


Lisa wrecks Belize City



BELIZE CITY, Fri. Nov. 4, 2022

Hurricane Lisa was the storm that came out of nowhere. Many Belizeans, many of whom were very aware that hurricanes have not historically hit the country in November, the last month of the Atlantic Hurricane Season, which runs from June 1 to November 30, were no longer monitoring activity in the Atlantic. And then word came that there was a disturbance that was heading in this direction. Not too long after, it

became clear that almost all possible trajectories had the storm making landfall in some part of Belize. According to projections, the most likely location of landfall would be somewhere near Dangriga. All meteorological updates were indicating that the storm was moving at about 14 or 15 miles per hour, and although it was a tropical storm it would likely

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Belize District under curfew. City relief efforts underway.

While there was no reported loss of life during or after Hurricane Lisa, many pieces of infrastructure and homes in the Belize District have been left in shambles, and most areas in the district are without power.

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The Sister Cecilia Home for the Elderly

CitCo leads 3-day cleanup campaign in Belize City



Mayor Wagner and BDF Personnel on the ground

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The landfall of Hurricane Lisa in Belize on Wednesday, November 2, has left in its wake various forms of wreckage— including tons of debris

strewn over streets and public areas — in various parts of the city. The storm's impact includes scores of collapsed

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COP 27 looms large in wake of Hurricane Lisa

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Nov. 3, 2022

From Sunday, November 6, to Friday, November 18, the 2022 United Nations Climate Change Conference (UNFCCC) will be held in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt — just days after Hurricane Lisa battered portions of Belize on November 2, which is seen as just one more indication that climate change is intensifying the threats faced, particularly by low-lying developing countries such as Belize, during the Atlantic Hurricane Season. This is



exactly the point that countries in the region and other low-lying countries, many of which are the least equipped financially to recover from the economic

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Schools reopening on Monday

Minister of Education, Hon. Francis Fonseca has announced that students will be returning to the classroom on Monday, November 7.

by Charles Gladden

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Preparations began early in the week for the landfall of Hurricane Lisa in the country, with the designation of hurricane shelters (many of which were schools in the community) being one of the key steps taken by the government and various emergency organizations.

The Ministry of Education then announced that as a result of the use of many school buildings as shelters, there would be no classes, starting Tuesday of this week, until an appropriate time, to be determined by the Ministry.

At a press conference held by the

Prime Minister on Thursday, however, Hon. Francis Fonseca, Minister of Education, announced that schools will be reopening on Monday, November 7. As a result, arrangements have been made with NEMO to provide persons sheltering at the schools an alternate shelter so that classes can resume on Monday.

“As you know, today the schools are used as hurricane shelters. So, we have asked NEMO that those schools that are used as hurricane shelters, between now and Monday that they make every effort to have those schools, all the people in those shelters, taken elsewhere, and all the adequate arrangements made for them. We are

[committed] to having schools, all schools reopened on Monday, November 7th, and so, we are asking between now and Monday that those teachers, especially where your schools are used as shelters, check on the condition of your schools and make

sure that it is prepared and ready for classes on Monday,” he said.



Hon. Francis Fonseca, Minister of Education

Griga man killed by gunman in yard

by Charles Gladden

DANGRIGA TOWN, Tues. Nov. 1, 2022

On Monday night around 7:00 p.m., as many Dangriga residents were becoming fearful of a possible landfall of Hurricane Lisa later in the week and were beginning to make hurricane preparations, a resident of that town, Henry Alexander Garbutt, 44, was gunned down in his yard in the New Site Area on Gadsby Ramos Road.

According to reports, Garbutt had been socializing with some friends on the porch of his home at the corner of Gadsby Ramos and Dashine Street when a gunman approached Garbutt from behind, and fired a number of shots at him.

A friend of Garbutt reportedly saw the incident unfold from about 150 feet away. He told 7News that he saw a motorcycle shift from the left to the right side of the road, before stopping in front of Garbutt’s home, then he heard the sound of 7 gunshots.

In regard to what could have been the motive for the murder, that friend said, “I don’t know him as a trouble man. He had some past from some years a back, but I don’t think if that was it last night—noh.. Seems like sometimes somebody used to talk about him hard— was some neighbors that he used to often tell me one time that he had some weed stash weh and certain individual had moved it, so I don’t know if those was the same person who came back and, um, interfered with him, noh, right.”



Henry Garbutt, deceased

Delilah Cardona, Garbutt’s sister, however, told reporters that she had no idea why her brother was targeted.

“That is the question that needs to be answered because we are all asking the same question. We don’t know why someone did it. We don’t know why they would want to do it. We don’t really know,” she said.

Garbutt is the second person to be shot on Gadsby Ramos Street within a span of three weeks. Lorraine Arzu, an off-duty police officer, was fatally shot in the head while sitting in the passenger seat of a car in front of her home. Reports are that the person sitting in the driver’s seat had been involved in a tense verbal exchange with another man moments before the shooting.

At this point, no arrests have been made in connection with the shooting of Garbutt.

Garbutt was the father of two children..

Belmopan shook up by Hurricane Lisa



Some of the impacts of Hurricane Lisa on Belmopan

BELMOPAN, Fri. Nov. 4, 2022

Belmopan — the municipality that many Belizeans flee to, as they attempt to seek safety before the landfall of major storms— was impacted on Wednesday to a sobering degree by Hurricane Lisa, which battered central portions of the country on its way towards Belmopan prior to making landfall just miles south of Belize City. By Wednesday evening, winds that were more forceful than expected, as well as downpour brought by the storm, were forcing Belmopan residents to scurry to shelters at the last minute. Mayor of Belmopan, Sharon Palacio, told local media that she and personnel from the Belmopan City Council were on the ground during the hurricane in an effort to ensure that the three shelters in the city were well-equipped and met the necessary standards for accommodating residents. About 86 persons in total sought refuge at those shelters, said Mayor Palacio, who said that she believes that the city received the brunt of the tropical storm and hurricane-force winds.

Extensive damage to structures, some flooding, and a large number of fallen trees in the municipality were reported, and the council is now seeking the help of residents to restore the city and, as Mayor Palacio put it,

“be their brother’s keeper.” Palacio noted that the pieces of equipment that her administration inherited from the previous Belmopan City Council are of little to no use, constantly require repairs, and thus will not provide the level of functionality that will be needed by the council to clean up Belmopan.

At this time, a full detailed assessment of the damages in the city has not been completed. Mayor Palacio said that she is hoping that information will be available by this weekend, but she reiterated that the council cannot do the work of restoring the city on its own, and called on the community to give a helping hand.

“I would like to encourage again and echo to our residents that this has to be a community effort for us to work as a team and get the entire area cleaned up as quickly as possible. City Council cannot do it alone. As I said, we inherited garbage, and all these equipment is useless. We spent a lot of money repairing these old trucks, compactor, and backhoe constantly, and the time has come. We are calling out to the community to give us a hand,” Mayor Palacio said.

Mayor Palacio is also seeking the assistance of construction companies, who she is hoping will also lend their support to the recovery effort.

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become a hurricane just before hitting Belize. But there were some shifts that took place that caught some Belizeans off-guard. Gradually, it appeared, the path of the storm was inching upward — farther from Dangriga and closer to Belize City — the coast, specifically. Some observers on Tuesday were speculating that this movement was placing Belize City and its coast possibly in the right front quadrant of the storm, which would be subjected to the strongest winds and storm surge. It has been noted that the strongest side of a hurricane, depending on the direction in which the storm is moving, is typically the right side — known as the “dirty side”, where there is a higher likelihood of storm surge and even tornadoes, and where more intense

wind gusts and heavier rain bands are likely to occur.

And Belizeans who were monitoring the upward tilt in the storm’s movement, particularly on Tuesday evening of this week, saw Belize City being an increasingly shorter distance away from the area of landfall and also possibly being on the “dirty side”. Many Belizeans, however, had not been anticipating the storm to hit so close to the city. Something else that caught Belizeans off guard was the time of the landfall. Most Belizeans had read or heard that the storm would be hitting the country on Wednesday night — possibly at 8:00. The Prime Minister had declared a state of emergency on Wednesday, and Belizeans were told that only essential services would be

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THE REASONS THAT THOMAS VINCENT RAMOS FOUGHT FOR GARIFUNA SETTLEMENT DAY IN BELIZE

by Wellington C. Ramos

Thomas Vincent Ramos was a Garifuna nationalist born in Puerto Cortes, Honduras, on September 17 of 1887 and died in Dangriga, Belize, on November 13, 1955. He came to Dangriga as a teenager to live when he was about eighteen years old. It was never mentioned what was/were the reason or reasons that Thomas Vincent Ramos may have decided to leave Honduras and come to Belize.

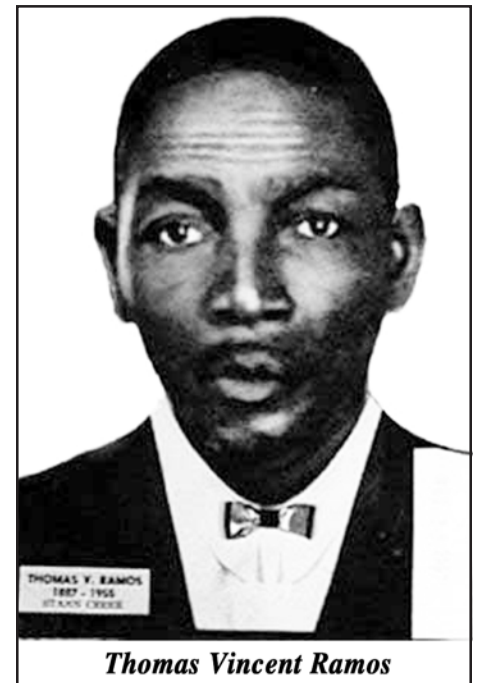
I looked at Honduras' political history that spanned the period during which he left, and found there was political unrest at that time. This may have been the reason that he left the country. Before his departure to Belize, some of his relatives and other Garifuna people had already left Honduras and gone to Belize for the same reason. Below is an extract discovered on the Prabook website, about what was taking place in Honduras during that time: 'When Policarpo Bonilla (no relation to Manuel) became president in 1895, it was understood that his minister of war, General Terencio Sierra, would be the Liberal Party candidate in 1899, and

Manuel Bonilla, the vice president, in 1903. However, Policarpo and Manuel Bonilla quarreled, and Manuel Bonilla withdrew from the vice presidency. He subsequently became President Sierra's minister of war. However, Sierra announced his support for Juan Angel Arias in the 1903 elections. Bonilla then resigned and founded a new coalition, the Nationalists, composed of his following among the Liberals and practically all remaining Conservatives. Bonilla received 28,850 votes, Arias 25,118, and a third nominee 4,857. "When President Sierra blocked Congress' attempt to select a president from between the top two candidates, Bonilla and a group of supporters left the capital for Amapala, where the mayor administered the presidential oath to Manuel Bonilla. After several battles, Sierra fled to El Salvador, and Bonilla was declared president-elect by Congress on May 5, 1903. When Bonilla balanced his cabinet with Liberals and Conservatives, however, he irritated members of both parties. He suspended the constitution and declared martial law in the first week of 1904. A constitutional convention in

1905 lengthened the presidential term from four to six years and installed him as president for the period 1907-

1912." According to some Garifuna people from Honduras, Manuel Bonilla was liked by the Garifuna people because he was the president that gave them titles for their lands in Honduras in 1911. The Martial Law that was declared by Manuel Bonilla in 1904 was only one year before Vincent Ramos left. The stories that were given to me by the elders in Dangriga Town about their martial law experiences in Honduras were frightening. They said that the Honduran soldiers would be on the streets with their guns loaded, and people could not move freely in their villages, towns and cities. I have a relative from Honduras who is lucky to be alive today, because they shot at his mother as she was carrying him in her arms while martial law was in place in Honduras.

Thomas Vincent Ramos arrived in Dangriga and became active in Marcus Garvey's Universal Negro Improvement Association (UNIA) and African Communities League (ACL), which was formed on July 15, 1914. Marcus Garvey's philosophy was the unification of all people of African descent with their mother continent, Africa. During the time of Garvey's movement, most countries in Africa were colonies of some European countries — mainly Portugal, France and Great Britain. They were fighting for their independence from these countries. There were also territorial disputes taking place among the Europeans on their own continent. World War I began 13 days after Marcus Garvey launched his association on July 28, 1914, and ended in November of 1918. Thomas Vincent Ramos then decided to use the knowledge he gained from UNIA, to advocate for Garifuna Nationalism. This was at a time when most of our people were afraid to challenge the British Crown for dismantling our nation-state by the name of "Yurumein", now known as Saint Vincent and The Grenadines, in 1796. Then they unlawfully removed our people as Prisoners of War to the island of Balliceaux, where we were imprisoned, tortured, killed, and some of our people were buried there. Our people who survived that genocide were then removed from this island and were forcefully taken to the island of Roatan, where they landed on April 12, 1797. Garifuna people subsequently migrated to Nicaragua, Guatemala, Belize and the United States as a fragmented nation. Thomas Vincent Ramos' request that we be granted a day to come together as one, was also an attempt for us to realize that we are a nation of people who must be proud of ourselves for fighting for our nation, "Yurumein," now known as Saint Vincent and The Grenadines, against European colonialism and human rights violations and to reassert our nationhood, no matter where we live. The 19th of November celebration is not only about dancing, drinking and having fun. Just look at the number of times that we have been dancing, drinking and having fun. Yet, our social, political and economic situation has remained the same, and



Thomas Vincent Ramos

for some of our people, living conditions have gotten worse. It is now the time for us to re-examine the state of our living as a people and our Garifuna Nation that is fragmented in the diaspora countries. 'We were living in our independent nation. Where we were self-sufficient and then brought to colonies that were controlled by the same Europeans whom we fought against and defeated in wars in our homeland. This is not progress but an unfortunate regression that we must overcome to become free people once again.' *I now call on every Garifuna person, to become active in the Garifuna Nation like your ancestors were to relive the Garifuna dream of autonomy, independence and economic sustenance to rid ourselves of dependency. THIS IS THE GARIFUNA FLAG THAT WAS DESIGNED BY*

THOMAS VINCENT RAMOS IN 1923 FOR HIS PEOPLE:

Marcus Garvey and the UNIA in British Honduras

by Regina Neal

(Ed. NOTE: Regina Neal's essay was first published in the Friday, September 16, 1994 issue of *Amandala*. Excerpts below include *Garvey's Visit in 1921* and *The UNIA in British Honduras*.)

Garvey's Visit in 1921

In April 1920, just a month after the local UNIA was formed, Garvey reported to a meeting in New York that he had received a cable from Campbell reporting a membership of 8000. No doubt this was a greatly inflated figure, for as Garvey himself stated, "if we can have eight thousand in the UNIA, you might say that we own Belize." in any case, Garvey visited Belize for the third time (the first was in 1910, before he was well known, and there is no available record on this visit or of a subsequent one shortly after) in July

Country Music!

I never liked country music. I mean, I thought I never liked country music. Growing up in British Honduras in the 50s and 60s, we had no TV; radio was our only contact with the outside world, for news, sports and music. One radio station for the entire country, and everyone always tuned in until it signed off at 11:00 p.m. The music varied, local or Caribbean, Latin, jazz, pop and classical, and yes, country. At that time I didn't realize that Jim Reeves, Marty Robbins, Skeeter Davis, Burl Ives, Johnny Cash, Hank Locklin and so many others, were country music singers. I loved the songs and the stories they told and just thought of it as music, without definition! Then the Beatles, Motown, and rock and roll took over. I was in my mid-teens by then, and my taste changed. Or did it?

As a black kid growing up in Belize, it would have been strange and unusual to admit that I was a fan of country music, so I decided I hated it, and that was that! I turned my attention to reggae and pop music, jazz and Latin music, and life was good. Then I heard "Sweet Dreams", by Patsy Cline, "Paper Roses", "The end of the world", and Kris Kristofferson, Waylon Jennings, Merle Haggard, George Jones and all the great singers of the 60s and 70s! I loved their music, but still hated country music! Those weren't country; they were great songs of love and loss and suffering. And of course Elvis could never have been country! Country music wasn't sophisticated enough, all that yodeling and nasal twang; no, I hated it.

As I grow older, now a grandfather, I realize that good music is good music, no matter the genre. I have been watching the Ken Burns documentary on country music, and understand that music, especially in America, is an amalgam of the cultures, and oh, I fell

in love with Jimmie Rodgers and yodeling! And the Carter family, the pioneers of country music.

The romantic poet Shelley said that "our sweetest songs are those that tell of our saddest thoughts." He was absolutely right! The pain and suffering and rejection these people went through, and still persevered, is a testament to their greatness, their genius to be able to make people feel better, especially through times as tough as The Great Depression. I realize that during this period people who looked like me were not in a good place, segregated and marginalized, but remember what Shelley said. I always believed that country music was white, in spite of Charlie Pride. Now I know that it came from African, Irish, Scottish, English and European sounds, as in the yodeling.

I remember fondly, in the 80s, meeting Glen Campbell in an elevator at the Hyatt Regency in Minneapolis. I shook his hands and let him know the many times I'd gotten laid because of his music. He couldn't stop laughing and invited me to his show that night, which I unfortunately missed because of work! But the man with the best mellow music, seduction music, will always be Kris Kristofferson. "Help me make it through the night", "Sunday morning coming down," and his countless other songs, designed for copulation.

These days country music has morphed into pop and rap, and rock. I am a traditionalist and don't really care for it — give me the old time music. I suppose I do like country music, to a point!

"Put your sweet lips, a little closer to the phone. Let's pretend that we're together, all alone." — Jim Reeves.

Glen



A terrible Cat 1 hurricane

Belizeans living across central Belize, particularly those in Belize City and the Belize District, are reeling after being hit by a late season hurricane, Lisa, a Cat 1, on Wednesday. Lisa, which was heading toward Dangriga early Tuesday morning, began edging northward on Tuesday night, and when the eye crossed over Belize on Wednesday afternoon, it was just 10 miles south of Belize City. Category 1 hurricanes aren't supposed to hit too hard, but Belize City and the villages in the district felt the worst of Lisa— around six long hours of battering from hurricane winds of 85 miles per hour.

Hopefully the families that lost property during the storm will get assistance from friends and relatives at home and abroad, and from the GOB so they can put their lives back in order again. Friendly countries might help a bit with the costs for repairing the massive infrastructural damages that Lisa left in her wake, but the bulk will have to be borne by the government and people of Belize, through our taxes. Early on Tuesday it seemed that Dangriga was in Lisa's crosshairs, which meant that much of the citrus crop would be wiped out; and if she had edged just a little farther south that the fragile banana plantations would be flattened. Instead, Lisa veered to the north, and wrought her havoc on the population center of our country.

We must demand that our leaders handle our money wisely

We don't have much control over these weather phenomena, not much besides treating our forests and sea and air with the reverence they deserve. What we have control over are the leaders we choose to serve us. Partly, maybe even largely, because our leaders manage with much

focus on the next election, Belize has never had the cash reserves to sufficiently address the disaster left behind by a hurricane that punches us in the nose.

In 2022 it is too much to expect, especially after having been mired in a pandemic for two years, that our GOB is flush with cash to immediately do all the necessary repair work and get Belizeans who were knocked down by Lisa back up and running at full speed again. But in normal times we have seen our leaders use our money to win general elections, while depositing very little into our emergency fund. Is it our fault that they do so?

Maybe we have to invest more into understanding our system, specifically this five-year electoral cycle. Politicians, as our first leader said, are in business to win elections. Our business is to get the best out of the people we put into office.

Environmentalists are happy about Lula's victory in Brazil

Environmentalists across the globe breathed a sigh of relief on Sunday when news rolled in that leftist leader, Luis Inácio Lula da Silva, called Lula, had defeated incumbent right wing president, Jair Bolsonaro, in the presidential

runoff election held in Brazil. When the region that has been described as "the lungs of the world" — the Amazon in Brazil, the world's largest rain forest — was being devastated by fire in 2019, President Bolsonaro, to the dismay of environmentalists the world over, as much as said "burn baby, burn!"

Left wing leaders, socialists, are as concerned about the economic performance of their country as right wing leaders are, but, unlike right wing leaders, left wing leaders feel that progress must come by making moves that are in harmony with the earth, not by devastating it. Right wing leaders and their followers might take exception to being described as persons who don't mind "devastating" the earth for their ends, and maybe that is excessive, but also, it might be a euphemism to say otherwise about people who say climate change is a hoax and ozone depletion caused by greenhouse gas emissions is exaggerated, and who express no distress over the extinction of species caused by human efforts to dominate the earth.

The "Pink Tide" got a new member with the election of Lula, his victory bringing to nearly a dozen the countries in our region that are led by left-leaning presidents. Would that our sister Caribbean country, Haiti, find the correct leadership to put it on the path of peace and prosperity! Millions of people in the Americas have had enough of right wing leaderships that push a trickle-down-economics system that has killed the hopes of the masses in our region. For far too many young people in our region, hope lies only in getting a Green Card to the USA.

As we mentioned in a previous editorial, these leftist leaders are not anti-Washington, not pro-Russia; they are about answering the demand of their people who clamor for a better life. Left-leaning parties in the Americas share much with the Democratic Party in the US, including views on the environment, taxation, the delivery of health services, and gender issues (LGBT). Among the first to congratulate Lula was US president, Joe Biden, a Democrat, who said his victory came "following free, fair, and credible elections", and that he was looking "forward to working together to continue the cooperation between our two countries in the months and years ahead."

Left-leaning governments believe that the rich should pay their taxes. Lula was in office for eight years previously, from 2003 to 2010, and he is credited with lifting over 20 million Brazilians out of poverty. Under US president Barack Obama, a Democrat, great strides were made toward universal health care in that country. Similarly, universal health care was one of the goals of the Lula governments in Brazil, and much was achieved.

Gender issues/LGBT rights is as controversial a matter as any, and with the coming of Lula, that group at the least is hopeful after being under the rule of the openly homophobic Bolsonaro. Human Rights Watch said that immediately after his victory Lula "committed to fighting hunger, poverty, violence against women and Indigenous people, racism, and Amazon deforestation."

There was no mention there of LGBT rights in that victory speech, but left wing leaders have been very favorable to the group. Under the left-leaning AMLO, same-sex marriage became legal in all of Mexico's 31 states this month; Cuba, under Miguel Mario Díaz-Canel Bermúdez, approved same-sex marriage in a referendum in September this year; and Uruguay, under former left wing leader José Mujica, licensed gay marriage in 2013. But Lula, if that is his inclination, might not be able to deliver that prize to the LGBT because of a strong Evangelical lobby in Brazil.

The Atlantic said the evangelical group in Brazil grew from 6.6% to 22.2% in 2010, and *The New York Times* said Evangelical Christians now make up 30% of the Brazilian population. Primary among this group's concerns are the increase in gay and abortion rights, and they figured significantly in the 49% of votes garnered by Bolsonaro on Sunday.

It's no small job new Brazil president Lula has in front of him. At this newspaper we champion the masses, and the environment, both of which were at the core of his campaign platform. And that's what the Brazilian people voted for last Sunday.



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Blue Economy Ministry introduces plans for ocean-based development

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The Ministry of Blue Economy and Civil Aviation will be coordinating the implementation of the Belize Blue Economy Development Policy and Strategy and the Belize Maritime Economy Plan – two policy documents focused on defining what the Blue Economy means to Belize and the nation’s economic development goals. The process of putting the plans into motion was officially launched on Monday in San Pedro, Ambergris Caye, following an extensive consultation period. The Blue Economy Ministry calls the completion of the document a “milestone” and a significant step forward.

Belize has directed significant focus to the management of its marine resources in recent years, and marine conservation became even more of a priority for the administration after the signing of the Blue Bond. Since then, the country has



Team from the Ministry of Blue Economy

embarked on a number of initiatives geared at protecting marine areas and the use of our ocean resources. The implementation of these two plans will

result in the establishment of a framework for the development of the Belize Blue Economy, which will include an overall assessment and outline of the current

maritime economy – while presenting potential development pathways that could be taken by the country to foster economic growth in the blue space.



“The success of any of these guiding documents will not only be based on the content and practicality of the content and clarity with which these were compiled and written, but in the ownership that we all have for the implementation, ‘the division of labour’, from each governmental ministry, from each fishing association, from each fishing cooperative, from each fish trading entity, from each tourism business, from each NGO within the sector, from each private sector or public sector entity etc,” Valdemar Andrade, the Executive Director of Turneffe Atoll Sustainability Association (TASA) stated.

TASA and the Belize Marine Fund were instrumental in supporting the development of the BEDPS. The document is focused on providing high-level strategic guidance for the development of the blue economy in Belize. The release states that its vision is to ensure, “Belize’s Blue Economy, by year 2030, is productive, sustainable, resilient and vibrant, contributing sustainably to the socioeconomic well-being of the country and its people.”

Coupled with the BEDPS, the first Belize Maritime Economy Plan was developed with the support of the government of the United Kingdom. That plan, as mentioned, provides an overview of the existing maritime and ocean economy of Belize, and includes an analysis of the existing sectors while providing guidance and support to enable a transition to sustainable practices within our ocean space.

“The MEP presents potential development pathways and strategic guidance for economic growth of Belize’s blue space within sectors that use our ocean resources. Focusing on ‘bedrock’ traditional sectors such as fisheries, tourism, and shipping as well as emerging sectors such as marine renewable energy, aquaculture, marine biotechnology, and ecosystem services,” a release states.

“Both the Blue Economy Development Policy and Strategy and the Maritime Economy Plan come at a pivotal time in Belize’s development as we shift onto a blue growth pathway and provide clear national direction for the development of our blue economy,” Minister of Blue Economy, Andre Perez, said during his remarks.

**GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE
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BELIZE INTEGRAL SECURITY PROGRAMME (BISP)

INVITATION TO QUOTE

Supply and Delivery of Communications Equipment
Ref: No CABEI-G-008-2147/2022

November 4th, 2022

The Ministry of Finance, **Economic Development**, and Investment acting through the Belize Integral Security Programme (BISP), funded by the Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI) has allocated funds towards the cost of supply and delivery of Communication Equipment.

The Ministry now extends an invitation to Suppliers to tender for the below-listed items:

GOODS	QUANTITY
Handheld Mobile Radio with Software	10
Base Station with Software	10
VHF Repeater with Software	5
VHF Base Antenna	10
Pair Tactical HF Broadband Dipole Antenna	10
VHF Man Pack Collapsible 5 Element Whip Antenna	10
Omni Directional VHF High Gain Antenna Type (A)	2
Omni Directional VHF High Gain Antenna Type (B)	2
VHF Magnetic Mound Whip Antenna	10

Interested bidders may obtain a complete set of bidding documents inclusive of Specifications free of cost through a written request to the below physical address or via electronic mail (email) to procurementofficer.bisp@med.gov.bz and copy to projectcoordinator.bisp@med.gov.bz or you can visit the Ministry of Economic Development’s webpage, www.med.gov.bz to download the bidding documents. Additionally, the Invitation to Quote can be found on the Belize Procurement Notice Board’s webpage <https://blz-cppnb.caricom.org/epps/home.do>

The deadline for submission of sealed bids is **Monday, November 28th, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.**, via direct mail or hand delivered to the address indicated below. **Late submissions will be rejected.**

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UDP right, on a technicality

by Colin Hyde

After the people voted 55 to 45 to go to the ICJ and have them give Guatemala the sense, it's a formality that they would vote that we take a similar path to get Honduras to back off the Sapodilla Range. I guess the reason, or a big one why the UDP can't endorse the move, is similar to the PUP's reason for backing off the ICJ. The people who weren't with the ICJ deserved a voice, and indeed a great number in that PUP were in step with the Paul Morgan/Wil Maheia/Patrick Rogers/Hubert Enriquez-led third parties. Adding to all that, the PUP can never trust the UDP, and the UDP can never trust the PUP.

Ah, I heard that the worry of some UDP leaders is that the PUP's purpose re: this Bogotá move is to delay the ICJ verdict, so the victory doesn't come

before the next election. Those UDP leaders think the victory at the ICJ will be a boon for their party. I think some of these politicians disrespect the intelligence of the Belizean people. I really hope they aren't serious. Come on, the people of Belize are quite discerning.

I, ehm, don't see the harm in being logical here. It isn't fair for two parties to go before a judge over a matter, without declaring to the judge that a third party has an interest. It's no revelation that there is contention over the Sapodilla Cays. What stands monumentally in our favor is that British Honduras-now-Belize has held possession, while Guatemala and Honduras have not.

Possession is behind Guatemala's bully tactics over the Sarstoon Island. The 1859 treaty clearly spells out that the island is ours, but they are desperate

to get something. And, of course, that would entitle them to a few more square yards of sea space. I gather that one of the reasons that PSWG rejected the MAA was because of the way the line in the sea was drawn, as if our border was the Moho. Personally, I see some virtue in the tripartite arrangement, good neighbor business, but looking at the line, I think PSWG was right that some people were too daam wily.

Boy, were the people behind the Heads of Agreement crafty with that "Use and Enjoyment" thing. Somebody smart on our side said it was loose language that really would have ended up as an arguing point. Really, who benefits when there's a grey matter between a big fish and a small one? I say, that was a terrible "use" of words in the Heads of Agreement.

I like the point the Guatemalan fisherman made to KREM's Mose

Hyde and TIDE's (now BPP leader) Wil Maheia, that if Guatemala got any such "agreement" it would be adios forever for roots Guatemalans in those beautiful waters and cays, and hello forever only to the oligarchs, their expensive yachts, and the well sun-tanned bodies of their children.

A welcome is sufficient, for them to visit and enjoy, if they follow the rules set by the Belizean government to protect this glorious part of our world.

Farrakhan, West, and Anti-Semitism

The American artist/entrepreneur, Kanye West, I think he's now known as Ye, came under and is under high heat for words he used that were reported to be anti the Jewish people. I don't know the brother's music or his business. He could be brilliant, or he could be media-made. What is for sure is that he is being hammered by the media. Reports are that ventures based on his brand have lost gobs of money since. I understand Ye/West is still very wealthy, so I won't be sweating any fever for him. I would if I knew he was spending it with those of us who are in need.

My real business is Brother Farrakhan and the Black Muslim group (Elijah Muhammad Muslims) in the US. I have expressed admiration for what that organization has done and is doing to restore black men and women who weren't being served by Christianity or other religions. My support for the Elijah Muhammad Muslims, whose leader is Farrakhan, is about restoration, not religion.

I am aware that Farrakhan is considered anti-Semitic, but I have never heard of him and his group going about doing harm to anyone. The knowledge I have is that they are about protecting themselves, and that that doesn't include physically attacking people and organizations that are on a different page.

There is the story that the Elijah Muhammad Muslims orchestrated the murder of one of their own, Malcolm X, but that's an internal matter that has not been thoroughly investigated. What is for sure is that Malcolm X had separated himself from the protection of the flock. I'm not going to dwell on that.

I understand, no surprise, that the Black Muslims are supportive of Mr. Kanye. According to Samuel Osbourne, of *Sky News*, Mr. West said he was "going death con 3 on Jewish people", and he said, about Jews, "You guys have toyed with me and tried to black ball anyone whoever opposes your agenda." I Googled, "death con 3", and it's supposed to be a spin off Defcon 3, a military term which means a high state of readiness. West is a man who reportedly said he doesn't read books, so he could have muffed that line there. Anyway, what he said was labeled as hate speech, all of it, and he is paying for it.

My agenda, like I said, is the Black Muslims of America. I've never paid attention to what Farrakhan says about Jews or LGBT, both of whom are very



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Our Reference: RC/02/22

Notice to General Public

Date: 27 Oct 22

Dear Sir/Madam

Prior warning is to be given to the general public for training exercise taking place, by the British Army, in the following Training Areas:

- a. 1963 Line

The training will take place during the period 12 Nov 22 – 25 Nov 22 with Live ammunition being used, along with military vehicles.

■ **Note LIVE Firing will be conducted at 1963 Line Training Estate – Sun 12 Nov – Sat 25 Nov 2022.**

The general public should avoid the areas listed above and be aware of the presence of high numbers of British soldiers on the ground carrying weapons. At times loud explosions may be heard along with gunfire, this is normal in respect to the training being conducted.

Should any member of the general public wish to enter the areas listed above they are to be advised all roads are safe unless marked with a red lamp at night or a red flag during the day light hours. British troops will also operate checkpoints along the roads entering danger areas and can give advice to areas of training activity.

All enquires relating to British Forces training in Belize should be directed to RANGE CONTROL, BATSUB on 225 2209.

Your continued support to BATSUB is vital to the British Army and its success in operations around the world.

Yours faithfully

D Hannan
Maj
Training Safety Officer
for Commander BATSUB



Un terrible huracán Categoría 1

Los beliceños que viven en el centro de Belize, en particular los de la Ciudad de Belize y el Distrito de Belize, están tambaleándose después de haber sido golpeados por un huracán que llegó tarde en la temporada, Lisa, un sistema de Categoría 1, el miércoles. Lisa, que se dirigía hacia Dangriga temprano el martes por la mañana, comenzó a moverse hacia el norte el martes por la noche, y cuando el ojo cruzó sobre Belize el miércoles por la tarde, estaba a solo 10 millas al sur de la Ciudad de Belize. Se supone que los huracanes de categoría 1 no deben golpear demasiado fuerte, pero la Ciudad de Belize y las aldeas del distrito sintieron lo peor de Lisa: alrededor de seis largas horas de vientos huracanados de 85 millas por hora.

Esperemos que las familias que perdieron sus propiedades durante la tormenta reciban ayuda de amigos y parientes en el país y en el extranjero, y del Gobierno de Belize para que puedan volver a poner sus vidas en orden. Los países amigos podrían ayudar un poco con los costos de reparación de los daños masivos a la infraestructura que Lisa dejó a su paso, pero la mayor parte tendrá que ser sufragada por el gobierno y el pueblo de Belize, a través de nuestros impuestos. Temprano el martes parecía que Dangriga estaba en el punto de mira de Lisa, lo que significaba que gran parte de la cosecha de cítricos desaparecería; y si hubiera avanzado un poco más al sur, las frágiles plantaciones de banano serían arrasadas. En cambio, Lisa viró hacia el norte y causó estragos en el centro poblacional de nuestro país.

Debemos exigir que nuestros líderes manejen nuestro dinero sabiamente

No tenemos mucho control sobre estos fenómenos meteorológicos, no mucho además de tratar nuestros bosques, mar y aire con la reverencia que merecen. Sobre lo que tenemos control son los líderes que elegimos para que nos sirvan. En parte, tal vez incluso en gran parte, debido a que nuestros líderes gestionan con mucho enfoque en las próximas elecciones, Belize nunca ha tenido las reservas de efectivo para abordar suficientemente el desastre que dejó un huracán que nos golpea en la nariz.

En 2022 es demasiado esperar, especialmente después de haber estado sumido en una pandemia durante dos años, que nuestro Gobierno esté lleno de efectivo para hacer de inmediato todo el trabajo de reparación necesario y hacer que los beliceños que fueron derribados por Lisa vuelvan a funcionar de nuevo a toda velocidad. Pero en tiempos normales hemos visto a nuestros líderes usar nuestro dinero para ganar elecciones generales, mientras depositan muy poco en nuestro fondo de emergencia. ¿Es culpa nuestra que lo hagan?

Tal vez tengamos que invertir más en comprender nuestro sistema, específicamente este ciclo electoral de cinco años. Los políticos, como dijo nuestro primer líder, están en el negocio para ganar elecciones. Nuestro negocio es obtener lo mejor de las personas que ponemos en el cargo.

Ambientalistas están felices por la victoria de Lula en Brasil

Los ambientalistas de todo el mundo dieron un suspiro de alivio el domingo cuando llegó la noticia de que el líder izquierdista, Luis Inácio Lula da Silva, llamado Lula, había derrotado al actual presidente derechista, Jair Bolsonaro, en la segunda vuelta de las elecciones presidenciales celebradas en Brasil. Cuando la región que ha sido descrita como “los pulmones del mundo” —la Amazonía en Brasil, la selva tropical más grande del mundo— estaba siendo devastada por un incendio en 2019, el presidente Bolsonaro, para consternación de los ambientalistas de todo el mundo, hasta dijo “burn baby, burn!”

Los líderes de la izquierda, los socialistas, están tan preocupados por el desempeño económico de su país como los líderes de la derecha, pero, a diferencia de los líderes de la derecha, los líderes de la izquierda sienten que el progreso debe venir mediante acciones que estén en

armonía con la tierra, no devastándola. Los líderes de derecha y sus seguidores pueden objetar que se les describa como personas a las que no les importa “devastar” la tierra para sus fines, y tal vez eso sea excesivo, pero también, podría ser un eufemismo decir lo contrario de las personas que dicen que el cambio climático es un engaño y el agotamiento del ozono causado por las emisiones de gases de efecto invernadero es exagerado, y quienes no expresan angustia por la extinción de especies causada por los esfuerzos humanos por dominar la tierra.

La “marea rosa” consiguió un nuevo integrante con la elección de Lula, cuya victoria llevó a casi una decena los países de nuestra región liderados por presidentes de izquierda. ¡Ojalá nuestro hermano país caribeño, Haití, encuentre el liderazgo adecuado para ponerlo en el camino de la paz y la prosperidad! Millones de personas en las Américas han tenido suficiente de los liderazgos de derecha que impulsan un sistema económico de goteo que ha matado las esperanzas de las masas en nuestra región. Para demasiados jóvenes en nuestra región, la esperanza es solo obtener una tarjeta verde para los EE. UU.

Como mencionamos en un editorial anterior, estos líderes de izquierda no son anti-Washington, ni pro-Rusia; se trata de responder a la demanda de su gente que clama por una vida mejor. Los partidos de izquierda en las Américas comparten mucho con el Partido Demócrata en los EE. UU., incluidas las opiniones sobre el medio ambiente, los impuestos, la prestación de servicios de salud y las cuestiones de género (LGBT). Entre los primeros en felicitar a Lula estuvo el presidente de los Estados Unidos, Joe Biden, un demócrata, quien dijo que su victoria se produjo “después de elecciones libres, justas y creíbles”, y que esperaba “trabajar juntos para continuar la cooperación entre nuestros dos países en los meses y años venideros”.

Los gobiernos de izquierda creen que los ricos deben pagar sus impuestos. Lula estuvo en el cargo ocho años anteriormente, de 2003 a 2010, y se le atribuye haber sacado de la pobreza a más de 20 millones de brasileños. Bajo la presidencia de los Estados Unidos, Barack Obama, un demócrata, se lograron grandes avances hacia la atención médica universal en ese país. De manera similar, la atención médica universal fue una de las metas de los gobiernos de Lula en Brasil, y se logró mucho.

Los asuntos de género/derechos LGBT son un asunto tan controvertido como cualquier otro, y con la llegada de Lula, ese grupo al menos tiene esperanzas después de estar bajo el gobierno del abiertamente homofóbico Bolsonaro. Human Rights Watch dijo que inmediatamente después de su victoria, Lula “se comprometió a combatir el hambre, la pobreza, la violencia contra las mujeres y los pueblos indígenas, el racismo y la deforestación de la Amazonía”.

No hubo mención de los derechos LGBT en ese discurso de victoria, pero los líderes de izquierda han sido muy favorables al grupo. Bajo AMLO de tendencia izquierdista, el matrimonio entre personas del mismo sexo se volvió legal en los 31 estados de México este mes; Cuba, bajo Miguel Mario Díaz-Canel Bermúdez, aprobó el matrimonio entre personas del mismo sexo en referéndum en septiembre de este año; y Uruguay, bajo el exlíder de izquierda José Mujica, autorizó el matrimonio homosexual en 2013. Pero Lula, si esa es su inclinación, podría no ser capaz de entregar ese premio a la comunidad LGBT debido a un fuerte cabildeo evangélico en Brasil.

The Atlantic dijo que el grupo evangélico en Brasil creció del 6,6% al 22,2% en 2010, y *The New York Times* dijo que los cristianos evangélicos ahora representan el 30% de la población brasileña. Las principales preocupaciones de este grupo son el aumento de los derechos de los homosexuales y el aborto, y figuraron significativamente en el 49% de los votos obtenidos por Bolsonaro el domingo.

No es un trabajo pequeño que el nuevo presidente de Brasil, Lula, tiene por delante. En este periódico defendemos a las masas y al medio ambiente, los dos estando al centro de su plataforma de campaña. Y eso es por lo que votó el pueblo brasileño el domingo pasado.

NOTICE

GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE TREASURY BILLS ISSUE NUMBER 12/2022

Tenders are invited for an issue of Government of Belize Treasury Bills. The amount of the issue will be \$67,408,200.00.

The Bills will be issued in electronic form only evidenced by an electronic book entry in the Central Securities Depository of the Central Bank of Belize in multiples of \$200 and will be repayable at par 91 days after issue. They will be issued on Wednesday, 16 November 2022 and will be redeemed on Wednesday, 15 February 2023.

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

Members of the public who wish to participate in the auction must submit their bid to the Central Bank of Belize electronically to bids@centralbank.org.bz or at the designated drop off box no later than 12:00 noon on Friday, 11 November 2022.

The Auction in the Central Securities Depository System (CSD) will be opened from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm on Wednesday, 16 November 2022. Successful bidders should arrange to settle via the Automated Payment & Securities Settlement System of Belize (APSSS).

Bank: Central Bank of Belize
Account: GL1CORP0402627

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

CENTRAL BANK OF BELIZE

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

27 October 2022

CAREER OPPORTUNITY

Junior Analyst

If you are talented, committed, innovative and excited about a career in financial services and the developing capital market industry, then **Legacy Fund Limited** invites you to apply for the **Junior Analyst** position.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Must be deeply interested in a career in the financial market and the developing capital market industry
- A Bachelor's degree in Economics, Finance, Mathematics, Accounting, Business, or related field of study
- Minimum of one (1) year working experience in the financial industry would be considered an asset
- Must be willing to relocate to the City of Belmopan

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- Strong quantitative abilities combined with the ability to conduct research to resolve problems and to think creatively and outside of the box
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- Ability to manage time and assigned projects with thoroughness and accuracy
- Collaborator with excellent people skills with strong work ethic and a positive can-do attitude
- Willingness to work hard in a challenging fast paced environment

SEND APPLICATIONS TO

Email Address: info@GloRecruitmentHR.com
Email Subject: Application for Junior Analyst
Attach: Resume and Cover Letter
Deadline: Friday, 11 November 2022



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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.

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REGISTRATION SECTION
San Pedro



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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:

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

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

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

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

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.



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:

- 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
- 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.

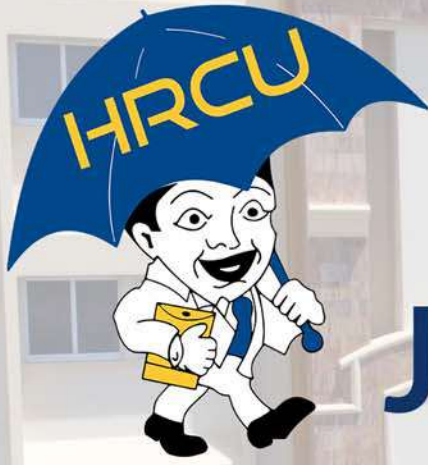
Eligible bidders will be required to submit full qualification information with their bids establishing their eligibility to bid and qualification to perform the contract if the bid is accepted. Tender and qualification information are to be submitted in the English Language on the prescribed forms inserted 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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HRCU JOB VACANCY

A vacancy exists at the Holy Redeemer Credit Union Ltd for an Information Technology Support Specialist (ITSS).

JOB SUMMARY:

The IT Support Specialist will be responsible for managing and maintaining HRCU's computer and telecoms infrastructure, systems and network security; configuring and monitoring all hardware and software security systems; managing a preventive maintenance program; troubleshooting and resolving network, software and hardware issues; installing and updating company software and hardware; providing technical support to company staff; and maintaining hardware and software inventory.

QUALIFICATIONS AND WORK EXPERIENCE:

- BS/BA or Associate's degree in Computer Science, IT, or equivalent work experience.
- At least 2 years' experience within a total IT environment
- Knowledge in network design, routing and switching, network architecture, protocols and network topology (Fiber, LAN, WLAN, VLAN, VPN, WAN)
- Proficient in Microsoft Office, Linux Operating systems, Postgres Database, Windows Server, VMware vCenter, Veeam Backup, Server Virtualizations.
- Knowledge of Network Security and cyber security awareness
- Some programming skills to develop and support software applications.
- Critical thinking skills and analytical mind with strong problem solving abilities
- Excellent time management, communication and presentation skills.
- Self-motivated, team and results oriented, proactive, and able to work effectively with minimal direct supervision.

REMUNERATION: Based on qualifications and work experience.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: Friday, 11th November, 2022 at 3:00 pm

INSTRUCTIONS:

Interested persons must submit the following:

- Application Letter
- Curriculum Vitae
- Copies of Diplomas or Certificates
- 2 recent letters of recommendation
- Police Record

Send application package to:

Human Resource Manager
Holy Redeemer Credit Union Ltd
1 Hydes Lane, P. O. Box 544, Belize City

Or email package to:
manager@hrcubelize.org

PRESS PREDICTIONS

The sports psychic speaks

BOLEDO

“Press” Predictions: 89-98-18
Boledo stats thru 4th to 11th Nov. 2022

In boledonews, the same leading 8-ball came out 3 times. The same ending 9-ball came out 3 times. The public needs back the 4 cylinders machine Mr. Brads. These are my lucky numbers for this week: 89-98-56-10-18-91. These are my lucky jackpot numbers: 9835-6271-8203. These are my lucky PICK-3 numbers: 210-898-355-947-300. Get ready Belize, some mucho dinero will be coming our way for the November 19th Garifuna Day celebrations. 55 still refuses to play since the 14th of October 2020, that’s over 2 years 3 weeks exact, then 26 is still out since the 22nd of January 2021, that’s over 1 year 9 months 1 week and 6 days now. 47 is still out since the 22nd of April 2021, that’s over 1 year 6 months 1 week and 6 days now, 35 is still out since the 20th of August last year, that’s over 1 year 2 months and 2 weeks exact; 30 and 00 just joined the crowd - out over 1 year and more. 18 will complete 1 year on the 29th of December, 94 will complete 1 year on the 6th of December. 22 now played 9 times already, 33 and 88 played 7 times each, then 6 numbers played 6 times each already. Remember to read your Psalms: 91-92-63 and 72. Good luck to all, next week more stats.

LOCAL FOOTBALL

Altitude FC will be the favorite to win it all
Local Football Results and Predictions

In local football action, there are 3 teams that already have a playoff seed. The first place Altitude FC of Mango Creek, Jordan Zabaneh’s team, they have 5 Colombian players alongside a Honduran. Their Captain is Dellon Torres, one of the best midfield players in the league. Second place Verdes FC crushed the Belmopan Bandits 4-nil, Luis Ibarra and Tremayne “Pepper” Harris scored again. They both have 7 goals and 8 goals respectively. Then Wagiya FC beat the Police United in Dangriga. That game was very exciting, 2 goals to 1, but Wagiya FC will not make the playoffs, because they only have 17 points. Altitude FC kept Port Layola out of the playoffs. Progresso FC are in, they



Zamir Bonilla,
Progresso FC top striker

will play Altitude FC in Orange Walk. Then Verdes FC will clash with San Pedro Pirates in San Pedro. Next week more predictions.

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

The Milwaukee Bucks are the only undefeated team left

NBA Results and Predictions and Updates

In NBA action, the Los Angeles Lakers have lost their first 5 games of the new season, whilst the Milwaukee Bucks and Giannis Antetokounmpo have won their first 7 games. They beat the Brooklyn Nets and Kevin Durant 110 to 99. The former MVP and 2 times defensive player of the year, Giannis had 36 points and 13 rebounds, he is already the leading MVP candidate easily of the season. The Phoenix Suns beat the defending champions, the Golden State Warriors and Steph Curry, by some double digits. Chris Paul wants his championship ring before he retires, Devin Booker is their best player. The Dallas Mavericks and the Denver Nuggets alongside the LA Clippers will be the teams to beat in the West. The Boston Celtics are the only team that can beat the Bucks and Giannis. Jason Tatum, Marcus Smart and Jalen Brown are still together. They will be very dangerous, next week more stats.



Giannis Antetokounmpo



by Gilroy “Press” Cadogan

apiece. The game was very entertaining and very exciting. Ace pitcher Aaron Nola for the Phillies is one of the top pitchers in the games today. Alex Bregman is one of the top hitters for the Astros, Dusty Baker’s team. They are very deep. They will win in 6 games in Houston next week. They will be playing 3 straight games in Philadelphia. They have the best pitching staff in baseball. The Astros have won 106 regular season games. Next week some results on the World Series.



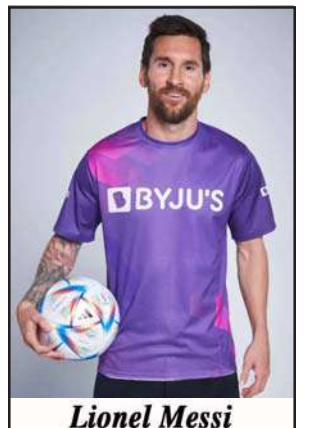
Alex Bregman

INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL

The World Cup is in 17 days in Qatar 2022

International Football Results and Updates

In international football action, the World Cup is just some 17 days away in Qatar 2022, the most expensive World Cup ever. There are 5 “favorite” teams to win this year’s World Cup. Lionel Messi / Argentina has a 32-game unbeaten streak right now. The defending champions France have



Lionel Messi

France have Kylian Mbappé and Karim Benzema in the forward position - 2 of the best players in the world right now. Benzema has just won the Golden Ball as the best player in the world for Real Madrid who have won 14 UEFA Champions League, plus won the La Liga; he has the highest percentage around the goal when he gets his opportunities. The other 4 countries are Croatia who came in second and third in their last 2 World Cup appearances. Then Brazil, the 5-time champions, which is the most, with Neymar Jr., then Germany the hardest country to beat. They have won 4 already, next week more stats.

INTERNATIONAL BASEBALL

The Houston Astros will win in 6 games 4 to 2

Baseball World Series Results and Predictions

In baseball action, the World Series got started Friday night in Houston, Texas. Ace pitcher Justin Verlander has not won a World Series game in 7 starts, one no decision and 6 losses. The Philadelphia Phillies beat the Houston Astros in 10 innings, 6 runs to 5. The Astros scored their 5 runs in the first 3 Innings of play. Then the Phillies scores in the 4th and 5th Innings to tie the game at 5 runs



Aaron Nola

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 Mortgagees”) 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 Mortgagees described in the SCHEDULES hereto.

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

THE SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO AS

ALL THAT 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 Folio 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

Our email address for business & advertising is
amandalapress@gmail.com

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.

www.madisons.bz **TERMS: 10% DEPOSIT. BALANCE IN 14 DAYS**

AUCTIONEER: SYLVANO GUERRERO
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EMAIL: SG@MADISONS.BZ
FACEBOOK: MADISONSAA

ALPHA BUSINESS CENTRE
2118 GUAVA STREET
BELAMA PHASE 1
BELIZE CITY, BELIZE

PUBLIC NOTICE

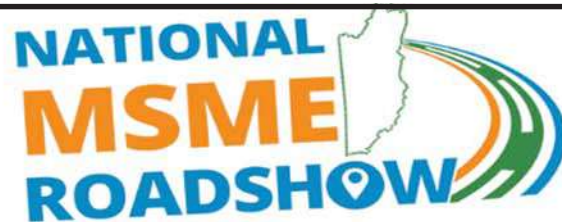
Lodgment of Supplementary Information to the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report for Angelfish Caye LLC, for the Establishment of an Eco-Resort located twelve (12) miles southeast of Hopkins, Stann Creek District, Belize, C.A.

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/1FAIpOLScBxYApVE7H0GtRFWSPRFbfUp8xqaOLxy5r_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.



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 BOOT CAMP & FORMALIZATION CLINIC: BANQUITAS HOUSE OF CULTURE POP-UP SHOP: CENTRAL PARK	SAN IGNACIO/SANTA ELENA OCT 05 - 07 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





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:

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

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

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

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



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.

Moscow claims grain agreement was derailed

Permit me, our dear readers of this column, to present to you the following which I find to be of utmost interest. The below report was published on actualidad.rt.com (in Spanish) under the heading *“Moscu denuncia que el acuerdo de granos fue frustrado por Kiev bajo dirección de Londres”* on October 30, 2022. The English translation is as follows:

Moscow denounces that the grain agreement was frustrated by Kyiv under the direction of London

Russia suspended its participation in the agreement after the Ukrainian drone attack on military ships of the Russian Black Sea Fleet and civilian

vessels in the port of Sevastopol. The spokeswoman for the Russian Foreign Ministry, Maria Zajárova, denounced this Sunday that the Kyiv regime, led by the United Kingdom, frustrated the agreement for the departure of wheat and other agricultural products from Ukrainian ports. “The grain deal was thwarted by [Vladimir] Zelensky and his terrorists, who are led by British specialists to add food blackmail to nuclear blackmail,” Zakharova wrote on her Telegram account, commenting on Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmitri Kuleba’s remarks, in which he assured that Russia “has destroyed the grain corridor” and “blocks two million tons of grain” destined for poor countries. The Russian spokeswoman

indicated that “money” and “weapons” are no longer enough for the Ukrainian authorities, and “they need more deaths.” “This infernal throne supports the Kyiv regime: money, weapons, death,” she said.

“Reckless actions” of Kyiv

Previously, the Russian ambassador to the US, Anatoli Antonov, had already pointed out that it was “the reckless actions of the Ukrainian authorities” that led to the suspension of the grain agreement. “Faced with attacks and provocations against Russian military and merchant ships participating in the Black Sea initiative, we cannot go ahead without paying

by Clinton Canul Luna

attention to security issues,” the diplomat said. He also denounced that the US reaction to the massive drone attack launched this Saturday against Russian ships in Sevastopol Bay “is really outrageous”. “We have not seen any condemnation of the reckless actions of the Kyiv regime,” the Russian ambassador said. He also stressed that Washington is overlooking “revealed evidence of the involvement of British military specialists in organizing the massive attack.” “With its movements and its rhetoric, Washington and its satellites are encouraging the Kyiv regime to a greater military escalation, they contribute to prolonging the conflict, delaying the possibility of resolving it at the negotiating table,” he summarized.

Criticism of the deal

The fulfillment of the agreement between Russia and Ukraine, which both countries signed separately with the UN and Ankara on July 22 in Istanbul (Turkey), has been harshly criticized by Moscow, due to the fact that most of the supplies do not reach the poorest countries, but the West. Specifically, the agency pointed out that half of the cargo from Ukrainian ports reaches the European Union and other developed countries, while “needy states such as Somalia, Ethiopia, Yemen, Sudan and Afghanistan only received 3%”.

Ukraine’s “terrorist” attack

This Saturday, Ukraine launched a massive drone attack against military ships of the Russian Black Sea Fleet and civilian vessels that were anchored in the port of the city of Sevastopol (Crimea), described by the Russian Defense Ministry as “terrorist”. The institution revealed that British Navy specialists were involved in organizing the attack. After that, Russia suspended its participation in the Ukrainian grain deal. The Russian Foreign Ministry said that the suspension will remain “indefinitely”, so Moscow cannot guarantee the safety of the dry cargo vessels that participate in the initiative. For his part, the permanent representative of Russia to the UN, Vasili Nebenzia, communicated in a letter addressed to the secretary general of the international organization, António Guterres, that the safe humanitarian corridor that was used for the export of cereals from the ports of Ukraine was used to cover up the attack.

fincasolan@gmail.com
October 30, 2022
Finca Solana
Corozal Town



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.



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

- 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.
- 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**.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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**.
- 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.
 - VALIDITY OF THE OFFER:** Your quotation(s) should be valid for a period of **90 days** from the date of receipt for quotation(s).
 - 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.
- 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.
- 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



BELIZE SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND TENDER NOTICE

Country: Belize Project: CARICOM Development Fund Grant No: BZE/G00011 Project ID: CDF/00011/WS3 Contract Number: W/CDF-09/2022 National Competitive Bidding (NCB) Deadline: **November 21st, 2022**

- The Government of Belize has received funding through the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) towards the cost of Eligible Sub-projects and intends to apply part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the contract for **Installation of Water Meters for the Chunox Village Water Supply System, Chunox Village, Corozal District, Belize**.
- The Social Investment Fund, a Statutory Corporation, established under the Social Investment Fund Act No. 3 of 1996 and located at Constitution Drive, Belmopan, Cayo District, hereby invites tenders from suitably qualified contractors for the construction of the following:

The contract proposes to:

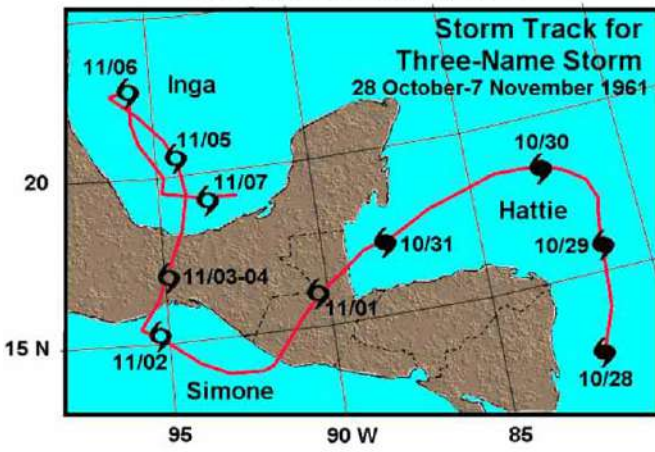
The contract proposes the upgrading of the rudimentary water supply system through the installation of approximately 425 water measuring and control devices in Chunox Village, Corozal District, Belize.
- Final (Project Site) Destination as specified in BDS:** Chunox Village, Corozal District, Belize.
- Belize Social Investment Fund now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the construction works in the aforementioned areas.
- Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedures specified in the CARICOM Development Fund's Guidelines for Procurement (May 2010), and are open to all countries of the world are eligible to tender for this contract.
- Qualification requirements include (a) The bidder shall furnish unaudited or audited financial statements (balance sheets with corresponding notes, income statement, and statements of cash flow) of the firm for years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 to demonstrate the current soundness of the bidder's financial position (b) Bidders should have general experience under contracts in the role of contractor, JV member, subcontractor, or management contractor for the years 2018, 2019 and 2021 with activity of at least five (5) months in each year starting 1st January, 2018 (c) Bidders should have specific experience as a prime contractor, joint venture member, management contractor, or subcontractor, between 1st January 2011 and the bid submission deadline and should have less than or equal to three (3) contracts, each of a minimum value of BZ\$39,425.00, but with a total value of all contracts equal or more than BZ\$118,275.00 (d) demonstrate cash flow requirement: capacity to have a cash flow amount of BZ\$14,800.00 of which not more than BZ\$7,400.00 can be credit for materials (e) an average annual turnover of BZ\$354,825.00 which shall be calculated as total certified payments received for contracts completed within the best two (2) years of the years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 (e) other provided in the respective Bid Documents.
- A secured "sample" electronic Bid document can be shared with interested Bidders at the address below, starting **October 24th, 2022**, on week days between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. for viewing purpose only (has a time restriction for viewing). A complete set of Bidding documents (electronic version) can be purchased by interested bidder upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **BZ\$150.00**. Requests may be made by personal application or in writing to the address below. Written applications must be clearly marked: "**Installation of Water Meters for the Chunox Village Water Supply System, Chunox Village, Corozal District, Belize**". The method of payment will be by cash deposited to, or Bank transfer to BSIF's Bank Account only. Banking details can be requested at the address below. Cash payment will not be accepted at the BSIF Office.
- Deadline** for bids is **at or before 10:00 a.m., November 21st, 2022** at the address below. **Bids will be opened at 10:15 a.m., November 21st, 2022** at the Social Investment Fund, 3rd Floor, #1902 Constitution Drive, Belmopan, Cayo District in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to participate. Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late bids **will be** rejected. All bids must be accompanied by a "Bid Security" of BZ\$1,200.00 or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency or Bank Guarantee. The bid validity period is 90 days.
- A Pre-bid meeting with interested eligible bidders will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 3rd, 2022 at Chunox Village, Corozal District, Belize. Bidders can participate in the meeting to address any queries about the bidding document or the scope of works. Persons who purchase packages are urged to attend.
- The address referred to above is:

Contact: Ms. Angeles Itzab
Senior Procurement Officer Social Investment Fund
3rd Floor, #1902 Constitution Drive
Belmopan Cayo District Tel: 822-0239/822-0508
E-mail: angeles.itzab@sifbelize.org
cc: carlos.tun@sifbelize.org
kyla.cho@sifbelize.org

Hurricane Hattie – the storm that changed a nation

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Hurricane Hattie, 1961



by Khaila Gentle

near Mullins River, on October 31 as a Category 4 storm after having downsized from a Category 5.

The leading newspaper in British Honduras at that time, the *Belize Billboard*, reported on Saturday, October 28, 1961, that Hattie appeared in the Caribbean 550 miles southwest of Kingston, Jamaica. On the following day, the storm began heading north, but by Tuesday night, at some time around midnight on October 31, the storm had stalled, and then it made an abrupt southwest turn, wreaking havoc on the colony of British Honduras from Belize City (then known just as Belize) down to Stann Creek Town.

“A Hurricane at Halloween,” is what an *Amandala* article, dated Saturday,

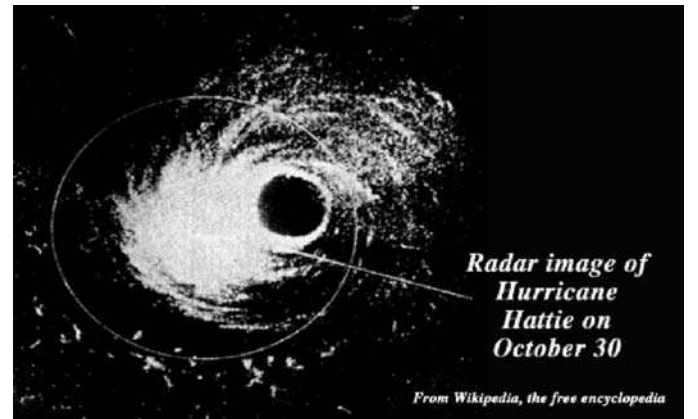
November 3, 2018, called that event. And indeed, for the tens of thousands of people living in British Honduras at that time, it was a nightmarish event, to say the least. Even today, some might say that Hurricane Hattie left an indelible mark on Belize.

It was the storm that split Caye Caulker into two, and many also know it as the reason the country’s new capital, Belmopan City, was built. It also prompted residents of British Honduras to begin building their houses out of reinforced concrete.

Hattie is also the reason a vast majority of Belize’s Kriol population began migrating en masse to the United States—a move that would lead to a dramatic

change in the demographics of the country, as that ethnic group gradually dwindled from being 50% of the population to the current 24.9%.

With winds of up to 160 miles per hour and gusts of up to 200 mph, Hattie battered the colony from midnight onward. Storm surges reached heights of 13-15 feet, and by the end of it all, most



Radar image of Hurricane Hattie on October 30

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

BELIZE CITY, Mon. Oct. 31, 2022

As Belizeans brace for Hurricane Lisa’s landfall, we are reminded of the hurricane that literally reshaped the country some 61 years ago. Hurricane Hattie, one of the strongest and deadliest storms of 1961, made landfall outside Belize City,

of Belize and Stann Creek had been destroyed. More than 200 persons died that night, with Belize City contributing to almost half of the death toll. Though, admittedly, had there not been any advanced warnings, loss of life would have been much worse. As for property loss, a total of \$60 million in damage was estimated—a figure that equates to close to \$400 million today. Thousands of persons were left homeless—an effect that would lead to the establishment of Hattieville and Georgetown.

The struggle and hardship caused by Hattie would last for many years. And those who lived through the storm would forever remember those harrowing moments in the early hours of October 31.

Former air traffic controller, Mr. Alejandro Vernon, who was stationed at Puerto Barrios in Guatemala during Hattie, wrote to the Editor of *Amandala* on Friday, December 8, 2006, recounting his experiences during and after the storm.

“Monday morning of October 31, there was a dead calm in Puerto Barrios,” he said. “The tide was way out. A few birds flew lazily above our Tower. There was news that a hurricane was moving in the Caribbean towards our coast. By 3:00 p.m. a brisk wind developed into strong gusts from 20 to 40 knots. By seven pm, hurricane outer winds were lashing past Roatan, and its center heading straight for Belize.”

By the time the storm had passed, he said, Belize City was under water.

“Belize’s Stanley Field Airport was incommunicado, isolated from Belize City. Telephone lines were down, and the British soldiers from Airport Camp were on the double cutting their way through debris, zinc, fallen trees and huge logs strewn across the road in an effort to reach Belize City,” he added.

Vernon’s wife had been in the Belize Hospital at the time, having undergone surgery two days prior. She and twenty other patients found themselves crammed into the hospital bathroom, listening as wind and waves battered the building.

Hattie would go on to be known as the most powerful hurricane to impact the region until 1998’s Hurricane Mitch. Still, it is rivaled in notoriety perhaps only by the nameless September 10, 1931 hurricane which demolished Belize Town and claimed over 2,000 lives.



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

BELIZE INTEGRAL SECURITY PROGRAMME (BISP)

INVITATION TO QUOTE

**Supply and Delivery of one (1) 4x4 Diesel Pickup Truck
Ref: No CABEI-G-009-2021/2147
(Price Comparison)**

November 4, 2022

The **Ministry of Finance, Economic Development, and Investment** acting through the Belize Integral Security Programme (BISP), funded by the Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI) has allocated funds towards the cost of supply and delivery of vehicles.

The Ministry now extends an invitation to Suppliers to tender for the below-listed item:

GOODS	QUANTITY
4x4 Diesel Pickup Truck	1

Interested bidders may obtain a complete set of bidding documents inclusive of Specifications free of cost through a written request to the below physical address or via electronic mail (email) to projectcoordinator.bisp@med.gov.bz or you can visit the Ministry of Economic Development’s webpage, www.med.gov.bz to download the bidding documents. Additionally, the Invitation to Quote can be found on the Belize Procurement Notice Board’s webpage <https://blz-cppnb.caricom.org/epps/home.do>

The deadline for submission of sealed bids is **Tuesday, November 22nd, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.**, via direct mail or hand delivered to the address indicated below. **Late submissions will be rejected.**

**Project Coordinator
Belize Integral Security Programme (BISP)
Project Management Unit
1904 Constitution Drive
2nd Floor, Unit #3
Belmopan City, Belize C.A.**

Belize Integral Security Programme, 1904 Constitution Drive, Belmopan – Phone number 822-0156

Lisa forces National Garifuna Council to postpone activities

by Khaila Gentle

BELIZE CITY, Fri. Nov. 4, 2022

The first week of November was to have started with a number of planned activities for Belize's Garifuna community, but due to the passage of Hurricane Lisa, a rare November storm, the events, organized by the National Garifuna Council, had to be postponed.

Those events included the Garifuna Expo, which was scheduled for Friday, November 4, as well as the Solidarity Mass, Miss Garifuna National Pageant, and the Miss Garifuna After Party, which were all scheduled to take place on Saturday, November 5.

The Council made the decision to postpone the events due to the initial forecast that the center of Hurricane Lisa would have made landfall near Dangriga Town.

"All these events are scheduled to take place in Dangriga, which is where Hurricane Lisa is expected to make landfall. As such, it will not be feasible



Drums of Our Fathers

to hold our planned events. Our priority and safety," stated the Council on Tuesday. at this time is to ensure preparedness

And while the storm made landfall just ten miles south of Belize City, its effects were felt in areas across the country.

The National Garifuna Council has since announced that the Miss Garifuna National Pageant will be taking place on Friday, November 11, at 6:00 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall.

UDP right, on a technicality

Farrakhan, West, and Anti-Semitism

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powerful groups in the US. My attention is directed to their brilliant, compassionate work to save the downtrodden.

The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) has some bad things to say about Farrakhan, but that is natural, because the purpose of that league, which was formed in the early part of the last century, is "to stop the defamation of the Jewish people and to secure justice and fair treatment to all." A 2013 piece by the league features some quotes by Farrakhan that run into the thousands of words about the evils of some Jews and the LGBT.

ADL said that Farrakhan has been "railing against Jews, white people and the LGBT community" for 30 years, that his speeches were most hateful, that he has "alleged that the Jewish people were responsible for the slave trade and that they conspire to control the government, the media and Hollywood, as well as various black individuals and organizations." Farrakhan, ADL said, also questioned the legitimacy of the Jews.

In a 2018 speech Farrakhan said, "Satan is going down. Farrakhan has pulled the cover of the eyes of the Satanic Jew, and I'm here to say your time is up, your world is through. You good Jews better separate, because the satanic ones will take you to hell with them, because that's where they are headed."

I guess the leader of the Black Muslims has his reasons for going after certain groups, and while I don't know how valid his gripes are, and would prefer he was more tame there, I remain firmly in support of the Nation of Islam's programs to rescue black people in the US who are being chewed up by their system, which continues to trample on the rights of Black people and Native Americans.

Like I said about Kanye, I don't sweat fever for the rich. I would if they were being physically harmed, because I think limbs and lives must be respected. White people, Jews, and LGBT, well the vast majority of them live the best lives financially. If hibernating some words that way helps Farrakhan and the Elijah Muhammad Muslims win over beaten down black brothers and sisters and turn them to a fruitful life, well, you have to be hate-filled or darn obtuse to not appreciate the virtue there.

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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:
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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

Seaports reopened

BELIZE CITY, Mon. Nov. 4, 2022

Seaports across the country were reopened this morning after being closed on Tuesday, November 1, a release from the Belize Port Authority announced. The announcement also notifies port terminal operators and shipping agents who are able to resume work, to be present at their work stations at 8:00 a.m., except for persons working at facilities that, on the basis of the instructions from terminal operators, are to remain closed. All water taxis are



Photo— by Port Authority Belize

allowed to resume normal operations as per their approved runs. Ports were closed across the country following a declaration of a state of emergency by the Prime Minister and the issuance of a Hurricane Warning across the country.

Caribbean organization for police welfare demands death penalty for cop killers

by Khaila Gentle

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Nov. 3, 2022

In light of the recent increase in acts of violence against police officers across the Caribbean region, the Caribbean Federation of Police Welfare Associations (CFPWA) has issued a statement calling for harsher punishments for those who attack or kill officers. In that statement, the CFPWA expressed “great disappointment” in the fact that very few have publicly condemned those recent acts of violence, which include the killing of two police officers, the bombing of one officer’s vehicle, and the shooting of another officer.

“The CFPWA wants to condemn these attacks and killings of our police officers across the region and calls for harsher penalties to be applied to those who attack police officers,” the press release, issued on Tuesday, said.

The CFPWA also went a step further and called for those countries that have the death penalty instated to be apply it to anyone found guilty of killing a police officer.

“Criminals must understand that their actions have consequences. It must be made unequivocally clear to criminals that when you take the life of an agent of the state, you have



given up your right to life when you are found guilty in a court of law,” the release also stated.

The Association is claiming that acts of violence against police officers have been normalized across the region rather than being viewed as “an attack on the state.” To remedy this, they are now urging legislators across the region to make necessary amendments to reflect harsher penalties for people who attack agents of the state.

Just recently, here at home, the shooting of Police Constable Lorraine Arzu, left many of her friends and family reeling. Arzu succumbed to her injuries on Sunday, October 16, after spending four days on life support. There have been no recent updates on the police investigation into PC Arzu’s murder.

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REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Albert/Mesop	45	1533

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REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
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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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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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 Executor of the Estate of
 Charles Arnold Ramclam



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REGIONAL & INTERNATIONAL

Cholera's resurgence in Haiti a reminder of how quickly diseases spread, PAHO Director says

Washington D.C., 12 October 2022 (PAHO) – The Director of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), Dr. Carissa F. Etienne, said the recent cholera outbreak in Haiti, a steady increase in monkeypox cases, ongoing COVID-19 infections and low polio vaccination rates heighten the need for health emergency preparedness in the region of the Americas.



Parallel health emergencies put the region under pressure and highlight importance of resilient health systems.

“Parallel health emergencies and fragile social, political and natural environments illustrate the importance of investing in and strengthening health systems,” the Director said today during a media briefing.

“We do not have the time to recover and prepare between health crises,” she added. After more than three years, Haiti last week reported a cholera outbreak just as the country was on the verge of being declared cholera-free.

As of October 9, national authorities confirmed 32 cases and 18 deaths, as well as over 260 suspected cases in the area surrounding the capital Port-au-Prince.

“Cholera has arrived amid serious ongoing social and political unrest,” Dr. Etienne said, which “complicate efforts to provide humanitarian assistance and to respond the outbreak.”

She added that cases are likely much higher than reported numbers, as escalating street violence and criminal activity limit access to the affected areas.

PAHO is supporting Haitian authorities and international partners in setting up cholera treatment centers. The Organization has donated two tons of medical supplies and is assisting the Ministry of Health in surveillance efforts and in the management of cases.

“We also stand ready to help the government quickly access vaccines supplies,” the PAHO Director added.

Turning to monkeypox, Dr. Etienne said that the Americas now report over 45,000 cases, accounting for 63% of the global total. Around 95% of these are among men.

And while the spread of the virus seems to be slowing down, more than 2,300 new monkeypox cases were reported in the Americas last week – the majority in the United States, but hundreds also in Brazil, Colombia and Mexico.

PAHO has started to deliver

monkeypox vaccines in the region, Dr. Etienne said, with Brazil and Chile being the first countries among those that requested doses receiving a first batch last week.

“We know how to track this disease. We know who is most at risk. And we know how to keep people safe from infection,” Dr. Etienne said, urging countries to use this knowledge to drive down cases and end monkeypox transmission.

The PAHO Director said falling COVID-19 trends globally, including in the Americas, show “we may be transitioning from the acute phase of the pandemic into a phase of sustained control.”

But she warned this will only be possible with continued testing and increased vaccination. Just last week, the Americas reported 178,000 new COVID-19 cases.

While over 70% of people in Latin America and the Caribbean have now been fully vaccinated against the virus, many countries remain short of that target, with 10 countries and territories yet to reach the 40% mark.

The Director also made a renewed call for countries to act on polio by increasing vaccination coverage and surveillance. She said four countries in the region – Brazil, the Dominican Republic, Haiti and Peru—are at “very high risk” of polio transmission, and another eight being considered high risk.

Polio, a disease for which there is no cure or treatment, must stay in the past, Dr. Etienne urged. “With effective vaccines and decades of immunization experience, we have the power to keep it there.”

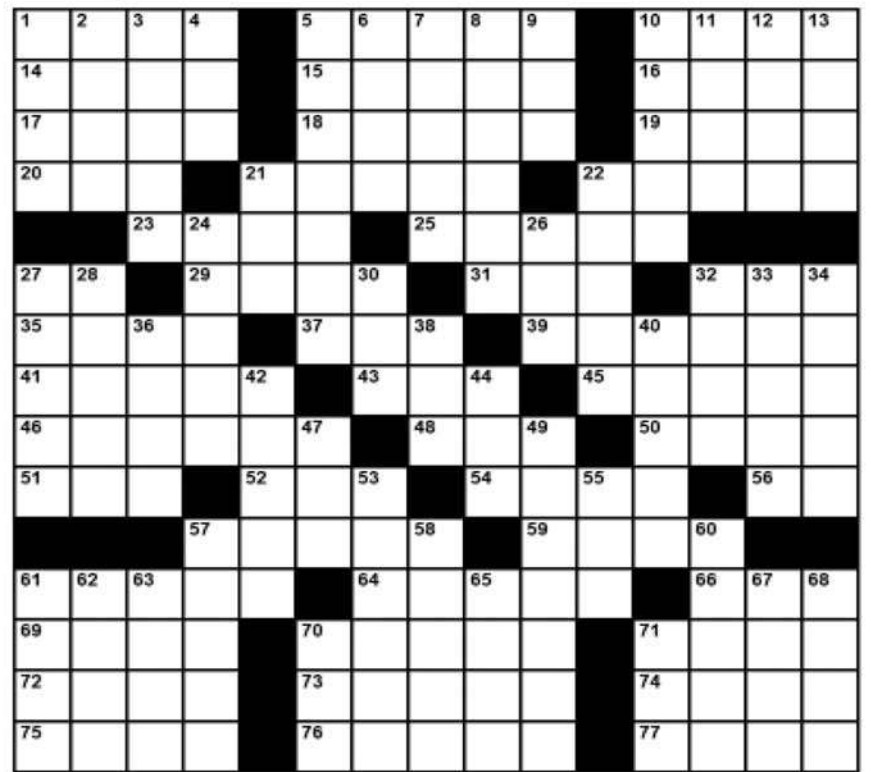
“Our Region is under pressure,” the PAHO Director concluded. “We must work quickly with the tools we have at hand to control these four health emergencies unfolding in the Americas.”

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| Across | Down |
| 1. Add to the pot | 1. Cain's victim |
| 5. Wife of Siva | 2. Commercial paper |
| 10. Crime boss | 3. Long blouse |
| 14. Attack of the flu | 4. Airport info |
| 15. Blockhead | 5. Motorcycle adjunct |
| 16. Impulse transmitter | 6. Hebrew month |
| 17. Active volcano | 7. Ballet company |
| 18. Fills in a hole | 8. Throat guardian |
| 19. Cello relative | 9. Possessive pronoun |
| 20. Ring around the collar | 10. Gripe over trivia |
| 21. Low scores | 11. Leaf angle |
| 22. Foolish | 12. Combine resources |
| 23. Stylish | 13. Exclusively |
| 25. Night watch | 21. Close a duffel bag |
| 27. Stylish | 22. Woman soothsayer |
| 29. Autumn birthstone | 24. Cover with laurels |
| 31. A small dog | 26. Actress Rita |
| 32. Alpine transport | 27. That is |
| 35. Break of day | 28. Greek word meaning stupor |
| 37. Cloth for cleaning | 30. Deposit |
| 39. Chatty birds | 32. Epic |
| 41. Baseball flub | 33. Army wear |
| 43. Affirmative reply | 34. Arabic word meaning submission |
| 45. By the book | 36. Burrito look-alike |
| 46. Sacred beetle | 38. Aw, shucks |
| 48. Historic time | 40. Like a network |
| 50. Currency of Bangladesh | 42. Last breaths |
| 51. Crest | 44. Hindu Mr. |
| 52. French lake | 47. Crank's comment |
| 54. Ain't right | 49. Places of refuge |
| 56. -- a little tea pot! | 53. Occult doctrine |
| 57. Detox facility | 55. Rebuffs |
| 59. Top on a string | 57. Bake |
| 61. Bustles | 58. Customer |
| 64. Chicago five | 60. Possessor |
| 66. Ashen | 61. Fired clay |
| 69. Brain wave | 62. Common scent |
| 70. Dixie marsh | 63. Grass covers |
| 71. At a prior time | 65. Clumsy boor |
| 72. Meteorological areas | 67. Crowning point |
| 73. Alimentary canal part | 68. Costner role |
| 74. Alters a skirt | 70. Buy at auction |
| 75. Formerly, once | 71. Cousin of eureka |
| 76. Pub activity | |
| 77. Copper or iron | |

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.



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France World Cup 2022 squad list, fixtures and latest odds



Kylian Mbappe reacts during the UEFA Nations League football match between Denmark and France in Copenhagen on September 25, 2022 - France World Cup 2022 squad list, fixtures and latest odds - AFP/Franck Fife

by Alex McMonnies

THE TELEGRAPH, Thurs. Nov. 3, 2022 at 4:16 AM

France will arrive in Qatar as World Cup holders after an outstanding campaign in Russia 2018.

They also eased through qualification, going unbeaten in a group containing Ukraine, Finland, Bosnia & Herzegovina and Kazakhstan.

Atletico Madrid's Antoine Griezmann ended as the group's joint top-scorer with six goals and Kylian Mbappe was one behind him.

However, France coach Didier Deschamps has since stressed Mbappe needs more support from his team-mates after they recently lost 2-0 to Denmark in the Nations League.

"He can't do everything by himself," Deschamps moaned.

France, who will face Denmark again at the World Cup in November, finished a surprisingly low third in their Nations League group with five points from six games.

France World Cup 2022 squad

Each country's final World Cup squad of 23-26 players must be submitted to Fifa by November 13. The replacement of injured or Covid-19 positive players is allowed up to 24 hours before a team's first match. This year the World Cup will run from November 20 to December 18.

Who are likely to be their key players?

Hugo Lloris has been one of France's most crucial players since the turn of the century and will likely become the nation's most-capped player in Qatar.

At the ripe old age of 35, the Spurs goalkeeper has captained his country since 2012 and his experience as well as his reliability will be vital for *Les Bleus*.

Similarly, this year's Ballon D'Or winner Karim Benzema is a man for the big occasion after a phenomenal campaign with Real Madrid last season. The 34-year-old racked up a staggering 44 goals in 46 club games during the 2021-22 campaign and was instrumental in them securing a record 14th Champions League title.

However, France will be without Paul Pogba and N'Golo Kante, who have both been ruled out with injury and there are doubts about defender Raphael Varane..

Who, where and when do France play?

France will be playing Australia, Denmark and Tunisia in Group D...

What is France's World Cup record?

France are defending champions, having beaten Croatia 4-2 in the 2018 final at the end of a near faultless run, including victories over Argentina, Uruguay and Belgium.

That was their second World Cup victory following the Zinedine Zidane-inspired triumph, when he scored twice in a 3-0 battering of Brazil in



Paul Pogba at Juventus training centre - france world cup squad team news fixtures odds 2022 - Juventus FC via Getty Images/Daniele Badolato

World Cup 2022: Fifa tells all competing nations to 'focus on football' in Qatar



Norway players, including Erling Haaland (far left), wore shirts last year saying 'human rights on and off the pitch' in protest of the Qatar World Cup. Norway have not qualified for the tournament.

by Laura Scott

BBC Sport, Fri. Nov. 4, 2022

Fifa has written to all 32 teams competing at the World Cup telling them to "now focus on the football" following a controversial build-up.

Host Qatar has been criticised for its stance on same-sex relationships, its human rights record and its treatment of migrant workers.

The tournament starts on 20 November.

The letter urges that football should not be "dragged" into ideological or political "battles" and it should not be "handing out moral lessons".

Peaceful protests have been planned by some players.

England's Harry Kane and nine other captains of European teams will be wearing 'One Love' armbands.

Denmark will wear "toned-down" shirts to protest against Qatar, with kit provider Hummel saying it "does not wish to be visible" in a tournament it claims "has cost thousands of lives".

Australia's squad have released a video urging Qatar to abolish its laws on same-sex relationships.

Paris, and other French cities, are refusing to screen matches in public areas, despite France being the defending champions.

Yasmine Ahmed, UK director of Human Rights Watch, called the Fifa letter "nothing short of appalling", while Amnesty International's Felix Jakens told BBC Radio 5 Live: "There's never been a right time to talk about human rights issues in Qatar as far as they [Fifa] are concerned.

"Now is the time to apply pressure on these issues. Once the World Cup rolls out of town, are we still going to be having conversations about Qatar? I don't think we are."

The letter, signed by Fifa president Gianni Infantino and secretary general Fatma Samoura and seen by the BBC, reads: "We know football does not live in a vacuum and we are equally aware that there are many challenges and difficulties of a political nature all around the world.

"But please do not allow football to be dragged into every ideological or political battle that exists."

It adds: "At Fifa, we try to respect all opinions and beliefs, without handing out moral lessons to the rest of the world. No one people or culture or nation is "better" than any other. This principle is the very foundation stone of mutual respect and non-discrimination.

"And this is also one of the core values of football. So, please let's all remember that and let football take centre stage.

"We have the unique occasion and opportunity to welcome and embrace everyone, regardless of origin, background, religion, gender, sexual orientation or nationality."

the 1998 final.

However, it was arguably the great midfielder's head-first assault on Marco Materazzi and subsequent sending off that cost his side in the 2006 final, which Italy went on to win on penalties.

France boast some of the most talented players in the world and possess a particularly fearsome attack. They should ease through their group yet, while it would be unwise to rule them out of winning it again, France have a history of implosion on the international stage. Additionally, no team has managed back-to-back world titles since Brazil in 1958 and 1962...

Marcus Garvey and the UNIA in British Honduras

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1921, along with his International Organizer, Henrietta Vinton Davis, and others.

Unfortunately there are no available copies of *The Belize Independent* of that period, but *The Clarion* of July 7, 1921 carried a lengthy report of a meeting held by Garvey at St. Mary's Hall by "E.A.L." (probably Edward Laing), who noted that the attendance was "not large", but that those present were moved by Garvey's oratorical powers. Those on the platform included H.H. Cain, C.M. Staine, B. Adderly, Mr. and Mrs. I.E. Morter, D. Belizario, Miss Eva Cain, Mrs. Joe and Miss V. Seay. Several of these were to play a prominent role in the colony's future. The audience included the Colonial Secretary and his assistant and their wives, as well as the Superintendent of Police.

"We are living in a world that is reorganizing itself", said Garvey, "and we must reorganize too. Two million of us coloured men from the United States of America, from Africa and from the British islands went into the war. We were told to fight for the weaker people, for the democracy of the world. We fought nobly in France, Flanders, Mesopotamia and other parts. But when the war was over, only the Negroes did not get freedom. But now we are determined. Let there be freedom for the white man, the yellow man and let there be freedom for us black men too. There should be a free and unfettered Africa."

Garvey then spoke about the aims and activities of the UNIA and said he was appealing to "the New Negro, the Negro of backbone who will stand for his right, and if needs be, even die for the cause." He referred again to the courage and fighting skill displayed by black people in the war, but lamented that "after the war all that was given to the Negro was a kick and a smile, and no freedom ... I believe that we have arrived at a stage of civilization when we can take care of ourselves. We have developed a new stage of enlightenment; we have a right at this stage of civilization to re-educate the Negroes."

"In four years", continued Garvey, "we organized four million into one organization, and we are all pulling together as one man." He stated that the UNIA did not wish to change the government of British Honduras or of any other country, but stressed that "the Negroes want to build a Government of its own." He then went on to describe the plans to transport black people to Africa and of the activities of the Black Star Line. He asked for the people's support in this venture, and concluded by repeating that he did not wish people to leave the meeting with the wrong impression: he was not preaching sedition nor disloyalty. He then asked the audience to stand and sing "God Save the King", "the hearty singing of which brought a most interesting meeting, long to be remembered, to a close", as *The*

Clarion reporter noted.

Other public meetings were held at the Theatre and at the UNIA Hall. One meeting attracted some 800 persons, and the Superintendent of Police reported that Garvey "knew how to get his hearers and was cheered heartily time and time again." At a meeting with the Governor, Garvey insisted that he was a loyal British subject, and disclaimed a reported remark of his in *The Negro World* praying for the downfall of England. Speaking of the UNIA, he told the Governor that "in certain parts it stands for the liberty of the people, but where they are already free, such as in this colony, we are doing our best to strengthen the moral life of the people."

Already free? And in a colony? We will return later to the contradictions and limitations of Garveyism.

The UNIA in British Honduras

While Garvey's visit helped to gain support for the UNIA, his decision to take Samuel Haynes with him undoubtedly weakened the organization. *The Clarion* of July 14, 1921, reports two farewell events held for Haynes. One was at the club room of the Wesley Old Boys Brigade Association. A purse was collected and presented to Haynes. The other meeting was at the UNIA Hall on Barrack Road. Haynes was likewise presented with monies collected there, and in his reply he said:

"If there was ever a time in my life when I was made to realize I was a citizen of British Honduras, it is today.

"On the 14th July 1916, I sailed from these shores to an unknown destination — as a soldier of His Majesty the King. On the 12th July, 1921, I am sailing from these shores as a soldier of the Hon. Marcus Garvey ... I have enlisted myself under this banner because I feel that the time has come when I should do something for humanity."

Haynes, in fact, went on to become an important officer of the UNIA in the USA, and a frequent contributor to *The Negro World*. In Belize, however, it appears that no one of his stature remained to carry the UNIA forward. Mr. Isaiah Morter, the self-made millionaire described by Garvey as the Coconut King of Central America, who had hosted Garvey in Belize and financially supported the UNIA, became seriously ill soon after, and in fact the legacy he left for the UNIA served only to create a bitter feud in the organization for several years.

It is unfortunate that the source that might have enlightened us about the UNIA activities in the crucial months and years after Garvey's visit, *The Belize Independent*, is no longer available. It is clear, however, that the UNIA in Belize did not live up to Garvey's expectations of it; it became just another friendly society and, as we shall see, its officers became apologists for the Empire. Beginning in 1925, the UNIA gave annual "loyalty" addresses to the Governor during the Battle of St. George's Caye celebrations.

Lisa wrecks Belize City

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allowed to operate and that buses would stop running at 10:00 a.m.

Many Belizeans were shocked, however, when very strong winds started pummeling the city early on Wednesday afternoon. At around 3:20 p.m. on Wednesday, November 2, the storm made landfall about 10 miles from Belize City, according to the experts at the National Meteorological Services in Belize. Wind speeds of about 85 miles per hour began battering the country, with higher gusts of up to 95 miles per hour. Fortunately, so far it appears that no lives were lost as a result of this storm, but Belize City was severely impacted.

Residents in various parts of the city reported seeing lamp posts falling and water rising by several feet and entering a number of homes. Scores of roofs in various parts of the city were torn off, and by the end of the storm, there were downed trees, entangled electrical wires, and zinc roofs strewn over streets and in yards. It was also reported by some residents that a few houses in the city had collapsed, and some Belize City residents have remarked that the storm had seemed stronger than a Cat 1 hurricane.

Significant damage to the utility infrastructure was also recorded. Water services, which were interrupted on Wednesday afternoon, have reportedly been restored, but water pressure in certain parts of the country remains extremely low.

Notably, individual experiences during the storm varied. Andrew Bethran, whose mother's home in the Port Loyola area, which was seen as a sort of historical landmark to the community before it collapsed during the storm, told AMANDALA, "This house from when I was a young boy, from when I was 3 years old to now, I am 48 years old and this house is here. So, God was holding it up. Nature came and nature took it down. It's sad, because although it was an old house, people saw it as a home where they could come stay in and sleep and they won't be getting wet and beat on, but now this is gone... It's a loss, and I believe it's not only me who went through this. You have a lot of people who went through this.... If the system could come and assist my old lady, it'll be a privilege for me.. This was a landmark for the area. A lot of people know this house... This house was here since I was 3 years old — before the drain and sidewalk, all of those things got built, this house was here. This house is the second house to be on this boulevard."

Marie Lewis, however, a Justice of the Peace, who experienced Hurricane Hattie in 1961, said that she and her husband slept through Lisa's wrath.

"In 1961, I was on the road with two babies, and I went through an experience on Faber's Road with 7 feet of water in my house. I had two kids, my mother was pregnant, my sister was pregnant, and the entire Rhamdas family in my home [and] when we looked, 7 feet of water was in the house. We prayed and the water went down. When I heard about Lisa and that it was coming east, I said this would be a lot of water because easterly winds bring a lot of high tides; and when I heard it coming to this side, I said it's going

down the south side, and we won't get any water. But with Lisa, it gave me a little shake, but it wasn't that bad. We expected more than that, the way they were talking about the mileage it was going. We saw a lot of houses falling. We saw the house across the street, their [roof] came off and my son and daughter's houses [roof] fell up, but praise God, me and my husband still alive... I wasn't scared of it because I went through '61 and it wasn't [the same]. '61 was worse than this. My daughter wanted to take me to their house, and I said I am not leaving out from my house. [I] and my husband slept in our bed and we slept until this morning," she said.

At this time, 278 persons remain in shelters across the country. Those persons staying at school shelters are expected to be relocated as soon as possible, to allow for the reopening of schools on Monday. NEMO and GoB personnel are reportedly working on the execution of this transfer.

The Prime Minister, John Briceno, in his remarks during a press conference held yesterday evening, called for the collective teamwork of all Belizeans to aid in the recovery and rebuilding of the country. He said that at this time, getting food and water to those affected, and the most vulnerable in our communities, is the primary task. The clean-up across the country will continue, with the Belize City Council announcing that the Cabinet was providing additional resources so that it can launch a 3-day cleanup campaign (which started today) that will reportedly involve a number of agencies and a total of approximately 500 personnel. Active partners in this cleanup campaign will include the Belize Waste Control, the Department of the Environment, the Belize Defense Force, Belize Fire Department, Belize Coast Guard, CISCO Construction, RJB Construction, Imer Hernandez Construction, Teichroeb & Sons Ltd., GEL Quarry Co. Ltd., the Orange Walk Town Council and other supporting municipalities, A&N Construction and Belize Roadway Construction Ltd. According to Mayor Bernard Wagner, the team will be split into zones to ensure that recovery work is done in all portions of the city. Briceno also noted at the press conference that 6 private contractors have offered their equipment free of cost to aid in the efforts. Civil servants and members of the security forces will also be involved in the effort.

Various portions of Belize City remain without electricity and are experiencing very low water pressure. The electricity is expected to be fully restored by Sunday, according to the PM. Until then, a curfew between 7:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. will be in place across the Belize District — excluding Ambergris Caye and Caye Caulker.

As mentioned, schools are to be reopened on Monday, and all government offices are expected to be reopened by then as well. At this time, Belize City remains the area of the country that is in most need of recovery efforts, according to the PM.

Notably, it is being reported that comparatively mild effects of the storm were felt in Dangriga, where Hurricane Lisa had been projected to make landfall.

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Belize District under curfew. City relief efforts underway.

by *Khaila Gentle*

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Nov. 3, 2022

During a press conference late Thursday evening, Prime Minister John Briceño announced that a 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. curfew would be imposed on the entirety of the Belize District, with the exception of Ambergris Caye and Caye Caulker, from Thursday, November 3, until Sunday, November 6. According to the Prime Minister, the curfew is being imposed in an effort to ensure the safety of life and property. The decision was made following an emergency Cabinet meeting on Thursday.

“The main reason why we want to institute a curfew at night is because certain areas of the city still do not have electricity. And so, to be able to keep things safe, we want to make sure that everyone stays in their home,” he said.

Security forces as well as NEMO personnel and other public officers working under NEMO, personnel from the Department of Immigration, utility company workers, emergency service personnel, employees of the Philip Goldson International Airport, and search and rescue personnel are allowed to move about during curfew hours.

The passage of Hurricane Lisa left much of the Belize District, as well as some other parts of the country, without power. Here in the city, both electricity and water services had been cut off by the time the center of the storm made landfall some ten miles south of the Old Capital, bringing with it winds of 85 miles per hour and winds gusts of up to 95 miles per hour. Those heavy winds left dozens of utility poles leaning, or on the ground; countless power lines sagging or disconnected, or entangled; and even more trees and fences toppled over.

Many homes and commercial buildings also suffered damage due to

the harsh onslaught of Lisa’s winds. The Sister Cecilia Home for the Elderly was one of many establishments that lost their roofs during the storm. Their living quarters were left in shambles, but with the help of donations, the Rotary Club of Belize has already begun to assist in the repair of the building.

It is expected that electricity services will be fully restored across the country by Sunday, with at least 50% of Belize City expected to have electricity by the end of Thursday.

According to Prime Minister Briceño, no lives were lost during the storm. There was, however, severe damage to property, which has left some two hundred persons in shelters. Localized flooding was seen along the coast of Belize City as well as in Belama Phase 4, Belama Phase 5, Ladyville, Vista Del Mar, and surrounding neighborhoods, with some persons reporting water levels of about three feet inside their homes.

In response to the current situation, Hon. Briceño is asking for the cooperation of everyone, especially those in affected areas.

“Rest assured; Government is responding to recovery efforts. Already teams of workers are out in the affected areas assessing and addressing the urgent humanitarian assistance [needed], including getting food and water to those most in need,” he said.

The Belize City Council, along with the Belize Defense Force and numerous other social partners have already begun a massive cleanup campaign across the Belize City.

According to NEMO Coordinator, Colonel Shelton Defour, the vast majority of those who have been severely impacted by Hurricane Lisa can expect to have some degree of relief by the start of this weekend. Already, NEMO has begun issuing food packs, tarps, and mattresses, among other items.

COP 27 looms large in wake of Hurricane Lisa

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blows caused by these storms, will be trying to make at the two-week conference, COP27, where they will discuss how to achieve the global climate goals as agreed upon under the Kyoto Protocol and Paris Agreement. What countries such as Belize will once again be demanding, therefore is climate justice and adequate climate finance — especially since it’s been noted that the countries being most impacted by climate change (like Belize) are not the countries which contributed most to global warming through greenhouse gas emissions (wealthier, more industrialized nations such as the United States).

It is a point that is more poignant just days after the landfall of Hurricane Lisa along Belize’s coast. The country is now scrambling to regain economic footing after extensive damage of public infrastructure and private property. Today, Prime Minister John Briceño during a press conference on the impact of Hurricane Lisa, spoke on the importance of the provision of climate finance for vulnerable countries like Belize.

“Many of these developed countries don’t feel what we are going through,” Prime Minister Briceño said. He noted that in comparison to developed countries, when disasters hit developing states like Belize, the impact on the nation’s economic development is monumentally more severe.

“That is why we have been calling out to the international community, that they need to do their part. We are doing our part to protect the planet, to protect the environment, to try to hold down the increase in temperature, but yet they are not doing their part; they have damaged their environment to be able to grow their economies. So now it’s their turn now to pay us for the work that we have been doing.” PM Briceño said.

The CEO of the Ministry of Sustainable Development and Disaster Risk Management, Dr. Kenrick Williams, expressed similar sentiments during NEMO’s press conference yesterday morning:

“If you compare the economic implications of Hurricane Lisa on Belize compared to a storm on Miami, they’re significantly different, because the US can position monies, investments in responding to those storms. Countries like ours struggle and suffer. We were on very good economic trend over the last few months, and this is going to significantly impact our country. We’re going to have to spend resources to

collaboration with all of these stakeholders means more muscle on the ground, and the residents have been enthusiastic about the launch of the campaign.” According to Mayor Bernard Wagner, the large team has been strategically split up into zones to ensure that every area of the city sees improvements. After discussions with the Department of the Environment, the council is also asking residents to separate solid waste from vegetation for the cleaning crews to collect. The

try to respond to this storm – not just the financial implications. There are social implications on our people. There’s a setback that this will cause our people. And again, this is the result of the changing climate that is not the culpability of our country, or one of two countries, but on the global economy. So countries like Belize have to go out there and defend and say, ‘listen, we are being impacted and the impact that we receive is not on scale to the other countries, so we have to ensure that in times like this we have the resources to be able to respond to support our people,” he said.

Dr. Williams also highlighted the fact that human-caused climate change is no longer a question of debate — but a reality that we are experiencing every day. He said that the delegation from Belize and representatives from across the Caribbean will lobby at COP27 to try to secure the climate financing needed for the region.

In September 2022, the global surface temperature was recorded at 0.88°C (1.58°F) above the 20th century average of 15.0°C (59.0°F), according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s (NOAA) National Centers For Environmental Information. We have seen extreme and, in some instances, unprecedented weather events this year so far, most recently the formation of tropical cyclones that have become named storms at the tail end of the Atlantic Hurricane Season. One of those storms, Hurricane Lisa, made landfall in Belize this week.

Notably as well, the islands of the Caribbean and Africa recorded the 6th warmest September in history, according to NOAA records. In North America, the warmest September in history was recorded, while Europe had its coolest weather in the period immediately following a summer of extreme heat.

Caribbean leaders, are hoping that the upcoming conference will lead to the mobilization of billions of dollars needed to make economies across the world green while building resilience against the impacts of climate change.

The UNFCCC’s Standing Committee on Finance has published reports based on data which the committee says was derived from the “experience of countries, multilateral development banks, climate funds and the financial community at large.”

The two-week COP 27 will again provide an opportunity for world leaders, experts, and climate activists to come together and chart a part forward for our global future, given the realities of the changing climate.

cleaning crews will be working with consideration of the curfew hours of 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the duration of the campaign.

In addition to Mayor Bernard Wagner; Fort George area representative Hon. Henry Charles Usher; Mayor of Orange Walk Town, Ladrick Sheppard; and Belize City Councillors Kaya Cattouse, Deannie Requena and Edmund Kwan were present at the launch of the cleanup campaign.

CitCo leads 3-day cleanup campaign in Belize City

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homes, broken power lines, zinc torn from rooftops, and thick mud. In a press conference hosted by the Government of Belize on Thursday, November 3, 2022, Mayor Bernard Wagner said that he has visited multiple areas in Belize City, including Port Loyola, Belama and Krooman Lagoon, which have been severely affected, and that the Cabinet has decided to support the council with additional resources to fast-track the cleaning of Belize City.

The Belize City Council and its City Emergency Management Organization (CEMO) Unit will be partnering with the Government of Belize, the National Emergency Management Organization, the Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing, and other entities to launch a robust 3-day cleanup campaign within Belize City in order to speed up the recovery process and restore a sense of normalcy for residents. In addition to these entities, active partners in this large cleanup campaign will include the Belize Waste

Control, the Department of the Environment, the Belize Defense Force, Belize Fire Department, Belize Coast Guard, CISCO Construction, RJB Construction, Imer Hernandez Construction, Teichroeb & Sons Ltd., GEL Quarry Co. Ltd., the Orange Walk Town Council and other supporting municipalities, A&N Construction, and Belize Roadway Construction Ltd. Each partner contributed manpower and equipment, and in total there will be a team of approximately 500 personnel, equipped with a host of trucks, backhoes and chainsaws, involved in the cleanup. The campaign is set to start on Friday, November 4, and continue until Sunday, November 6.

This morning, at the launch of the cleanup campaign, Mayor Bernard Wagner, Mayor of Belize City and chairman of the City Emergency Management Organization, told *Amandala*, “We will be spread all over the city to really ensure we see the results we’re looking for in service to our affected residents. Having this

TENDERS



Belize Electricity Limited (BEL) invites separate tenders from prequalified providers for the following services, at the locations listed below for the period January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2025.

COMPOUND MAINTENANCE

1. **Ladyville Storage Facilities** on Airport Road
2. **West Lake Generating Facility** at Mile 8 George Price Highway
3. **Belmopan Office** on Toucan Avenue
4. **Belmopan Power Plant** on Power Lane
5. **San Ignacio Office** on Buena Vista Street
6. **San Ignacio Storage Compound** on Benque Viejo Road
7. **Dangriga Office** on George Price Drive
8. **Independence Office & Lineman Facility** on Savannah Road
9. **Punta Gorda Office** on Far West Street
10. **BEL Storage Compound** at Eldridge Village
11. **Corozal Office & Lineman Facility** on Santa Rita Hill
12. **BEL Warehouse Lot** at Sarteneja Village
13. **Orange Walk Office & Storage** on Yo Creek Road
14. **Caye Caulker Plant Office** on Calle al Sol/Avenida Mangle
15. **San Pedro Office** on Pescador Drive

Virtual pre-bid meeting at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 22, 2022.

UPKEEP & LANDSCAPING OF PLANTS, HEDGES AND SHRUBS

1. **Corporate Headquarters** at 2 ½ Miles Philip Goldson Highway
2. **Belize City Offices** on Magazine Road

Virtual pre-bid meeting at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 22, 2022.

AIR CONDITIONING & COOLING SYSTEMS MAINTENANCE SERVICES

1. **Corporate Headquarters** at 2½ Miles Philip Goldson Highway
2. **Belize City Office** on Magazine Road
3. **Ladyville Storage Facilities** on Airport Road
4. **Belmopan Office** on Toucan Avenue
5. **San Ignacio Office** on Buena Vista Street
6. **Dangriga Office** on George Price Drive
7. **Independence Office** on Savannah Road
8. **Punta Gorda Office** on Far West Street
9. **Orange Walk Office** on Yo Creek Road
10. **Corozal Office** on Santa Rita Hill
11. **Caye Caulker Plant Office** on Calle Al Sol/Avenida Mangle
12. **San Pedro Plant Office** on Pescador Drive
13. **West Lake Gas Turbine** on George Price Highway
14. **Belize City Substation** on Magazine Road
15. **Ladyville Switchyard** on Airport Road
16. **West Lake Substation** on George Price Highway
17. **Democracia Substation** on George Price Highway
18. **Camalote Switchyard** at Camalote Village
19. **Dangriga Substation** at 6 Miles Hummingbird Highway
20. **San Ignacio Substation** on Benque Viejo Road
21. **Maskall Substation** on Old-Northern Highway
22. **Buena Vista Substation** at 69 Miles Philip Goldson Highway
23. **Orange Walk Substation** on Yo Creek Road
24. **Corozal Substation** on Santa Rita Hill
25. **San Pedro Substation** on Pescador Drive
26. **Independence Substation** on Savannah Road
27. **Independence Switching Station** at Southern Highway/Savannah Road Junction
28. **Belize Aquaculture Limited Substation** on Placencia Road
29. **Punta Gorda Substation** on San Antonio Road
30. **Belcogen Substation** at BSI Tower Hill
31. **Belmopan Substation** on Power Lane
32. **Santander Substation** at Valley of Peace Village
33. **Chan Chen Substation** at Ten Pound Caye

Virtual pre-bid meeting at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 22, 2022.

JANITORIAL & BUILDING INTERIOR CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES

1. **Corporate Headquarters** at 2½ Miles Philip Goldson Highway
2. **Belize City Offices** on Magazine Road
3. **Ladyville Facilities** on Airport Road
4. **West Lake Facilities** at 8 Miles George Price Highway
5. **Belmopan Office** on Toucan Avenue
6. **Belmopan Power Plant** on Power Lane
7. **San Ignacio Office** on Buena Vista Street
8. **Dangriga Office** on George Price Drive
9. **Independence Office & Lineman Facility** on Savannah Road
10. **Punta Gorda Office** on Far West Street
11. **Corozal Office & Lineman Facility** on Santa Rita Hill
12. **Orange Walk Office** at 21 Miles San Antonio Road
13. **Orange Walk Lineman Facility** on Yo Creek Road
14. **San Pedro Office** on Pescador Drive
15. **Caye Caulker Plant Office** on Calle al Sol/Avenida Mangle

Virtual pre-bid meeting at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 22, 2022.

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

Submit bids via email to bidsubmittal@bel.com.bz no later than 3:00 p.m. on Friday, November 25, 2022.

Request access to the virtual pre-bid meeting by sending an email to bidbox@bel.com.bz. The subject of the email to attend virtual pre-bid meetings and to submit Tenders should include the bid number and the name of the Tender located on the respective Bid forms.

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

Cost incurred for visiting the facilities to be maintained and preparation of the tender document are the responsibilities of the bidder. The lowest tender will not necessarily be accepted. BEL also reserves the right not to accept any tender.