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“It’s only now that we are seeing a radical shift being demanded with[out] really any economic rationale, so you can understand from our perspective that that is a little bit bewildering... as I’ve said before, to meet those demands this mill would go out of business, and then there wouldn’t be a sugar industry,” Mac McLachlan, country manager at BSI, commented.

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Nov. 10, 2022

On Tuesday, Belize Sugar Industries Limited (BSI) posted a graph on social media that depicts what it is claiming will be the highest first payment to cane farmers per ton of cane in the last 20 years. The estimated price of cane for the upcoming season is \$54.54 per ton, and the first crop payment to farmers will include 80% of this value, or approximately \$43.63, which is to be paid upon the first delivery.

“The first cane price estimate serves as a start, which then sets the first payment to farmers, and is lower than the final price for the crop, given the

unknown variables such as market price and ocean freight at the beginning of the crop,” a statement that accompanies the infographic on the company’s social media page explains.

The first payment for this coming crop is to be \$3.13 higher than last year’s, and as previously mentioned, one of the highest paid in the last 20 years, according to the company.

It has been reported as well by local media that the company’s third and final payment to cane farmers this week for the sugar cane they delivered during the

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Belize free of Avian flu; false positive test results reported

While recent negative test results from reference labs in the US suggest that initial results which indicated the presence of Avian flu were false positives, both the Minister of Agriculture and the Belize Poultry Association say depopulating birds at affected farms was the proactive and responsible response to the test results.

by Khaila Gentle

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Nov. 9, 2022
Reports from earlier this week

revealed that there may have been no case of Avian influenza in the country. That is because confirmatory tests sent to the National Veterinary Services Lab

in Iowa, United States—the reference lab for the World Organization for Animal Health—came back negative,

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Armando Cowo, Manager, Belize Poultry Association

Hurricane Nicole kills 2 in Florida, causes flooding in the Bahamas

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Nicole flattens homes in Florida (Photo: WFTV)

Child kidnapping claims false alarm—Supt. Gerald Jones



Superintendent Gerald Jones, Deputy for HNCIB

by Charles Gladden

ORANGE WALK TOWN, Thurs. Nov. 10, 2022

Alarm began to spread among

parents all over the country after reports began circulating this week about separate failed attempts to kidnap two little girls – a 6-year-old from Orange Walk Town and a 12-year-old in Belize City. There were even claims that a mystery van had been trailing children, and that a police officer had issued warnings about the van in a WhatsApp chat group. Police are now claiming, however, following an investigation by the department, that the two minors made up the stories about being lured by kidnappers.

On Tuesday, November 8, at around

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Hurricane Nicole kills 2 in Florida, causes flooding in the Bahamas

On Thursday, the storm sent beachfront homes in Florida crashing into the ocean. Widespread winds and heavy rains have also downed powerlines, caused roads to collapse, and displaced many.

by Khaila Gentle

MIAMI, Florida, Thurs. Nov. 10, 2022

Much like Hurricane Lisa, Hurricane Nicole was a rare November storm. Since making landfall on the coast of Florida early Thursday, it has downgraded to a tropical storm, but not before claiming two lives in the sunshine state.

According to reports from officials, two electrocutions in Orange County—located in the Orlando area—have been attributed to Nicole. A Facebook post from the county’s sheriff’s office reveal that one man and one woman died after coming into contact with a downed power line.

“... deputies found a man who was unresponsive after he exited a vehicle and made contact with a downed live power line. That man was pronounced deceased on scene. A woman traveling with the man was also electrocuted and was transported to the hospital, where she died,” states that post.

Nicole is the first hurricane to hit the US in the month of November in almost 40 years. With heavy rains and tropical storm strength winds extending up to 345 miles away from its center, the storm has caused coastal and river flooding as well as the collapse of several beachside homes, coastal roads, and other infrastructure. Additionally, some 310,000 homes and businesses across the state found themselves without power by Thursday afternoon.

Earlier this year, Hurricane Ian battered the state of Florida. As a result, weakened



Florida road collapses

coastlines were left vulnerable to storm surges caused by Nicole, some of which reached heights of six feet, CNN reports.

Since the storm made landfall, a curfew has been declared for several areas in Florida and all 67 counties in the state are under a state of emergency. Florida’s governor, Ron DeSantis, said that this is “simply because we’re not sure of the extent of the impacts, in Northwest Florida in particular.”

According to DeSantis, 600 National Guard troops have been placed on standby to conduct any necessary search and rescue missions after the weather clears. The rain and wind, as well as a tornado threat, are expected to continue through Thursday in Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina.

In the Bahamas, Nicole forced hundreds to flee their homes, bringing sustained winds of up to 75 miles per hour and causing widespread flooding. The Bahamas Department of Meteorology reported storm surges of almost four feet, with waves flooding at least one road in the nation’s capital, Nassau.

Officials have reported that more than 860 people are in shelters. Nicole is the first storm to hit the Bahamas since 2019’s Dorian—a Category 5 storm.

Sandhill man wounded in drive-by shooting

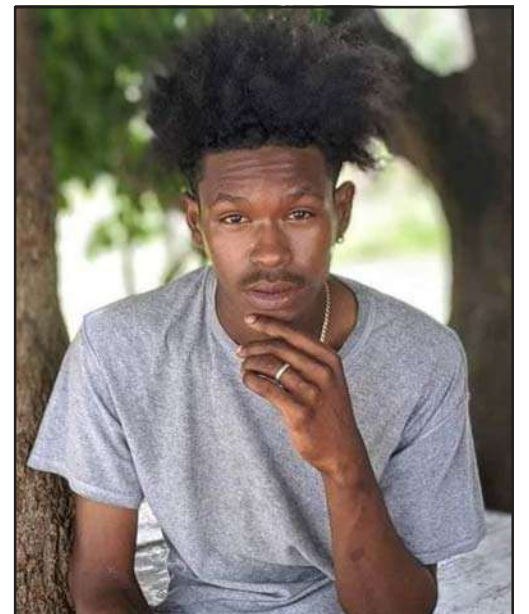
by Charles Gladden

SANDHILL, Belize District, Thurs. Nov. 10, 2022

Jordan Morillo Wade, 24, a resident of Sandhill Village, Belize District, is currently in a stable condition at the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital after being wounded by a drive-by shooter on Wednesday, November 9.

According to reports, Wade and another individual were at C&B Snack Shop near Mile 16 on the Philip Goldson Highway when an SUV that was heading south on the highway slowed as it drew close to the men, and the driver of the SUV fired several shots at them.

Reports have indicated that Wade was one of the targets and that he sustained gunshot injuries to one of his legs. The condition of the individual who was with Wade at the time of the



Jordan Wade, shooting victim

shooting is currently unknown at the time of this report.

Police are investigating.

Guns missing from former COMPOL’s home

by Charles Gladden

LEMONAL VILLAGE, Belize District, Thurs. Nov. 10, 2022

On Sunday, November 6, robbers entered the home of former Commissioner of Police, Allen Whyllie, in Lemonal Village, Belize District, and stole four firearms as well as ammunition belonging to the former COMPOL.

Police have said that they received reports of a burglary that occurred at the residence of the former COMPOL, who was reportedly out of the country at the time of the robbery, and it was discovered that four guns and a large amount of ammunition were taken by the robbers, who gained access to the property by prying open a metal grill door.

Superintendent Gerald Jones, Deputy of the Police Department’s HNIBC, told local reporters via Zoom



that three of the four firearms were recovered at the Orange Walk Bypass, and the other was found next to the residence of Whyllie’s mother-in-law.

Jones told local media that one person has been detained and charges are being brought against that one individual in connection with the theft of the firearms. He further said that the person in custody is a resident of Lemonal Village.

It was noted during Jones’ press briefing that the former COMPOL followed the protocols regarding the safekeeping of firearms.

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2021/2022 season was \$13 37 cents per tonne and was based on a final cane price of \$70.78 per ton.

According to 7News, the company has stated “that this year’s total price is the highest in the last five years. It is also the highest since the 2017 changes in the European Market, which removed Belize’s preferential pricing access.”

Yesterday, while members of the BSCFA were in Belize City to aid in the clean-up efforts being carried out by CitCo following Hurricane Lisa, the chairman of the Orange Walk branch of the association, Alfredo Ortega, said during an interview that the payment per ton of sugar cane that is being touted by BSI could have been higher and that the increase for the first delivery in the upcoming season is conditional on the level of the quality of cane being delivered

to the mill – with payouts being lowered if that quality falls.

Minister of Agriculture, Jose Mai expressed a similar view — that the payment from the mill could have been higher — when he spoke to reporters during the cleanup efforts. He acknowledged, however, the fact that the payment for the final delivery of the season was the highest in five years, and noted that the increase is primarily the result of higher world prices.

BSI/ASR and the Belize Sugar Cane Farmers Association (BSCFA) have still not agreed on the terms of a commercial agreement that would have to be in place before the start of the upcoming sugar crop in mid-December. They will reportedly secure the services of a mediator in an attempt to expedite that process. The finalization of the agreement within the short term is of great importance to the industry, the millers, and the

farmers.

But, according to Ortega, the mill is causing a delay in the mediation process by not being fully cooperative in the prompt confirmation of “who will be [the] mediator”.

“We have reached this point. We have a mediator, and still yet, BSI is playing jokes on not coming to the table so that we can get into an agreement on who will be our mediator so that we can continue. If that doesn’t happen, then we believe that the government, even though the Prime Minister has said many times that this is a private entity. But I think as a government they have a responsibility to see... that something is stabilized within the industry,” he said.

Minister Mai, however, has indicated that the new season will have to start even if a new commercial agreement is not yet in place. He, in fact, believes that this will likely be the case.

“I believe that even if we do not have an agreement signed, we are going to have a crop starting. I am hoping— it is unlikely in my view and I may be wrong and I hope I am wrong.... To me it is unlikely that we will have an agreement before the crops starts, the way things are moving at a very snail pace. But I believe that we can have a crop ongoing while mediation and negotiation is ongoing,” Mai said yesterday.

Today, the BSI hosted a press conference at which its country manager, Mac McLachlan, addressed some of the public comments made by the leadership of the BSCFA. He remarked that any delay in this year’s crop would be a travesty and a loss for all parties involved, especially in light of the upturn of global sugar prices, which presents a great opportunity for increased profits.

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BSCFA, Health Ministry, & others lend CitCo a helping hand

An overwhelming display of support and cooperation from partners in both the public and private sectors has continued to drive the Belize City Council's cleanup campaign forward.

by *Khaila Gentle*

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Nov. 9, 2022

Today, the Belize Sugar Cane Farmers Association (BSCFA) and Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Jose Abelardo Mai, lent a helping hand to the Belize City Council as their Hurricane Lisa cleanup and recovery campaign continues. It was one of many displays of support and solidarity shown to the Council over the past few days, and Belize City Mayor Bernard Wagner told *AMANDALA* that the association sent some fifty-five farmers—men and women—as well as heavy equipment to assist with clearing debris from the streets.

The equipment from the BSCFA, which includes four loaders, has helped CitCo make tremendous progress in moving debris out of the city. According to the Mayor, the council's goal has been to remove approximately 200 truckloads of debris per day, and at this point in time, they have been right on target, having moved some 774 loads—equal to over twenty thousand tons of debris.

“We believe there is still a large amount of debris here in the city. And so we have extended our efforts for another twelve to fourteen days. And that is why we were so pleased when we received the call from the Belize Sugar Cane Farmers Association president, Mr. Ortega, who along with Minister Mai said, ‘we want to come to Belize City—we want to be a part of this great show of support’,” he told us.

The machines, usually used to move cane, have been more than effective at removing fallen branches, trees, lumber, and other debris, for which the Mayor

is grateful.

Our colleagues at KREM News caught up with the BSCFA and Minister Mai while they were at work on Baymen Avenue.

“The farmers of the country, I think, on a whole, are in solidarity with the people of Belize City, especially in these particular times. And I think that they realized that



Mayor Bernard Wagner receives pantry donation from MOH

around,” said Ortega.

According to Minister Mai, the decision to propose using the cane farmers' equipment for relief to Cabinet was inspired by a similar effort carried out in Mexico after a hurricane hit Cancun, Playa del Carmen, and Tulum. With the aid of their cane farmers, the Mexicans were able to clean up all three areas within fifteen days.

The association is expected to be in the city for one day only, but according to the chairman, if the need arises, they may return tomorrow to help out as well.

Also on the ground on Baymen Avenue were Minister of Home Affairs, Hon. Kareem Musa; the Leadership Intervention Unit (LIU); and Minister of Health, Hon. Kevin Bernard,

Following the passage of Hurricane Lisa, the Belize City Council was quick to implement its cleanup campaign, hitting the streets as early as Friday, and according to Mayor Wagner, this was made possible in no small part thanks to the quick response from the Prime Minister as well as the extensive list of partners that have been assisting the Council with manpower, machinery, and supplies, all pro bono.

Since then, the City has received tremendous support from both the public and private sectors. On Wednesday as

well, the City Council received a donation of food pantries and cleaning supplies from the Minister of Health, which the Mayor says will certainly be put to good use.

“The relief efforts have to be about clearing debris, but now it also has to transition into relief and supplies and home assessment—assessing the damages and getting people's lives back to normalcy,” he said.

Mayor Wagner also told *AMANDALA* that the Belize Tourism Board has pledged a donation of \$50,000 for relief efforts.

Other partners that have been assisting the City Council with their cleanup campaign include CEMO; the Ministry of Infrastructure Development & Housing; NEMO; the town councils of Orange Walk, San Ignacio/Santa Elena, San Pedro, Dangriga, and Corozal; the Department of the Environment; the BDF; the National Fire Service; the Belize Coast Guard; Belize Youth Movement; CISCO Construction; RJB Construction; Imer Hernandez Construction; Belize Waste Control; Belize Solid Waste Management Authority; Teichroeb & Sons Ltd.; GEL Quarry Co. Ltd.; A&N Construction; Belize Roadway Construction Ltd. and Belize Water Services.

Belize discusses cybercrime with Mexico, El Salvador, and others at Regional Forum of the Americas

Members of parliament, including Foreign Affairs Minister of State, Hon. Ramon Cervantes, met with other members of FOPREL to discuss cybersecurity.

by *Khaila Gentle*

San José, Costa Rica, Thurs. Nov. 10, 2022

On November 7th and 8th, the Forum of Presidents of Legislative Powers of Central America, the Caribbean Basin, and Mexico (FOPREL) convened in Costa Rica to explore the role of legislators in ensuring there are legal mechanisms in place to properly prosecute cybercrimes and cases involving electronic evidence. The meeting, dubbed the Regional Forum of the Americas on Cooperation in the Matter of Cybercrime and Electronic

Evidence, took place in the city of San José and was attended by representatives from national assemblies across the region, including El Salvador, the Dominican Republic, Mexico, Honduras, and Puerto Rico.

Representatives from Belize present at the forum included Minister of State in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Immigration, Hon. Ramon Cervantes; and Cayo West area representative, Jorge Espot.

Both men attended a workshop titled, “The role of criminal justice policy makers and legislators in the fight against cybercrime: when policy meets

practice”. They also took part in a forum focusing on Citizen Security and Administration of Justice, as well as the Sixth Meeting of the Commission on Financial, Economic and Budgetary Affairs.

At the opening of the conference, Rodrigo Arias Sánchez, president of the Legislative Assembly of Costa Rica said, “In addition to having the best treaties and the best legislation, we need to have the best digital infrastructure, as well as having the human resources in cybercrime. It is also important to remember that FOPREL members, at the seventh ordinary meeting in 2019,

made a commitment to promote and support legislators in adhering to the Convention on Cybercrime.”

Along with FOPREL, the two-day meeting was made possible by the Council of Europe, the Legislative Assembly of Costa Rica, and the Public Ministry of Costa Rica.

According to Alexander Seger, Executive Secretary of the Cybercrime Convention Committee and Head of the Cybercrime Programme Office of the Council of Europe, cybercrime incidents have increased in number and grown in sophistication over the years—a phenomenon that was exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Ransomware has become a major

BTNU prez re: frozen increments: "it's not fair"

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Tues. Nov. 8, 2022

When speaking to reporters this week, the president of the BNTU (Belize National Teachers Union), Elena Smith made reference to the fact that the living and entertainment allowances of the CEO's in various government ministries have been increased from \$750.00 to \$1,500.00 monthly (which came into effect on July 1, according to a leaked Government of Belize circular dated September 8, 2022), while salary increments for public officers, primarily teachers, are still frozen—and she said, "it's not fair".

While the Prime Minister of Belize, Hon. John Briceño, told local reporters that the increase was merely a reinstatement of what CEO's were receiving prior to a cut in those allowances during the pandemic, Smith pointed to the daunting challenges that teachers have been facing, particularly since Hurricane Lisa, and the sacrifices they have had to make—including digging into their pockets for financing

to restore their classrooms that were extensively damaged by the Category 1 storm last Wednesday.

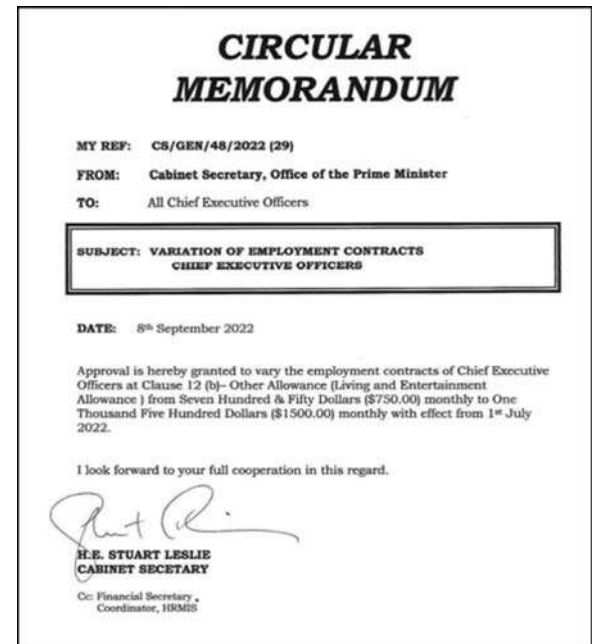
"I am sure you would understand that our teachers are not happy. We have lost [our] salary. We have lost increments. We are still without increments, and here you have these special persons being given double what they are getting, and here you have teachers suffering because they continue to suffer, and they have to use their same salaries now to fix the class again because no ministry will come and give [those] supplies. The management won't give [you] those supplies because they will tell you that they don't have [them]. But, they will expect that the classroom is going to be in a state that is conducive to learning and that will be welcoming to these children. So, we have to go and spend out of pocket again to replace the things we lost due to the hurricane. So, that shows you that we have been sacrificing over and over and over, yet we can't get back our increments, but these persons can get these huge increases. It's not fair. It is not fair!" she said.

Smith further pointed out, "... If we can sacrifice and we are still sacrificing, why they must get theirs so quick and we can't even get an answer as to when it will be reinstated?"

Smith also told reporters that letters have been sent to the PM requesting a meeting, but there has been no response from him to confirm a date for the meeting.

"The only response we got was from Mrs. Narda Garcia to say that the Prime Minister was unable to meet with us at the time that we had set. We wrote to the PM. At least have some decency and respond to us as a union ... It simply shows you who they cared about, and again, they were quick to come to us to ask us to please assist the government and sacrifice, but now they want to discuss the reinstatement, we can't find them," Smith said.

Smith told local reporters that the initial meeting was scheduled for September,



but due to the September celebrations it was rescheduled for October, but no response has been given in regard to the date of the meeting.

The annual salary of a CEO would be \$76,000, in conjunction with an annual allowance of \$18,000, amounts to an estimated \$94,000 at the end of the year.

Berne gives words of encouragement to Belizean artists



Berne Velasquez, artist/actor

socially distance ourselves and limit our movement, Velasquez had a fan base of considerable size—with hundreds of persons seeking to purchase his CDs and DVDs. He said that the experience is a dream come true and attributes his achievements in both Belize and now in Mexico to hard work and persistence.

Referring to his efforts to reach a larger market of potential fans and supporters, Velasquez said, "I traveled all the way down south, starting from Argentina and worked my way all the way back up." "And then I traveled up to Mexico, and it was overwhelming, so much so

that I was surprised by myself. I'm like, wow, you have 200 and 300 people di try to buy your CD and nobody nuh even know you, breda; you know how lucky you, you know how bless you," he said.

He said he had to videotape those occasions to ensure he had proof of the enthusiasm of his fan base, since he thought nobody would believe those stories. Those videos led to the production of the documentary-style movie, *Broken Dreams*. That project gave a glimpse of his time in Mexico, during which he sold CDs on the street to hundreds of people, was arrested by Mexican police for drawing a crowd, and

performed for up to 80,000 people at a concert.

Velasquez, in his comments to us, urged Belizean artists to take up their craft wholeheartedly and be persistent in order to see the results. In regard to the widely held view that Belizeans do not support the craft of their local artists, Velasquez says that is untrue. He expressed gratitude to Belizeans for their tremendous support.

"A lot of Belizeans see it as Belizeans don't really support Belizeans; yes they do. Because you don't get deported with house, boat, trucks—you understand what I'm saying? So Belizeans did that; Belize people did that. I can't tell you the amount of people who say 'Berne, I nuh really into that kinda a music weh you really do, breda, but I wa support you, so I di buy yo whole collection, cause I want to support'," Velasquez said, adding that the support has been moving, and has pushed him to work harder in the industry.

"How you wah tell me the people nuh supportive. These people are overwhelmingly supportive, and I'm the proof of it," he said.

At this time, he says that he is still very



Berne in costume for his most recent acting project, in which he plays the role of a police officer

much engaged in music but has taken up more acting roles lately—even being featured in commercials for some top brands, and working on features and short films. His life experiences and the path he embarked on has led him to where he is now, he says, and a key to the success has been hard work and persistence, despite the challenges.

You can find his content and get updates on his work on his YouTube channel, Berne TV, and on various social media platforms.

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Nov. 9, 2022

Belizean-born artist and actor Berne Velasquez visited our newsroom yesterday to give an overview of his current endeavors in Mexico. Velasquez is currently one of the highest-selling Belizean recording artists. When he returned to Belize after being deported from the United States in 2008, he started on his path as an artist, branched off into acting – being cast in four featured films shot in Belize—and now he is continuing a three-year tour of Latin America. He has been based in Mexico since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Before the pandemic forced us all to

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threat to critical infrastructure, to businesses and to democratic institutions, as experienced also by Costa Rica earlier this year. An effective criminal justice response with rapid access to electronic evidence stored in foreign, multiple or unknown jurisdictions is needed," he said.

A release from FOPREL noted that, to end the work meeting, representatives in attendance approved a draft resolution known as the "Resolution on legislative actions for cooperation in matters of cybercrime and electronic evidence".

On November 10 and 11, an international conference on the promotion of the role of women in facing the challenge of cybercrime will be held.

Beaten, Not Broken!

by Rudolph A. Neal

On Wednesday, November 2, 2022, Hurricane Lisa, a Category 1 hurricane, with sustained winds of approximately 85 miles an hour, made landfall in Belize. This hurricane, with a storm surge of 3-5 feet in some areas and wind gusts of up to 95 miles an hour, ravaged Belize, severely battering the Old Capital and other areas in the Belize District, Belmopan, and the



Cayo area. After a most gruesome 6 hours of sustained beating and pounding, Lisa left an indelible mark on Belize City, leaving in its wake, total destruction, and utter devastation. While, thankfully, no lives were lost to Lisa's callous wrath, in the aftermath of the hurricane, myself and many others returned to sheer devastation and destruction. As I walked into my home and witnessed the destruction that Hurricane Lisa caused, just like many

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Wholesome, affordable food—an urgent need we must meet

In the blink of an eye things got worse in our country. Unfortunately, our governments didn't do a great job with our resources in the first 20 years of this new century/millennium, and then, in 2020, along with the rest of the world, we got hit by a terrible pandemic. Our troubles don't end there. The Russian invasion of Ukraine has helped drive up the cost of imports (finished goods and raw materials) and threatens to escalate into a third "World War"; and unrelenting Climate Change has caused an increase in droughts and floods across the country. On Wednesday, a Cat 1 hurricane battered Belize City and Belize Rural, causing losses in the millions of dollars.

These are bad times, but far from hopeless. The area of greatest urgency is the production of affordable, wholesome food. There isn't anything good, not in the short term or the long, about human beings not satisfying their basic need for sufficient, wholesome food.

According to the *Amandala*, PM John Briceño, speaking at a press conference after Hurricane Lisa, 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. And, speaking at the same press conference, Dr. Kenrick Williams, CEO of the Ministry of Sustainable Development and Disaster Risk Management, said: "If you compare the economic implications of Hurricane Lisa on Belize to a storm on Miami, they're significantly different, because the US can position monies, investments in responding to those storms."

Indeed, hurricanes don't impact the US economy the way they impact ours. The free market system works differently for us too. In the US, it

has produced a per capita income of US\$36,000, while that same system has produced a per capita income of US\$4,500 for Belizeans. There are factors outside of the economic system that impact earnings, but they don't come close to explaining the tremendous income gap between the USA and Belize.

Belize's first leader, George Price, extolled the mixed economy, and he promised that with independence, economic prosperity would come if we continued working that system, but within three years of independence, in 1981, his government (PUP) was ousted from office. A deep world recession between 1980 and 1983 and the people's desire to see a new set of faces in government were key factors in Price and the PUP's falling out of favor.

The Manuel Esquivel UDP government that came to power in 1984 was gung ho on the free market system. That government expanded and improved the lot of the middle class by privatizing a chunk of BTL, selling off the banana industry to large growers, putting emphasis on tourism, and selling economic citizenship, and through financial aid from the Reagan government in the USA.

The masses, impoverished Belizeans, didn't buy into the UDP's capitalist system. Far from sufficient "crumbs" trickled down, and in 1989 they returned the PUP to power. But the PUP government of 1989-1993 was only nominally under Price. In his place was a trio that featured elected representatives, Said Musa and Glenn Godfrey, and the unelected Ralph Fonseca, the de facto leader.

Ralph Fonseca's late father, Rafael Fonseca, had prudently guided the Ministry of Finance during the Price glory years, but the son wasn't a "chip off the old block." Ralph Fonseca was a big spender, and he continued the Esquivel free market system and borrowed at exorbitant interest rates to expand office infrastructure.

The UDP of 1984-89 introduced Belize to the type of capitalism practiced in the US, and the PUP of 1989-93 put the final nail in the mixed economy. Ever since, the free market system has held sway—and the results have been "notn nice" for the masses. After 40 years of independence, we have a wealthy class—and the masses have been left far behind. Our poverty rate reached a peak during the early days of the pandemic when it was determined to be above 60%.

Capitalism takes the trophy for wealth creation, and fails with its distribution. Despite all that has transpired in Belize, there are Belizeans who are living their best lives. But forty-one years after independence, many Belizeans can't afford adequate housing and struggle to put wholesome food on their tables. Of the two, the easier to solve is wholesome food, because most of the tools to remedy that are right at home. All we need to do is tweak the system, and start preserving/canning our excess produce.

We've never had a drought or flood all over our country, and never had a hurricane decimate all of our country. But we have had all of our farmers in production at the same time, which has led to gluts. Then, in our present system, which is based entirely on market forces, everyone in the sector loses. Then, many farmers stop planting, a shortage follows, and prices go up. It just can't work that way in our little country.

The government must be involved at all levels of agricultural production for local consumption, with the primary mission being to ensure wholesome, affordable food for all. The experts insist that our country has too many public employees. The GOB had its heart in the right place when it didn't cut staff during the pandemic, and it doesn't have to do that now. GOB needs to redeploy public employees, to work on logistics so we can decrease the cost of doing business in Belize, and to help supervise farmers and farms, to make them more efficient. GOB must put prime lands under its control, including idle portions at the agricultural stations across the country, into production, to supply food for school feeding programs and families that have the most need.

The goal of "wholesome, affordable food for all" must be attained without sacrificing the profits of our small farmers and vendors. Efforts to achieve that will be helped greatly if we reduce wastage. Processing and canning food aren't the ideal—wholesome food is fresh, direct from the farm and the sea to the table—however, to ensure sufficient quantity, we have to sacrifice quality. Experts say a cannery isn't feasible because of our small population, but we can attain the adequate economies of scale if we find markets for our products. *World Food Programme* says Cuba imports 70 to 80% of its food, and the *USDA* says 60% of Venezuela's food is imported. We can trade/sell canned food to Cuba, to pay for medical personnel, and to Venezuela, to pay for oil.

There might be a time when Belize can totally follow the free market path to produce food, but that time isn't now. Being in the aftermath of a pandemic and a recent hurricane, facing uncertain times because of Climate Change, and carrying a heavy debt burden, we can't continue on a path that is failing. The first basic need of human beings is sufficient, wholesome food. In the best of times, the present system hasn't delivered for our people.



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Ministry of Health & Wellness observes Med Safety Week 2022

by Khaila Gentle

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Nov. 10, 2022

The focus of this year's Med Safety Week, which runs from November 7 to 13, is pharmacovigilance—the science dedicated to detecting and preventing the adverse side effects that may come with medications.

The Ministry of Health & Wellness, celebrating under the theme “How patients and healthcare professionals make safety work,” has launched a social media campaign encouraging the public to report suspected side effects of medicines.

“All medicines may cause side effects in some patients, so there are steps in place to continuously monitor their safety after they are placed on the



market,” noted the ministry in a press release this week.

Experts believe that, through the reporting of suspected side effects, a great deal can be learned about the safety of certain medicines, and, as a result, those medicines can be made safer for everyone.

The seventh annual Med Safety Week is being observed by medicine regulators and their stakeholders across

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PUBLIC AUCTION SALE
BELIZE CITY, BELIZE DISTRICT

BY ORDER of the Mortgagees, Messrs. National Bank of Belize Limited (NBB), Licensed Auctioneer Jonathan Mulligan, will be selling by way of Public Auction, the following property ON SITE on Saturday November 26th, 2022, at 10:00am.

REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Queen Square West	45	1523

Located at #1523 Margaret Williams Street, Faber's Road Ext., Belize City. This property consists of a fully fenced and gated two-level concrete house, which benefits from 6 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, living room, dining room, kitchen, and verandahs with stairways (upper & lower, back & front). This house is conveniently located in Belize City and is approximately 5 minutes away from major grocery stores, hardware stores, schools, gas stations, banks, churches, and hospitals. This is a phenomenal invest opportunity for those interested in purchasing a sizeable, well-built home in fantastic condition.

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

PUBLIC AUCTION SALE
SANTA RITA HILL, COROZAL DISTRICT

BY ORDER of the Mortgagees, Messrs. National Bank of Belize Limited (NBB), Licensed Auctioneer Jonathan Mulligan, will be selling by way of Public Auction, the following property ON SITE on Saturday November 26th, 2022 at 2:00pm.

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

This concrete bungalow house measures 1,740 square ft. in space and boasts three bedrooms, 1 bathroom, 2 living rooms, dining room and a spacious kitchen. The yard measures 50 ft. x 100 ft. with an area of 555.4 square yards. This property is located in Santa Rita Hills at the “Chactemal Estates”, which is a modern, well planned, private housing community. Freehold Property of Lyndon Russell Gillett and Rhyma Ann Gillett.

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Belize representatives front and center at COP27

“One step forward, two steps back,” said Minister Coye in his description of Belize’s Climate Change experience

by Marco Lopez

BELMOPAN, Wed. Nov. 9, 2022

Belize’s Blue Bond has been praised worldwide as the largest and one of the most innovative debt-for-nature swap deals to date. During a high-level session hosted by the International Institute for Environment and Development on Monday at COP27 (the 2022 UN Climate Change Conference) in Egypt, Belize’s Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance, Hon. Chris Coye, gave a presentation entitled “Debt Swaps for Climate and Nature.”

During the high-level session, Min. Coye outlined the losses suffered by the country as a result of the effects of Tropical Storm Julia and Hurricane Lisa, both named weather systems which recently impacted Belize. A release from the Government Press Office states that Hon. Coye noted during his remarks that the storms have “contributed to the average annual losses of 4% of GDP” and said that this has become the norm for Belize.

He went on to refer to the phrase, “One step forward, two steps back”, which he said is a fitting description of Belize’s climate change experience so far.

“Belize’s delegation will attend high-level meetings and interact with international institutions, funding

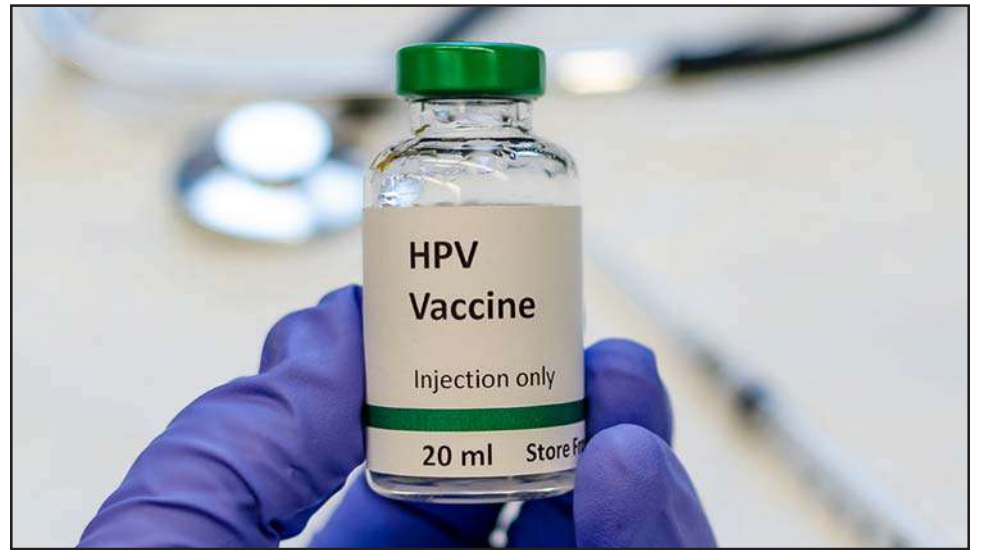


Hon. Chris Coye, Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance, Economic Development and Investment

agencies, and partners to share Belize’s experience in the face of the climate crisis and to learn about opportunities to leverage resources that will help further the country’s climate change agenda,” the release from the Government of Belize states.

Hon. Orlando Habet, Belize’s Minister of Sustainable Development, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management, is slated to deliver the keynote address at a side event organized by the Government of Nigeria, the Initiative for Climate Action Transparency (ICAT) and the Center for Clean Air Policy (CCAP) which will focus on the role of transparency in

Health Ministry conducts HPV vaccine drive in schools



BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Nov. 10, 2022

The Ministry of Health and Wellness has advised parents that the Human Papilloma Virus vaccine is currently being administered to standard 4 students in schools countrywide. Vaccines are also available for students in standards 5 and 6 who did not receive the shot in 2020, 2021, or 2022. Nurses are currently administering the shots, which prevent

contraction of HPV. Notably, persons infected with HPV are more likely to develop certain types of cancer.

“Parents are reminded that they need to review and submit a signed consent form before the child is administered the vaccine,” the Health Ministry release states.

Vaccines are also accessible at health centers countrywide.

driving climate action and finance.

The date of this presentation is to be announced.

Today, the Chief Agriculture Officer in Belize’s Ministry of Agriculture, Dr. Victoriano Pascual, will sit as a panelist in an event focused on improving soil health and water security.

“This event will position Nature-based Solutions (NbS) as an important

action for building a climate-resilient agriculture sector and provide an opportunity to discuss the successful use of Nature-based Solutions for improving soil health and water security in the agricultural sector and national policy design and actions for increasing the use of NbS to enhance climate resilience,” a release from the ministry states.

“Tour-isms”

A Gala for Great Service

Tourism workers and stakeholders were served up a night of glamour and gratitude at the annual National Tourism Awards Gala. Hosted by the Belize Tourism Board (BTB), the 2022 National Tourism Awards highlighted the excellence of the industry’s top performers. The annual Gala is a show of appreciation for the great people giving great service in the industry. In his opening remarks, Hon. Minister of Tourism and Diaspora Relations, Anthony Mahler, emphasized his thanks “to all the people who work tirelessly, day in and day out, to ensure that we have 47% of our GDP working for the betterment of all Belizeans.” While other government officials, diplomatic core, industry partners, and other distinguished guests were gathered at the Gala, the awardees were the focus of the evening.

Tourism workers across Belize wear the colors, culture, and charisma of the establishments and communities where they dedicate their services. Those on the islands often wear any combination of wetsuits, fins, snorkels, swimsuits, colorful uniforms, wide-hats, reef walkers, sunshades, and a permanent tan. Inland tour operators might sport long sleeved sportswear, boots, bug spray, and smiles that are as bright as wildflowers. In a room full of tourism personalities, the dress code is normally more relaxed; however, for the night of the Gala, excellence as well as elegance were palpable. The Hon. Minister, Anthony Mahler said it best when he remarked that “over the years the event has become our Oscars and our Grammy”. As special guests, the award recipients were celebrated based on specific categories.

Apart from the well-known categories, three new segments were added this year. The new groups included: Green Champion of the Year, Health and Wellness Provider of the Year, and Cultural Experience of the Year. In total, there were 13 categories. This year’s Minister Award went to Ms. Verna Samuels. Frontline Personnel of the Year was awarded to Charlene Young, and Tour Guide of the Year went to Sherman Cain. Another individual award recipient that stood out was the late Sharon Matola, who founded the Belize Zoo and several other conservation initiatives. She was given Posthumous Award for her incredible work and legacy. Most mentionable is also Hotel of the year award winner, Sleeping Giant Rainforest Lodge. It is because of the dedicated people and businesses in the industry that the award categories continue to expand, and the Gala continues to improve each year.

It is always good to award excellence, but it is even better to acknowledge hard work. The Ministry of Tourism and the BTB recognizes that there are many in the industry who quietly and arduously do their work each day. The work and contribution of all tourism frontline heroes may not all receive an official award, but it is with no doubt that each of their individual efforts are tied to the fabric that makes the Belize Tourism Product so unique. For all the tourism heroes, gathered at the Gala and those across the country, we dedicate this week’s “ism”. This week we highlight **Magnetism** for all the personalities and businesses in the industry whose charm and dedication continue to improve Belize’s competitiveness in regional and global tourism each year. Without the collective magnetism of all stakeholders in Belize tourism, the industry would not be where it is today. This year’s Gala was a night of glamour and gratitude for great service.

See you next week.





Alimentos sanos y asequibles: una necesidad urgente que debemos satisfacer

En un abrir y cerrar de ojos las cosas empeoraron en nuestro país. Desafortunadamente, nuestros gobiernos no hicieron un gran trabajo con nuestros recursos en los primeros 20 años de este nuevo siglo/milenio, y luego, en 2020, junto con el resto del mundo, nos golpeó una terrible pandemia. Nuestros problemas no terminan ahí. La invasión rusa de Ucrania ha ayudado a aumentar el costo de las importaciones (productos terminados y materias primas) y amenaza con convertirse en una tercera “Guerra Mundial”; y el implacable cambio climático ha provocado un aumento de las sequías e inundaciones en todo el país. El miércoles, un huracán de categoría 1 azotó la Ciudad de Belize y el área Rural del Distrito de Belize, causando pérdidas millonarias.

Estos son malos tiempos, pero lejos de ser desesperados. El área de mayor urgencia es la producción de alimentos asequibles y saludables. No hay nada bueno, ni a corto ni a largo plazo, en que los seres humanos no satisfagan su necesidad básica de alimentos suficientes y saludables.

Según *Amandala*, el primer ministro John Briceño, hablando en una conferencia de prensa después del huracán Lisa, señaló que, en comparación con los países desarrollados, cuando los desastres golpean a los estados en desarrollo como Belize, el impacto en el desarrollo económico de la nación es monumentalmente más severo. En la misma conferencia de prensa, el Dr. Kenrick Williams, Director Ejecutivo del Ministerio de Desarrollo Sostenible y Gestión de Riesgo de Desastres, dijo: “Si comparan las implicaciones económicas del huracán Lisa en Belize con una tormenta en Miami, son significativamente diferentes, porque Estados Unidos puede aportar dinero e inversiones para responder a esas tormentas”.

De hecho, los huracanes no impactan la economía de los EE. UU. de la misma manera que impactan la nuestra. El sistema de libre mercado también funciona de manera diferente para nosotros. En EE. UU., ha producido un ingreso per cápita de US\$36.000, mientras que ese mismo sistema ha producido un ingreso per cápita de US\$4.500 para los beliceños. Hay factores fuera del sistema económico que afectan las ganancias, pero no se acercan a explicar la tremenda brecha de ingresos entre los EE. UU. y Belize.

El primer líder de Belize, George Price, elogió la economía mixta y prometió que con la independencia, la prosperidad económica vendría si continuábamos trabajando con ese sistema, pero a los tres años de la independencia, en 1981, su gobierno (PUP) fue votado fuera del poder. Una profunda recesión mundial entre 1980 y 1983 y el deseo de la gente de ver un nuevo grupo de rostros en el gobierno fueron factores clave en la caída en desgracia de Price y el PUP.

El gobierno UDP de Manuel Esquivel que llegó al poder en 1984 estaba entusiasmado con el sistema de libre mercado. Ese gobierno amplió y mejoró la suerte de la clase media privatizando una gran parte de BTL, vendiendo la industria bananera a grandes cultivadores, poniendo énfasis en el turismo y vendiendo ciudadanía económica, y mediante la ayuda financiera del gobierno de Reagan en los EE. UU.

Las masas, los beliceños empobrecidos, no aceptaron el sistema capitalista del UDP. Se filtraron menos que suficientes “migajas”, y en 1989 regresaron al poder al PUP. Pero el gobierno del PUP de 1989 a 1993 estuvo solo nominalmente bajo Price. En su lugar había un trío que incluía a los representantes electos, Said Musa y Glenn Godfrey, y al no electo Ralph Fonseca, el líder de facto.

El finado padre de Ralph Fonseca, Rafael Fonseca, había guiado con prudencia al Ministerio de Hacienda durante los años de gloria de Price, pero el hijo no era un “astillado del viejo bloque”. Ralph Fonseca era un gran gastador, y continuó con el sistema de libre mercado de Esquivel y pidió prestado a tasas de interés exorbitantes para expandir la infraestructura de oficinas.

El UDP de 1984-1989 introdujo a Belize al tipo de capitalismo practicado en los EE. UU., y el PUP de 1989-1993 puso el último clavo en la economía mixta. Desde entonces, el sistema de libre mercado ha prevalecido y los resultados han sido “no agradables” para las masas. Después de 40 años de independencia, tenemos una clase rica y las masas se han quedado muy atrás. Nuestra tasa de pobreza alcanzó un pico durante los primeros días de la pandemia cuando se determinó

que estaba por encima del 60%.

El capitalismo se lleva el trofeo de la creación de riqueza y fracasa en su distribución. A pesar de todo lo que ha ocurrido en Belize, hay beliceños que están viviendo sus mejores vidas. Pero cuarenta y un años después de la independencia, muchos beliceños no pueden pagar una vivienda adecuada y luchan por poner alimentos saludables en sus mesas. De los dos, el más fácil de resolver es la comida sana, porque la mayoría de las herramientas para remediarlo están en casa. Todo lo que tenemos que hacer es ajustar el sistema y comenzar a conservar/enlatar nuestro excedente de productos.

Nunca hemos tenido una sequía o inundación en todo nuestro país, y nunca un huracán ha diezmado todo nuestro país. Pero hemos tenido a todos nuestros agricultores en producción al mismo tiempo, lo que ha llevado a excesos. Entonces, en nuestro sistema actual, que se basa completamente en las fuerzas del mercado, todos en el sector pierden. Luego, muchos agricultores dejan de sembrar, sigue una escasez y los precios suben. Simplemente no puede funcionar de esa manera en nuestro pequeño país.

El gobierno debe involucrarse en todos los niveles de la producción agrícola para el consumo local, con la misión principal de garantizar alimentos sanos y asequibles para todos. Los expertos insisten en que nuestro país tiene demasiados empleados públicos. El Gobierno tenía su corazón en el lugar correcto cuando no recortó personal durante la pandemia, y no tiene que hacerlo ahora. El Gobierno necesita redistribuir a los empleados públicos, trabajar en la logística para que podamos reducir el costo de hacer negocios en Belize y ayudar a supervisar a los agricultores y las fincas para que sean más eficientes. El Gobierno debe poner en producción las tierras de primera calidad que tiene bajo su control, incluidas las porciones ociosas en las estaciones agrícolas de todo el país, para abastecer de alimentos a los programas de alimentación escolar y a las familias que más lo necesitan.

El objetivo de “alimentos sanos y asequibles para todos” debe lograrse sin sacrificar las ganancias de nuestros pequeños agricultores y vendedores. Los esfuerzos para lograrlo serán de gran ayuda si reducimos el desperdicio. Los alimentos procesados y enlatados no son lo ideal: los alimentos saludables son frescos, directos de la finca y del mar a la mesa; sin embargo, para garantizar una cantidad suficiente, tenemos que sacrificar la calidad. Los expertos dicen que una fábrica de enlatados no es factible debido a nuestra pequeña población, pero podemos lograr las economías de escala adecuadas si encontramos mercados para nuestros productos. El *Programa Mundial de Alimentos* dice que Cuba importa del 70 al 80% de sus alimentos, y el USDA dice que el 60% de los alimentos de Venezuela son importados. Podemos intercambiar/vender alimentos enlatados a Cuba, para pagar el personal médico, y a Venezuela, para pagar el petróleo.

Puede haber un momento en que Belize pueda seguir totalmente el camino del libre mercado para producir alimentos, pero ese momento no es ahora. Estando en las secuelas de una pandemia y un huracán reciente, enfrentando tiempos inciertos debido al cambio climático y cargando con una pesada carga de deuda, no podemos continuar en un camino que está fallando. La primera necesidad básica de los seres humanos es una alimentación suficiente y saludable. En el mejor de los tiempos, el sistema actual no ha funcionado para nuestra gente.

Sunday Review News Review Talk Show

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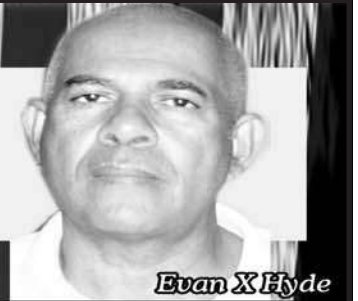
Host: YaYa Marin Coleman

Date: Sunday, November 13, 2022 **Time:** 10:30 a.m. to noon

Guest: Jerry Enriquez. Jerry is a writer and author.

Sunday Review will be repeated at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 13, 2022

From the Publisher



Evan X Hyde

I did a course in economics at Dartmouth (just one), and the result of that was that when I spent the summer holidays of 1967 in Belize, and the Rotary Club of Belize invited me to address them, I brought something from that course to the Rotary podium (probably at the old Fort George Hotel.)

At my age, and going back 55 years, I can't swear that it was specifically from that economics course that I brought my stats. By the winter of 1967, my best friend at Dartmouth was an economics major named Guy Mhone. Mhone, a native of Malawi (formerly Nyasaland), went on after Dartmouth to do a Ph. D. in economics. It is possible that it was he who had schooled me on this specific point.

In any case, I explained to the elite group which is Rotary that the concept of foreign aid which developed nations give to less developed ones, is a deceptive one. If, for example, the mighty United States had lowered their tariffs on imported bicycles from India, which was a relatively poor country in 1967, the lowering of those tariffs would have assisted the Indians

economically substantially more than whatever the Americans were then giving to the Indians as foreign aid.

I had already been somewhat radicalized by the summer of 1967, but the point I made about foreign aid was not anything that anyone on any higher education campus would have considered a radical concept.

After the speech, I was approached by Mr. Edgar Gegg, a ranking businessman and prominent Roman Catholic, and Mr. Lee Andersen, who was the general manager of the Royal Bank of Canada (which became the Belize Bank in the late 1980s). Mr. Andersen had been the guest speaker when my St. John's College class held its graduation exercises in December of 1963 at the old Majestic Theater. (What I always remembered from his speech, for whatever the reason, was the statement: "The end of one day is the beginning of another.")

Mr. Gegg said to me, "You are a dangerous man." Now, I was such a jerk in 1967 that I actually felt flattered by a statement that held a serious warning for me. How stupid you are at age 20!

Looking back, I realize that I had

been basically protected by the power structure in British Honduras, which became a self-governing colony in 1964. As a child and youth, I was no threat to the people who ran things here. My speech at Rotary in 1967 sent off the wrong signals to some very big people.

I want to do a little bio here on Guy Mhone, a brilliant economist who was teaching at a university in Johannesburg, South Africa, when he died on a hospital operating table (appendicitis) at the age of 62.

In 1965, Guy Mhone was an activist student leader in Malawi, who was considered a threat by the Malawi president, Dr. Hastings Kamuzu Banda, who was collaborating with South Africa's apartheid government, which had jailed Nelson Mandela in 1963. Mandela was a revolutionary hero for all the activist students in the countries around South Africa, which included Malawi.

A philanthropist foreign group managed to get Guy Mhone out of Malawi and enrolled at Dartmouth before Banda could jail or kill him. Banda was still in power when Mhone graduated from Dartmouth in 1968. All the while, as Mhone was doing post-graduate economics in the U.S. during the 1970s, then teaching in Zimbabwe in the 1980s, Mandela remained in jail in South Africa. Madiba spent a total of 27 years in

jail before being released in 1990.

I don't know when Guy Mhone finally managed to return to Malawi, because we lost contact with each other for many years, until sometime in the middle/late 1990s.

A few weeks ago, a cousin of mine in New York City phoned me to say that a certain individual from the elite classes in Belize had posted on his Facebook page an article excoriating me and lamenting the fact that I didn't become a Belizean Nelson Mandela. I'm not in the Facebook world, and nobody else said anything to me about the post.

Well now, the individual who wanted me to be Nelson Mandela just got himself in big trouble in India, of all places, a few days ago. His father was the same senior Gegg who had talked to me after my Rotary speech in 1967. Belize is such a small place, and the world is such a small world.

Personally, I didn't think I could survive in jail the way Mandela did. I'm not half the man Madiba was. That is why I told my UBAD brethren to break me out of jail if I was convicted of seditious conspiracy in 1970.

In any case, there IS apartheid in "nature's best kept secret." But, Belizean apartheid is very subtle, very slick. Religion is in the mix. The only time you really see the apartheid is when people like Lisa come visiting.

Bless up.

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FROM THE PUBLISHER en Español

Hice un curso de economía en Dartmouth (solo uno), y el resultado fue que cuando pasé las vacaciones de verano de 1967 en Belize, y el Club Rotario de Belize me invitó a hablarles, traje algo de ese curso para el podio de Rotary (probablemente en el viejo Fort George Hotel).

A mi edad, y retrocediendo 55 años, no puedo jurar que fue precisamente de ese curso de economía que traje mis datos. Para el invierno de 1967, mi mejor amigo en Dartmouth era un estudiante de economía llamado Guy Mhone. Mhone, oriundo de Malawi (anteriormente Nyasaland), continuó después de Dartmouth a hacer un doctorado en economía. Es posible que fuera él quien me había instruido en este punto específico.

En cualquier caso, le expliqué al grupo élite que es Rotary que el concepto de ayuda exterior que dan las naciones desarrolladas a las menos desarrolladas es engañoso. Si, por ejemplo, el poderoso Estados

Unidos hubiera bajado sus aranceles sobre las bicicletas importadas de la India, que era un país relativamente pobre en 1967, la reducción de esos aranceles habría ayudado económicamente a los indios mucho más de lo que los estadounidenses estaban dando entonces a los indios en ayuda exterior.

Ya me había radicalizado un poco en el verano de 1967, pero el punto que planteé sobre la ayuda exterior no era algo que nadie en cualquier campus de educación superior hubiera considerado un concepto radical.

Después del discurso, se me acercaron el Sr. Edgar Gegg, un destacado hombre de negocios y prominente católico romano, y el Sr. Lee Andersen, quien era el gerente general del Royal Bank of Canada (que se convirtió en el Banco Belize a fines de la década de 1980). El Sr. Andersen había sido el orador

BNTU: Education Ministry reopened schools too soon

Prime Minister John Briceño says getting children back into classrooms is a top priority for GoB, and that, at the end of the day, only the Ministry of Education—not the BNTU—decides when to reopen schools.



Senator Elena Smith – President, Belize National Teachers Union (BNTU)

by Khaila Gentle

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Nov. 9, 2022

The Belize National Teachers Union (BNTU) says that it has lost some confidence in the Ministry of Education, Culture, Science & Technology (MoECST), after a press release issued by the Ministry on Sunday allegedly contradicted what the union and the ministry had agreed upon regarding the reopening of schools. According to the president of the BNTU, Senator Elena Smith, representatives for the union met over the phone with the Ministry of Education last Saturday and discussed the plan for the reopening of schools in Belize City following the devastation

caused by Hurricane Lisa.

Smith says an agreement was made that, due to the possibly severe impact of Hurricane Lisa on some teachers, students, and parents in Belize as well as the need to clean school buildings that were affected by flooding or wind damage during the storm, the proposed date for the reopening of schools would be November 14. It was also agreed that, during the week prior to the reopening, from November 7th to 11th, teachers would report to

school to prepare their classrooms and to provide various forms of assistance to other schools and teachers. On Sunday, however, the Ministry of Education's press release stated otherwise.

"We left the meeting with those agreements, and we went and gave council that report, only to find out that, when the memo came out, the memo said [schools would reopen] on the 7th as normal. But that wasn't the decision that we made in the meeting," Smith explained.

That release, which included a reminder that only the Ministry of Education determines when schools resume for classes, notified the public that "ALL" schools apart from those

approved to reopen at a later date were required to resume classes on Monday, November 7, 2022.

The BNTU saw the release as an act of bad faith, and Senator Smith says that the ministry's decision is neither prudent nor considerate. While many schools may not have received any significant damage during Hurricane Lisa, she explained, the same cannot be said for all the teachers and students of those schools.

"There's one thing to look at the school not having any damage, but you have to consider the children going to that school as well as the teachers. Because the school may not have suffered any damage, but teachers might have lost their roof. We have children who would have been in certain areas that, you know, they can't get to school ... there's no current as yet, so there are things that you have to look at. You can't just make a blanket statement. You have to assess the situation," she said.

As early as Thursday, November 3—just one day after Hurricane Lisa made landfall—Prime Minister John Briceño, accompanied by the Minister of Education, Hon. Francis Fonseca, made the announcement that all schools across the country were to return to regular classes on Monday, November 7. His reasoning, as he reiterated during a press briefing on Monday, was that

getting the nation's children back into school is of utmost priority, especially after their being out of the classroom for an extended period during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Prime Minister also added during that briefing that the decision regarding when to reopen schools, ultimately, is not for the BNTU to make.

"I don't know what's the back and forth between BNTU and the Ministry of Education, but what I can tell you is the Ministry of Education, of course, would consult with the teachers, consult with the managers, with different managements and consult with the BNTU. But at the end of the day it's the Ministry of Education that would decide when best we can open schools," he said.

The Ministry itself has acknowledged the fact that it can be difficult to recover from a traumatic event, such as the devastation caused by a hurricane, and noted in its press release that it recognizes that many students may not be able to attend school because they have lost their home, clothing, or books and may even be suffering from trauma. The Ministry additionally stated that counseling and psychological services will be provided to any teacher or student in need.

"Those teachers are also asked to

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T.C.C. Board of Governors
P.O. Box 41
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Belize

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Why some of us could never be politicians

by Colin Hyde

I say, not only it is that some of us can't be politicians, but we should never harbor such ambitions. It takes a special type to think nonsense, know they're thinking foolishness, and speak the garbage to forward their narrow agenda. Some of us say stupid things in jest. Politicians say stupid things in earnest.

Of course, they would say they know better. But then, to know better and say rubbish instead, that makes one a deceiver, and one really should try desperately to not number in that crowd. I recall a speech Jesus gave about liars, and who their father was. You do know who the Devil is. My gudnis, the hogwash analyses you hear or read from the mouths and pens of politicians and people with political ambitions!

Whoa there, I'm going out of character today; I'm going to let the mud smear all, so no specific philistine need worry about their dirty backside being exposed. The hope here is only to make those bohgaz think. They must think, for love of Belize. They must think about the effect of their words, how they move Belize toward the glory, prosperity, or toward ignominy, poverty.

CEOs were, ehm— mercenary

The story goes that the CEOs saw public employees get back their 10% and they raced to restore fat perks that were given them when we were rolling in Petro and BNE oil. *Life haad out ya*, very hard, and in lean times priority must go toward addressing needs, not wants. Were our CEOs absolutely in a financial crunch that they had to take more meat from our meager reserves?

I didn't say they didn't deserve what they got. The CEOs are our best talents; the government we voted for thinks so, and in a capitalist world talent gets the lion's share. We shouldn't be offended. We have to pay for talent. All capitalists understand that.

Whoa there, some of us gripe, and all the while we are capitalist animals at our core. If you don't know if you're one, let me help you with this first lead. If you are a Belizean living in the USA,

or a Belizean aspiring to go and live/work in the USA, you are a CAPITALIST. It doesn't matter if you are rich or poor, if your dreams are there, that's the cap you wear.

These men and women the GOB has chosen to lead the show on the ground are operating in the pressure cooker, very demanding situations, and their business is to produce, no ifs, ands, or buts. Oho, if they fail, come the next election their bosses will get the people's boot in their behind. And if their bosses go, they must pack up and leave too.

Uh-uh, wait a minute there; they have no need to fear! The fact is that in many instances CEOs are more secure than their bosses. They are all international citizens. Regular folk - some political leaders are regular folk - have to bow to get that visa. These highly trained professionals who serve at the CEO level, they pick, choose and refuse when it comes to the country where they live. No, they won't starve when their bosses get booted.

On our lower tier, we should try not to grumble about the CEOs' allowance restoration. These people have major jobs to get done. You pamper talent, because you need it to deliver. But, but I will say that in this ya haad time, the lee sacrifice would have been good. Ouch, they look quite mercenary. And the optics, ai, their bite doesn't make good for their bosses ataal.

Red camp games

I say, this red camp is really trying to play us, like some tunuball. We know all about Dean Barrow and Michael Finnegan fighting to maintain control of the UDP. It is so that some people can't sail off into the night. We understand why Fidel couldn't give up control. The mighty USA would have "crumbled" their revolution. But Barrow and Finnegan had every opportunity to build a good system in their party and train the best talents so that they were worthy to lead their party and our country.

Oh boy, this UDP here. Keeping it simple, Barrow and Finnegan, two nepotistic bohgaz, wanted their family member in Mesop, so they kicked out Zenaida and Pehreh. To make up to Pehreh, Barrow tried to give him Port, but John and Patrick colluded, used Willoughby to box him out. Bah,

Barrow gave his sister Queen's Square, which she absolutely didn't want. Bah, to please her brother, not the people, she took it.

Jumping to the latest low scheming, Patrick said John called him 4 o'clock one morning with a promise to support him all the way if he pledged to support the members of the party who caused former PM Barrow to scream out, "For God's sake, stop it!" Barrow had come to fame for pointing out the dishonesty of the PUP, that blue gang's likeness to whitéd sepulchers, and then he found out that he was presiding over the graveyard. My gudnis, Faber said the gang-ehm-sters wanted to run unchallenged.

Don't stop only at that bus stop

Long years ago, when Belize was young, an observant man said top personnel in the MoW shouldn't drive monster trucks, but should drive small cars, so they feel every bump or hole in the road.

Hmm, today I'm after the only area rep, minister, whom I've been friends with. I understand the Minister of Transport wants to improve the industry, for all of us, especially regular commuters. They said Barack Obama's hair was black when he took office, and his hair was white when he completed his eight years. The Transport Minister - I heard him say he is familiar with riding buses - he got smart and took a baldy when he got into politics. Since he doesn't have any hair to pull out, I bet he's biting his nails. Getting the buses upgraded, and keeping the fare low so we can pay, are giant tasks.

I bet we all understand the struggle there. What I don't grasp is this absolutely elitist move that is being promoted, to limit bus stops to only designated bus stops. Point blank, I will tell you it is folly. The bus operators want it, for it would make life much easier for them, and it would be cost-saving too. Yes, and it would show that we either don't know our country, or don't have a heart.

It's more than an inconvenience to get dumped at a bus stop that's half a mile from your home. You know that people have to walk on the highway to get to their homes. Can you see a young

female UB student being dropped off at a bus stop and having to walk half a mile in the dark to her home? Can you see an oldster limping home with their luggage after making purchases in the city? How will a small vendor with a sack of sweet potatoes make it to market? Are we expecting them to pay extra for passage on a truck?

I have been off buses for a while because of the Covid and the fact that I don't need to go anywhere, but I took a trip recently and got an upfront view that somebody is pushing "training" on us for the sorry day when the bus will stop, only at a bus stop. In Belmopan the conductor yelled, "last stop", at the bus stop by A&R. If you don't know Belmopan, the bus stop is more than a third of a mile from the bus terminal. It was raining when I got to my home village, and the, ehm, conscientious driver really wanted to drop me by the bus stop a couple hundred yards from my home, so I didn't get wet. Oh really! I think I'm old enough to make that choice.

Police intercept taxi taking Guats to Mexican border

ORANGE WALK, Wed. Nov. 9, 2022

Yesterday, police found two Guatemala nationals in a vehicle being driven to the Santa Cruz border line in Orange Walk by a Belizean taxi driver identified as 57-year-old Flaviano Sontay.

The two Guatemalan nationals — a 50-year-old woman and a boy, 10 — were detained along with Sontay, who is a resident of San Antonio Road in Orange Walk. They were later handed over to the Immigration Department.



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BOLEDO

“Press” Predictions: 02-35-18
Boledo stats thru 11th to 18th Nov. 2022

In boledo news, there was no number drawn due to Hurricane Lisa’s “roof” for over 4 days. These are my lucky numbers for this week: 02-35-18-91-47-31. These are my lucky jackpot numbers: 6136-1857-2892. These are my lucky PICK-3 numbers: 201-919-363-565-478. Get ready Belize, some mucho dinero will be coming our way for the recovery of Lisa’s roof. A number in the nineties series has not played for 35 straight Sunday now. Keep your eyes open for 91-94 and 96. 55 is still out for over 2 years 3 weeks and 4 days now. 26 refuses to play for over 1 year 9 months 2 weeks and 4 days now. 47 is still out for over 1 year 6 months 2 weeks and 4 days now. 35 is still out for over 1 year 2 months 3 weeks exact. 30 finally played after 1 year 1 month 2 weeks 4 days. 00 is still out for 1 year and 1 month, 18 & 94 will complete 1 year next month. There are only 7 numbers left for the year: 00-18-26-35-47-55 and 94, 4 of those numbers will be out. 22 played 9 times already, 33 & 88 played 7 times already, 6 numbers played 6 times: 52-07-42-23-68-70. Remember to read your Psalms: 92-72-63. Next week more lucky numbers.

LOCAL FOOTBALL

Altitude F.C. will edge Progresso 2-nil in OW

Local Football Playoff and Prediction

In local football action, the 4-team playoffs will get started this weekend. Altitude F.C. with 32 points will go to Orange Walk at the People’s Stadium

and face off against Coach Charlie Slusher’s team - Progresso F.C. 18 pts. This is their very first season, Enuff respect to the North Fans who support them throughout the regular season, Charlie Slusher deserves coach of the year. He does not have any imported players. Then Verdes F.C. the 2 times defending champion will face off against the San Pedro Pirates. They are very dangerous. There will be an upset in those 2 semi-final series. Colombian Andres Orozco should be the M.V.P. of the season for the Altitude F.C. team of Mango Creek. He finished the season with 11 goals. Enuff respect to Mr. Jordan Zabaneh, the owner of the Altitude F.C. team, who invested a lot of money on his team; next week more stats.



Andres Orozco

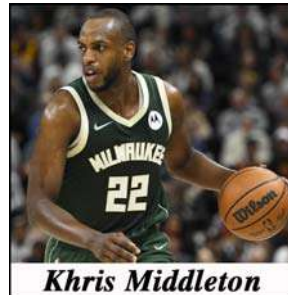
NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

The Milwaukee Bucks are the team to beat; they won 10 straight games

NBA Results and Predictions

In NBA action, the Milwaukee Bucks are the only undefeated team left. They are 10-0. Their best start in a very long time. Giannis Antetokounmpo is the best player right now. Khris Middleton is their top 3-point shooter, Jrue Holiday is their best defensive guard. They are very deep. The Greek Freak wants back his MVP Trophy from 2 times MVP Nikola Jokic of the Denver Nuggets. The West is more competitive

than the East. The Phoenix Suns and Chris Paul alongside Devin Booker are playing very well. The Los Angeles Lakers and LeBron James are struggling very badly. They are now 3-7.



Khris Middleton

The team is pretty young, plus Anthony Davis is an injury prone player. The Dallas Mavericks and Luka Dončić are playing very well alongside the top teams of the West. Kawhi Leonard and Damian Lillard are out for the LA Clippers and the Portland Trail Blazers. The Boston Celtics and the Brooklyn Nets will be the only 2 teams that can challenge the Milwaukee Bucks in the East. Next week some results from some games and more predictions.

INTERNATIONAL BASEBALL

The Houston Astros beat the Philadelphia Phillies in 6 games 4 to 2

Baseball World Series Results

In baseball action, the Houston Astros have won their second World Series in the last 4 years since 2019. Dusty Baker, their Manager, is in the sport managing for over 40 years now, alongside Tony LaRussa of the Chicago White Sox, 2 of the oldest managers right now. The Astros beat the Philadelphia Phillies in 6 games 4 to 2 as I predicted because the Phillies have not been to a World Series since 1980, for 42 years now. Enuff respect to Bryce Harper and his teammates, they will be there again very soon. Justin Verlander is the ace pitcher for the Astros. They are very deep as a team. They won 106 games, Alex Bregman is one of their top hitters, alongside Yadier Alvarez. The



by Gilroy “Press” Cadogan

World Series MVP was rookie shortstop Jeremy Peña, age 21 years young, becoming the first player to accomplish that feat. The Dominican players are dominating American baseball for years now. Congratulations to the entire Houston Astros, fans and organization, next year will be bigger and better.



Jeremy Peña



Yadier Alvarez

INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL

The World Cup is Just 9 days away in Qatar 2022

International Football Updates

In international football action, the World Cup in Qatar 2022 is 9 days away. France is the defending champion, Kylian Mbappé was the MVP - they won their second World Cup since 1998. Argentina and Lionel Messi are the favorites because they are unbeaten in 32 games - they won 28



Kylian Mbappé

of their last 32 games (international) with 4 draw games since 2019 when Brazil last beat them 2 goals to 1. There are 5 countries that can win, France, Croatia, Germany, Argentina and Portugal. Brazil is seeking their 6th World Cup championship because of Edson Arantes do Nascimento aka “Pelé” the greatest footballer ever. He is not doing too well at age 82. This will be Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi’s last World Cup, because they will be 42 and 39 years old respectively. There are only 8 countries that won the World Cup. Next week more stats on that.

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Banana Growers Association



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Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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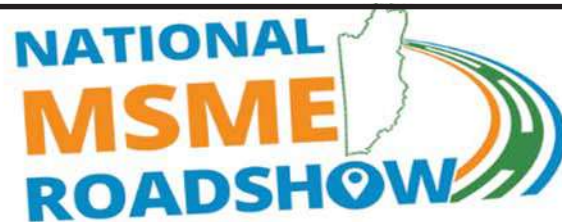
Position Name: Procurement Agent (two positions)
Vacancy number: Belmopan-2022-21-R
Closing date: November 22, 2022

Interested applicants must submit their application via the Electronic Recruitment Application (ERA) system, a web-based system. To view and apply for this vacancy, visit the ERA site at: <https://erajobs.state.gov/dos-era/blz/vacancysearch/searchVacancies.htm>

Please visit the Embassy's website for instructions on how to apply via the ERA system: <https://bz.usembassy.gov/embassy/jobs/>

Note 1: Resumes **will not** be considered. Candidates must note all work experience when completing the ERA application. Insufficient or incomplete information will result in an ineligible application.

Note 2: Candidates **must** submit applicable required documentation by the closing date of this announcement. Failure to provide the required documentation will result in an ineligible application.



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 MSMs 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.

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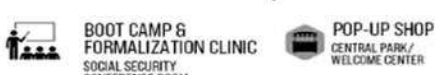
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**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT
SELECTION)**

Belize**Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project (CRESAP)**Loan No.: **9347-BE**

Project ID No.: P172592

Assignment Title: Social Safeguard Specialist**Reference No.** (as per Procurement Plan): **CS 08**

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

The consulting services (“the Services”) is for a suitable qualified fulltime **PROJECT STAFF- SOCIAL SAFEGUARD SPECIALIST** as part of the Project Implementation Unit (PIU) of the CRESAP within the Belize Social Investment Fund. The Social Safeguard Specialist will be responsible for the social risk management during CRESAP’s entire implementation and provide support to the MAFSE and the Project Implementation Unit (PIU) through due diligence assessment of the Project’s potential environmental risks defined within the Environmental and Social Framework (ESF). These instruments describe procedures, assessments, mitigation measures, and monitoring actions to ensure that the potential social and environmental risks and impacts are adequately addressed in a manner acceptable to the Bank.

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

The consultancy is expected to be for an initial period of Twenty-four (24) months commencing January 2023. The Social Safeguard Specialist will work closely with the Water Management and Climate Change Coordinator in the Ministry of Agriculture, Food security and Enterprise (MAFSE) and will be supervised by the Project Coordinator (PC) of the CRESAP PIU.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be obtained by submitting a request in writing via e-mail to nellie.trench@sifbelize.org or at the following link <https://sifbelize.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/TOR-Social-Safeguard-Specialist-CRESAP-November-2-2022.pdf> on the website of BSIF at www.sifbelize.org.

The Belize Social Investment Fund now invites eligible individuals (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services (such as cover letter, Curriculum Vitae etc.). November 2022

Minimum Mandatory Requirements *(Required)**Qualifications**

Professional with a Bachelor’s degree in Anthropology, Sociology, Applied Social Science, Agro-ecology or Sustainable Development.

General Experience

At least four (4) years of relevant professional experience in Social safeguards/standards work, including the development and implementation of Social safeguards/standards instruments (Environmental Impact Assessments, Environmental and Social Impact Assessments, Environmental and Social Management Plans, etc.) (max 30 points)

If these minimum requirements are not met, the candidates will not be considered for the process**Additional Requirements (Desirable)****Specific Experience**

- Experience in Social safeguards/standards work in agriculture development projects; (max 25 points)
- Knowledge and experience working with World Bank Safeguards/Standards Policies and instruments; or with similar standards and policies of other multilateral development institutions. (max 25 points)
- Experience working with internationally funded projects (e.g. World Bank, IDB, CDB, EU etc.) (max 20 points)

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

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

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

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

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by **November 23, 2022** at 16:00 hours Belize Time.

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

Dated the 23rd September 2022

The Belize Bank Limited
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Belize City

PM Mottley calls for reform of multilateral development banks at COP27

SHARM EL-SHEIKH, Egypt, Wed. Nov. 9, 2022

“The talk must come to an end,” Prime Minister of Barbados, Mia Mottley stated during her speech at the opening of the World Leaders Summit of COP27 (the 2022 UN Climate Change Conference). The conversion of ambition to action has been touted as the goal of this conference, but as Mottley pointed out, the question confounding many nations such as hers is why the globe is not moving forward despite the collective capacity to transform the way things are done to prevent further global warming.

“We are in the country that built pyramids. We know what it is to remove slavery from our civilization; we know what it is to find a vaccine within two years when a pandemic hit us; we know what it is to put a man on the moon, and now we are putting Rovers on Mars. We know what it is. But the

simple political will that is necessary not just to come here and make promises, but to deliver on them, and to make a definable difference in the lives of the people whom we have a responsibility to serve seems still not to be capable of being produced,” PM Mottley remarked.

She pointed out that while developing countries may have high ambitions, they are largely not able to achieve those goals due to the fault lines in the global industrial sector. The ability for developing states to access new innovative technologies and equipment is constrained, she says, “by those countries that have the dominant presence and can produce for themselves.”

“But the global south remains at the mercy of the global north on these issues”, Mottley said.

In regard to the importance of access to capital for developing countries, she



Mia Mottley, Prime Minister of Barbados

noted the disparity in lending interest rates to countries – saying that the global north borrows at interest rates between 1 and 4%, while the global south borrows at a rate of approximately 14%.

Mottley said that the establishment of a climate mitigation trust that unlocks 5 trillion dollars of private sector savings is a possibility if the political will to use the Special Drawing Rights (SDR) from the International Monetary Fund would be exercised.

“We believe that that requires a change in the attitude of congress, because the agreement that establishes the International Monetary Fund requires 85% to change that agreement, and if the United States holds 17% of the quota, then it can’t be done, Mr. Gore, without your caucus,” she stated.

The need for a renewed commitment to unlocking concessional funding was also highlighted by PM Mottley. She stated flatly that there is no way that developing countries can fight climate change without concessionary financing, and she also emphasized the need for the establishment of a fund for compensation for losses/damage suffered due to global warming. She further went on to say that non-state parties, and private companies — especially those involved in the traditional energy sector — must also do the right thing.

“We believe that the non-state actors, the stakeholders, the oil and gas companies, and those who facilitate them need to be brought into a special congregation between now and COP28. How do companies make 2 billion dollars in profits in the last three months, and not expect to contribute at least 10 cents to every dollar of profit to a loss and damage fund? This is what our people expect,” PM Mottley pointed out.

Mottley also suggested that countries place clauses in various debt instruments to make provisions for the impact of extreme weather, natural disasters, and pandemics, and noted that some of these provisions have already been included in debt facilities that her own country has signed onto.

“I have said that if Barbados is hit tomorrow, because we have natural disaster clauses, God forbid, if we are hit tomorrow, we unlock 18% of GDP over the next two years, because what we do is effectively put a pause on all of our debt for two years and we pay back that money to the end, but what we get is the flexibility in the first two years to address issues of damage and loss,” she shared.

She called for a revisiting of the Bretton Woods Institutions of 1944 for

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Police corporal on motorbike knocked down by police mobile

by Charles Gladden

BELMOPAN, Tues. Nov. 8, 2022

While riding on his motorcycle toward Armenia Village on Tuesday, a police corporal, Jario Vanegas, 40, was knocked down by a police mobile being driven by another police corporal, PC Delia Hyde. The incident took place shortly after noon on Tuesday on the Hummingbird Highway on the outskirts of Belmopan, and it appears, based on footage recorded by a nearby surveillance camera, that Hyde was committing a traffic violation—by overtaking a vehicle through an intersection—when the accident took place.

According to reports, Vanegas had been providing security services at a nearby store and had just left that establishment to head home for lunch when he was hit by the police mobile. Surveillance camera footage shows him driving his motorcycle on the



Camera footage of cop hit by police mobile on Hummingbird highway

Hummingbird Highway and indicating that he would make a left turn into an intersection, when he was hit from behind by PC Hyde, who was overtaking a Coke truck when the incident occurred. Vanegas received abrasions to his hands and legs and complained of body pain.

He was transported to the Western Regional Hospital for medical treatment and was listed as being in stable condition.

Hyde has reportedly claimed that she did not see Vanegas.

PC Hyde was not injured as a result of the accident.

Roaring Creek man, 64, being sought by police for rape of granddaughter, 12

by Charles Gladden

ROARING CREEK, Cayo District, Wed. Nov. 9, 2022

Police are currently seeking to detain a 64-year-old construction worker of Roaring Creek who is accused of raping his 12-year-old step-granddaughter.

Police were reportedly informed that an adult man was alone in a room with the 12-year-old minor, and when they arrived at the location, they found the child crying on the floor.

A medical examination was conducted on the child, and it confirmed that she had been sexually assaulted, and it was reported that the man who committed the heinous act is her step-grandfather, who is now being sought by police.

Police are investigating.

BNTU: Education Ministry reopened schools too soon

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communicate with their principals to be allowed days off to take care of their personal affairs. These teachers will not be required to apply for UPAs; permission will be given through principals and management,” said the press release.

Nevertheless, the BNTU says that the damage has been done and that their trust in the Ministry of Education has been shaken.

“Our teachers had been paying attention, and they feel that every time we meet with the Ministry, and we come to some decision, some agreement, and something goes out, for example, a memo or a release, that those things are never as they were discussed in the meeting. And so our teachers are really and truly right now, not happy with the ministry. They don’t trust them any at all, and we can’t blame them,” said Senator Elena Smith.

PM Mottley calls for reform...

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a reforming of the multilateral development banks.

“It is time for us to remember that those countries who sit in this room today, did not exist at the time that the Bretton Woods Institutions were formed for the most part, and therefore we are not seen, we are not heard sufficiently, and if we are to rise to the occasion to play our part to stop the tragic loss of life that we have seen on these planes and to impact on livelihoods that we are feeling across our countries, then there needs to be a new deal,” PM Mottley said.



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Our Reference: RC/02/22

Date: 05 Nov 22

Notice to General Public

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 – 28 Nov 22 with Live ammunition being used, along with military vehicles.

- ♦ **Note LIVE Firing will be conducted at 1963 Line Training Estate – Sat 12 Nov – Mon 28 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

African bees attack a walking dead



by Clinton Canul Luna

Sometime in November 2019, while I was sound asleep, an insect either stung me or bit me on my left leg. I did not feel it. On the following day, I felt something itch, so I looked at the spot and I saw pieces of the skin lifted up as if the insect was trying to eat off my skin. I didn't pay it much mind, so I threw some alcohol on it and forgot all about the incident. About 8 or 10 days later, I looked at the spot, and it was an inch-and-a-half black circle. I got worried and went to see the doctor at the Corozal Community Clinic. When she saw the wound, she asked me, "Why is it like that?" I told her, "I don't know."

She got up from her desk and asked me to follow her, which I did. The doctor guided me to a nurse guard (dressing

room), where she and another doctor performed a small surgery on the wound. When she cut off the surface of the skin, the flesh that was underneath was dead. Quickly and skillfully, she injected the incision twice and continued cutting deeper, probably three and a half inches deep, whereby she added another couple of injections and continued cutting until all the dead flesh and poison was removed. I said to her, "It seems that I was lucky, because I saved my left leg." She replied, "Do not sing victory as yet." The incision was thereafter properly cleansed and the nurse put an ointment on it and covered it. After the passing of time, fortunately, the wound healed perfectly. However, I began using a walking stick up until this day. The insect

was a spider known as the Black Widow, which has a venom that is 15 times stronger than a rattlesnake.

Today, I am 78 years old and will complete 79 on January 18, 2023. My health condition for many, many years, has always been affected by an irregular heartbeat, chest angina and hypertension. I am a walking dead. On the 25th of October, 2022, at approximately 5:00 p.m., about 150 feet from my house, I was attacked by a swarm of African bees. I had never had any experience with bees before, so this was my first time. Instinctively, I started killing them. These African bees attacked my head, face, and of course, since I was using my hands to kill them, they attacked my hands too. I

had to remove my glasses because the bees wanted to enter and sting my eyes. They also entered my nostrils and ears, but I took them out. After a while, I began to get tired, so I removed the schoolbag that was on my back, which was filled with groceries. I would say that it was probably 15-20 minutes later that I started yelling for help. I don't know if anyone had heard me, but I continued killing them. I was unaware at the time that the scent that they left behind as I killed them would cause more bees to attack me. The bees were consistent in their attacks, but as they stung, I killed. After a period of time, I began getting more tired. In order to restore some strength, I decided to lie down on the ground. Nonetheless, they surrounded my head and continued attacking me. Head, face, hands, head, face, hands... As they stung, I killed. I thought to myself, "My God, is this the type of death you have planned for me? My God, is this the type of death you have planned for me?! MY GOD, IS THIS THE TYPE OF DEATH YOU HAVE PLANNED FOR ME!" Yes, I repeated it three times in my mind.

I was exhausted; however, I didn't give up. I was fighting for probably 45 minutes on the ground. "My God, do a miracle!" I said to myself as I continued my fight with the bees. A few minutes after, I smelt smoke. It so happens that while I was lying on the ground frantically moving my arms, an elderly lady who lived across the street had come out of her house to do something. She saw me on the ground and decided to come closer to see what was happening, and that's when she saw that I was being attacked by these African bees. She quickly called out the neighbors and they came out. Someone decided to light up some dried coconut branches and carefully threw it in my direction. The smoke caused the bees to go away. When the bees had gone away, another lady pulled me and sat me up. The lady's son, a little boy of 12 years of age, put my right arm over his shoulders and another young man did the same on my left side and said to me: "Don't worry. Walk, walk, walk." As they carried me across the street to the elderly lady's house, a bee managed to sting the little boy's right hand, and it immediately became swollen.

When we reached the lady's house, she told someone to bring me a chair, which they sat me on, and they gave me a glass of water. My body was exhausted, but I was yet unconscious of my surroundings. I did not count how many people were gathered there, but I think there were a lot, because I heard plenty of voices. One of the women presently works for my sister-in-law, so she quickly called her and told her of the situation. My little brother and his wife, who doesn't live far from where I live, came with his vehicle. Once again, two other



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.



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

Belize

Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project (CRESAP)

Loan No.: **9347-BE**

Project ID No.: P172592

Assignment Title: Environmental Specialist

Reference No. (as per Procurement Plan): CS 07

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

The consulting services (“the Services”) is for a suitable qualified fulltime **PROJECT STAFF- ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIALIST** as part of the Project Implementation Unit (PIU) of the CRESAP within the Belize Social Investment Fund. The Environmental Specialist will be responsible for the environmental risk management during CRESAP’s entire implementation and provide support to the Ministry of Agriculture Food Security and Enterprise (MAFSE) inclusive of the PIU through due diligence assessment of the Project’s potential environmental risks defined within the Environmental and Social Framework (ESF). These instruments describe procedures, assessments, mitigation measures, and monitoring actions to ensure that the potential environmental risks and impacts are adequately addressed in a manner acceptable to the Bank.

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

The consultancy is expected to be for an initial period of Twenty-four (24) months commencing January 2023. The Environmental Specialist will work closely with the Water Management and Climate Change Coordinator in the Ministry of Agriculture Food Security and Enterprise (MAFSE) and will be supervised by the Project Coordinator (PC) of the CRESAP PIU.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be obtained by submitting a request in writing via e-mail to nellie.trench@sifbelize.org or at the following link <https://sifbelize.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/TOR-Environmental-Specialist-CRESAP-November-2-2022.pdf> on the website of BSIF at www.sifbelize.org.

The Belize Social Investment Fund now invites eligible individuals (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services (such as cover letter, Curriculum Vitae etc.). November 2022

Minimum Mandatory Requirements *(Required)

Qualifications

Professional with a Bachelor’s degree in Environmental, Agro-ecological sciences or related disciplines to the assignment.

General Experience

At least 4 years of relevant professional experience in Environmental risk management work, including the development and implementation of Environmental assessments and management plans (Environmental Impact Assessments, Environmental and Social Impact Assessments, Environmental and Social Management Plans, etc.) (max 30 points)

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

Additional Requirements (Desirable)

Specific Experience

- Experience in Environmental risk management work in agriculture development projects; (max 25 points)
- Knowledge and experience working with World Bank Safeguards Policies, the ESFs and instruments; or with similar standards and policies of other multilateral development institutions such as AfDB, EU etc. (max 25 points)
- Experience working with internationally funded projects (e.g. World Bank, IDB, CDB, EU etc.) (max 20 points)

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

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

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

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

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by **November 23, 2022** at 16:00 hours Belize Time.

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

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

CENTRAL BANK OF BELIZE

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27 October 2022



ATTORNEY GENERAL’S MINISTRY VACANCY NOTICE

Suitably qualified applicants are invited to fill the position of:

DEPUTY REGISTRAR

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

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

Experience and training required:

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

Salary: Based on qualifications and experience.

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.



**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:

- a. Design and develop the BCP and a Business Continuity Management Systems Program
- b. Conduct identification, assessment and analysis of various risk indicators
- c. Develop monitoring and reporting mechanisms
- d. Develop testing criteria and procedures
- e. 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.



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:

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

Experience and training required:

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

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

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ATTORNEY GENERAL'S MINISTRY VACANCY NOTICE

Suitably qualified applicants are invited to fill the position of:

SENIOR LITIGATOR

Applicants for the position of Senior Litigator:

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

Experience and training required:

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

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

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BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEES

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") hereby gives notice of its intention to exercise its power of sale under a Deed of Mortgage between Dawn Joy McDougall of Sittee River Village, Stann Creek District (hereinafter called "the Borrower") of the one part AND The Belize Bank Ltd (hereinafter called "the Bank") of the other part which was filed at the Land Titles Unit in Belmopan City on 20th February 2020 being LTU-202000289.

The Bank will at the expiration of two months from the date of the first publication of this notice sell the property of the Mortgagor 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 piece or parcel of land being Lot No. E3368-L90 comprising 1100.00 S.M. situate in Sittee River Village, Stann Creek District and bounded and described as shown by Plan No. 519 of 2019 attached to Minister's Fiat (Grant) No. 519 of 2019 dated 22nd August, 2019, Entry No. 3368 Reg. 12 TOGETHER with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon.

Dated the 8th November 2022

The Belize Bank Limited
Second Floor
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Belize City

African bees attack...

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young men carried me into the vehicle, and I was taken to the Corozal Community Hospital at the Emergency Unit. On my arrival, my brother ran inside to notify the doctors of my situation, and not long after, two young men came outside with a wheelchair, helped me out of the vehicle and took me inside to the emergency room. Once in there, I counted about 6 persons, among them nurses and doctors. I heard one of the doctors give orders to immediately remove the stingers and to put me on intravenous fluids (IV or drips), and through those tubes they gave me about four different types of injections. They worked very fast and took out as much of the stingers that were on my body while doing other tests such as taking my vital signs.

I did not know that these bees had a type of poison that if a dozen or more sting you, the accumulation of venom would make you faint. Luckily, I did not faint. The doctors continued attending to me, checking my vital signs, asking me questions, speaking to me so that I wouldn't fall asleep, because it seems that it is dangerous to fall asleep after being stung. Yes, they took a while to take out most, if not all, of the stingers. After they finished, they changed me into a hospital gown and moved me to another bed right there in the emergency unit, where the doctor would constantly pass and touch my feet to check if I was still responsive.

- "I am only checking."

- "Yes, Doc. I know."

I was hospitalized and was changed to another bed in the male ward. Every now and then, a nurse would come to read my vital signs, to check in on me. When dawn came, I was served a delicious breakfast. Shortly after, a nurse came to check my vital signs and recorded it. Thereafter, the same doctors that attended to me on the night I entered the emergency unit, came to check on me, and I asked if they were going to release me, and one of the doctors answered stating, "Yes, but after we run other tests."

Not too long after, two young men brought in an electrogram machine. Two nurses came and conducted an electrogram of my heart. At around midday, I was released. I would like to extend my appreciation for the good service rendered by the doctors and nurses who attended to me. Also, I am very appreciative to the people of my neighborhood, Finca Solana, who saved my life, because if it weren't for them lighting a fire and smoking the bees away, I would have died. So, I am very thankful to my neighbors from Finca Solana who saved my life and the doctors and nurses from the emergency unit at the Corozal Community Hospital who gave their scientific, professional attention that made it possible for me to still be alive.

fincasolan@gmail.com

November 6, 2022

Finca Solana
Corozal Town

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:

Supplemental Deed between Scotia Bank (Belize) Ltd and Wilburn Cuthkelvin and Ycela Yvette Puc (aka Eycela Yvette Puc) (hereinafter called "the Borrowers") of the first part and Ycela Yvette Puc (aka Eycela Yvette Puc) (hereinafter called "the Surety") of the second part which was filed at the Land Titles Unit in Belmopan City on the 17th Day of August 2012 being instrument: LTU-201201366.

Deed of Mortgage between Scotia Bank (Belize) Ltd and Wilburn Cuthkelvin and Ycela Yvette Puc (aka Eycela Yvette Puc) (hereinafter called "the Borrowers") of the first part and Ycela Yvette Puc (aka Eycela Yvette Puc) (hereinafter called "the Surety") of the second part which was filed at the Land Titles Unit in Belmopan City in Deeds Book Volume 63 of 2000 at folios 85-134 being no. 4447/00. The Bank will at the expiration of two months from the date of the first publication of this notice sell the property of the Mortgagors described in the SCHEDULES hereto.

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

THE SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO AS

ALL THAT piece or parcel of land being Lot No. 43 containing 722.361 square metres situate in Hope Creek Village, Stann Creek District, Belize bounded and described as shown by Plan No. 346 of 1997 at the office of the Commissioner of Lands and Surveys TOGETHER with all buildings and erections and developments standing and being thereon.

All that piece or parcel of land being referred to as Lot No. 42 situate in Hope Creek Village, Stann Creek District and bounded as follows: On the North for 22.856 Metres by Lot No. 65; On the South for 20.337 metres by a street; On the East for 30.005 metres by a street; On the West for 31.655 metres by Lot No. 43 and on the Southeast for 3.064 metres by the Stann Creek Valley Road containing 864.175 square yards of land as shown on Plan No. 2080 at the office of the Commissioner of Lands and Surveys TOGETHER with all buildings erections and developments standing and being thereon.

Dated the 8th November 2022

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

#DoYourShare
to reduce mental health stigma
and discrimination.

We need to talk about mental health, it can't be solved in silence.

Millions of people live with mental health conditions. Stigma and discrimination towards mental health conditions are causing people to suffer in silence and prevent them from the care they need.

But, if we can start a movement of sharing openly, the momentum can inspire people to speak up.

#DoYourShare by joining the conversation and welcoming others to share their experience.

Scan the QR code for resources that can help you make a difference.

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WHO
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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY ASSISTANT MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN

Basic duties:

- Perform preventative maintenance on a scheduled basis.
- Perform corrective maintenance and ensure functionality of equipment.
- Troubleshoot, diagnose, and repair industrial laundry and dry clean machinery and equipment including washers, dryers, pressers, compressor, pump, chiller and boiler
- Carry out new installations of industrial laundry and dry clean machinery and equipment.
- Keep spare parts inventory
- Provide emergency call out services for equipment and machines.

Job Requirements:

- Associate degree or vocational certification in Electronic or Electrical/Mechanical program (Wireman's License) along with two years working experience which demonstrates ability to perform duties.
- Very good analytical and problem-solving skills
- Excellent interpersonal and organizational skills
- Flexibility to respond to occasional weekend emergencies, to work extended hours and on public and bank holidays as needed.

Application forms can be picked up at Belize Dry Cleaners, #3 Dolphin St, Belize City.

Only those shortlisted will be contacted.

FROM THE PUBLISHER EN ESPAÑOL

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invitado cuando mi clase del Colegio San Juan celebró sus ejercicios de graduación en diciembre de 1963 en el antiguo Teatro Majestic. (Lo que siempre recordé de su discurso, por la razón que sea, fue la declaración: "El final de un día es el comienzo de otro").

El Sr. Gegg me dijo: "Eres un hombre peligroso". Ahora, yo era tan idiota en 1967 que en realidad me sentí halagado por una declaración que contenía una seria advertencia para mí. ¡Qué tonto eres a los 20 años!

Mirando hacia atrás, me doy cuenta de que básicamente había estado protegido por la estructura de poder en Honduras Británica, que se convirtió en una colonia autónoma en 1964. Como niño y joven, no era una amenaza para

las personas que mandaban aquí. Mi discurso en Rotary en 1967 envió señales equivocadas a algunas personas importantes.

Quiero hacer una pequeña biografía aquí sobre Guy Mhone, un brillante economista que enseñaba en una universidad en Johannesburgo, Sudáfrica, cuando murió en la mesa de operaciones de un hospital (apendicitis) a la edad de 62 años.

En 1965, Guy Mhone era un líder estudiantil activista en Malawi, considerado una amenaza por el presidente de Malawi, el Dr. Hastings Kamuzu Banda, que colaboraba con el gobierno del apartheid de Sudáfrica, que había encarcelado a Nelson Mandela en 1963. Mandela era un revolucionario héroe para todos los estudiantes activistas en los países alrededor de Sudáfrica, que incluía a Malawi.

Un grupo extranjero de filántropos logró sacar a Guy Mhone de Malawi y lo matriculó en Dartmouth antes de que Banda pudiera encarcelarlo o matarlo. Banda todavía estaba en el poder cuando Mhone se graduó de Dartmouth en 1968. Mientras tanto, mientras Mhone estaba haciendo un posgrado en economía en los EE. UU. durante la década de 1970, y luego enseñaba en Zimbabue en la década de 1980, Mandela permaneció en la cárcel en Sudáfrica. Madiba pasó un total de 27 años en la cárcel antes de ser liberado en 1990.

No sé cuándo Guy Mhone finalmente logró regresar a Malawi, porque perdimos el contacto durante muchos años, hasta mediados o fines de la década de 1990.

Hace unas semanas, un primo mío en la ciudad de Nueva York me llamó por teléfono para decirme que cierto individuo de las clases élites de Belize había publicado en su página de Facebook un artículo en el que me criticaba y lamentaba el hecho de que no me convertí en un Nelson Mandela beliceño. No estoy en el mundo de Facebook, y nadie más me dijo nada sobre la publicación.

Bueno, ahora, la persona que quería que yo fuera Nelson Mandela acaba de meterse en un gran problema en la India, de todos los lugares, hace unos días. Su padre era el mismo Gegg senior que me había hablado después de mi discurso en el Club Rotario en 1967. Belize es un lugar tan pequeño y el mundo es un mundo tan pequeño.

Personalmente, no pensé que podría sobrevivir en la cárcel como lo hizo Mandela. No soy ni la mitad del hombre que era Madiba. Por eso les dije a mis hermanos de UBAD que me sacaran de la cárcel si me condenaban por conspiración sediciosa en 1970.

En cualquier caso, HAY apartheid en el "secreto mejor guardado de la naturaleza". Pero el apartheid de Belize es muy sutil, muy ingenioso. La religión está en la mezcla. La única vez que realmente se ve el apartheid es cuando gente como Lisa viene de visita.

Bendiciones.

JOCV Volunteer Activity in Belize resumed

The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has been dispatching JOCV (Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers) since 2000; however, due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, the volunteers then evacuated to Japan in March 2020. Since the circumstance of Covid-19 in Belize has improved, JICA decided to resume the volunteer service and Ms. Noriko OKADA, a Softball Coach assigned to National Sports Council of Belize, is the one who returned back to Belize on July 27 after two years of interval. Ms. Okada is very happy to resume her duties and activities here at Belize and she will be with us until July of 2024.

We are certain that with her expertise, skills, knowledge and qualification in this area she will contribute to the development of softball in Belize. In Japan, she used to be a softball player of a women's club team as a catcher, infielder and outfielder. In addition, she served as a coach for softball club in a Japanese high school and studied Sports Science at a University in Japan. Currently, she is training and being a support for softball coaches and players with the Belize Softball Federation to assist them to level up their skills.

Mr. Jude Lizama, President of the Belize Softball Federation said, "I am very happy that Ms. Okada, JICA volunteer, is always to support our teams. She is very keen to disseminate softball from grassroots to high level in Belize. I hope that JICA continues dispatching JOCV to develop the softball in Belize in the future". (end of quote)

Ms. OKADA said, "I am honored to be back in Belize again. I still remember my disappointment when I left here two years ago. I feel that Belize is my second home country. Belize has a great sports culture, but it was silenced due to Covid-19. Therefore, I would like to dedicate myself to uplift and develop sports especially, softball, with the people in the entire country. Let's all work in getting back the culture of sports better together .you betta Belize it!" (end of quote). JICA is an executing agency of the government of Japan especially responsible for the technical cooperation of Japan's Official Development Assistance. In addition, JICA dispatches experts, volunteers and invite trainees to Japan in various fields. Dispatching Volunteer, so called Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCV) is one of the main activities of JICA in Belize.

The purpose of dispatching volunteers is to assist the social and economic development at the grass-root level through transferring knowledge and skill to local people and deepen mutual understanding between host country people and Japanese people.

JICA has dispatched 192 JOCV volunteers in Belize since 2000. Many JOCVs, in the field of Education (Special Education Teacher, Primary School Teacher), Vocational Training (Carpentry, Auto Mechanics), Sports (Softball Coach, Swimming Coach, Table Tennis Coach), Youth Activity sector, who were assigned to governmental organization or non-governmental organization for 2 years to work together with local people in Belize. Our aim is to continue building relationships between both nations Japan and Belize as we continue leading the world with trust.



Ms. OKADA, JICA Volunteer (third from left) with Belizean Coaches and Players

LOO and former boss Diddy launch scholarship for Belizean student

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Nov. 10, 2022

According to an announcement made yesterday by the Leader of the Opposition, Hon. Moses “Shyne” Barrow, a Belizean student may get the opportunity to attend Howard University. The former Bad Boy rapper has teamed up with his former boss and mentor Sean “Diddy” Combs to give at least one student the opportunity to study in a select field at Howard University in Washington, DC.

The Sean Diddy Combs Belize Full Scholarship, as it has been dubbed, will give a financially challenged student from Belize the opportunity to study in the field of either business, tech, or education at one of the United States’ most prestigious historically black universities, Howard, Barrow stated in his release yesterday.

In the announcement made on social media yesterday, Barrow said, “Education has always been extremely important to my dear brother Diddy and I. Thus, in that vein, I asked Diddy to make Belize a part of his philanthropic support for his alma mater Howard University so that at least one Belizean student can get the benefit of attending one of the United States’ most prestigious HBC universities.”

Diddy received an honorary degree in Humanities from Howard in 2014, and reportedly attended the college in the late ‘80s, but dropped out after two years before completing a degree.

Interested applicants must have completed 6th form studies and have an interest in attaining a Bachelor’s degree in one of the fields that have been designated as priority areas of



Moses Shyne Barrow and Sean Diddy Combs

study. They must have a GPA of 3.0 and above, come from a financially challenged household, and write a letter that explains how their studies at Howard would be of benefit to Belize.

They are expected to return to the country after receiving their degree.

E-mails from interested applicants should be sent to loobarrowbz@yahoo.com.



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST CONSULTING SERVICES:

- Public Private Partnership Unit (PPP Unit) Director
- Public Private Partnership Unit (PPP Unit) Administrative Assistant

Institution: Government of Belize
Country: Belize
Project: Institutionalization of Public Private Partnership Unit
Sector: Finance
Deadline: 30th November, 2022

1. Abstract:Background

The Government of Belize has undergone efforts to explore building a strong Public Private Partnership (PPP) Program. In October 2021, the Cabinet approved a National Public Private Partnership Policy and the creation of a PPP Unit to mobilize private sector capital that supports large-scale investment in infrastructure and other development projects that align with government’s policy priorities for public benefit. The PPP Unit, within the Ministry of Finance, is envisioned to work closely with relevant Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) to ensure private sector participation in the development and delivery of Belize’s PPP program. The PPP Unit is the focal point for day-to-day management of the PPP program and supports MDAs and the multi-agency PPP Project Teams for the sustainable development of each PPP initiative.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include the services of a PPP Unit Director and a PPP Unit Administrative Assistant who will provide support to the Ministry of Finance through an established PPP Unit. The key responsibility of the PPP Unit will be as stated above to mobilize private sector capital that supports large-scale investment in infrastructure and other development projects that align with government’s policy priorities for public benefit.

Ministry of Finance now invites eligible individuals (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Individuals should submit their curriculum vitae providing sufficient information establishing their qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services in accordance with the requirements outlined in the table below for the respective positions.

PPP Unit Director	
Objective	The PPP Unit Director shall provide expert support to the Ministry of Finance in order to disseminate and ensure actions’ alignment with the PPP policy, including the management, implementation and further development of Belize’s PPP Policy and accompanying regulations. Promote the development of guidance material and templates and build understanding in the public and private sectors of the Government’s PPP program. Manage the development of standard methodologies for PPP project preparation, competitive bidding, negotiation, and contract management of PPP contracts and to ensure these are applied. Ensure that PPP projects are prepared for competitive market bidding in such a way that all financial and risk components are adequately identified, quantified, and allocated in a manner consistent with Belize’s PPP Policy and best practices. Ensure that all PPP projects are developed in accordance with the PPP Policy, principles, and processes. Lead PPP Project Teams and contribute with technical expertise.

Duration	12 months with the possibility of a renewal
Duty Station	Ministry of Finance, Belize City
Minimum Requirements	Advanced University Degree in Economics, Finance, Business and/or related field (Masters or equivalent). A University Degree with specialized experience in Business Administration, Finance, Economics, Project Management and Public Private Policy within a PPP unit or relevant institution, may be considered in lieu of a Master’s degree. 10 to 15 years of successful and verifiable experience in a senior management position with a reputable investment company, bank, or project sponsor. Experience in PPP design and implementation. The PPP Unit Director must be fluent in written and spoken English. Proficiency in Spanish would be considered an asset.

PPP Unit Administrative Assistant

Objective	The PPP Unit Administrative Assistant shall provide expert support to the Ministry of Finance and assist the PPP Unit Director with all key project tasks including the below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the PPP Unit Director with the activities necessary to ensure enough funds are available for the Unit operations. Contribute to the availability of a repository of skills and knowledge: compile information on PPP projects—in Belize and beyond. Set up and maintain effective reporting and recording system on project development and procurement.
Duration	12 months with the possibility of a renewal
Duty Station	Ministry of Finance, Belize City
Minimum Requirements	Preferably a post graduate qualification in Business Administration, or related field. Preferably three (3) years’ experience on technical and administrative works. The PPP Unit Administrative Assistant must be fluent in written and spoken English. Proficiency in Spanish would be considered an asset.

Consultants will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the Government’s Procurement Policy.

Interested consultants may obtain further information and request the full Terms of Reference (ToR) for the consultancy at the address below during the hours of 8:00 am to 4:00 pm local Belize time, Monday to Friday.

Expression of interest including CV along with names of two (2) references and their contact information, must be submitted via direct mail or email at the address indicated below, by 12:00 noon local Belize time on 30th November 2022.

Public Private Desk
 Economic Development Council
 Office of the Prime Minister
 3rd Floor, Sir Edney Cain Building
 City of Belmopan, Belize
 Telephone: (501) 828-5264 / 828-5262
 E-mail: project.coordinator@opm.gov.bz





**GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE
SECOND ROAD SAFETY PROJECT
SUPPLY OF ROAD SAFETY EQUIPMENT**

INVITATION TO BID (EXTENSION)

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 25, 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, December 12, 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, December 12, 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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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Project Manager
Second Road Safety Project
#1904 Constitution Drive,
Second Floor Belmopan
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Tel: +501-822-3517
Email: procurementofficer.rsp@med.gov.bz
projectmanager.rsp@med.gov.bz | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Procurement Officer
Procurement Policy Unit
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Email: procurement@caribank.org |
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**Belize Agricultural Health
Authority**

The Belize Agricultural Health Authority invites applications from suitably qualified candidates to fill the following position:

Technical Director, Animal Health

Minimum qualification and skills:

- A Master's Degree in veterinary medicine and surgery, and be a registered veterinary surgeon in Belize (DVM) with three (3) years management experience; **OR**
- A Master's Degree in the field of Animal Health/Science with five (5) years management experience; **OR**
- A first degree in veterinary medicine and surgery, and be a registered veterinary surgeon in Belize (DVM) with eight (8) years management experience;
- Computer literate particularly in Microsoft word, Power Point and knowledge of other programs and software will be an asset;
- Excellent public relations;
- Experience working in Animal Health in the agriculture industry;
- Good understanding of Animal Health regulations would be an asset.

Competencies:

- Good management skills;
- Strong professional work ethics;
- Strong public relations, inter-personal and communication skills;
- Fluent in written and spoken English and working knowledge of Spanish;
- Highly motivated team player who takes initiative;
- Strong leadership and negotiating skills;
- Successful experience in policy development and implementation;
- Valid class "A" driver's license.

The Technical Director of the Animal Health Department will be responsible for the administrative, managerial and technical functions of the Department in accordance with the relevant regulations.

Salary: BAHA Pay Scale 23: \$35,460.84 x 1,433.76 – \$62,702.28

Station of Duty: Central Farm, Cayo District.

Interested persons may submit letter of application, résumé, proof of qualification, official transcript and two recent reference letters (within six months from application date) and a valid police record, no later than Friday, November 25, 2022 to:

**Human Resource Director
Belize Agricultural Health Authority
P.O. Box 169, Cor. Hummingbird Hwy. & Forest Dr., Belmopan, Belize
Phone: 501-8220197, Fax: 501-8220271, e-mail: baha@bil.net,
website: www.baha.org.bz**



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career.opportunities@bel.com.bz
by Friday, November 25, 2022



KREM Television Program Guide

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Questions or comments may be forwarded via email to

Phone: 202-5848 kremtelevision@yahoo.com

Friday, November 11 to Thursday, November 17, 2022

FRIDAY

- 6:30 a.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (LIVE)**
- 9:00 a.m. **Morning Stew (LIVE)**
- 12:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**
- 1:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 2:00 p.m. Documentary: The Killing of a Revolution
- 3:30 p.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (repeat)**
- 6:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (LIVE)**
- 7:00 p.m. Ted Talks: Body Language
- 7:30 p.m. **Navel String Connections (repeat)**
- 9:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

- 10:30 a.m. **Sunday Review (LIVE)**
- 12:00 p.m. Documentary: Zeitgeist 2011
- 2:40 p.m. Movie: Race
- 4:54 p.m. Belizean Legends: Rodwell "Raddy" Leslie
- 5:30 p.m. **Sunday Review (repeat)**
- 7:00 p.m. Sunday Jazz
- 8:00 p.m. Music Videos

MONDAY

- 6:30 a.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (LIVE)**
- 9:00 a.m. **Morning Stew (LIVE)**
- 12:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**
- 1:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 2:00 p.m. Hon. Louis Farrakhan Message to Belize Community Activists(Repeated)
- 3:30 p.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (repeat)**
- 6:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (LIVE)**
- 7:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 8:00 p.m. Documentary: Slavery By Another Name
- 9:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**

TUESDAY

- 6:30 a.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (LIVE)**
- 9:00 a.m. **Morning Stew (LIVE)**
- 12:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**
- 1:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 2:00 p.m. Documentary: Regeneration
- 3:30 p.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (repeat)**
- 6:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (LIVE)**
- 7:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 8:00 p.m. Documentary: San Francisco 2.0
- 9:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**

WEDNESDAY

- 6:30 a.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (LIVE)**
- 9:00 a.m. **Morning Stew (LIVE)**
- 12:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**
- 1:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 2:00 p.m. Movie: Tigertails
- 3:30 p.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (repeat)**
- 6:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (LIVE)**
- 7:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 8:00 p.m. Belizean Legend: Goldburn "STAMA" Middleton
- 9:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**

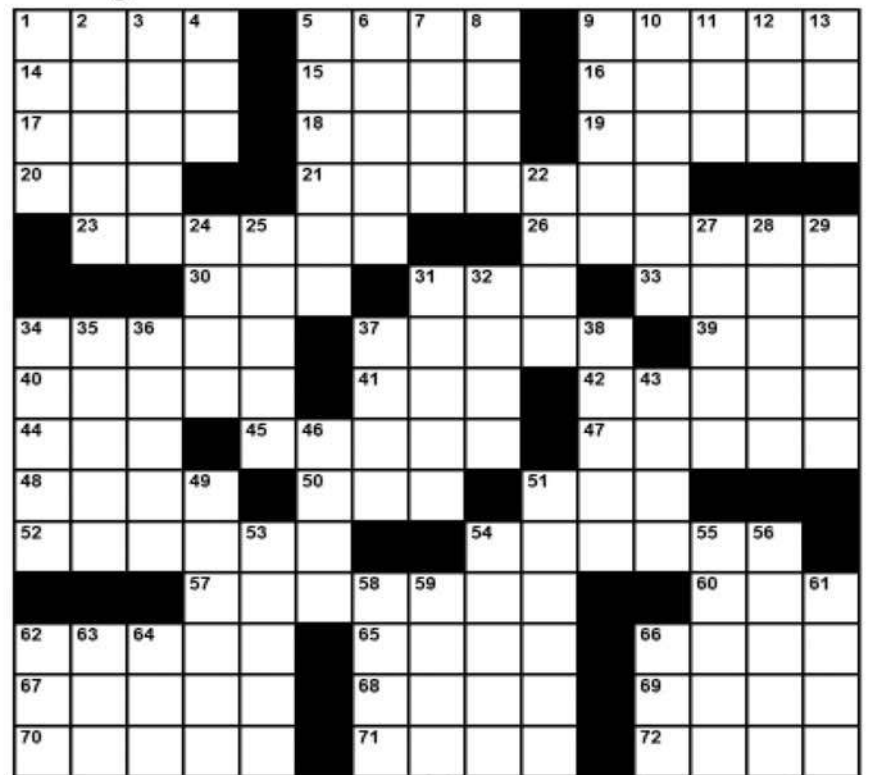
THURSDAY

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



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- 14. Citrus hybrid
- 15. Musical medley
- 16. Destined to diet
- 17. Lattice
- 18. Fittingly
- 19. Many of synonyms
- 20. Adriatic, e.g.
- 21. To such an extent
- 23. Outer area
- 26. Still around
- 30. Actor Vigoda
- 31. Adorer's writeup
- 33. Fizz flavor
- 34. Ounce fractions
- 37. Religious devotion
- 39. Jupiter's mother
- 40. Indian monarch
- 41. Conduit fitting
- 42. Rubbish
- 44. Astute
- 45. Japanese Americans
- 47. Extreme prefix
- 48. Dignified manner
- 50. Cape or fish
- 51. Breakfasted
- 52. Collect condensed gas on a surface
- 54. Holds fast
- 57. At a loss
- 60. Possessive pronoun
- 62. Disband, to a Brit
- 65. Fiddler and pianist
- 66. Mideast title
- 67. Avoid artfully
- 68. Ann, to Abigail
- 69. Grass covered grazing fields
- 70. Emerald, for one
- 71. Adding column
- 72. Corner pipes

Down

- 1. Beer servers
- 2. Acquiesce to
- 3. Epic of Troy
- 4. At the heart of
- 5. Element 53
- 6. Hurlled
- 7. One thousandth of a dinar
- 8. Top on a string
- 9. Common cleanser
- 10. Cancel a mission
- 11. Command to Fido
- 12. Avail oneself of
- 13. Arrange type
- 22. Lamp unto my ----
- 24. Athletic contest
- 25. Norwegian dramatist
- 27. High up
- 28. Kind of stock
- 29. Electrical inventor
- 31. Greased
- 32. Cold cut place
- 34. Serious theater
- 35. Breakneck
- 36. Chips in chips
- 37. Chilean money
- 38. Growing years
- 43. Emulate Lot
- 46. S.D.I. target
- 49. Not a soul
- 51. Supplementary components
- 53. Defy a dictator
- 54. Cliff hanger
- 55. Bright star in Orion
- 56. Alcohol base
- 58. Biblical preposition
- 59. Basted together
- 61. Be pert
- 62. Ball VIP
- 63. A memorable Arden
- 64. Scratch the surface
- 66. A Canadian export

Crossword answers for last edition

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



Daily Printable Crossword Puzzle - 11-04-2022 - Answers



Beaten, Not Broken!

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others, the tears flowed and gradually dried up as we tried to compose our distraught hearts. But somewhere in the moment between each gasping breath, a powerful voice whispered: you are beaten, not broken!

As I surveyed the damage and took stock of the destruction in Lisa's wake, one didn't even know where to begin. But as I looked up to the heavens, the sun beamed majestic and supreme and shone its light of hope for all to see. That was enough to summon that indomitable spirit and will to persevere, which caused me and the doves in my community to draw from our faith and cling to hope and positivity and begin the clean-up and restoration efforts, salvaging as much as we possibly could. It was no easy task, as you focused on the devastation at your own abode, but the hammering from across the street, the banging down of zinc on roofs, the high-pitched brattling of chainsaws, the feverish pace at which neighbors were moving about clearing debris and the soulful gestures of community members coming to assist, were enough to lift spirits and remind us that we may be beaten, but we were not broken.

I was impressed and deeply encouraged by the show of love and support by neighbors and fellow community members. Imagine, many people lost their entire roofs, sustaining water damage to the entire contents of their homes. Some neighbors' homes were crushed by trees while other residents lost their homes completely. Many others, much like myself, suffered severe flood damage and, after the waters receded, had to deal with that dense mud, which not only has a putrid stench but carries disease and bacteria; in addition to losing appliances and household items. Yet, it was the support of neighbors and fellow community members who came together in a spirit of camaraderie, with love and support; who offered a hand or a tool, or shared their service or an encouraging word, that soothed our soul and helped us get through. This act so touchingly reminded me of the powerful African word, noted by the late great South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu: "**Ubuntu: I am because we are,**" and it poignantly reminds us that, even in our deepest distress, even when we are beaten, we are not broken.

So, as we look back on the destruction and devastation that Hurricane Lisa left in its wake, we give thanks for life; for we can rebuild what we cannot rebirth. We give thanks for hope that springs eternal and for that indomitable will and indefatigable spirit that summons a people to persevere, even amid adversity. We give thanks for the ability to clean up and restore and for being able to salvage what we can. Though we experienced grave losses, we can, in due time, restore that which is lost and reacquire mundane possessions. We give thanks for the outpouring of love and support from neighbors, community members, friends, and family, both near and far, who aided us in our plight and reminded us that we are not alone. The spirit of support and display of unity in adversity beats rhythms of joy in our hearts, reminding us that we are a people of love and compassion. Jess Adams once wrote, and I paraphrase: "*so long as our hearts are beating, we have not been beaten yet*". We are a resilient people, and we will rebound, and we will rebuild stronger and better, for we may be beaten, but we are not broken!

Unchained Reflections Of A Liberal Pragmatist!



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Vacancy for the following Post of:

English/Reading Teacher(Full Time)

Qualification: Applicants must possess a Bachelor's Degree in English Education, a valid Teaching License and be able to teach subjects assigned.

Expressive Arts Teacher (Full Time)

Qualification: Applicants must possess a degree or certification in education with coursework in art or art education and a valid Special License.

Math/Integrated Science Teacher (Full Time)

Qualification: Applicants must possess a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics Education, a valid Teaching License and be able to teach subjects assigned including Integrated Science.

Applicants must submit a cover letter; a resumé, copies of degrees, certificates and transcripts; a Police Record; a copy of valid teaching or special license; 2 reference letters; a copy of a valid Social Security Card and a medical certificate.

Salary will commensurate according to Government's Pay Scale.

Application along with relevant documents must be addressed to: Secretary, Board of Management, Sadie Vernon Technical High School, Cor. Morning Glory Street & Amandala Drive, Belize City no later than Friday, November 25, 2022.



PUBLIC NOTICE



Public Utilities Commission (PUC)

In exercise of the powers conferred upon it by the Public Utilities Commission Act, Chapter 223 of the Laws of Belize, and the Electricity Act, Chapter 221 of the Laws of Belize, and all other powers thereunto enabling, the Public Utilities Commission (hereinafter referred to as "the Commission") hereby notifies the public that: the Commission intends to consent to the revision of the **Power Purchase Agreement (PPA)** between the **Belize Electricity Limited (BEL)** and **SS Energy Limited (SSEL)**.

Purpose to amend the PPA between BEL and SSEL:

SSEL is desirous of adjusting its operational regime to allow for more efficient utilization of its sugarcane production and processing assets (*105 days of harvesting to 160 days per year*), with the resultant extended energy production period. Therefore, SSEL undertook a series of negotiations with BEL. SSEL and BEL (the "Parties") filed an amended and restated Power Purchase Agreement ("amended PPA"), with the Commission on September 7, 2022. The Commission having reviewed the amended PPA intends to consent to the amended PPA, which makes provisions for enhanced forecasting of capacity and associated energy, and a revised tariff structure for the supply of electricity to BEL. The PUC is of the view that the Parties, having agreed on electricity exports for up to 47,000,000 kWh per annum as opposed to the original proposal of some 20,636,000 kWh per annum, it is in the public interest to facilitate this new commercial arrangement.

Summary of amended PPA between BEL and SSEL:

- a) Capacity declarations shall be 2 days ahead + daily availability target of > 90% , which replaces 1 day ahead + annual availability target of 90%;
- b) The Minimum Annual Production (MAP) target is being increased from 18,572,000 kWh up to a maximum of 32,900,000 kWh per annum by 2032;
- c) The tariff structure is being retroactively set from January 1, 2020 as follows:

<u>Current Tariff Structure</u>		<u>Revised Tariff Structure</u>	
0 – 20,000,000 kWh	BZ\$0.18	0 – 20,000,000 kWh	BZ\$0.17
Above 20,000,000 kWh	BZ\$0.10	Above 20,000,000 kWh	BZ\$0.16

Comments on amended PPA between BEL and SSEL:

Interested Parties and members of the public may submit written comments on the amended PPA between BEL and SSEL by November 25, 2022.

Viewing of the amended PPA between BEL and SSEL:

The amended PPA may be viewed in its entirety at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission at 2nd Floor Marina Towers, #4 Princess Margaret Drive, Belize City, or on its Website at www.puc.bz.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS SALES: PROPERTIES & VEHICLES

Countrywide

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1. **Approx. 728 Feet BEACHFRONT, Rum Point, Placencia, Stann Creek District:**



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCELS
Placencia North	36	931, 2294, 932
The freehold properties of Messrs. Millennium Holdings Ltd.		

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



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Santa Elena/Cayo	23	2711 & 2712
The freehold property of Mr. Audomaro Bedran		

3. **Parcel No. 2025 Guatemala Street, Belmopan, Cayo District:**



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Belmopan	20	2025
The freehold property of Mr. Luis Peraza and Ms. Emily Peraza		

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



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Queen Square West	45	1153
The freehold property of Ms. Kimberly Haulzes		

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



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Corozal North	1	2094
The freehold property of Mr. Ravey Vellos		

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



ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land situated in Duck Run 2 Village, Cayo District, Belize being Lot No. 9 comprising of 0.45 acres TOGETHER with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon. (The freehold property of Mr. Henry Klassen and Ms. Leticia Klassen)

7. **Lot No. 251 Seagull Street, Independence Village, Stann Creek District:**



(ALL THAT piece or parcel of land being Lot No. 251 comprising of 661.665 square metres situate in Independence Village, Stann Creek District, TOGETHER with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon. (The freehold property of Ms. Anthea Mathias and Mr. Samuel Mathias)

8. **Parcel No. 3433 Lord's Bank Village, Belize District:**



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Ladyville/Lord's Bank	16	3433
The freehold property of Ms. Lorna Martinez		

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



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Albert/Mesop	45	1533
The freehold property of Mr. Jose Arturo Gallego, surety for BSA Global Shipping Limited		

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



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Sarteneja	1	715
The freehold property of Mr. Graciliano E. Rivero Jr.		

11. **Parcel No. 284 Esperanza Village, Cayo District:**



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Esperanza	23	284
The freehold property of Mr. Melburn Hill		

12. **Parcel No. 8603 C. Las Americas Street, Belmopan, Cayo District:**



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Belmopan	20	8603
The freehold property of Mr. Sergio Gutierrez.		

13. **Parcel No. 258 MiDugee Street, Esperanza, Cayo District:**



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Esperanza	23	258
The freehold property of Mr. Alfred Serano.		

14. **Lot No. 242 Toucan Street, Independence Village, Stann Creek District:**



All that piece or parcel of land being Lot No. 242 (812.607 S.M.) situate in Independence Village, Stann Creek District and described as shown by Plan no. 91 of 1996 TOGETHER with all buildings and erections standing thereon. The freehold property of Mr. Juan Coc, Ms. Jeanne Longsworth and Mr. Armin Arana.

15. **Lot No. 592 Independence Village, Stann Creek District:**



All that piece or parcel of land being Lot No. 592 (692.710 S.M.) situate in Independence Village, Stann Creek District and described as shown by Plan no. 355 of 2006 TOGETHER with all buildings and erections standing thereon. The freehold property of Ms. Denise Foreman.

16. **Parcel No. 635 Steadfast Village, Stann Creek District:**



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Valley Community/Alta Vista	31	635
The freehold property of Mr. Frans Faux.		

17. **Bacab Eco Park, Ridge Lagoon Residential Estate, Burrell Boom Road, Belize District:**



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Ladyville/Lord's Bank	16	64
The freehold property of Mr. Francis Smith & Maria Smith/Messrs. BACAB Eco - Park .		

18. **Parcel Nos. 6969 Los Lagos, Belize District:**



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Ladyville/Lord's Bank	16	6969
The freehold property of Ms. Stella Marie Rudon		

19. **Parcel No. 2891 1st subdivision south of Airstrip, west side, Placencia Road, Placencia Village, Stann Creek District:**



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Placencia North	36	2871
The freehold property of Ms. Dawn Anderson & Mr. Hector Tut		

20. **Parcel No. 2911 Cedar Street, Santiago Juan Layout, San Ignacio, Cayo District:**



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
San Ignacio North	23	2911
The freehold property of Ms. Adelita Zaiden.		

21. **No. 315 San Estevan Village, Orange Walk District:**



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
San Estevan	1	315
The freehold property of Mr. Augusto Angel Blanco.		

22. **Parcel No. 1142 Phillip Goldson Highway, San Jose Palmar, Orange Walk District:**



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
San Jose Palmar	4	1142
The freehold property of Ms. Marisa Perera & Mr. Carlos Perera		

23. **Parcel No. 2492 Oak Street, Halls Layout, Corozal Town, Corozal District:**



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Corozal North	1	2492
The freehold property of Mr. Yasin Shoman & Ms. Ruth Shoman		

24. **Parcel No. 16/1 San Estevan Village, Orange Walk District:**



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
San Estevan	4	16/1
The leasehold property of Ms. Irma Olivera		

25. **Parcels 1682, 1683 and 1684 Linda Vista Estate, off George Price Highway, Belize City, Belize:**



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCELS
St. Martin de Porres West	45	1682, 1683 & 1684
The freehold property of Mrs. Marissa Sosa & Mr. Godfrey Sosa.		

26. **Parcel No. 430/1 Big Falls/Golden Stream Area, Toledo District:**



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Big Falls/Golden Stream	42	430/1
The leasehold property of Mr. Modesto Sanchez.		

27. **Lot No. 92 St. Margaret Village, Hummingbird Highway, Cayo District:**



Lot No. 92 St. Margaret Village, Hummingbird Highway, Cayo District, the freehold property of Mr. Reuben Parham and Ms. Maria Parham)

28. **Lot No. 55 Pomona Village, Stann Creek District:**



Lot No. 55 Pomona Village, Stann Creek District, the freehold property of Mr. Levan Borland)

29. **Lot No. 21 Independence Village Extension, Stann Creek District:**



Lot No. 21 Independence Village Extension, Stann Creek District, the freehold property of Mr. Curtis Godoy)

30. **Parcels Nos. 90 & 91 Hope Creek Village, Stann Creek District:**



Parcels Nos. 90 & 91 Hope Creek Village, Stann Creek District, the leasehold properties of Ms. Myrna Murillo & Mr. Carlos Murillo)

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BSI boasts of high 2022-23...

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In regard to claims that the company is dragging its feet in the selection of a mediator, McLachlan says that while a particular person has been recommended to fill the role of mediator, they have been awaiting a reply from the BSCFA for some days. And contrary to assertions by Minister Mai that the new season would start even if a new commercial agreement is not yet in place, McLachlan said that the company will simply be unable to accept any sugar cane from the BSCFA, which provides almost 50% of the sugar cane delivered to the mill, without such an agreement.

In reference to the BSCFA's demand for a 60/40 split in the gross revenue generated from sales of the milled sugar cane, McLachlan explained that the expenses incurred to produce the direct consumption sugar and other products falls solely on the mill, and thus the BSCFA's demands are unreasonable.

"If we looked at 60/40 on a gross revenue, so that means farmers not

contributing to any of the mill costs; that's the freighting, the handling charges, the manufacturing allowance to make direct consumption sugar, all of the calculation that goes into making it — a net strip value, that's what it means. It's the value of the sugar once you've taken out the cost associated to exporting that sugar and producing higher value sugar, direct consumption sugar," McLachlan said.

Allowing the farmers to receive 60 percent of gross revenue without having to cover any costs would amount to a subsidization of the farmers by the mill — to the tune of 20 million dollars yearly, said McLachlan

"I've explained already how impractical and impossible that would be, because the mill has just completed 5 years of consecutive losses, so no business in their right minds would turn around and say 'take this money, and we'll go bankrupt'," he commented.

McLachlan said that he hopes that the mill and the BSCFA can find some middle ground so that they can move forward with a productive business arrangement for the benefit of the sugar industry.

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CAREER OPPORTUNITY

POSITION	LOCATION
Inventory & Purchasing Assistant	San Ignacio, Cayo District

Summary of Primary Responsibilities

1. Ensure compliance with company processes for inventory and purchasing.
2. Provide clerical support for stock management and fixed assets inventory.
3. Provide clerical support for procurement logistics.
4. Assist with inventory and purchasing transactions.
5. Assist with cycle counts of inventory materials.
6. Prepare inventory and purchasing reports.
7. Prepare purchase orders for all departments.
8. Prepare inventory and purchasing records for processing by accounting department.
9. Assist with vendor background checks and vendor communication.
10. Maintain inventory and purchasing records.
11. Participate in relevant company annual action plans.
12. Cross training and other duties as required.

Education, Experience and Skills

- Associate Degree in Business Administration, Accounting, or relevant field or its equivalent.
- Five (5) years relevant experience in purchasing or store keeping.
- Computer literate, particularly in Microsoft Office365 Applications.
- Good reading, writing and arithmetic skills
- Proficient in English, written and spoken.
- Strong work ethics and practices, honesty, and integrity.
- Strong organizational skills.
- Highly motivated and takes initiative.
- Adequate documentation and filing skills

Application Submission

Deadline: November 14, 2022

Applicants should submit letter of application, CV with copy of most recent qualification, 3 recent letters of recommendation*, copy of social security card and recent police record (recent meaning not older than 6 months).

Applications can be submitted electronically to corporate@fortisbelize.com or addressed to

Human Resources Department
Fortis Belize Limited
Mile 71.5 George Price Highway
San Ignacio, Cayo, BELIZE

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31. Lot No. 186 North side Lord's Bank Road, Lord's Bank Village, Belize District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Ladyville/Lord's Bank	16	3357
The freehold property of Ms. Beverly Brown and Mr. David Brown		

32. Parcel No. 1164 Maya Beach Area, Placencia, Stann Creek District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Placencia North	36	1164
The freehold property of Mr. Macedonio Wewe		

33. Parcel No. 3128 of San Lorenzo Road, Orange Walk District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Ann Gabourel	4	3128
The freehold property of Ms. Joann Nicole Ayala		

34. Parcel No. 1228 Orange Walk Bypass Road, San Jose Palmar, Orange Walk District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
San Jose Palmar	4	1228
The freehold property of Mr. Juan Montano		

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



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Belmopan	20	3981
The freehold property of Ms. Chevonne Indira Parham.		

36. Parcel No. 632 Guinea Grass Village, Orange Walk District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Guinea Grass	4	632
The freehold property of Ms. Melissa Westby		

37. Lot No. 33 Independence Village, Stann Creek District:



The ALL THAT piece or parcel of land being Lot No. 33 comprising of 1671.873 sq. metres (1999.56 sq. yards) situate in Independence Village, Stann Creek District, the freehold property of Mr. Venerio Salam)

38. Parcel No. 1609/1 Sunflower Street, Punta Gorda, Toledo, Punta Gorda, Toledo District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Punta Gorda Town	42	1609/1
The leasehold property of Ms. Ardette Tillett (deceased) & Mr. Mark Tillett.		

39. Parcel No. 52 Lord's Bank Village, Belize District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Ladyville/Lord's Bank	16	3246
The freehold property of Ms. Ardette Tillett (deceased) & Mr. Mark Tillett		

VEHICLE:

1999 MCI 1 Door Bus



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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BELIZE, A.D. 2019 (DIVORCE)

ACTION NO.:202

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BELIZE, A.D. 2022 (DIVORCE)

ACTION NO.:33

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(JIN HAI HUANG RESPONDENT

NOTICE

TO: JIN HAI HUANG

TAKE NOTICE that the Petition for Maintenance of Wife and Children which had been issued against you in the Supreme Court of Belize in Action No. 202 of 2019 and Action No. 33 of 2022 has been set down for hearing.

On the 18th day of October, 2022, the Supreme Court ordered that Notice of the Hearing of the Petition of Maintenance be effected on you by advertising this Notice.

You are accordingly required to make an appearance before the Supreme Court of Belize on the 16th of November, 2022 at 1:30pm.

DATED the 10th day of November, 2022

ROBERTHA MAGNUS USHER & ASSOCIATES
Attorney-at-Law for the Petitioner



2022 FIFA World Cup schedule: Groups, matches, fixture start times, TV information

USA TODAY, Wed. Nov. 9, 2022

The 2022 World Cup—the 22nd edition of the international soccer tournament—will be held in Qatar. This is the first time that the World Cup will be held in the Middle East.

The group stage kicks off on Sunday, Nov. 20 and will run through Friday, Dec. 2. The Round of 16 will be held Dec. 3-6, quarterfinals on Dec. 9-10, semifinals on Dec. 13-14, third-place game on Dec. 17 and the final on Dec. 18.

France are the defending World Cup champions.

How many teams are in World Cup 2022?

A total of 32 teams will compete in the 2022 World Cup. The 1998 World Cup in France was the first to feature 32 teams. The number of teams to qualify will increase to 48 for the 2026 World Cup that will be hosted jointly by Canada, Mexico and the United States.

What are the FIFA World Cup 2022 groups?

Group A – Qatar; Ecuador; Senegal; Netherlands.

Group B – England; Iran; United States; Wales.

Group C – Argentina; Saudi Arabia; Mexico; Poland.

Group D – France; Australia; Denmark; Tunisia.

Group E – Spain; Costa Rica; Germany; Japan.

Group F – Belgium; Canada; Morocco; Croatia.

Group G – Brazil; Serbia; Switzerland; Cameroon.

Group H – Portugal; Ghana; Uruguay; South Korea.

What is the FIFA World Cup 2022 schedule?

GROUPPLAY

Sunday, Nov. 20 - Group A: Qatar vs. Ecuador (Al Bayt Stadium), 11 a.m. ET (FOX)

Monday, Nov. 21 - Group A: Senegal vs. Netherlands (Al Thumama Stadium), 5 a.m. ET (FOX); Group B: England vs. Iran (Khalifa International Stadium), 8 a.m. ET (FS1); Group B: United States vs. Wales (Ahmad Bin Ali Stadium), 2 p.m. ET (FOX).

Tuesday, Nov. 22 - Group C: Argentina vs. Saudi Arabia (Lusail Stadium), 5 a.m. ET (FS1); Group D: Denmark vs. Tunisia (Education City Stadium), 8 a.m. ET (FS1); Group C: Mexico vs. Poland (Stadium 974), 11 a.m. ET (FOX); Group D: France vs. Australia (Al Janoub Stadium), 2 p.m. ET (FOX).

Wednesday, Nov. 23 - Group F: Morocco vs. Croatia (Al Bayt Stadium), 5 a.m. ET (FS1); Group E: Germany vs. Japan (Khalifa International Stadium), 8 a.m. ET (FS1); Group E: Spain vs. Costa Rica (Al Thumama Stadium), 11 a.m. ET (FOX); Group F: Belgium vs. Canada (Ahmad Bin Ali Stadium), 2 p.m. ET (FOX).

Thursday, Nov. 24 - Group G: Switzerland vs. Cameroon (Al Janoub Stadium), 5 a.m. ET (FS1); Group H: Uruguay vs. South Korea (Education City Stadium), 8 a.m. ET (FS1); Group H: Portugal vs. Ghana (Stadium 974), 11 a.m. ET (FOX); Group G: Brazil vs. Serbia (Lusail Stadium), 2 p.m. ET (FOX).

Friday, Nov. 25 - Group B: Wales vs. Iran (Ahmad Bin Ali Stadium), 5 a.m. ET (FS1); Group A: Qatar vs. Senegal (Al Thumama Stadium), 8 a.m. ET (FS1); Group A: Netherlands vs. Ecuador (Khalifa International Stadium), 11 a.m. ET (FOX); Group B: England vs. United States (Al Bayt Stadium), 2 p.m. ET (FOX).

Saturday, Nov. 26 - Group D: Tunisia vs. Australia (Al Janoub Stadium), 5 a.m. ET (FS1); Group C: Poland vs. Saudi Arabia (Education City Stadium), 8 a.m. ET (FS1); Group D: France vs. Denmark (Stadium 974), 11 a.m. ET (FS1); Group C: Argentina vs. Mexico (Lusail Stadium), 2 p.m. ET (FS1).

Sunday, Nov. 27 - Group E: Japan vs. Costa Rica (Ahmad Bin Ali Stadium), 5 a.m. ET (FS1); Group F: Belgium vs. Morocco (Al Thumama Stadium), 8 a.m. ET (FS1); Group F: Croatia vs. Canada (Khalifa International Stadium), 11 a.m. ET (FS1); Group E: Spain vs. Germany (Al Bayt Stadium), 2 p.m. ET (FS1).

Monday, Nov. 28 - Group G: Cameroon vs. Serbia (5:00 a.m. EST, Al Janoub Stadium), 5 a.m. ET (FS1); Group H: South Korea vs. Ghana (8:00 a.m. EST, Education City Stadium), 8 a.m. ET (FS1); Group G: Brazil vs. Switzerland (11:00 a.m. EST, Stadium 974), 11 a.m. ET (FOX); Group H: Portugal vs. Uruguay (2:00 p.m. EST, Lusail Stadium), 2 p.m. ET (FOX).

Tuesday, Nov. 29 - Group A: Netherlands vs. Qatar (Al Bayt Stadium), 10 a.m. ET (FOX); Group A: Ecuador vs. Senegal (Khalifa International Stadium), 10 a.m. ET (FS1); Group B: Wales vs. England (Ahmad Bin Ali Stadium), 2 p.m. ET (FS1); Group B: Iran vs. United States (Al Thumama Stadium), 2 p.m. ET (FOX).

Wednesday, Nov. 30 - Group D: Tunisia vs. France (Education City Stadium), 10 a.m. ET (FOX); Group D: Australia vs. Denmark (Al Janoub Stadium), 10 a.m. ET (FS1); Group C: Poland vs. Argentina (Stadium 974), 2 p.m. ET (FOX); Group C: Saudi Arabia vs. Mexico (Lusail Stadium), 2 p.m. ET (FS1).

Thursday, Dec. 1 - Group F: Croatia vs. Belgium (Ahmad Bin Ali Stadium), 10 a.m. ET (FOX); Group F: Canada vs. Morocco (Al Thumama Stadium), 10 a.m. ET (FS1); Group E: Japan vs. Spain (Khalifa International Stadium), 2 p.m. ET (FOX); Group E: Costa Rica

Stage set for high school Volleyball Nationals this weekend in Belmopan

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Nov. 10, 2022

The various country zone championships have been completed, Hurricane Lisa is now safely behind us, and so the National Secondary Schools Sports Association (NSSSA) will be holding its national volleyball championships for high schools this weekend at the University of Belize gymnasium on Friday and Saturday, November 11 and 12.

Male and female high school volleyball zone championship teams from the four country zones – North, South, West and Central – will converge in Belmopan tomorrow, where the two-day national championships, being hosted by

Belmopan Comprehensive School, are scheduled to commence on Friday at 2:00 p.m. at the UB gym. On Saturday the games resume at 9:00 a.m.

Participating zone championship female (F) and male (M) high school teams are as follows:

NORTH – (F) Orange Walk Technical; (M) Muffles College Bobcats.

SOUTH – (F) and (M) Toledo Community College.

CENTRAL – (F) St. Catherine Academy; (M) St. John's College.

WEST – (F) Sacred Heart College; (M) Belmopan Methodist High.

Entrance to the games is \$5.00 for adults, and \$3.00 for students with I.D.

German club Gladbach slams Qatar's World Cup: 'Not right'



Bochum's Simon Zoller, right, and Moenchenglbadach's Christoph Kramer battle for the ball during the German Bundesliga soccer match between VfL Bochum and Borussia Moenchenglbadach at the Vonovia Ruhrstadion in Bochum, Germany, Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022. (Bernd Thissen/dpa via AP)

MÖNCHENGLADBACH, Germany (AP), Thu. Nov. 10, 2022

German soccer club Borussia Mönchengladbach has strongly criticized the World Cup in Qatar and said it will give only the minimum coverage to its players taking part in the tournament.

"It is not right that the World Cup is taking place in Qatar," Gladbach said in a statement on Thursday.

"In our eyes, the values that Borussia stands for are not compatible with the awarding and organization of this World Cup. Key criteria like respecting human rights and sustainably using the resources of our planet have to be seriously taken into consideration in the future awarding of large, international tournaments."

The club referred to "a range of human rights abuses" in Qatar before the tournament and said these had caused reflection from fans around the world on how they should approach it.

"Our constitution sets forth that, as a club, we shall be neutral with regards to

our ideology, party politics or faith, and to stand unambiguously for a free democratic order. We are committed therefore to the principle of human rights and actively stand against racism, xenophobia and unconstitutional behavior, as well as discriminatory or inhuman behavior."

Gladbach acknowledged the tournament is also a high point in players' careers.

"To ignore this would not be right in our eyes. As a result, we have come to the decision to report only on the on-the-pitch activities of our players on our club channels," Gladbach said.

Bundesliga rival Hoffenheim previously said it was skipping coverage of the tournament that starts next week in protest against the "human rights violations and discrimination against homosexuals in the autocratic Gulf state."

AP World Cup coverage: <https://apnews.com/hub/world-cup> and https://twitter.com/AP_Sports



PLB semi-finals kick off this weekend

San Pedro vs Verdes; Progresso vs Altitude

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Nov. 10, 2022

This is Round Two of the journey to the Big Dance that 8 Premier League of Belize (PLB) football clubs embarked on some three months ago with big dreams in this the 2022-2023 PLB Opening Season.

After a double round-robin First Round regular season, the Top-4 teams are now poised to commence action with the 1st leg of the home-and-away semi-finals.

One semi-final will be on Saturday night, and the other on Sunday afternoon, so football fans won't have to miss any of the action.

On Saturday night, it will be #3 seed San Pedro Pirates FC hosting defending champions #2 seed Verdes FC in San Pedro; and on Sunday afternoon, new PLB entrant #4 seed Progresso FC of Orange Walk hosts regular season top finisher, #1 seed Altitude FC from Mango Creek, Independence.

PLB Semi-final 1st Leg schedule:

Saturday, November 12

7:30 p.m. – San Pedro Pirates FC vs Verdes FC – Ambergris Stadium

Sunday, November 13

3:30 p.m. – Progresso FC vs Altitude FC – People's Stadium

Top scorers in PLB 2022-2023 Opening reg. season

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Nov. 10, 2022

Going into the Premier League of Belize (PLB) 2022-2023 Opening Season semi-final playoffs this weekend, a lot of focus will be on the strikers on whose shoulders lie the hopes of their teams in scoring the goals that may earn them a victory.

Only the top 4 teams in regular season have made it to the semi-finals, and as expected, these teams will be featuring some of those top goal scorers this weekend.

According to the official

records of the PLB, the top goal scorers in this PLB regular season are as follows (highlighted are those seeing action in the semi-finals):

Top goal scorers in regular season PLB 2022-2023 Opening Season		
PLAYER	CLUB	Goals
<i>Andres Orozco*</i>	<i>Altitude FC</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>Horace Avila*</i>	<i>San Pedro Pirates FC</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>Luis Ibarra*</i>	<i>Verdes FC</i>	<i>7</i>
Shawn Young	Port Layola FC	7
<i>Zamir Bonilla*</i>	<i>Progresso FC</i>	<i>5</i>
Cion Augustine	Wagiya SC	5
Ayrton Sissa	Police/Benque Utd. FC	4
Jaren Lambey	Bandits Sports	4

2022 FIFA World Cup schedule...

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vs. Germany (Al Bayt Stadium), 2 p.m. ET (FS1).

Friday, Dec. 2 - Group H: South Korea vs. Portugal (Education City Stadium), 10 a.m. ET (FOX); Group H: Ghana vs. Uruguay (Al Janoub Stadium), 10 a.m. ET (FS1); Group G: Cameroon vs. Brazil (Lusail Stadium), 2 p.m. ET (FOX); Group G: Serbia vs. Switzerland (Stadium 974), 2 p.m. ET (FS1).

ROUND OF 16

Saturday, Dec. 3 - Match 49: Winners of Group A vs. Runners-up of Group B (Khalifa International Stadium), 10 a.m. ET (FOX); Match 50: Winners of Group C vs. Runners-up of Group D (Ahmad Bin Ali Stadium), 2 p.m. ET (FOX).

Sunday, Dec. 4 - Match 51: Winners of Group D vs. Runners-up of Group C (Al Thumama Stadium), 10 a.m. ET (FS1); Match 52: Winners of Group B vs. Runners-up of Group A (Al Bayt Stadium), 2 p.m. ET (FS1).

Monday, Dec. 5 - Match 53: Winners

of Group E vs. Runners-up of Group F (Al Janoub Stadium), 10 a.m. ET (FOX); Match 54: Winners of Group G vs. Runners-up of Group H (Stadium 974), 2 p.m. ET (FOX).

Tuesday, Dec. 6 - Match 55: Winners of Group F vs. Runners-up of Group E (Education City Stadium), 10 a.m. ET (FOX); Match 56: Winners of Group H vs. Runners-up of Group G (Lusail Stadium), 2 p.m. ET (FOX).

QUARTERFINALS

Friday, Dec. 9 - Match 58: Winners of Match 53 vs. Winners of Match 54 (Education City Stadium), 10 a.m. ET (FOX); Match 57: Winners of Match 49 vs. Winners of Match 50 (Lusail Stadium), 2 p.m. ET (FOX).

Saturday, Dec. 10 - Match 60: Winners of Match 55 vs. Winners of Match 56 (Al Thumama Stadium), 10 a.m. ET (FOX); Match 59: Winners of Match 51 vs. Winners of Match 52 (Al Bayt Stadium), 2 p.m. ET (FOX).

SEMIFINALS

Tuesday, Dec. 13 - Match 61: Winners of Match 57 vs. Winners of Match 58 (Lusail Stadium), 2 p.m. ET

World Cup: The 2022 USMNT's power is its diversity



(L-R) Yunus Musah, Weston McKennie, Christian Pulisic and Jesus Ferreira will help lead a diverse USMNT at the 2022 World Cup. (Stefan Milic/Yahoo Sports)

Henry Bushnell

Sports.yahoo.com, Wed. Nov. 9, 2022

Weston McKennie is from Little Elm, Texas, and Christian Pulisic from Hershey, Pennsylvania. Walker Zimmerman is from Lawrenceville, Georgia, and his American teammates from America, Colombia, the Netherlands and England. They are Black and white and biracial. Their parents are Ghanaian, Japanese, Salvadorian, Guatemalan, Surinamese, Trinidadian and Tobagonian, Liberian, Jamaican, Native American and Latvian Jewish.

They are the 2022 U.S. men's national team, and they, like the country they'll represent at the World Cup, derive their power from their diversity.

They are the sons of presidents and migrants; of soccer stars and of absentees.

They are from conservative towns and liberal ones, from private schools and public ones, from privilege and far less.

They speak at least seven different languages. They've lived in at least 13 different countries. They listen to old-school hip-hop and reggae and Taylor Swift, and everything in between.

They are Christian and Muslim, and varying levels of religious—and one, DeAndre Yedlin, has embraced Buddhism. They are as old as 35 and as young as 19.

(FOX).

Wednesday, Dec. 14 - Match 62: Winners of Match 59 vs. Winners of Match 60 (Al Bayt Stadium), 2 p.m. ET (FOX).

THIRD-PLACE MATCH

Saturday, Dec. 17 - Semifinal losers (Khalifa International Stadium), 10 a.m. ET (FOX).

FINAL

Sunday, Dec. 18 - Semifinal winners (Lusail Stadium), 10 a.m. ET (FOX).

This article originally appeared on USA TODAY: World Cup 2022: Groups, TV times for Qatar tournament

They are as diverse, culturally, racially and otherwise, as any team U.S. Soccer has ever fielded. And in part because of their differences, not in spite of them, they are also one of the most tight-knit.

They will go to Qatar over the coming days to play for a country in which differences increasingly divide, in which rhetoric and politics are increasingly polarized, and in which hate is seemingly on the rise. Nobody is under the illusion that they, a soccer team, can heal those divisions, or mend the many aspects of American society that are broken. But they *can* serve as an example.

They embody the embracing of difference and the seeking of understanding. They have, as head coach Gregg Berhalter said, been an "absolute joy to be around, when you see all these backgrounds coming together." They have bonded over everything from video games to food to golf, all while challenging one another to "Be The Change" that they want to see in society more broadly.

And if nothing else, they will make an impact within their sport. "Everyone knows that access is a problem, and soccer is largely viewed as a rich white kid sport," U.S. Soccer president Cindy Cone said at the Aspen Institute's Project Play Summit in May. She and many others want to change that perception. And this USMNT, on this massive stage, can help...

[AMANDALA Sports Ed. Note: According to 24timezones.com, "Belmopan is 1 hour behind (of) ET," so 10:00 a.m. ET would be 9:00 a.m. in Belize where we are at Central Time (CT).]



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Invites Participants to an International Tender

Ref. 04/2023

Purchase of Medical Insurance for the employees at OIRSA Headquarters, El Salvador, Nicaragua and Guatemala and Life Insurance for OIRSA Headquarters, Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua and Dominican Republic

- ◆ The specifications and conditions will be available after completing the registration form at the following link: <https://forms.gle/jCRg5JQp4Li4fWvq7>
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- ◆ For inquiries and clarifications write to the email: sgonzalez@oirsa.org or call to phone number +(503) 2209-9232

10th November 2022.



ORGANISMO INTERNACIONAL
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Invites Participants to an International Tender

Ref. 05/2023

PURCHASE OF INCINERATION EQUIPMENT FOR THE PROCESSING OF INTERNATIONAL GARBAGE AT THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC BORDER CONTROL POINTS

- ◆ The specifications and conditions will be available after completing the registration form at the following link: <https://forms.gle/JyQzJ2nV88cas57N9>
- ◆ Date of submission of offers is on Friday 4th January 2023 from 08:00am to 04:00pm, as indicated in the specifications and conditions, directed to Licda. Sara Gabriela González, Manager of the Purchasing Department.
- ◆ For inquiries and clarifications write to the email: sgonzalez@oirsa.org or call to phone number +(503) 2209-9232

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Child kidnapping claims false alarm—Supt. Gerald Jones

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4:00 p.m., Mimi Novelo, the mother of the 6-year-old in Orange Walk, made a social media post in which she desperately begged members of the public to assist her in locating her little girl, a student of St. Peter's Anglican School, who went missing after classes finished at 2:30 in the afternoon.

Novelo said that she made checks at all the possible familiar locations to which the child could have gone, but the little girl was nowhere to be found.

"... We searched all over in the school. I found my bigger daughter; she was in her class. I call her ... I ask her where is her little sister. She said, 'Mommy, I don't know where she is.' She asks if she didn't go with Tio Luis. I told her, 'No, Tio Luis says she is not there.' She said, 'Mommy, where she could have gone?' and I told her, 'I don't know; let's go find her.' I ask everywhere. I even went to A & R. I walk way back by SP, and I said 'you know what: I can't do this by myself.' I called all my family members. I called people that I know and went to the police station," said Novelo.

She further noted that her daughter is an exceptionally friendly child who has a tendency to hug those around her, including her teachers, and that it possibly made her a target for a woman who lured her away by offering her ice cream.

"A man who told me that he recognized my daughter told me that she was playing in the park. I told him I went to the park and my daughter was not there, and he said 'no, she is there, and I scolded her to come back.' He said she was with a Creole lady with a little girl; they were playing, and he said she [was] coming, and so I ran to see my daughter. My daughter was afraid, like she was scared. Maybe she thought I would beat her, but then I said I can't just go and beat my daughter. I'm happy that my daughter is alive and walking toward me. I ran to my daughter and I hug my daughter, and when I saw my daughter, I ask her what

happened, and why did you [go]. She said, 'Mom, there was a black lady with a little girl. I was standing there in the shop and they told me that will take me to buy ice cream.' My daughter's weakness is ice cream ... 'She took me to buy ice cream, and then we went to play and then the lady afterward went away.' I told my daughter already not [to] talk to strangers, do not take [anything] from strangers," Novelo said.

The other purported kidnapping attempt took place in Belize City and reportedly involved a 12-year-old girl who said that she was in the vicinity of 88 Shopping Center at the corner of Central American Boulevard and Pen Road when two mysterious men attempted to kidnap her and put her into a heavily tinted black van. But she said that they did not succeed in seizing her because there was an onlooker on the street who saw what was happening.

Members of the public became aware of the child's claims after the circulation of a WhatsApp voice note that had reportedly been sent to a chat group for parents of students at a particular school by a female assistant police superintendent, who is herself a mother, who stated in that message, "CIB officers have interviewed the child in the presence of her parents and the child was really shaken up and doesn't really want to go in depth. However, the child is saying that this occurred at 88 Shopping Center that is located corner Neal Pen Road and Central American Boulevard by the stoplight. She is saying that she was coming to school this morning when she was approached from behind. Occupants of the vehicle were two dark complexioned male persons and the van is black and tinted. Presently, police are investigating the matter, trying to view cameras in the area. For right now I am asking all those on this blog or who could pass on this information to alert and inform people to have their children be on the lookout. I get to understand this said van was in Ladyville."

When local reporters were briefed via Zoom by Superintendent Gerald Jones, Deputy of the Police Department's HNICB, however, he said that their investigation into the claims has revealed that both stories were fabricated. He went on to say that the police plan to interview the parents of the children, and if police decide to bring charges in connection with the incidents, those charges will be levied against the parents.

Additionally, he said that reports of a mysterious black van in the city—accompanied by images of the van that were circulated on social media to alert parents—were also found to be false.

"[As] I said, we have conducted investigations that have been proven to us not to be true, and we just want to assure the general public to remain alert still. In whatever a situation may occur in terms of reports, bring it forward to the police, and we will investigate all these matters and give assurance to the public," said Jones.

Jones said that the Police Department, by means of media platforms, as well as community policing efforts that will include visits to schools, will be spreading awareness to young ones and the public about actual abduction cases.

Belize free of Avian flu; false positive test results reported

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suggesting that the initial positive test results, which had come from the University of Georgia Poultry Development and Research Center (PDRC), were false positives.

"There's no virus here," said Armando Cowo, the Manager of the Belize Poultry Association, in an interview with our colleagues at KREM News this week.

Readers will recall the Avian influenza scare in September that led BAHA and the Ministry of Agriculture to implement measures to prevent the potential spread of the disease, including controlling the movement of poultry and poultry products from farms suspected to be infected, increasing surveillance of farms, and, most notably, depopulation of birds on the farms from which samples had been taken that produced positive test results.

In an AMANDALA article dated Thursday, September 15, 2022, we reported that, for the first time in almost seven years, an outbreak of Avian influenza had been identified in the country, specifically in the poultry population of a farm in the Blue Creek community. Two weeks earlier, the Belize Agricultural Health Authority (BAHA) sent samples to the University of Georgia. Those samples tested positive for Avian influenza (Bird Flu), and so, with the knowledge that the disease is one of the most serious poultry diseases—and one with a potential for zoonosis—BAHA enacted its emergency response plan, fueled by a sense of urgency.

By mid-September, BAHA's mitigation strategies had been approved by Cabinet and were being implemented, but confirmatory test results, along with genetic sequencing results, from the international reference lab in Iowa were still pending.

This week, it was confirmed that those tests from the NVSL in Iowa, came back negative, suggesting that the initial test results were false positives.

Back in September, Armando Cowo and the Poultry Association, while commending BAHA for their quick response, made vocal their opinion that the health authority might have been acting too quickly. Cowo had suggested that the authorities wait for confirmation from the NVSL before implementing drastic control measures like depopulation, which would ultimately lead to losses in the industry. He had advised that, following scientific protocol, BAHA should wait until it received final confirmation from the reference lab. The association, however, eventually supported BAHA's decision due to the fact that confirmatory results were taking too long and the clock was ticking. Even now, Cowo says that, while there may have been losses (reportedly totaling \$100,000), BAHA made the right decision in being proactive.

"We know for a fact that the process had been taking some time, and if it was a positive, positive, and we were still waiting for those results, then we would have been in bigger trouble," he said.

The depopulation of birds led to

reportedly \$100,000 in losses. More than 24,000 birds from a farm in Blue Creek were killed, along with another 4,000 from a farm in Spanish Lookout. But the Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Jose Abelardo Mai, says that, despite the losses, it was better to have acted quickly rather than waiting one month for confirmatory results.

"You have to understand how science behaves. We are guided by science. When we sent those samples to Georgia, they came back positive. Two tests were done and they were positive. Subsequent to that, I understand that another test was done by another lab, and it said that it was a false positive. But we cannot wait on confirmation from a lab one month down the road to act. If this is a disease that is threatening the entire



Photo: Ben Moreland

poultry industry, then we have to act. And so BAHA as the frontline of animal health and plant health had to make very tough decisions," he said.

In agreement with Minister Mai is Mr. Armando Cowo.

"We have to be cautious. It's a deadly disease and we didn't want it in the country ... you have to take measures. You can't wait. These labs are not working only for us, they have samples from all over the place. You join the line and you don't know when you will get your results," said Cowo.

Notably, Cowo has also expressed support for some type of arrangement to compensate the farmers who suffered losses as a result of the depopulation exercise.

"One farmer lost 24,100 birds. The other farmer lost 4,000 birds, and the third farmer it was a layer farm, layers providing eggs — he lost 2,240 birds. That's roughly 30,000 birds, and they have a value. Just in the cost of those birds we are looking at in excess of \$100,000 lost, and some people might say a hundred thousand dollars to the industry is not a lot, but to the individual farmers ... and we are hoping that somehow, somewhere we can get some monies to help these people out ... The law says, the Minister responsible for Agriculture may compensate. It's discretionary, and what we are trying to do is trying to prepare a paper to make a policy change, because if you lose \$100,000, would you call the authority and tell them next time you have a problem—'hey, guys, I have a problem'—and lose another \$100,000 or \$200,000? That's a food for thought. So, to encourage farmers to report, we have to find a mechanism whereby we can work together with the government and the private sector, help these farmers get back on their feet, so whenever there is another alert being called out, these fellows will cooperate with us," Cowo told 7News' Jules Vasquez.

Ministry of Health & Wellness observes Med Safety Week 2022

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the globe.

"By reporting suspected side effects, you are actively participating in identifying emerging safety issues, which will lead to appropriate action taken when necessary to protect you and others from harm," the Ministry of Health & Wellness said.

Last year's Med Safety Week focused on encouraging patients and healthcare professionals to report all side effects, especially those associated with vaccines. Notably, the international participation in Med Safety Week has grown from just over sixty medicine regulators last year to eighty-one this year.

The focus in the year 2020 was on new or experimental treatments. In 2019, it was polypharmacy, and in 2018 it was children and pregnancy.

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1993	Derrick Mahler (first) Orlando Chavarria (second)	(Ladies)	Carlos Manuel Hernandez (second) Shalini Zabaneh (first)
1994	Douglas Lamb (first) Ronald Sutherland (second)		Anthea Sutherland (second) Marco Salas (first)
1995	Robert Mariano (first) Gustavo Carillo (second)	(Ladies)	Juan Rojas (second) Shalini Zabaneh (first)
1996	Nigel Matus (first) Ian Smith (second)		Patricia Chavarria (second) Geovanni Choto (first)
1997	Fred Usher (first) Michael Lewis (second)	(Ladies)	Byron Pope (second) Kaya Cattouse (first)
1998	Francisco Flores (first) James Frampton (second)		Shalini Zabaneh (second) David Henderson (first)
1999	Ernest Meighan (first) Skip Spangenburg (second)	(Ladies)	Gregory Lovell (second) Shalini Zabaneh (first)
2000	Ariel Rosado (first) Quinton Hamilton (second)		Patricia Chavarria (second) Byron Pope (first)
2001	Miguel Perez (first) Shane Vasquez (second)	(Ladies)	Carlos Lopez (second) Shalini Zabaneh (first)
	(Ladies) Karen Rosito (First)		Gabrielle Lovell (second)
2002	Amlitia Knowles (second) Barney Brown (first)		Hector Rangel (first) David Santos (second)
	(Ladies) Ann Marie Bennett (first)	(Ladies)	Alicia Thompson (first) Kaya Cattouse (second)
2003	Douglas Lamb (first) Frank Cannon (second)		Joel Adan Borland (first) Gregory Lovell (second)
	(Ladies) Fiona Humes Gonzalez (First)	(Ladies)	Alicia Thompson (first) Kaya Cattouse (second)
2004	Marlon Castillo (first) Mateo Cruz (second)		Ron Vasquez (first) Brandon Cattouse (second)
	(Ladies) Fiona Humes-Gonzalez (first)	(Ladies)	Alicia Thompson (first) Kaya Cattouse (second)
2005	Claudett Maheia (second) Michael Lewis (first)		Giovanni Lovell (first) John DeLong (second)
	(Ladies) Marinette Flowers (first)	(Ladies)	Alicia Thompson (first) Kaya Cattouse (second)
2006	Scottie Weiss (first) Marlon Castillo (second)		John DeLong (First) Clayton Travis (Second)
	(Ladies) Alicia Thompson (first)	(Ladies)	Kaya Cattouse (First) Nicole Gallego (Second)
2007	Marinette Flowers (second) Shane Vasquez (first)		Oscar Quiroz, Jr. (First) Joslyn Chavarria, Jr. (Second)
	(Ladies) Marlon Castillo (second)	(Ladies)	Alicia Thompson (First) Nicole Gallego (Second)
2008	Gina Lovell (first) Shalini Zabaneh (second)		NO RACE (DUE TO COVID)
	(Ladies) Neo German Camacho Villegas (first)		Brandon Cattouse (first)
2009	Edward Reyes (second) Shalini Zabaneh (first)		Derrick Chavarria (second)
	(Ladies) Shalini Zabaneh (second)	(Ladies)	Gabrielle Gabourel (first) Kaya Cattouse (second)
	Marlon Castillo (first) Gregory Lovell (second)		