizean people," Minister Bernard said.

When interviewed by local reporters, the CEO of the KMH, Chandra Cansino, agreed that the hospital has been facing supply shortages and noted that they have tried to offset the scarcity by procuring items in-house and not depending on the Central Medical Stores when supplies are not available. But with a limited subvention (\$2.4 million monthly) from the government going primarily to covering salaries (between \$2.1 and 2.2 million), they have to at times depend on obtaining medical supplies on credit or relying on other facilities for some help.

She said, however, that the hospital has been getting supplies steadily for the past week or so, as pointed out by Minister Bernard.

A release from the MOHW that addresses complaints about the lack of

supplies in medical institutions points out, "Cabinet has also given its approval for the MoHW to start the tender process earlier so contracts can be signed with suppliers by mid-December every year. This will give suppliers a three-month lead time to be able to source AND deliver pharmaceuticals and medical supplies."

CEO Cansino said that at this time the KMH management and the Health Ministry both are trying to slowly bridge the gaps following the Covid-19 pandemic, and she remarked that while she, as a former registered nurse, understands the concerns of the union, the press conference and some of the comments made at the conference caught her off guard.

Andrew Baird, president of the KMHU, sits on the KMH board, and according to Cansino, did not discuss with management some of the matters highlighted at the press conference before stating them publicly, adding that she was very disappointed with that decision.

"My last discussion with Mr. Baird was very cordial," CEO Cansino said, "so we were caught blind-sided by this action, and so that is disappointing to me."

CEO Cansino said that they have been actively working on a document to present to the government to request an increase in the subvention received by the KMH, and have allowed the union representative one day out of the week to work on completing the draft of the Collective Bargaining Agreement.



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