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# Does GOB want to drill offshore?

**Oceana Belize has launched a petition drive to oblige the government to go to a referendum on any decision relating to offshore exploration activity, including seismic testing!**

by Marco Lopez

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Nov. 17, 2022

Oceana Belize has confirmed that the government has the intention to engage in seismic testing. This is according to Vice President of Oceana Belize, Janelle Chanona in a press conference today, where she announced a petition drive geared toward getting signatures to compel the government to take any decision relating to offshore exploration to a referendum before



Janelle Chanona, Vice President of Oceana Belize

doing so without the people's consent.

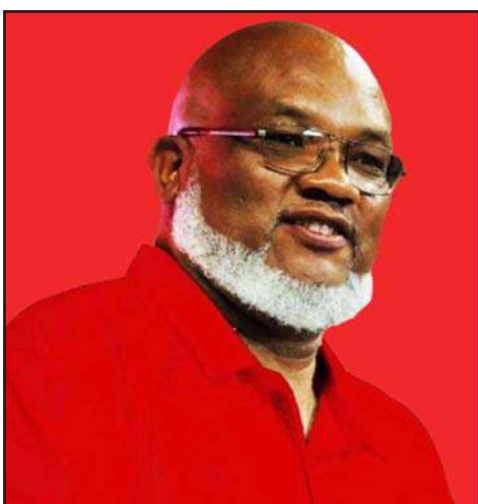
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## Belize applies for ICJ to resolve Honduras' Sapodilla Cayes claim

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## US bans entry of "corrupt" John Saldivar



John Saldivar was designated as a former official involved in significant corruption by US State

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Nov. 17, 2022

The US State Department has released a written statement that notifies the public that former UDP Belmopan

area representative, John Saldivar, who served during the previous Barrow administration as the country's Minister of National Security, has been designated by the US government as a former government official who was involved in "significant corruption", and as a result he and his immediate family are now barred from entering the United States.

In the statement, the US State Department indicates that Saldivar "accepted bribes in exchange for improperly facilitating the acquisition of Belizean immigration documents" and that he "interfered in public processes for personal gain." US Secretary of State, Antony Blinken made an announcement of the designation prior to the release of the written statement, which was released on Tuesday and

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## ASR/BSI and BSCFA can't agree on mediator

by Khaila Gentle

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Nov. 17, 2022

The Belize Sugar Cane Farmers Association (BSCFA) says that BSI/ASR has yet to produce a list of potential candidates who they feel are suitable to act as a mediator between the two parties as they attempt to establish the terms of a new commercial agreement. During a press conference held at the BSCFA offices in Orange Walk Town on Tuesday, the



Mac Mclachlan - Vice President of International Affairs, ASR/BSI

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## Another Waterloo public consultation



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Last Friday night another public consultation was held with members of the community, the Department of the Environment (DOE), and the developers of Waterloo's proposed Cruise Tourism Facility and Cargo Expansion project at the Caribbean Motors compound, which is located at Mile 3 1/2 on the Philip Goldson Highway. This public consultation had been initially postponed due to the landfall of Hurricane Lisa. The focus of the meeting was the developers' responses to two questions posed by DOE, one concerning the use of geotextiles and the other concerning the potential impact of the project on the Outstanding Universal Value of the Belize Barrier Reef.

The project's development plans require a deepening and widening of the access channel and turning basin at the Port of Belize facility to cater to large vessels, and for this to be achieved the developers would dredge 7.5 million cubic meters of material from the coastal area near the Port of Belize, and the developers' latest proposal indicates that they would place that dredged material in a shoreside brownfield area, near the Jane Usher community, and nearshore, in an area to be cordoned off by geotextiles to contain the dredged material near the port's compound.

The environmental community, however, has questioned the efficacy of the use of the method to prevent any spillover that could potentially affect the marine ecosystem and ultimately the reef.

At the public consultation session, Allan Herrera of NEXTERA attempted to provide reassurance by stating that the company that has been hired to carry out the dredging, Jan De Nul, has done similar work worldwide. "Jan De Nul has extensive experience in using geotextiles in the various fields of applications, and we are fortunate to be able to present several references where fine-grain dredged material has been contained in large-scale development projects using geotextiles and geotubes," Herrera said. (What is currently unclear, however, is how comparable those projects are to what would be undertaken in Belize — and whether those areas were completely similar in topography and natural features. There are also questions about whether, in those particular areas, there was so much at stake — a marine ecosystem and Barrier Reef that are a key part of the country's whole economy and the livelihood of countless Belizeans.)

Nonetheless, the developers mentioned some examples of developments where geotextiles were used — four project references in total, and noted that the dredging site will be subject to unannounced inspections from government agencies and monthly monitoring reports.

Of the three alternatives for nearshore containment, the developers have indicated that they have opted to deploy the first — containing dredge spoils using geotextile curtains connected to semi-submersed floats and anchor lines. Anchor blocks placed on the shoreside of the containment curtain will be buried in dredge materials and effectively cemented in place, they stated.

In regards to the potential impact of the project on the Outstanding Universal Value of the Belize Barrier Reef, the developers claimed that the project will eliminate cruise tender vessels and bulk anchoring, welcome cleaner vessels, and reduce emissions from the national port.

They were asked, however, how such a piece of infrastructure would be able to withstand the impact of a strong storm or hurricane such as Hurricane Lisa, which recently made landfall in Belize. No response was given by the developers to this question. Belize sits within a climate-sensitive zone and, as such, is vulnerable to the impact of storms that could potentially cause extensive damage to coastal infrastructure.

"You said that you're going to be using silt screens, and you going to be using the best silt screens and all that. Everybody knows that the silt screen would have been no protection to any significant storm like the one we just saw with Hurricane Lisa," one participant at the public consultation said.

The project proponents have said that shoreside berthing has been in demand in the cruise industry for almost 20 years, and they claimed that their project provides such an alternative, but it was noted that two other cruise port projects, Port of Magical Belize and Port Coral, already approved by the NEAC and under construction, will also provide such an alternative.

While the developers have touted purported benefits that the project would generate for the people of Port Loyola, it has been noted that many residents of Port Loyola and Belize City know very little about the Waterloo project and how it could affect them. Community surveys

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## Belize calls for equitable climate financing in country statement



**Hon. Orlando Habet, Minister of Sustainable Development, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management**

SHARM EL-SHEIKH, Egypt, Wed. Nov. 16, 2022

Hon. Orlando Habet, Belize's Minister of Sustainable Development, Climate Change, and Disaster Risk Management, suggested while delivering the country statement on behalf of Prime Minister John Briceño at COP 27 in Egypt, that a loss and damage facility be established as a pillar of the overall UNFCCC (United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change) financial mechanism. This call is in line with others made by Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and developing countries across the world which have urged the developed world, responsible for a disproportionately large amount of carbon emissions, to set up a financial mechanism to address loss and damage caused by the increased frequency and fierceness of weather events due to the changing climate.

In sharing Belize's recent experience

with Hurricane Lisa, he said that he arrived in Egypt with a heavy heart given the widespread destruction across the old capital, Belize City. He then estimated that the country will need USD \$11 million to begin to address the physical and social damage assessed so far. He then noted that a total of about \$100 million in damages has

been calculated, with about 500 houses being destroyed or extensively damaged. The losses caused by this recent storm amount to about 10% of the national budget, Habet said. "Unfortunately, such catastrophe is just a testament to the impacts of the climate emergency which, regrettably, is a forerunner of a new hostile global climate regime of our own making," he remarked. COP27 has been touted as an implementation COP, and the negotiating teams are hoping to decide on meaningful agreements focused largely on keeping the world on the roadmap set out by the Paris Agreement. SIDS are directly vulnerable to the direct impact of extreme weather events, since they are located in climate-sensitive zones, which, Hon. Habet noted, "are especially prone to the destructive impacts of climate change with damage costing approximately

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## Health Minister meets with nurses; says "coalition" is a one-man show

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Nov. 17, 2022

Minister of Health and Wellness, Hon. Kevin Bernard and CEO in the Health Ministry, Dr. Julio Sabido, met with the Nurses Association of Belize (NAB) yesterday to discuss the ongoing challenges facing the nurses, particularly shortages of medical supplies in healthcare facilities across the country. The NAB, according to Minister Bernard, said at that meeting that their primary concern remains the shortages of medical supplies and pharmaceuticals. Last Friday, a joint release issued under the letterheads of three medical associations gave the government an ultimatum — setting a date by which a meeting had to be held with members of a coalition of medical professionals in order to address seven key problem areas within the healthcare system. According to Minister Bernard, his ministry attempted to hold a meeting with the group on Monday, but it was put off seemingly unilaterally by Andrew Baird, president of the Karl Heuser Memorial Hospital Authority Workers Union (KHMHWU).

In a Zoom press briefing yesterday, Hon. Bernard said, "We were ready, we were prepared. I got a text from Mr. Baird late Sunday night stating that they would



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

defer this meeting, but let me also point out too that I today understood from the Nursing Association that they were all on their way to this meeting just to be told that the meeting is deferred. The decision was taken obviously, and I assume, by Mr. Baird himself."

According to Hon. Bernard, an e-mail was sent by Baird to Prime Minister Hon. John Briceño and to Minister Bernard, and that e-mail laid out the list of demands that were outlined in the letter that had been sent by the coalition. Hon. Bernard, noted, however, that the Nurses

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# CABEI donates BZ \$2 million for Hurricane Lisa relief efforts

by *Khaila Gentle*

BELMOPAN, Wed. Nov. 16, 2022

Prime Minister John Briceño received a donation of BZ\$2,000,000 from the Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI) this week, to be used as humanitarian support for the victims of



**CABEI Project Executive, Kerstin Morales, & Prime Minister John Briceño (Photo: GoB Press Office)**

Hurricane Lisa. On Wednesday, the Prime Minister signed the donation agreement with the bank's Project Executive, Kerstin Morales.

According to CABEI's board of directors, who approved the "non-refundable financial cooperation" on November 11, the donation serves as a gesture of solidarity with Belize, which has been a non-founding, regional member of CABEI since 2006, as it recovers from the severe damage caused by the intensity of Hurricane Lisa.

CABEI has previously supported Belize's relief efforts following Hurricanes Eta and Iota. They have also

provided donations to bolster the country's COVID-19 relief measures.

Just this week, Cabinet approved the introduction of legislation to establish a Belize country office for the bank. In a recent press release, the Government expressed its gratitude towards CABEI for its support and said that it "looks forward to continuing the strong collaboration and partnership."

In addition to CABEI, Belize has also received monetary support from the Inter-American Development Bank, which approved a US \$200,000 donation last week. The Caribbean Development Bank has also pledged their support.

# Special Patrol Unit officer knocked down and killed while processing accident scene

**Corporal Shannon Middleton was helping to process the scene of an accident on the George Price Highway when he was knocked down and subsequently dragged several feet by an SUV.**

by *Khaila Gentle*

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Nov. 16, 2022

The Belize Police Department and Camalote villagers are mourning one of their own this week following a road traffic accident that occurred near Mile 58 on the George Price Highway. On Monday night sometime around 10:00, Corporal Shannon Middleton was knocked down by an SUV headed in the direction of Belmopan as he was helping to process the scene of an accident which occurred on Sunday in the Unitedville area (in which Desmond Gordon, a Blackman Eddie resident, fell out of a vehicle and sustained head injuries). According to an official police report, the other officers who had been with Middleton reported seeing the SUV traveling down Mount Hope Hill, on the extreme right side of the road and at a high speed, headed towards Middleton.

The 34-year-old police corporal was hit and reportedly dragged several feet by the grey Honda Odyssey, which eventually ended up crashing into a culvert.

BERT personnel arrived on the scene shortly after 10:40 p.m., and examined Middleton, who lay motionless beside the culvert with severe injuries to his head and body, for any signs of life, but there was no response. He was then transported



**Corporal Shannon Middleton**

to the Western Regional Hospital, where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

The driver of the vehicle, 39-year-old Luis Mejia, and its owner, Dillon Pommels, who had been seated in the passenger seat, sustained only minor injuries, with Mejia complaining of back pain and Pommels having received abrasions to the forehead and knees.

Middleton's brother, Jovan Middleton, said he had been sleeping when he

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# Father of two killed near Crooked Tree junction

by *Charles Gladden*

CROOKED TREE, Belize District, Wed. Nov. 16, 2022

On Monday night, November 14, Reece Riverol, 30, also known as "Biggs" or "Bigga," was getting ready for bed at his home near Mile 31 on the Philip Goldson Highway when he was killed by a gunman who lured him outside by pelting stones at his rooftop.

The Crooked Tree resident was reportedly at home that night with his girlfriend and their two children when he heard the sound of stones hitting the roof shortly after 9:00 p.m.

When Riverol exited the house to find out the source of the noise, he did not see anything out of the ordinary, so he went back inside the home. While he was having a conversation with his girlfriend, however, another round of stones hit the rooftop, and he once more went outside the home to see what was happening. It was when he turned around to head back into the house that he was shot in the back at close range by the gunman.

Royanne Riverol, the sister of the deceased, told AMANDALA that her brother had lived at his residence for about seven years and he was a known member of the community, due to his relatives in the Crooked Tree village. She also noted that he had previously lived on Supal Street in Belize City before he relocated to the village, and that it was police harassment that prompted him and his mother to relocate near the Crooked Tree junction in an attempt to secure a more peaceful life. It was her brother, she said, who had been responsible for taking care of their mother's home and land in the village.

The violent death of Riverol, who is a father of two little boys—one only three-months old—has thus left the family in a state of shock and disbelief.

"To be honest, the whole family is in total shock right now. His girlfriend is still trying to come to terms with it. All of us are confused, [and] all of us don't know what is happening. We wake up thinking it's a dream and that it's not real, and



**Reece Riverol, deceased**

everything comes back to us and hit us right back again ... Reece didn't have any trouble with anyone. He was always the person to give a helping hand. Reece didn't have any ends with anyone for them to come at him; he doesn't have that," she said.

So far, she said, the family has gotten no information about a possible motive for the crime, nor do they know of any possible suspects.

"To be honest, I don't know what to say, what to believe, because we haven't gotten all the information pertaining to the investigation ... nobody has come up to us as yet and given us any information pertaining to the case other than [what] I'm hearing on the news about it, but nobody knows anything about it as yet," she said.

Riverol described her brother as a gentle giant.

"He was our gentle giant. He was cool, calm, and collected. He is kind-hearted. Loving. Overprotective of his family and especially his kids. Reece is a quiet person that keeps to himself. He doesn't trouble anyone if they trouble them. He is very hardworking. I'm going to miss his smile and his character [as] a whole. I'm going to miss my brother," she said.

Riverol was the fifth of nine children.

# Four armed men attempt to rob store on Mahogany Street



**Robbers apprehended**

by *Charles Gladden*

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Nov. 16, 2022

Close to midday on Wednesday, four armed Belize City men made an attempt to rob Lina Supermarket on Mahogany Street, which is located just two blocks away from a police substation.

According to police, the four armed men entered the establishment and held the owner of the store at gunpoint. While the armed holdup was taking place, however, a police mobile was passing by in the area, and one of the four men saw

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# Does GoB want to drill offshore?

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“As we have maintained throughout our work in Belize, the only reason to conduct seismic testing is to proceed to offshore oil exploration, we are therefore announcing today that we are launching a signature collecting drive,” Chanona pointed out.

Petitions will be distributed to registered voters nationwide, they will be asked to support that a “referendum mechanism be enshrined into law that says before anything happens in so far as exploration or exploitation or anything offshore oil-related that there should be a referendum and that those results should guide what happens next,” Chanona explained.

Oceana was granted a meeting with Prime Minister John Briceño on September 9, and Chanona shared that they were there to have talks focused on strengthening the existing Offshore Oil Moratorium, instead, the PM informed her that they had the intention to conduct seismic testing.

“It was during that conversation that he told us that he would like to proceed with seismic and at our urging that that be put the Belizean people before any seismic work was done. I said we had an agreement to disagree at that point at the timing of when that conversation with the public would be held,” Chanona outlined.

On October 31, the Ministry of the Blue Economy Launched Belize’s first Blue Economy Development, Policy and Strategy (BEDPS) and the first Belize Maritime Economy Plan (MEP) in San Pedro. Chanona shared that during that launching that confirmed that emerging sectors would engage in this type of work.

She said, “It was confirmed publicly that under emerging sectors Belize would be looking to conduct research and other related activity into deep and ultra-deep oil and gas and sea bed mining.” By indications, the government has decided that is the direction the country needs to go, Chanona suggests, despite the fact that a February 2012 showing of 30,000 Belizean citizens participated in what was dubbed “The People’s Referendum”, with more than 96% voting against offshore oil activity.

That referendum was not official and this time around, Oceana will be collecting signatures to ensure that any decision related to offshore exploration goes to a referendum before any decision at the government level. She shared that the salient reason for coming forward is to ensure that all Belizean citizens are informed of the plans related to the marine ecosystem.

“I will tell you that I am relieved to be here sharing this information finally not just because I believe in transparency, but because it has been a weight on me, to know that this is what is being thought about and being planned and not being about to come to the Belizean people until now, and I think it is so important that all of us are aware at the same time, and I think that is really what underscores all of this, this should not catch us all by surprise,” Chanona pointed out.

Those who thought the signing of the Blue Bond would mean the end of

any prospect of offshore drilling will be shocked when they learned that the government, in negotiating the Blue Bond agreement viewed the permanent moratorium on offshore exploration as a deal breaker, as such it was removed in the agreement.

“We can’t fight climate change and then turn around with the other hand or in the other breath and say but we want to contribute by engaging in offshore oil development. The fact of the matter is that since becoming aware of the government’s plans for preferences I’ve been told that as a part of the Blue Bond negotiations that it was put forward in the Conservation List, the moratorium is made into a permanent ban and that that was a deal breaker for the government,” Chanona said.

The question being put to the Belizeans is as follows:

“Do you support a legislative ban by way of an amendment to the Belize Constitution, Chapter 4 of the Laws of Belize, which will prohibit offshore petroleum and natural gas exploration (including but not limited to seismic testing, seismic surveys, multibeam surveys), development, drilling, extraction, production, storage and disposal within the internal waters, territorial sea and the exclusive economic zone of Belize (“petroleum operations”), unless a referendum is held in accordance with the Referendum Act, Chapter 10 of the Laws of Belize which approves such petroleum operations?”

The petition drive officially began yesterday, Belizean citizens interested in signing can conduct Oceana via its social media platforms or at phone number 610-0952.

A press release issued by the government this evening states the following:

“Having regard to the press conference held by Oceana today, November 17, 2022, the Government of Belize hereby clarifies that it has not entered into any agreements for seismic studies nor for oil exploration in offshore areas. The Government of Belize has made unprecedented progress in positioning its natural capital in its overall vision for the economic recovery and growth of our country. Consistent with Plan Belize, and its mandate to ensure the responsible use of its natural capital to realize its economic, social and environmental goals, the government will continue to approach its natural capital resources in a responsible and wise manner.

“In the meeting held on September 9, 2022, the Prime Minister, among other matters, did discuss the issue of seismic surveys and the existing moratorium with Oceana. In pursuance of his commitment to environmental and social principles, the Prime Minister reiterated the need to understand the extent of Belize’s offshore non-renewable economic resources in order to have an informed strategy on their potential for leveraging, given the national direction towards decarbonization and nature-based economy. Furthermore, the government’s commitment to allow the determination of such an important policy to be people-centered was restated by the Prime Minister.

# ASR/BSI and BSCFA can’t agree on mediator

*With just a month to go before the start of the new crop season, the Belize Sugar Cane Farmers Association (BSCFA) and BSI/ASR remain at an impasse and are still without a mediator to finalize negotiations.*



Oscar Alonzo, CEO, BSCFA

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CEO of the association, Oscar Alonzo, told reporters that recent assertions by representatives from BSI/ASR regarding the mediation process were incorrect.

According to Alonzo, both parties had agreed that they would produce a list of potential mediators, but since coming to that agreement, the BSCFA has received no further correspondence from BSI/ASR.

“BSI has mentioned something about attitude. And I think this further displays the attitude that BSI has been showing, not only in regard to this mediation process but since the old process of negotiations began. And where we have clear steps and processes defined, it seems that these steps and processes are only convenient when it suits BSI for them to follow,” Alonzo said.

Last Thursday, BSI/ASR held their own press conference in response to allegations made by the BSCFA. During that conference, the company’s Vice President of International Relations, Mac McLachlan, told the press that someone had already been recommended to fill the role of mediator and that the milling company, after accepting that recommendation, was awaiting a response from the association.

McLachlan also spoke on the proposal made by the BSCFA to split gross revenues from the sale of milled sugar cane 60/40. He said that such a split was unreasonable, and that agreeing to it, without having farmers contributing to production costs, would amount to a \$20 million yearly subsidization of the cañeros by the company, which, he said, would condemn BSI/ASR to bankruptcy—a claim that the milling company has made before and one that the BSCFA has vehemently refuted.

The BSCFA also responded to those assertions this week, with Finance Committee Chairman Javier Keme stating that they had already shown the

“The statements by Oceana at the press conference today are regrettable especially given its accessibility to this administration’s offices at the highest level for open and transparent discourse to have a clear and unified approach to this issue and all matters of mutual and national interest.”

company the financial rationale behind their proposal.

“What [BSI/ASR] calls a financial rationale for their position is their millions of dollars of investments. That’s the only rationale that they have been putting forward. The last statement that they made in that regard is that they invested sixty million dollars as operation costs every year,” he stated.

BSI/ASR went as far as to allow the media a first-hand glance at those million-dollar investments

via a tour of their factories this week. There, they showed local journalists the giant, stainless steel machinery, used for manufacturing and processing, all of which has been continuously improved and maintained since 2019. According to the company, the new machinery has allowed for the sale of direct consumption sugar at a higher price, which has benefitted both the millers and the farmers.

“...We’re selling in international markets: in the US, Canada, the Caribbean, and Europe, and the standards are very high. One mistake can really tarnish your reputation. And that’s why it’s very important that what we do here is done to a very high standard that meets international customer requirements. And that is a big part of the investment that occurred... that included the expansion of the boiling house... I’m sure the public will recall many years ago, you’re stirring your sugar, and you’d sometimes get little fibrous materials. All those things had to be addressed. You put in the syrup clarifiers and DSM screens so that the sugar, the juice that you’re producing to produce direct consumption sugars, is of high quality and of a high standard... Then, you go to the next part, which is conditioning. So, the sugar, by the time it gets to the customer, has to be in a free-flowing state... So you would have an opportunity to see the investment in the conditioning building, so all the driers, the silos....Then, you had the packaging facilities that had to be expanded and upgraded.. The value-added investments have been around sixty-four million Belize dollars... and then you had the environmental projects: the water cooler.. and also the air emissions. Those two projects combined are around twenty-two million. So, in the last four years alone, we’re talking about a hundred and ten million Belize dollars in investments, expanding to produce more value-added sugar,” stated Shawn Chavarria, Director of Finance of ASR/BSI.

But the farmers, Keme said, have also made investments in the millions.

“An average of \$27 on every raw tonne of cane that is delivered is an investment of the farmer in the production sector. On an average of

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# Belize, BSCFA, and ASR-BSI

For the good of Belize we all want the milling of sugarcane to start on schedule, around the second week in December. It's been the case for some years now that there's a difference between the millers ASR (American Sugar Refining, Inc.)/BSI (Belize Sugar Industries Ltd.), and the largest cane farmer group, the BSCFA (Belize Sugar Cane Farmers Association), about the division of monies the mill collects. The cane farmers have not been making much off their labors for years, and they want more, which they feel they deserve, and ASR-BSI insists on the status quo, a 65 (farmers) – 35 (millers) revenue-sharing agreement that was set eons ago.

The sugar industry is extremely important to Belize. A factsheet from the ASR-BSI Group says the factory at Tower Hill in the Orange Walk District mills cane produced by 5,000 independent farmers, supports 15% of our country's population, and contributes around 5% of our GDP, and the green energy it produces provides 15% of our nation's electrical energy needs.

The agribusiness group, *Wilmar*, says 180 million metric tons (MT) of sugar is produced annually, with 50 MT of that being consumed where it is produced. The group says the global consumption of sugar is rising between 1% and 2% per year, and the price is a factor of actual consumption and production, and "statistical forecasts for future years." Because of our small size, we have no control over world market prices, our annual production of 125,000 to 140,000 MT of sugar (156,646 MT was our best year) accounting for less than 0.1% of world production.

There's nothing unusual about the cane producers and the millers haggling over their share of what is earned when our sugar is sold on the

world market. Back in 2011 the BSCFA, tired of being unable to get what it considers its rightful share, moved to acquire controlling shares in BSI (Belize Sugar Industries Ltd.), the company which owns the sugarcane mill at Tower Hill. At the time, BSI owed over \$120 million to foreign banks, and in fact was only able to carry through the 2010/11 season with financial assistance from the government. The GOB (UDP) respected the ambitions of the BSCFA, but did not think their acquisition of majority shares in BSI feasible.

The GOB favored a takeover by Banco Atlántida, a group from Honduras. The BSCFA firmly rejected Banco Atlántida's bid, especially because the group wanted a number of concessions, a critical one being the right to produce 50% of the sugarcane for the factory, a move that would have destroyed BSCFA. After the Banco Atlántida deal fell through, ASR's interest in BSI became known.

Since taking control of BSI in 2012, ASR has improved milling efficiency, and began producing direct consumption sugars. This year ASR-BSI also started shipping sugar by road to the port in Big Creek instead of by barge to the port in Belize City (PBL), a

move which it claims has resulted in considerable savings for the company and the farmers.

How sugar went from barge to truck, and from one port to another twice the distance away, is lamentable. If we had had a "mixed economy" government instead of a capitalist one between 1998 and 2003, the stevedores at PBL would have gotten shares in the company, and along with other private shareholders and government they would have been able to access the funds to improve the facilities at PBL. And farmers would have realized double the savings ASR-BSI claims they made with the move to ship sugar by road all the way to Big Creek.

Despite the restructuring that has been done, things are as bad as ever for farmers, as bad as back in 2015 when, because of the severely depressed price of sugar on the world market, the GOB (UDP) approved an increase of 50%, 25 cents, on the control price of sugar sold on the local market, the subsidy going to both farmers and millers.

To forestall any impasse this season, in June this year the GOB installed former Minister of Natural Resources and Deputy Prime Minister, Florencio Marin, Sr., as an advisor, and his task was to broker a new commercial agreement between BSCFA and ASR-BSI before the 2022-23 season got started. But the gulf between the two entities is too wide, far too wide. To date there is no agreement, and if the season is to start on time, less than a month remains to get the signatures in place.

The present government (PUP) supported the BSCFA's move to acquire majority control of BSI a decade ago, but as it stands at present, BSI is a privately owned company, with ASR, at last reports, holding about 80% of the shares. It didn't sit well with the BSCFA when the PM, Hon. John Briceño, said he couldn't see ASR giving BSCFA all that it wanted, that what BSCFA wanted could drive the company into bankruptcy.

It's a difficult situation for farmers. The price of sugar on the world market is high at this time, but because of the escalating cost of imported inputs, the cost of producing export crops has never been higher. We have seen small banana farmers squeezed out of the banana industry, small citrus and grain growers are a dying breed, and now the small cane farmers are in danger, battling for their livelihoods.

ASR-BSI would love to go the way of Santander, which produces the bulk of the sugarcane it mills. ASR-BSI would want an open license, to increase its production beyond 150,000 tons, and for only big farmers to participate in the industry. Belizeans who cherish the independence of small farmers are hoping the government can broker a solution that will serve the small cane farmers. But Belizeans across the length and breadth of the country are also concerned that the milling starts on time.

## Happy Garifuna Settlement Day!

When we think of our Garinagu brothers and sisters, our first thoughts are about their drums and their songs, and their indomitable spirit, their belief that they will overcome, no matter the odds. On the painful trip from St. Vincent, to exile in Roatan, Honduras, it was that spirit that helped them survive. And it was that same indomitable spirit that led them to Belize, their new Yurumein.

Our Garinagu brothers and sisters faced difficulties in Belize too; they had to fight racism and marginalization in their new home. But theirs is a story of triumph, and their triumph is our triumph, for the Garinagu brought many gifts to our shores. The list of heroes the Garinagu have given Belize is long. They have excelled in every endeavor, as fishermen and as farmers, in music, in sports, in education. As the beloved Brother Kai, Sebastian Cayetano, reminded us when he visited with the crew on the *KREM Morning Stew* on Monday, in earlier days it was Garinagu teachers who went forth, canoed across rivers, waded across creeks, and slogged through mud and "high bush" to teach rural children and youth.

The drums are beating, and people are singing; they are beating drums and singing tonight all across our beautiful land. It is a celebration of the Garinagu, and Belize. Happy Garifuna Settlement Day to all!



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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

### Laundry Attendants:

- Unloading soiled laundry containers from trucks; weighing and sorting laundry for processing; load/unload washing machines and dryers; linen inspection, feeding linens into ironer, folding, keep work environment clean, other work-related duties.
- Be energetic; able to lift 50 pounds; know basic math – addition & subtraction; able to multitask, work flexible hours including weekends and all public holidays.

Application forms can be picked up at **Belize Dry Cleaners** at #3 Dolphin Street in Belize City.

**Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.**



## Nazarene High School

Princess Margaret Drive  
P.O. Box 539 - Tel: 203-2248 - Email: nhs@nazarenehighbz.org  
Belize City, Belize, C.A.

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Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons to fill the post of Spanish Teacher for the current school year.

#### Qualifications Requirement:

Bachelor's Degree in Secondary Education (Spanish)

Flexibility in offering two or more subject areas will be considered a tremendous asset.

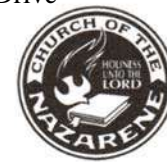
All completed application packages must include:

- 1) Application letter with Curriculum Vitae
- 2) Official Transcript/s
- 3) Copies of all certificates
- 4) Valid Teachers License
- 5) One letter of recommendation from a Pastor or a church elder
- 6) One letter of recommendation from last employer
- 7) One character reference letter from a reputable person
- 8) Recent police record
- 9) Medical Certificate
- 10) Birth Certificate/Passport
- 11) Valid Social Security card

All copies **MUST** be certified

All applications should be hand delivered by **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2022** addressed to:

Chairperson  
Nazarene High School  
Princess Margaret Drive  
Belize City, Belize



"I WILL GO IN STRENGTH OF THE LORD GOD." PS. 71:16

## Health Minister meets with nurses...

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Association, in contrast, made it clear that their primary area of concern continues to be the medical supply shortages.

"The detailed meeting today had nothing to do with a letter that was signed by one – or I don't know if it was even signed, because I have not received an official hardcopy letter – that was posted on social media with the three letterheads of the different groups that forms the coalition. It is obvious that one individual has been acting unilaterally on his own; they made that absolutely clear, that that is not the purview of the Nurses Association of Belize," Minister Bernard said.

The meeting held yesterday between Hon. Bernard and the nurses did not focus on the list of demands that had

been presented in the purported release from the three groups last week but was centered only on the issue of shortages, and according to Minister Bernard, the session was very fruitful.

"What they did was that we brought the concerns from the various regions, including K.H.M.H.A. We were able to clarify in many cases, in many instances, some of the lists that they brought in terms of what they deemed were medications that were short. We also realized during the discussions that there is a gap in communication within the regions, between the pharmacy unit and the nurses, in terms of them being properly informed of what is available at the pharmacy or what is not available in the country. So we were able to, at the same time, we were able to identify those products or those items that are still

pending delivery in the country," Hon. Bernard said.

A faulty, ill-timed tendering process has been cited as the primary reason for delays in importation, and shortages, of medical supplies in the country. The Ministry has thus decided to put in place a new timeline in order to prevent delays in medical supply acquisition by next year.

"We want to ensure that with the new timeline that we have put for ourselves, internally, at the ministry, that we want to ensure that we have received all our supplies in the country so that when we go through the new tender cycle which we are working on right now so that we could put together within the budget cycle a proper, detailed listing of pharmaceutical and medical supplies that will be required for us in the next fiscal year," Hon. Bernard said.

Minister Bernard also noted that tenders for medication that is currently needed were signed back in late August, but he explained that recent storms have played at least some role in the delay.

"We had some delays in terms of shipping delays. Hurricane Lisa and the previous hurricane that hit Florida also created further delays for supplies. Now a lot of these things, I am not saying this to find excuses, but I am saying that while those issues caused delays, there were suppliers in the country who flew in many urgent medications in order for us to be able to ship across the country, including those at KMH," he said.

The Health Ministry and the Nurses Association of Belize are to meet again in January on the matter, and Hon. Bernard said that his ministry has also reached out to the Belize Medical and Dental Association, and they are open to conversations with all stakeholders.



## Toledo Community College

Vacancies exist for the following posts at Toledo Community College.

- 1 English Teacher (Permanent)
- 1 Counselor/Life Skills (Permanent)
- 1 Integrated Science Teacher (Permanent)
- 1 POB / Information Technology Teacher (Permanent)
- 1 POB / Spanish Teacher (Permanent)

### Qualifications:

- Bachelor Degree in Education in subject area preferred but persons with an Associate Degree in the specified area may also apply.
- Experience teaching at the CXC level will be an asset.

### Salary:

In accordance with government pay scales.

Applicants should submit: Letter of Application, Curriculum Vitae, Two (2) Letters of Recommendation, **Certified Copies** of Certificates, Transcript, Social Security Card, Recent Police Records (Original), Birth Paper, Medical Report, and a Valid Teacher's License to the address below:

**\*\*\*Please note that incomplete applications will not be considered.**

Secretary

T.C.C. Board of Governors  
P.O. Box 41  
Punta Gorda Town  
Belize

**Deadline for application is Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022**



## LADYVILLE TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL VACANCIES



Ladyville Technical High School invites suitably qualified persons to apply for the following post:

- **English A & B Teacher ( Full time)**
- **Social Studies/Belizean Studies Teacher (December 2022-December 2023)**
- **Agriculture Teacher (Full time)**
- **Caretaker (Full time)**

### Teachers' Qualifications:

- Bachelor/ Associates Degree in the specified subject area
- Applicants must have a valid Teacher's license
- Experience in teaching at the CXC level would be an asset

### Other Professional Requirements

- Good interpersonal and communication skills with students and colleagues
- Commitment to education
- Self-motivated
- Possesses sound ethical principles and values
- Willingness to participate in extra-curricular activities

### Caretaker requirements:

- Basic skills in plumbing, construction, general repairs etc.

### Salary

Salary according to Government pay scale

**Deadline for application is November 30, 2022.**

**Teachers' position:** Letter of application with curriculum vitae, two letters of recommendation, a certified copy of Teacher's License, Social Security Card, Birth Paper, Qualifications, Official Transcript, Police Record and Ministry of Education Medical Certificate

**Caretakers' position:** Letter of application, two letters of recommendation of past employment, copy of Social Security Card, Birth Certificate, Police Record.

**Chair**  
**Ladyville Technical High School**  
**9 ¾ Miles Philip Goldson Highway**  
**Ladyville, Belize District**  
**Belize, C.A.**

## “Tour-isms” Friend Zone

Hurricane Lisa's 85mph sustained winds toppled trees and structures, but only reignited the Belizean spirit of friendliness. The Belize Tourism Board (BTB) estimates that the cost to the tourism industry is approximately \$6mil. The review included looking at structural damages, water damage, and debris pile-up at some archaeological sites. Gathering this information included using a digital survey, making phone calls, and being out on the grounds immediately after the hurricane. Since the hurricane, Belizeans from the private and public sectors have sprung into action to clean up the old capital and its surrounding areas. Time and time again, the people of Belize have shown themselves to be the most indispensable and resilient tourism asset. Belizeans are brave and strong, and friendly.

We were recently voted “**8<sup>th</sup> Friendliest Country in The World**” by Condé Nast Traveller 2022 Readers' Choice Award. That makes us a friend zone. We are reminded after Hurricane

Lisa, that Belizean friendliness always starts at home. The post-hurricane cleanup efforts were in full force immediately following the storm. The aftermath of Hurricane Lisa has shown that Belizeans worry for each other, and many have shown no shortage of kindness to help. Belize City especially required a massive cleanup job. In the days after the storm, personnel from the Belize Defense Force (BDF) were all over the city helping to clean the streets and clear debris. Employees from Belize City Council did the same. Over fifty members of the Sugar Cane Farmers' Association drove all the way from Orange Walk, many of them on tractors and with machetes in hand, ready to help however they could. Citizens from Placencia organized a hurricane relief effort and made the journey to Belize City to deliver their supplies. Members of The Leadership Intervention Unit had put differences aside to work alongside police and public service officers in the city cleanup campaign. The reaction and effort from the Belizean citizenry were nothing short of inspirational. The BTB was proud to donate \$50k to the Belize City council for the restoration of damages caused by Hurricane Lisa. The organization will also be making donations to assist with repairs at the Belize Zoo. The friendliness and goodwill that Belizeans have shown to each other continue to pour out.

Friendliness is a vital tool for recovering from any manmade or natural disaster. When people volunteer their resources, time, and manpower, it is a sweeping force stronger than any hurricane. Belizeans have built and rebuilt their homes and businesses after past economic and natural disasters. Following the storm, Prime Minister John Briceño stated that “*we will rebuild, and we will replace*”. The Jewel will always shine. At this year's prestigious Wanderlust Travel Awards, Belize was awarded silver for the **Most Desirable Emerging Destination**. With the kindness of the people and guidance of the BTB, our tourism industry will emerge ready for the 2022 high season.

This week we select **Belizeanism**. It may not be a real word, but it is a real feeling. This “-ism” is for the inexplicable quality that is both in the Belizean people and in its natural resources. Our friendliness is our strength, and it is always our tool to recover. We truly are, by the international award, a friend zone.

See you next week!

*Belize Tourism Board*





# Belize, BSCFA y ASR-BSI

Por el bien de Belize, todos queremos que la zafra comience a tiempo, alrededor de la segunda semana de diciembre. Desde hace algunos años, existe una diferencia entre los molineros ASR (American Sugar Refining, Inc.)/BSI (Belize Sugar Industries Ltd.) y el grupo de productores de caña más grande, la Asociación de Cañeros de Belize (Belize Sugar Cane Farmers Association, BSCFA), sobre la división del dinero que recauda el molino. Los agricultores de caña no han ganado mucho con su trabajo durante años, y quieren más, lo que sienten que se merecen, y ASR-BSI insiste en el statu quo, un acuerdo de reparto de ingresos de 65 (agricultores) – 35 (molineros) que se estableció hace eones.

La industria azucarera es extremadamente importante para Belize. Una hoja informativa del Grupo ASR-BSI dice que la fábrica en Tower Hill en el distrito de Orange Walk muele caña producida por 5,000 agricultores independientes, sustenta al 15 % de la población de nuestro país y contribuye con alrededor del 5 % de nuestro PIB y la energía verde que produce el 15% de las necesidades de energía eléctrica de nuestra nación.

El grupo de agronegocios, *Wilmar*, dice que anualmente se producen 180 millones de toneladas métricas (TM) de azúcar, de las cuales 50 TM se consumen donde se produce. El grupo dice que el consumo mundial de azúcar está aumentando entre un 1% y un 2% por año, y que el precio es un factor del consumo y la producción reales, y de “pronósticos estadísticos para años futuros”. Debido a nuestro pequeño tamaño, no tenemos control sobre los precios del mercado mundial, nuestra producción anual de 125.000 a 140.000 TM de azúcar (156.646 TM fue nuestro mejor año) representa menos del 0,1% de la producción mundial.

No hay nada raro en que los cañeros y los molineros regateen su parte de lo que se gana cuando nuestra azúcar se vende en el mercado mundial. En 2011, la BSCFA, cansada de no poder obtener lo que considera que le corresponde, se movió para adquirir acciones de control en BSI (Belize Sugar Industries Ltd.), la empresa propietaria del ingenio de caña de azúcar en Tower Hill. En ese momento, BSI debía más de \$ 120 millones a bancos extranjeros y, de hecho, solo pudo llevar a cabo la zafra 2010/11 con la asistencia financiera del gobierno. El Gobierno de Belize (UDP) respetó las ambiciones de BSCFA, pero no consideró factible su adquisición de acciones mayoritarias en BSI.

El Gobierno favoreció una toma de control por parte de Banco Atlántida, un grupo de Honduras. El BSCFA rechazó firmemente la oferta del Banco Atlántida, especialmente porque el grupo quería una serie de concesiones, siendo una fundamental el derecho a producir el 50 % de la caña de azúcar para la fábrica, una medida que habría destruido a la BSCFA. Después de que fracasó el trato con Banco Atlántida, se conoció el interés de ASR en BSI.

Desde que tomó el control de BSI en 2012, ASR ha mejorado la eficiencia de la molienda y comenzó a producir azúcares de consumo directo. Este año, ASR-BSI también comenzó a enviar azúcar por carretera al puerto de Big Creek en lugar de por barcaza al puerto de la Ciudad de Belize (Port of Belize, PBL), una medida que afirma ha resultado en ahorros considerables para la empresa y los cañeros.

Es lamentable cómo el azúcar pasó de barcaza a camión, y de un puerto a otro ubicado el doble de distancia. Si hubiéramos tenido un gobierno de “economía mixta” en lugar de uno capitalista entre 1998 y 2003, los estibadores de PBL habrían obtenido acciones de la empresa y, junto con otros accionistas privados y el gobierno, habrían podido acceder a los fondos para mejorar las instalaciones de PBL. Y los caneros habrían obtenido el doble de los ahorros que ASR-BSI afirma que hicieron con el movimiento para enviar azúcar por carretera hasta Big Creek.

A pesar de la reestructuración que se ha hecho, las cosas están tan mal como siempre para los agricultores, tan mal como en 2015 cuando,

debido al precio severamente deprimido del azúcar en el mercado mundial, el Gobierno (UDP) aprobó un aumento del 50%, 25 centavos, sobre el precio de control del azúcar vendido en el mercado local, con el subsidio yendo tanto a los cañeros como a los molineros.

Para evitar cualquier punto muerto esta temporada, en junio de este año el Gobierno instaló al ex Ministro de Recursos Naturales y Viceprimer Ministro, Florencio Marin, Sr., como asesor, y su tarea fue negociar un nuevo acuerdo comercial entre BSCFA y ASR-BSI antes de que comenzara la zafra 2022-23. Pero la brecha entre las dos entidades es por mucho demasiado amplia. Hasta la fecha no hay acuerdo, y si se quiere que la zafra empiece a tiempo, queda menos de un mes para conseguir las firmas.

El gobierno actual (PUP) apoyó el movimiento de BSCFA para adquirir el control mayoritario de BSI hace una década, pero tal como está actualmente, BSI es una empresa de propiedad privada, y ASR, según los últimos informes, posee alrededor del 80% de las acciones. No le cayó bien a la BSCFA cuando el primer ministro, el Honorable John Briceño, dijo que no podía imaginar que ASR le diera a BSCFA todo lo que quería, que lo que BSCFA quería podría llevar a la empresa a la bancarrota.

Es una situación difícil para los cañeros. El precio del azúcar en el mercado mundial es alto en este momento, pero debido al costo cada vez mayor de los insumos importados, el costo de producir cultivos de exportación nunca ha sido tan alto. Hemos visto a los pequeños productores de banano expulsados de la industria bananera, los pequeños productores de cítricos y granos son una raza en extinción, y ahora los pequeños productores de caña están en peligro, luchando por su sustento.

A ASR-BSI le encantaría seguir el camino de Santander, que produce la mayor parte de la caña de azúcar que muele. ASR-BSI querría una licencia abierta, para aumentar su producción más allá de las 150.000 toneladas, y que solo los grandes agricultores participen en la industria. Los beliceños que aprecian la independencia de los pequeños agricultores esperan que el gobierno pueda negociar una solución que sirva a los pequeños agricultores de caña. Pero a los beliceños a lo largo y ancho del país también les preocupa que la molienda comience a tiempo.

## ¡Feliz Día del Asentamiento Garífuna!

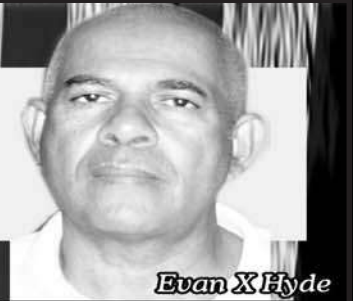
Cuando pensamos en nuestros hermanos y hermanas Garinagu, nuestros primeros pensamientos son sobre sus tambores y sus canciones, y su espíritu indomable, su creencia de que vencerán, sin importar las probabilidades. En el doloroso viaje desde San Vicente, al exilio en Roatán, Honduras, fue ese espíritu el que los ayudó a sobrevivir. Y fue ese mismo espíritu indomable el que los llevó a Belize, su nuevo Yurumein.

Nuestros hermanos y hermanas Garinagu también enfrentaron dificultades en Belize; tuvieron que luchar contra el racismo y la marginación en su nuevo hogar. Pero la suya es una historia de triunfo, y su triunfo es nuestro triunfo, porque los Garinagu trajeron muchos regalos a nuestras costas. La lista de héroes que los Garinagu le han dado a Belize es larga. Han sobresalido en cada empeño, como pescadores y como agricultores, en la música, en los deportes, en la educación. Como nos recordó el amado hermano Kai, Sebastián Cayetano, cuando visitó a los presentadores en el programa *Morning Stew* de KREM el lunes, en días anteriores fueron los maestros garinagu los que salían, cruzaban ríos en canoa, vadeaban arroyos y avanzaban trabajosamente a través del lodo y “arbustos altos” para enseñar a los niños y jóvenes rurales.

Los tambores suenan y la gente canta; están tocando tambores y cantando esta noche por toda nuestra hermosa tierra. Es una celebración de los Garinagu y de Belize. ¡Feliz Día del Asentamiento Garífuna a todos!



# From the Publisher



Evan X Hyde

The marriage of my father to my mother in 1946 was the union of a pure intellectual, my dad, with a highly intelligent but practical Belizean woman, who was a gifted seamstress but also knew how to use a hammer and nails to repair our wooden home.

We nine children were raised by my mom, because we spent much more time with her than with my dad. One of my mother's granduncles, from the Escarpeta family, had told her of the marriage between Jose Escarpeta, a ship captain, and Elizabeth Kingston, "a coal black woman," in Sittee River which had produced our great grandmother, Maria Escarpeta.

Because it was our mother who had emphasized our African descent, and I have told you this story several times over the last five decades, it has always been the feeling amongst us children that it was our late mom who had been responsible for our black or revolutionary sentiments.

Over the last years, however, I have come to realize that our father's social opinions, specifically on sports, affected us children in a substantial way. In our father's world, if a Belizean was gifted in sports, maximum respect should be given to such an individual, regardless of ethnicity, color, religion, or whatever.

Such is not the perspective of the



(Front row L to R) Steve Mahler; Charles "C.B." Hyde, Joe Mendez; Polo Acosta; Jack Lind; Telford Vernon; and Hans Eusey.  
(Second row L to R) Bill Usher; Evan Wright; Horace Durant; Elston "Papa" Allen; Raymond "Toby" Eusey.  
(Back row L to R) Herbert Fuller; Sydney Harris; Roy Vernon; Roy Cattouse; Eldridge "Rubbige" Hyde; Arthur "Artie" Barrow; Kenny Hulse.

vast majority of the lighter-color, upper classes in Belize. Their priority is to protect their offspring from contact with the lower, darker classes. That is the reason, to my mind, why volleyball was introduced into Belize in the middle/late 1980s. This is, of course, only a personal opinion.

Because of my father's social opinions, and because we children were raised as Roman Catholics (my father is a Roman Catholic), although my mom was a Methodist, I grew up without a consciousness of the great and often bitter divide which existed

between the Garifuna and Creole people.

At SJC Sixth Form in 1964/65, my best friend was Marion Paulino. Teaching at Wesley College between 1971 and 1972, my best friend was the late Greg Arana (and his wife, Miss Agnes). You know, of course, that J. C. Arzu spent more than three decades as the foundation and soul of KREM Radio before he left for Peini to care for his ailing mom. When I speak of Pen Cayetano, I do so with reverence, because no one in my life has treated me with such respect. Although his

older brother, James, and I have had some issues, Garrincha Adderly and I became very close friends several decades ago. He had attended the Agricultural School in Central Farm with one of my younger brothers, Colin, before joining the Belize Defence Force. Coco Orio and I became very good friends on a football trip to Coatzacoalcos in 1978. The late Hon. Paul Guerrero was my compadre. I can go on.

Today, I want to talk about my early days at St. John's College, when classmates like the late Hector Yorke and I suddenly saw our friend and classmate, Errol Cattouse, become a young basketball phenom right in front of our eyes. I never saw Errol play ball in his prime, because he left SJC to go to Lynam in the

Stann Creek District, and then ended up in Orange Walk Town, where he became a real superstar.

I remember one of our basketball contemporaries at SJC, whom we called "Parpy." His name, if I remember correctly, was Allan Nunez. He had an older brother who either was or became a prison warder. The young Parpy was tall and smooth. He was so cool. He was like a young Scottie Pippen. Serious thing. I was not a real acquaintance of his (he was in a different class). Today, more than five centuries later, I wonder what became of the brother. I'm sure he went to America. Everybody did back then.

My father's opinions are responsible for how I viewed the violation of the MCC Grounds. There is a politician the UDP has been trying to discard who was Minister of Sports when that violation began. The younger people call this "karma." We older folk would say "poetic justice."

The MCC Grounds was gifted to Belizeans by the British back in 1960. I think it was a peace offering for their trying to lock up Mr. Price in 1958. The man who groomed the most beautiful field in the world was a Jamaican national named McMahan. May he rest in peace.

The MCC Garden was intended for cricket (it was a British cricket team which had visited Belize which supposedly financed the conversion of an open area through which we children used to "short cut" from southeast to northwest, from Calle al Mar to Baymen Avenue). Football soon began to take over.

This column was inspired by my appreciation for my Garifuna friends on the occasion of Garifuna Settlement Day. My respect for you is great, and I wish you the best on Saturday and for always.

## FROM THE PUBLISHER en Español

El matrimonio de mi padre con mi madre en 1946 fue la unión de un intelectual puro, mi padre, con una mujer beliceña muy inteligente pero práctica, que era una costurera talentosa pero que también sabía cómo usar un martillo y clavos para reparar nuestra casa de madera.

Los nueve hijos fuimos criados por mi mamá, porque pasábamos mucho más tiempo con ella que con mi papá. Uno de los tíos abuelos de mi madre, de la familia Escarpeta, le había contado del matrimonio entre José Escarpeta, un capitán de barco, y Elizabeth Kingston, "una mujer negra como el carbón", en Sittee River, del cual había nacido nuestra bisabuela, María Escarpeta.

Debido a que fue nuestra madre quien enfatizó nuestra ascendencia africana, y les he contado esta historia varias veces durante las últimas cinco décadas, entre nosotros los niños siempre ha existido la sensación de que

fue nuestra difunta madre la responsable de nuestros sentimientos negros o revolucionarios.

En los últimos años, sin embargo, me he dado cuenta de que las opiniones sociales de nuestro padre, específicamente sobre los deportes, nos afectaron a los niños de manera sustancial. En el mundo de nuestro padre, si un beliceño tenía talento para los deportes, se le debía dar el máximo respeto, independientemente de su etnia, color, religión o lo que fuera.

Esa no es la perspectiva de la gran mayoría de las clases altas de color más claro en Belize. Su prioridad es proteger a su descendencia del contacto con las clases más bajas y oscuras. Esa es la razón, en mi opinión, por la que se introdujo el voleibol en Belize a mediados o finales de los años ochenta. Esto es, por supuesto, sólo una opinión personal.

Debido a las opiniones sociales de mi padre, y debido a que nosotros los

niños fuimos criados como católicos romanos (mi padre es católico romano), aunque mi madre era metodista, crecí sin conciencia de la gran y a menudo amarga división que existía entre los garifunas y criollos.

En la preparatoria del Colegio San Juan (SJC) en 1964/65, mi mejor amigo era Marion Paulino. Enseñando en el Colegio Wesley entre 1971 y 1972, mi mejor amigo era el finado Greg Arana (y su esposa, la señorita Agnes). Ustedes saben, por supuesto, que J. C. Arzu pasó más de tres décadas como la base y el alma de Radio KREM antes de irse a Peini para cuidar a su madre enferma. Cuando hablo de Pen Cayetano lo hago con reverencia, porque nadie en mi vida me ha tratado con tanto respeto. Aunque su hermano mayor, James, y yo hemos tenido algunos problemas, Garrincha Adderly y yo nos hicimos muy amigos hace



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# Roja, give da bwai tarjeta roja

by Colin Hyde

I watched some of the two semi-final BPL football games on TNC over the weekend, and the players and team play were quite impressive, but oh, I saw two players disrespect the referee and get away with it, and that hurt my interest. Monki sih, monki du—we've always known that some people go to movies, and watch sports events from abroad on television, and they imitate what they saw. Okay, it's natural, and that's why we need people around us who aren't afraid to tell us when what we're mimicking da foolishnis.

Young footballers should never, ever walk away from the referee when he calls them. Place your hands behind your back, put your head down, and go to the man when he calls you. Don't ever do or say anything when you are between those lines that could "show up" the ref in any way. I want the first player in Qatar who thinks he is so big, to get a tarjeta roja, for the day. No, I wouldn't give a two-game ban for that insubordination—why? Because it's an ignorance infraction, not violent play that could destroy an opponent's career.

I don't care how much talent you have over the ball, if you don't understand the first rule of the game, that the referee is boss, I won't pay to watch you. Be he competent, or be he incompetent, between those lines el árbitro is god. Coaches, fans, etcetera, etcetera can do most what they want, but players need to get the sense.

## Dean Barrow completes 50% of the venganza

Aha, so Mr. Patrick Faber was chased out of Collet on Saturday. And that was all I had for Friday's column, a title and a sentence ... and then Tuesday came. Bwai, on Tuesday's developments, I *stun*. I kyaahn believe the Barrows would move so fast to

wipe out the whole hog, 100% get the two Port Loyola colluders wrapped up in a sack — signed, sealed and delivered. Naa, Willoughby doant have to worry, too much. He was just a pawn.

## G Hulse and R Velloso gave UDP/NABR victory in 1993 election

I have heard from a number of quarters that Lord Ashcroft buys elections in Belize. Aiyayai, unu please stop insulting my people soh. No, no, no, Lord Ashcroft doesn't buy elections; he buys politicians who will win at the polls. We can give him credit for being astute about which way the wind is blowing. Naa, neither he nor anyone can buy the Belizean people. Long before Patrick Faber strung a banner across CA Boulevard saying, *tek dehn money and vote dem out*, the Belizean people had been doing just that.

It is said that a promise of free education, and I believe free land was thrown in too, was a big key to victory for the UDP/NABR in that surprise booting out of office of a PUP that had gone astray. Manifesto promises play an important part in swaying electorates everywhere in the world. Indeed, that is what elections are about. The PUP had their pledges too, but we liked the UDP/NABR's promises more.

Belize's electorate is serious about issues. While the UDP didn't explain how they would go about delivering on those promises, Belizeans believe that free education, and a parcel of land in our country, are rights, and things that could be delivered for the people by a properly focused government.

My gudnis, they didn't deliver free education, they didn't deliver the land parcels, and they didn't send back the Maritime Areas Act. Flat out, the UDP (not NABR) fibbed to us—but we know the cause was gud. I say, failing

to deliver on those promises wasn't the reason why the UDP got turned out of office in 1998. But another time for that, this is about 1993.

The announcement shortly before the 1993 election that the British would be reducing their military expenditure here didn't help the upstaat PUP. Remember that during the PUP 1989-1993 government, our bad neighbor had a progressive leader, Jorge Antonio Serrano Elías, from 1991 to mid-1993. The British, who had been ordered by the UN to remain committed to Belize militarily, yap, seized the opportunity in the friendly climate to declare an end to the defense "guarantee" in 1994.

Many factors play into a general election, and the great promises, as well as the blame placed on the PUP for the British pulling out their army, were pluses for the UDP/NABR. But all those would have been for naught without Godwin Hulse and Russell Velloso on Tuesday nights on the new KREM.

The PUP had gotten over the UDP in 1989 with the help of the promise of Radio KREM, after the UDP's Hubert Elrington had threatened to jail anyone in the UBAD crowd that dared to broadcast their message on open air. You know this was an unkind cut, even a terrible betrayal, for no one had worked harder than the UBAD crowd to bring the UDP to power in 1984.

Hubert should talk. He should explain, no, expose the thought processes that were at work in his party that led them to threaten UBAD. I have an open invitation, free beer and dinner to sit with the great and famous Henry Young. But it's Hubert's baby, so he should go first. Look, I'm not about defending UBAD. I am NIP Kriol. I just like to hear all sides.

Ah, KREM had an exciting Diki Bradley Show on Wednesday nights — if Brother Nuri wants to find out when our women took control of our country lock, stock, and barrel, that clock began to tick with Mr. Bradley on

Wednesday nights. I know that famous gentleman from the outside. I know he's a great friend of my dad. Getting to the issue, if I'm not mistaken he is a single-mom child, and he was totally pampered. Ah, by their roots you explain them. On Wednesday nights, men got in their licks, but womenfolk controlled the run.

That Wednesday night show hurt the PUP government because people had open license to call in with their gripes. But it was the Tuesday night show that really shelled them. The lambasting on KREM Tuesday nights was for the same thing the NTUCB marched through the streets of Belize City in 2020 — transparency and accountability with our funds and properties. On KREM's Tuesday night's show, Godwin and Russell emptied the arsenal on large-scale corruption, with the largest bombs directed at the mother of them all, the "Italian" projects.

Looking at election returns in Belize City, where KREM had its greatest audience, we see flipping in three divisions in 1989 and 1993. The UDP had won a blowout, 21-7, in 1984, in which they swept Collet, Lake I, and Freetown, but in 1989 the UDP lost both Collet and Lake I, and lost the general election. However, they kept Freetown. In 1993 the UDP, with NABR, won back Collet and Lake I, and won the general election. However, the UDP-NABR lost Freetown, which had been won by Derek Aikman in 1984 and 1989.

Between 1989 and 1993 Mr. Aikman fell out of favor with the UDP when he joined, helped form, the breakaway NABR, and during this period the Red and Blue colluded to have the famous bank declare him a bankrupt. Mr. Aikman did not, could not, contest the 1993 general election, and thus Freetown was handed to the PUP. But the return of Lake I and Collet to the UDP fold was enough to help them eke out a 16-13 victory over the Blue.

Irony of ironies, and what would this world be without surprises, it would be boring, I tell you, yes, the irony of 1993 was that Hubert, who had lost his seat in Lake I in 1989, partly because or maybe all because of his disappointing stance on Radio KREM (UBAD), was returned to office because of, yap, KREM.

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# PRESS PREDICTIONS

The sports psychic speaks

## BOLEDO

“Press” Predictions: 91-35-02  
Boledo stats thru 18<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2022

In boledo news, 55 finally played after 2 years 1 month and 1 day . These are my lucky numbers for this week: 54-35-28-91-63-02. These are my lucky jackpot numbers: 9411-2661-5396. These are my lucky PICK-3 numbers: 534-767-201-949-030. Get ready Belize, some doubles will be coming for the Garifuna Settlement Day celebrating this Saturday in beautiful Dangriga. 26 is still out over 1 year 9 months 3 weeks 4 days now. 47 are still out for over 1 year 6 months 3 weeks and 4 days now. 35 is still out for over 1 year 2 months 3 weeks and 5 days now. 00 is still out for over 1 year 2 months and 3 days now. 94 will complete 1 year on the 6th of December. The seventies series play the most on Sundays for the year and plus over all. The ending 2 ball and the ending 9 ball are the hottest ending numbers. 22 played 9 times now, 33 played 8 times, 88 played 7 times, 77 played 5 times, 11 played 4 times, 44 and 66 played 3 times each; and 00 yet to play. There are only 6 numbers left for the year: 00-18-26-35-47 and 94. Remember to read your Psalms: 91-62-73. Good Luck to all buyers, next week more stats.

## LOCAL FOOTBALL

Verdes FC will edge San Pedro Pirates 1-nil in Cayo

### Local Football Results and Predictions

In local football action, the semifinals got started in San Pedro last Saturday night. Verdes FC the 2-time defending champion had to rally from a 2-1 deficit to force a draw 2 to 2 in injury time. Krisean Lopez got the equalizer/ he had not scored in the first 10 games of the season. His 2 goals are against the Pirates to secure the draw 2 times now. Verdes FC and Woodrow West will edge the San Pedro Pirates 1-nil in Cayo this Sunday at 4:00 p.m. The game will be very exciting and a lot of entertainment by one of the number 1 bands in the land. In the other semifinal game in Orange Walk Sugar City, Altitude FC of Mango Creek edged Progresso FC 2 goals to 1. Altitude FC’s MVP,



Woodrow West

Colombian Andres Orozco, scored again, he leads the league in goals with 11 goals, he will be named the MVP of the regular season, says “Press” Cadogan. Charlie Slusher deserves coach of the year. Next week more stats.

## NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

The worst start in LA Lakers franchise history

### NBA Results and Predictions

In NBA Action, the Utah Jazz is rolling under new General Manager Danny Ainge from the Boston Celtics organization. They traded their best player in Donovan Mitchell to the Cleveland Cavaliers Team and they are a real success right now at 13-4, the best record in the Western Conference. They can complete with anyone in the NBA. The Dallas Mavericks and Luka Doncic are also rolling. He leads the NBA in scoring with a average of over 35 points per night. The Portland Trailblazers are also playing very well. But Damian Lillard, their best player, was out with a strained calf. They still do well with a record of 10-5. The Denver Nuggets have back Jamaal Murray in the lineup. Nicola Jokic, the 2-time MVP will have some massive help down the stretch. The Golden State Warriors are struggling because of injuries, the Milwaukee Bucks finally lost to the Atlanta Hawks. The Boston Celtics and Jayson Tatum alongside Jaylen Brown will be the only team to beat the Bucks. Next week more stats.



Luka Dončić



by Gilroy “Press” Cadogan

is the face of the KC Chiefs, they are still playing very well at 6-3. Tom Brady’s steam, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, will need some more help from their supporting cast because Brady is now 45 years old. This might be his last season. Aaron Rodgers and the Green Bay Packers are struggling at 4-6. The Chicago Bears also are at 4-6. The Buffalo Bills and the Baltimore Ravens with Lamar Jackson can beat any of the top teams in the NFL. The League has real parity. Next week some results and some predictions.

## INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL

Argentina - Lionel Messi’s team, will be the favorites to win

### International Football Results and Predictions

In international football action, the World Cup is just 2 days away in Qatar 2022. There will be 32 countries competing in this year’s World Cup in 8 different groups . There are only 8 different countries to win the World Cup. Brazil won 5 times . Germany and Italy won 4 each. Then 3 countries won 2 each - Uruguay, Argentina and France, the defending champions of 2018, because of Kylian Mbappé. The other 2 countries are England that won in 1966 and Spain who won in 2010. These are my 5 favorite countries to win in Qatar. Argentina with Lionel Messi in his last World Cup for Argentina. Then 5 times champions Brazil who got a new president in Luis Silva. Then Croatia who was runner up and third in their last 2 World Cup appearances, Germany 4 times champions and the defending champs France, next week more stats.



Lionel Messi

## NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

The Philadelphia Eagles is the only undefeated team at 9-0, NFL Results and Predictions.

In NFL action, the Philadelphia Eagles are the only undefeated team right now after week-10. They are now 9-0; their new quarterback is Jalen Hurts. The Los Angeles Rams, the defending Super Bowl champions are struggling, they are 4-5. The Atlanta Falcons are leading their division, the New York Jets are playing very well. The Seattle Seahawks are also leading their division. Patrick Mahomes



Jalen Hurts



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# Tropic Air offers non-stop flight to San Pedro Sula



**Ribbon cutting ceremony**

by Charles Gladden

LADYVILLE, Belize District, Tues. Nov. 15, 2022

Belize's Tropic Air will now be offering a non-stop flight to San Pedro Sula, Honduras, and an inaugural flight departed from the

Philip Goldson International Airport (PGIA) for Ramón Villeda Morales International Airport in Honduras at 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 15. It is now one of four international flights offered by Tropic Air to travelers.

San Pedro Sula becomes the airline's second destination in Honduras, in addition to Roatán, and the 12th overall in its network.

At an inaugural ceremony inside the airport, the CEO of Tropic Air, Steven Schulte, stated, "Tropic Air was founded to bring tourists to San Pedro. Together with our partner hotels and the Belize Tourism



**(l-r) Steven Schulte, CEO of Tropic Air; and Hon. Anthony Mahler, Minister of Tourism**

Board, we've had great success in growing tourism in all of Belize. The airline industry is the door through which tourists arrive. Today, we're opening another door to San Pedro Sula to continue that growth."

He went on to note, "... Honduras has always been friendly. It has always been a friend of Tropic Air. We have had many invitations to fly [to] Honduras by government officials throughout the years ..."

Schulte told local reporters that it will take an estimated two years for the airline to receive returns on the investment.

"The tourism industry is never static, and so we're always looking for new opportunities to increase the [number of] tourists coming to Belize. The regional flights help us connect with some of the flights that don't come to Belize [regularly]. COPA comes once a week, so this will give us a connection to COPA through San Pedro Sula. Our flight to San Salvador also gives us that connection. I think that this is in the very early stages of regional development, and it will take us perhaps two years before we will see any return on this flight. But, we have to start at some time, and I think with the market in Belize full and expanding, we don't want to miss the opportunity to expand it further," he said.

Minister of Tourism, Hon. Anthony Mahler, in referring to Schulte's projections, said, "[As] Mr. Schulte said, airlift into a country for the overnight sector is the lifeblood. We have put an inordinate amount of effort into building airlift into Belize, going to routes, going to the airlines' headquarters, [meeting] them, [talking] to them, and [pitching] Belize, to provide incentives. We promised two years ago that we will do everything possible to build [an] airlift. With the partnership with Tropic Air, we have done so again."

To mark the inaugural flight's departure, there was a small ceremonial cake, and ribbon-cutting.

The initial two flights will depart from the PGIA twice a week to San Pedro Sula on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

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# The Belize Zoo slowly recovering after Lisa

by *Khaila Gentle*

BELIZE CITY, Tues. Nov. 15, 2022

The Belize Zoo and Tropical Education Center says that an outpouring of support from a range of organizations, businesses, and individuals has been instrumental in helping them to rebuild the “best little zoo in the world” after it sustained damage from Hurricane Lisa.

The Director of the Belize Zoo and Tropical Education Center, Celso Poot, wrote in an update this week that several of the zoo’s animals have been returned to their habitats, including the Zoo’s oldest inhabitant, Rex the

King Vulture, his partner, Sally, and their children Perfecto and Milagro.

On Wednesday, November 2, the passage of Hurricane Lisa left fallen trees and other debris strewn across much of the Belize District, including at the Belize Zoo. And while none of the animals were harmed, the Category 1 storm did cause damage to the zoo’s



animal habitats as well as the many pathways winding through the compound. Since then, staff members have been hard at work, clearing paths and moving fallen trees, all while

ensuring that the zoo’s inhabitants remain well taken care of.

Other animals that have successfully been returned to their enclosures include Hoodwink the Spectacled Owl, Mona Lisa the Mottled Owl, Panama the Harpy Eagle, Rainbow the Keel-Billed Toucan, and Archie the Tamandua.

Some members of the zoo’s small



population of tapirs—Marchisimo, Fuego, Navidad, Sparks, Ceibo, Indy and Tambo—are all back in their usual areas as well.

While staff members continue to work towards ensuring the zoo is fit for reopening, some of the zoo’s animals, like ambassador jaguars Sylvia and Martin, have not yet been returned to their enclosures, which are still being cleared of debris or rebuilt.

“We continue to work tirelessly to get all our remaining animals restored to their spaces in the least time possible while taking into consideration the safety and security of all involved, both people, and animals,” said Poot.

“Special thanks to Belize Electricity Limited for restoring power when it was our turn. To our ‘IT Guy,’ James Lewis for restoring our internet network and security system. I feel incredibly fortunate to work with a staff who are always willing to do whatever it takes to make sure our critters are safe. To the crew who stayed behind, left their families, and weathered the storm with the animals: Humberto, Jose, Claudino, Filiberto, and Juan Carlos, thank you for being some of our true wildlife heroes,” he also added.

The Zoo will continue to share updates on their recovery via their social media pages. Those wishing to donate to the Belize Zoo’s recovery efforts can visit [www.belizezoo.org](http://www.belizezoo.org) and click the “Donate” button on the top right corner or call (501)6134966.

Photos courtesy The Belize Zoo & Tropical Education Center



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Resume, Copy of Social Security Card, Passport- (information page) and a valid US visa will be an asset.

Applications should be emailed to: [tcvacanciesbz@gmail.com](mailto:tcvacanciesbz@gmail.com)  
For further information kindly contact (501) 604-0460

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The U.S. Embassy Belmopan is seeking two eligible and qualified applicants for the following position:

**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.hms>

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.

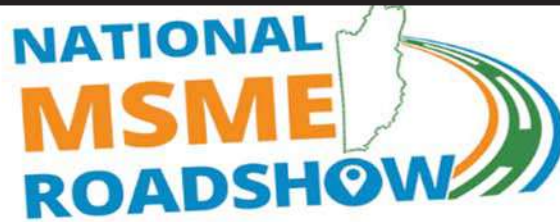
**Note 2:** Candidates **must** submit applicable required documentation by the closing date of this announcement. Failure to provide the required documentation will result in an ineligible application.

## Job Vacancy

### Receptionist/Office Assistant

We are looking for a mature full-time Receptionist/Office Assistant over the age of 30 who is willing to work flexible hours. Has a strong competency in QuickBooks, Microsoft Office applications including Word and Excel, exceptional phone manner, strong written and communication skills.

Please apply for this position by sending your resume and a photo to P.O. Box 1199



## National MSME Roadshow Dates & Locations:

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

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

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

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

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

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

### COROZAL | AUG 24 - 26

**BOOT CAMP & FORMALIZATION CLINIC**  
ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

**POP-UP SHOP**  
HOUSE OF CULTURE - BASKETBALL COURT

### BELMOPAN | SEPT 28 - 30

**BOOT CAMP & FORMALIZATION CLINIC**  
BELMOPAN CIVIC CENTER

**POP-UP SHOP**  
CIVIC CENTER PARKING LOT

### ORANGE WALK | AUG 31 - SEPT 02

**BOOT CAMP & FORMALIZATION CLINIC**  
BANQUITAS HOUSE OF CULTURE

**POP-UP SHOP**  
CENTRAL PARK

### SAN IGNACIO/SANTA ELENA | OCT 05 - 07

**BOOT CAMP & FORMALIZATION CLINIC**  
SI/SE TOWN HALL

**POP-UP SHOP**  
WELCOME CENTER

### BELIZE CITY | SEPT 07 - 09

**BOOT CAMP & FORMALIZATION CLINIC**  
ITVET DINING ROOM

**POP-UP SHOP**  
ITVET

### DANGRIGA | OCT 12 - 14

**BOOT CAMP & FORMALIZATION CLINIC**  
SPORTS COMPLEX

**POP-UP SHOP**  
ALEJO BENI PARK

### PUNTA GORDA | SEPT 14 - 16

**BOOT CAMP & FORMALIZATION CLINIC**  
SOCIAL SECURITY CONFERENCE ROOM

**POP-UP SHOP**  
CENTRAL PARK / WELCOME CENTER

### PLACENCIA VILLAGE | OCT 19 - 21

**BOOT CAMP & FORMALIZATION CLINIC**  
VILLAGE COUNCIL CENTER

**POP-UP SHOP**  
FOOTBALL FIELD

### CAYE CAULKER | SEPT 22 - 23

**BOOT CAMP & FORMALIZATION CLINIC**  
CAYE CAULKER VILLAGE COMMUNITY CENTER

**POP-UP SHOP**  
MARKET PLACE AREA

### SAN PEDRO | OCT 26 - 28

**BOOT CAMP & FORMALIZATION CLINIC**  
LIONS DEN

**POP-UP SHOP**  
CENTRAL PARK AREA





**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](mailto: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](http://www.sifbelize.org).

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

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



**DELILLE ACADEMY  
VACANCY**

2nd New Site

Dangriga Town, Stann Creek District

Phone: 522-3917/522-0601

Email: [delilleacademy@yahoo.com](mailto:delilleacademy@yahoo.com)

**Delille Academy cordially invites suitable candidates to apply for the teaching post for the academic year 2022-2023:**

**PERMANENT**

- 1 Religion

**Qualifications:**

- Applicants with a Bachelor Degree in Secondary Education in the subject area or higher qualification will be considered.
- Applicants with Associate Degree in subject area with minimum of three years teaching experience, pedagogical skills, strong academic background and classroom management/discipline will be given special consideration.

**Salary is commensurate with Government pay scale.**

**Interested persons are asked to submit:**

- Letter of application
- Resume
- Two recommendations
- Authenticated copies of:
  1. Transcripts
  2. Diplomas
  3. Valid teacher license
  4. Social security card
  5. Birth certificate/passport
  6. Current medical certificate
  7. Current police record (Valid only for 6 months)
  8. Marriage/Divorce Certificate (*where applicable*)
  9. Release letter (*where applicable*)

Mail applications to Chairperson of Board of Governors, Delille Academy, 2nd New Site, Dangriga Town or P.O Box 262 OR Submit to Principal, Delille Academy at the school during normal working hours.

**Deadline for submission of applications is Monday, 21st November 2022.**

*“A place where hope begins and dreams come true”*



**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:**

1. 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**
2. A Master’s Degree in the field of Animal Health/Science with five (5) years management experience; **OR**
3. A first degree in veterinary medicine and surgery, and be a registered veterinary surgeon in Belize (DVM) with eight (8) years management experience;
4. Computer literate particularly in Microsoft word, Power Point and knowledge of other programs and software will be an asset;
5. Excellent public relations;
6. Experience working in Animal Health in the agriculture industry;
7. Good understanding of Animal Health regulations would be an asset.

**Competencies:**

1. Good management skills;
2. Strong professional work ethics;
3. Strong public relations, inter-personal and communication skills;
4. Fluent in written and spoken English and working knowledge of Spanish;
5. Highly motivated team player who takes initiative;
6. Strong leadership and negotiating skills;
7. Successful experience in policy development and implementation;
8. 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@btl.net](mailto:baha@btl.net),**

**website: [www.baha.org.bz](http://www.baha.org.bz)**



# Better our Democracy



by Clinton Canul Luna

The Belizean people have been waiting for a change in the political system, but more than anything, what we citizens want is a better way of life. We all generally seek the same goals. Without the need to carry out an impartial investigation into the way us citizens think about political parties, we can find out from the changes in the political administration, that is, the opportunity that the people have given to each political party. This shows that the majority of citizens do not belong to any political party in particular. I would like to suggest to whom it may concern, the following: why don't we try to make philosophy work in our political

bases, setting as our first objective, to improve our democracy? Now I ask myself, what is democracy? According to a dictionary in the Spanish language, it says the following:

- (From the Greek give us, people and dealings, authority) Government in which the people exercise sovereignty.
- Now, what is sovereignty?
- Supreme authority: The sovereignty of the people. State of the political power of a nation or an organization that is not subject to the control of another nation or another organization. National

sovereignty, which corresponds to the people, from whom all the powers of the state emanate.

According to the Constitution, Belize is a "Sovereign Nation", but in order to achieve national sovereignty, it is necessary to allow the participation of the people, forming small societies and thus being able to contribute to public administration decisions. For example; Regardless of the representatives and their divisional committee, sections could be formed between each division and at the same time citizens' committees

could be formed for each section. Each committee must be selected by its neighbors. The responsibility of this committee would be the fight to achieve justice, social welfare and the quality of services in a continuous work of management and agreement with the Government.

[fincasolan@gmail.com](mailto:fincasolan@gmail.com)  
November 13, 2022  
Finca Solana  
Corozal Town



## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST CONSULTING SERVICES:

1. Public Private Partnership Unit (PPP Unit) Director
2. Public Private Partnership Unit (PPP Unit) Administrative Assistant

**Institution:** Government of Belize  
**Country:** Belize  
**Project:** Institutionalization of Public Private Partnership Unit  
**Sector:** Finance  
**Deadline:** 30<sup>th</sup> 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	
<b>Objective</b>	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.

<b>Duration</b>	12 months with the possibility of a renewal
<b>Duty Station</b>	Ministry of Finance, Belize City
<b>Minimum Requirements</b>	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	
<b>Objective</b>	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"> <li>• Support the PPP Unit Director with the activities necessary to ensure enough funds are available for the Unit operations.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>
<b>Duration</b>	12 months with the possibility of a renewal
<b>Duty Station</b>	Ministry of Finance, Belize City
<b>Minimum Requirements</b>	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 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022.**

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



**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](mailto: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](http://www.sifbelize.org).

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

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



**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](http://www.agm.gov.bz) or submit in writing to:

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

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

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

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



**ATTORNEY GENERAL’S MINISTRY  
VACANCY NOTICE**

Suitably qualified applicants are invited to fill the position of:

**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

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

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

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# COP27: Health organizations issue stern demand for Loss and Damage Fund

*Sharm El-Sheikh, 16th November 2022:-*

As negotiations move to the ministerial level at COP27 Climate Summit in Egypt, the Global Climate and Health Alliance today reiterated its call for governments to commit to establishing a Loss and Damage fund under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

Outside COP27's negotiating halls, protesters have been chanting, "Pay up! Pay up! Pay up for loss and damage!" [1]. Inside, a negotiator for Guinea noted on November 10th that climate change has existential impacts throughout the African continent, with homes destroyed, populations displaced, and huge economic costs. While the G77 and China are keen to agree on the establishment of a fund at COP27, with the finer details to be confirmed by COP28, Canada, the EU

and the US are pushing for a further *two years* to review the current context and assess the need and potential mechanisms for a dedicated loss and damage funding arrangement.

"A two-year delay to assess whether or not to create a dedicated Loss and Damage fund would be utterly unacceptable, given the urgency of the climate crisis, and the delays that lower income countries have already had to endure in receiving funds to combat climate impacts", said Dr. Jeni Miller, Executive Director of the Global Climate and Health Alliance, which brings together over 130 health organisations from around the world to tackle climate change and to protect and promote public health.

"Before COP27 closes, governments of developed/high-income countries must prioritize the establishment of a Loss and Damage fund to deliver finance to lower income

countries that have been harmed by climate change, including for the damage to people's health, and to health systems—there can be no further delay", said Miller.

"Vulnerable and impacted countries desperately need these funds to compensate for the impacts on people's health and wellbeing, as they respond to climate crises not of their making. Low-income countries feeling the brunt of climate change cannot afford two years of discussion—they need guarantees of receiving the critical funds they desperately need," added Miller.

Health losses and damages include damage to health facilities and supply chain infrastructure, the costs of treating people experiencing health impacts, and the costs to households and the national economy resulting from loss of labour productivity. These losses can be acute (such as deaths during floods) or chronic, such as

malnutrition arising from food scarcity, or the increased burden of vector-borne disease—linked to climate-driven changes in rainfall and temperature.

"Around the world health workers are seeing the human face of loss and damage", said Jen Kuhl, Networks and Engagement Lead for the Global Climate and Health Alliance. "Malaria is being reported in the highlands of Uganda, where it was previously unseen. Recent floods in Pakistan destroyed health centres and homes, and displaced millions of people, including thousands of pregnant women who have been forced to give birth in unsafe conditions."

"Vulnerable nations have been calling for increased recognition of losses and damages for years," added Kuhl. "As extreme weather events ramp up in frequency and intensity, people should not have to wait for international donors to mobilize every time there is a climate disaster. Meanwhile slower moving impacts such as droughts that impact agriculture and thus exacerbate hunger are a stark reality in many developing regions. Developed countries must urgently commit to implementing a Loss and Damage fund—there is no time to waste", said Kuhl.

"We're still not seeing any convincing progress with regard to comprehensive and accountable mechanisms to deliver the level and type of funding required", said Jess Beagley, Policy Lead for the Global Climate and Health Alliance. "While New Zealand announced funding for loss and damage, by reallocating funding from its commitment for mitigation and adaptation finance, Germany and G7 countries have proposed an insurance structure, the Global Shield. None of this is good enough", added Beagley.

"Funding for loss and damage must come as new and additional, on top of already existing climate finance for mitigation and adaptation and wider development assistance. Reallocating funding away from mitigation and adaptation to loss and damage only makes subsequent losses and damage more inevitable. Insurance-based mechanisms are insufficient—mounting climate impacts mean that the most vulnerable regions may simply not be considered insurable, and it's unclear how insurance would address slow-onset events. Moreover, loss and damage finance must be delivered in the form of grants, not loans that only serve to mire developing countries in years of foreign debt," concluded Beagley.

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## ATLANTIC INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons to fill the position of **Punta Gorda Branch Manager**

### Key Responsibilities:

- 1) Full time supervision of the Staff at the Punta Gorda Branch Office
- 2) Ensure that employees are fully complying with Company policies and procedures.
- 3) Closely monitoring Branch Office Sales Production and ensuring that Sales quotas are being met.
- 4) On a weekly basis meet with Branch Office Staff to review current week activity and develop plan of action for the following week.
- 5) Service accounts throughout the year for the purpose of delivering and explaining policies, handling policy renewals and suggesting additions.
- 6) Ensure the retention of existing customers. Initial contact with customers is to be at least Sixty days prior to renewal. Visit customers if unable to contact via telephone to ensure renewal.
- 7) Canvass for new accounts.
- 8) Ensure the accuracy of Daily Remission Report and Daily Collections Report evidenced by signature and date of review.
- 9) Ensure the safe keeping of Cash Float in cash pan and assist in ensuring that it is always in small denominations.
- 10) Ensure that collection is deposited as per Company's policies.
- 11) Attending to walk-in-customers/prospects and customer/prospects via telephone on insurance matter when the need arises

### Qualifications and Experience:

This post requires an individual who holds him/herself to the highest standard's and has a strong desire for personal growth and professional success. The individual should display good listening skills; good written and oral communication. Analytical skills, self-motivated, displays initiative, and outgoing personality.

- Bachelor's Degree in Business and related fields.
- Can demonstrate familiarity with basic principles in the area of Sales and Customer Service
- At least two (2) years' experience in Sales and /or Customer Service-related field.
- Strong work ethic
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Ability to communicate, both orally and in writing
- Professional demeanor both on the phone and in person
- Proficiency is required in Microsoft Excel and Microsoft Word
- Bilingual in English and Spanish would be an asset
- Have a valid driver's license

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ONLINE APPLICATIONS ONLY IS FRIDAY, 2 DECEMBER 2022**

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST INCLUDE:

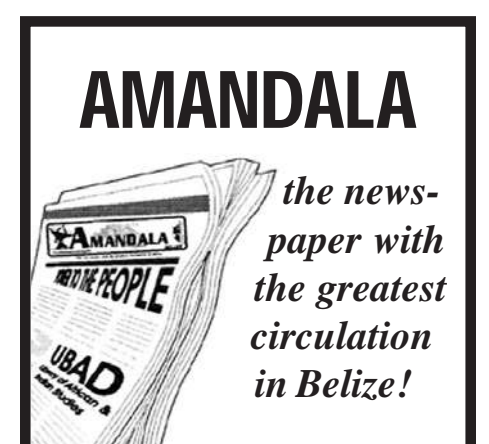
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SEND APPLICATIONS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO:

our website at: <https://aicbelize.com/employment-application>

**Note: Incomplete applications will not be considered. Only short-listed applicants will be contacted for interviews.**

**We thank you for your application**





**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:

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

Eligible countries are Member Countries of CDB.

Eligible bidders will be required to submit full qualification information with their bids establishing their eligibility to bid and qualification to perform the contract if the bid is accepted. Tender and qualification information are to be submitted in the English Language on the prescribed forms inserted in the Bid Document. Submissions that do not provide the information required or that do not demonstrate the prospective supplier's ability to perform satisfactorily, will not qualify and will not be considered for further evaluation.

Interested eligible firms may obtain further information and inspect the bidding documents by contacting the RSU at the first address below between the hours of 9.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m., local time, Monday through Friday until **November 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"> <li>1. Project Manager<br/>Second Road Safety Project<br/>#1904 Constitution Drive,<br/>Second Floor Belmopan<br/><b>BELIZE, C.A.</b><br/>Tel: +501-822-3517<br/>Email: <a href="mailto:procurementofficer.rsp@med.gov.bz">procurementofficer.rsp@med.gov.bz</a><br/><a href="mailto:projectmanager.rsp@med.gov.bz">projectmanager.rsp@med.gov.bz</a></li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Procurement Officer<br/>Procurement Policy Unit<br/>Caribbean Development Bank<br/><b>BARBADOS, W. I.</b><br/>Tel: (+1 246) 539 1600<br/>Email: <a href="mailto:procurement@caribank.org">procurement@caribank.org</a></li> </ol> |
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**BY ORDER OF MORTGAGEE**

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO SELL**

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

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

**THE SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO**

1. **ALL** that piece or parcel of land being Parcel 1088/1, Block 45, Port/Loyolaville Registration Section together with all building and erections standing and being thereon, the leasehold property of **Candice Matthews**.

DATED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November 2022.

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



**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.

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

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

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

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

# From The Publisher

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A few days ago an incident occurred which brought me back to a moment as much as a half century ago. In this recent encounter I was at a gas station and my eyes caught with those of a mature lady whom I am acquainted with, but we are not cordial. She was a little distance away, so I didn't recognize her immediately. When I did, I initiated a polite conversation, because I didn't want to look like a jerk. She pretended that I was talking to the person next to her, but after a while she responded, and we exchanged brief words.

There are some of us who cannot deal with rejection, so our personalities are relatively withdrawn, standoffish, shy, whatever. The first time I asked a girl to dance, it was at the old Mina Grant Day Nursery, which was in Majestic Alley behind the Majestic Theater. I must have been 15 or 16. She had been flashing all over the dance floor, and caught my eye. When she rejected my invitation for her to dance, I felt embarrassed the rest of the day and most of the next day. I guess this is what they call "sensitive."

It so happened that a week or so later, a classmate and I were sitting behind her at a Sunday matinee at the Palace Theater, and she gave me her hand to hold. Can you believe it? I didn't. But, I was raised as if from despair to exaltation.

Last week Nuri Muhammad and Jerry Enriquez were on KREM Radio talking about the fact that substantially more of our young girls/ladies are being educated

than our young boys/men. A while back, one of my grandsons at a private school was being asked to be part of the cheering section for the school's girls volleyball team. That seemed weird to me.

Gender has become a big issue, a very controversial issue in the world between the United States and Belize. For sure this was not so when I was growing up: boys were boys, and girls were girls.

We go back to Genesis in the Holy Bible. It was written, and accepted ever since, that the woman, Eve, was approached and tempted by the Serpent. In turn, having accepted his lie, Eve convinced her husband, Adam, to go along with the program. That was the so-called Original Sin. The woman was arbitrarily blamed. From whence did the evidence derive?

I have many stories to tell, but many are adult in nature, and Belize is a place which is not facing up to some dangerous sociological realities, and some of these are caused by the much ballyhooed tourism. But, let that be for now.

I feel that women are very, very powerful creations of the Almighty Jah. The phenomenon of slavery featured the use and abuse of black women by white men. Those of us who are products of these liaisons for centuries tried to emphasize how much we were like our European fathers.

The radicalism of the UBAD

movement featured a desire to rescue the historical reputation of the black woman and place her on a pedestal. We said: "Black is beautiful." This was a truly revolutionary concept in British Honduras in 1969.

A couple weeks ago the CWU held a fundraiser, and a source told me there was a shortage of testosterone. In other words, there were not enough men for all the ladies who came to the event to party. But then, do you realize the sociological havoc which is being caused by the large amounts of our young men who are being killed or incarcerated? Put that in the category of things we don't want to talk about in Belize.

People like Tony Wright and I are sentimental for the 60s and 70s. The authorities brought in a foreign expert to figure out what had changed. They didn't have to do that.

The situation is a sensitive one, so much so that I heard Nuri, a man who is

always under control, become a little "ticked off" about what he called the feminization of our youth.

The sexually perverted of the developed countries fly to poor countries like Haiti and Thailand to satisfy their sick desires. In Belize, this is totally under the radar. That is because we are living some real lies here. The MCC Grounds was my church. When you began to violate the Garden, you made it plain what your priorities are.

Anyway, my gas station and Mina Grant incidents were only the sparks for my column. There's a lady named Anne Macpherson who says UBAD repressed women. She's not from here, and she wasn't here. Who told her that? The truth is that UBAD was about the exaltation of the black woman. So, we didn't get the job done. But, you can come to Kremandala any day and see how powerful Kremandala women are. This is real.

## From The Publisher en Español

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Hace unos días ocurrió un incidente que me trajo de vuelta a un momento de hace medio siglo. En este encuentro reciente estaba en una gasolinera y mis ojos se cruzaron con los de una señora madura a quien conozco, pero no somos cordiales. Estaba un poco lejos, así que no la reconocí de inmediato. Cuando me di cuenta, inicié una conversación cortés, porque no quería parecer un idiota. Ella fingió que estaba hablando con la persona que estaba a su lado, pero después de un rato respondió e intercambiamos breves palabras.

Algunos de nosotros no podemos lidiar con el rechazo, por lo que nuestras personalidades son relativamente retraídas, distantes, tímidas, lo que sea. La primera vez que invité a bailar a una chica fue en la antigua Guardería Diurna Mina Grant, que estaba en el Callejón Majestic, detrás del Teatro Majestic. Debo haber tenido 15 o 16 años. Ella había estado brillando por toda la pista de baile y me llamó la atención. Cuando rechazó mi invitación para que bailara, me sentí avergonzado el resto del día y la mayor parte del día siguiente. Supongo que esto es lo que llaman "sensible".

Dio la casualidad de que una semana más tarde, un compañero de clase y yo estábamos sentados detrás de ella en una matiné dominical en el Teatro Palacio, y ella me dio la mano para que la sostuviera. ¿Pueden creerlo? No lo hice pero fui levantado como de la desesperación a la exaltación.

La semana pasada, Nuri Muhammad y Jerry Enriquez estuvieron en Radio KREM hablando sobre el hecho de que sustancialmente más de nuestras niñas/señoritas están recibiendo educación que nuestros niños/hombres jóvenes. Hace un

tiempo, le pidieron a uno de mis nietos en una escuela privada que fuera parte de la sección animadora del equipo de voleibol femenino de la escuela. Eso me pareció extraño.

El género se ha convertido en un gran tema, un tema muy controvertido en el mundo entre Estados Unidos y Belize. Seguro que esto no era así cuando yo estaba creciendo: los niños eran niños y las niñas eran niñas.

Volvemos a Génesis en la Santa Biblia. Fue escrito, y aceptado desde entonces, que la mujer, Eva, fue abordada y tentada por la Serpiente. A su vez, habiendo aceptado su mentira, Eva convenció a su esposo, Adán, para que siguiera la corriente. Ese fue el llamado Pecado Original. La mujer fue culpada arbitrariamente. ¿De dónde provino la evidencia?

Tengo muchas historias que contar, pero muchas son de naturaleza adulta, y Belize es un lugar que no se enfrenta a algunas peligrosas realidades sociológicas, y algunas de ellas son causadas por el tan publicitado turismo. Pero, dejemos eso por ahora.

Siento que las mujeres son creaciones muy, muy poderosas del Todopoderoso Jehová. El fenómeno de la esclavitud se caracterizó por el uso y abuso de mujeres negras por parte de hombres blancos. Aquellos de nosotros que somos producto de estos enlaces durante siglos tratamos de enfatizar cuánto nos parecíamos a nuestros padres europeos.

El radicalismo del movimiento UBAD estuvo marcado por el deseo de rescatar la reputación histórica de la mujer negra y colocarla en un pedestal. Dijimos: "Lo negro es hermoso". Este fue un concepto verdaderamente revolucionario en

### **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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2019, Entry No. 3368 Reg. 12 TOGETHER with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon.

Dated the 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022

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

# PUBLIC AUCTIONS SALES: PROPERTIES & VEHICLES

## Countrywide

BY ORDER of the Mortgagees Messrs. The Belize Bank Limited, Licensed Auctioneers Kevin A. Castillo and Christiana R. Castillo are selling ONLINE via [belizepropertyauctions.com](http://belizepropertyauctions.com) the following properties. **Sales currently running until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022. Public Auction Sales will expire fortnightly within this period on the dates and times listed on the website until these properties are sold.**

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 & 26<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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)

“FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION & PHOTOGRAPHS PLEASE VISIT WEBSITE”

TERMS: STRICTLY CASH

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Honduras Británica en 1969.

Hace un par de semanas, el CWU realizó una recaudación de fondos y una fuente me dijo que había escasez de testosterona. En otras palabras, no había suficientes hombres para todas las damas que asistieron al evento para festejar. Pero entonces, ¿se dan cuenta de los estragos sociológicos que están causando las grandes cantidades de nuestros jóvenes que están siendo asesinados o encarcelados? Pongan eso en la categoría de cosas de las que no queremos hablar en Belize.

Gente como Tony Wright y yo somos sentimentales sobre los años 60 y 70. Las autoridades trajeron a un experto extranjero para averiguar qué había cambiado. No tuvieron que hacer eso.

La situación es delicada, tanto así que escuché a Nuri, un hombre que siempre está bajo control, verse un poco enojado por lo que llamó la

feminización de nuestra juventud.

Los pervertidos sexuales de los países desarrollados vuelan a países pobres como Haití y Tailandia para satisfacer sus deseos enfermizos. En Belize, esto está totalmente bajo el radar. Eso se debe a que estamos viviendo algunas grandes mentiras aquí. El Jardín MCC era mi iglesia. Cuando comenzaron a violar el Jardín, dejaron claro cuáles eran sus prioridades.

De todos modos, mis incidentes de la gasolinera y Mina Grant fueron solo las chispas de mi columna. Hay una señora llamada Anne Macpherson que dice que UBAD reprimió a las mujeres. Ella no es de aquí, y no estaba aquí. ¿Quién le dijo eso? La verdad es que UBAD se trataba de la exaltación de la mujer negra. Entonces, no cumplimos con el trabajo. Pero pueden venir a Kremandala cualquier día y ver lo poderosas que son las mujeres de Kremandala. Esto es real.

## PUBLIC AUCTION SALES: PROPERTIES & VEHICLES

### Countrywide

BY ORDER of the Mortgagees Messrs. The Belize Bank Limited, Licensed Auctioneers Kevin A. Castillo and Christiana R. Castillo are selling ONLINE via [belizepropertyauctions.com](http://belizepropertyauctions.com) the following properties. Sales currently running until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022. Public Auction Sales will expire fortnightly within this period on the dates and times listed on the website until these properties are sold.

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 Tillet (deceased) & Mr. Mark Tillet.		

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 Tillet (deceased) & Mr. Mark Tillet		

### VEHICLE:

1999 MCI 1 Door Bus



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# TENDER



## Uniformed Security Services 2023

Belize Electricity Limited Compounds

BEL invites tenders for Uniformed Security Services for the period January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 at the below locations:

1. **Corporate Headquarters** located at 2½ Miles Philip Goldson Highway, Belize City.
2. **Belize City Power Station** located on Magazine Road, Belize City.
3. **Ladyville Storage Facilities** located next to the Phillip Goldson International Airport on Airport Road, Ladyville.

The bidding documents, which outline all the duties and responsibilities of the contract, and dates are available on BEL's website at [www.bel.com.bz/Tender.aspx](http://www.bel.com.bz/Tender.aspx)

Submit bids via email to [bidsubmittal@bel.com.bz](mailto:bidsubmittal@bel.com.bz) no later than 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 8, 2022.

A virtual pre-bid meeting is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 1, 2022. Request access to the virtual pre-bid meeting by sending an email to [bidboxrequest@bel.com.bz](mailto:bidboxrequest@bel.com.bz).

The subject of the email to attend the virtual pre-bid meeting and to submit tenders should include the bid number and the name of the tender located on the respective bid forms.

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

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



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Belize Electricity Limited (BEL) is the primary distributor and the only licensed public provider of electricity in Belize. Our Mission is to deliver safe, reliable and sustainable energy solutions to enhance the quality of life and the productivity of enterprise and to support national development.

We are looking for a highly motivated, goal oriented, responsible and committed person to join our Company in the role of:

## SENIOR CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

in the Corporate Communications Department of our Employee & Corporate Services Division at our Corporate Headquarters in Belize City.

View details at [www.bel.com.bz](http://www.bel.com.bz) or scan QR code



Submit application letter and resume to [career.opportunities@bel.com.bz](mailto:career.opportunities@bel.com.bz) by Friday, December 2, 2022



# KREM Television Program Guide

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

Questions or comments may be forwarded via email to  
**Phone: 202-5848**      [kremtelevision@yahoo.com](mailto:kremtelevision@yahoo.com)

**Friday, November 18 to Thursday, November 24, 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. Minister Farrakhan addresses the Ye/Kyrie Irving Controversy
- 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: Is Genesis History
- 10:44 a.m. Movie: Deadly Voyage
- 12:15 p.m. Documentary: Eleven Days
- 1:31 p.m. Movie: Homeless to Harvard
- 2:58 p.m. Movie: Homicide - Life on the street
- 4:26 p.m. Movie: Undercover Angel
- 5:58 p.m. Documentary: Ivan Van Sertima: They came before Columbus
- 8:06 p.m. Music Videos

**SUNDAY**

- 10:30 a.m. **Sunday Review (LIVE)**
- 12:00 p.m. Movie: Mulan
- 1:55 p.m. Documentary: The Secrets of Sugar
- 2:37 p.m. Movie: Mandela's Long Walk To Freedom
- 4:58 p.m. Ted Talks: The Price of Shame
- 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. Movie: Buck Breaking
- 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: In Kingston the Police are More Corrupt Than the Criminals
- 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: The Men
- 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: Migration: Are Europe and America Hypocritical? - Sankofa Pan African Series p - Migration issues
- 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: No Way Out
- 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: GREGSIE JONES, 70'S BELIZEAN FOOTBALL DEFENSE
- 9:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**

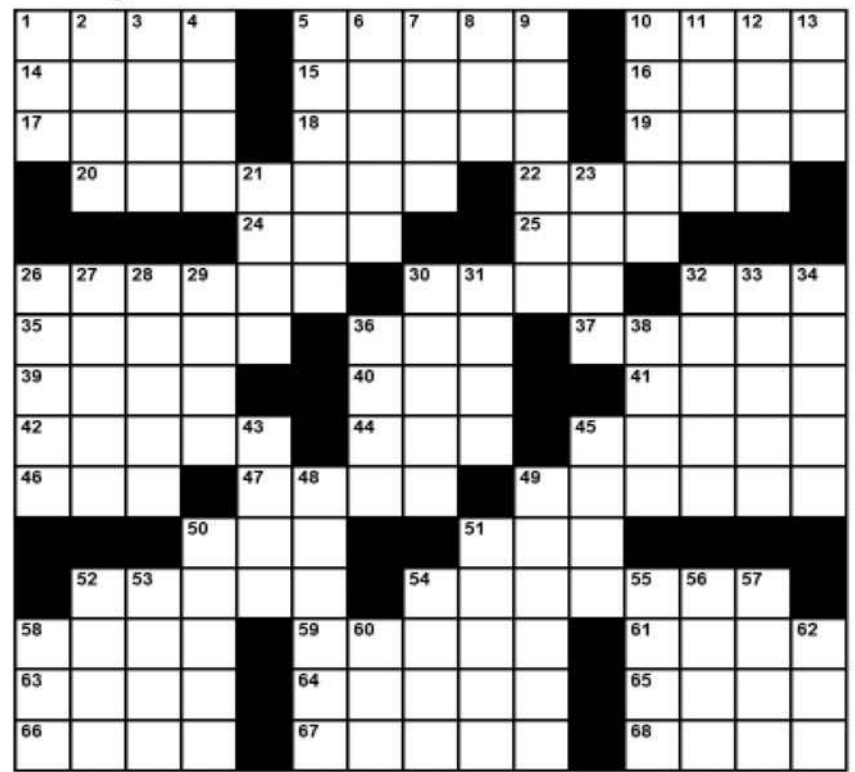
**THURSDAY**

- 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: WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? What Do You Think You Are? Dr Courtland Wyatt
- 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: Can Seaweed Help Curb Global Warming?
- 7:30 p.m. **Navel String Connections (LIVE)**
- 9:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**



NEW PUZZLE

**Daily Printable Puzzle - 11-17-2022**



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| <p><b>Across</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Chinese horn</li> <li>5. Funt's directive</li> <li>10. Get lighter</li> <li>14. Inoperative to NASA</li> <li>15. Church dogma</li> <li>16. Congregational cry</li> <li>17. Auspice</li> <li>18. Ratify</li> <li>19. Actress Woods and others</li> <li>20. Groom's pal</li> <li>22. In need of more scratch</li> <li>24. 45 or 78, e.g.</li> <li>25. Bit of light</li> <li>26. Type of tax</li> <li>30. Wild mountain goat</li> <li>32. Answer on Jeopardy</li> <li>35. For all to hear</li> <li>36. Angry state</li> <li>37. Filling</li> <li>39. Asian garment</li> <li>40. Chesapeake or Hudson</li> <li>41. A chorister</li> <li>42. Cake coat</li> <li>44. Possessive pronoun</li> <li>45. Genetic factor</li> <li>46. Alpine transport</li> <li>47. Being, in Latin</li> <li>49. Electronic dancing music</li> <li>50. Mariner's abbr.</li> <li>51. Actress Thompson</li> <li>52. Strident sound</li> <li>54. Tanning aid</li> <li>58. Feral pig</li> <li>59. Correct the camber</li> <li>61. Baylor mascot</li> <li>63. Congressional caucus</li> <li>64. Dike</li> <li>65. Add liquor</li> <li>66. Cold money</li> <li>67. Belle or Bart</li> <li>68. Original Big Bang matter</li> </ul> | <p><b>Down</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. John's Yoko</li> <li>2. Broadway flop</li> <li>3. Curved arch</li> <li>4. Ages upon ages</li> <li>5. Shrimp dish</li> <li>6. Butterfly for a woman</li> <li>7. A party to</li> <li>8. Cut off branches</li> <li>9. Complete in degree</li> <li>10. Decorative</li> <li>11. Bombay nanny</li> <li>12. Disclaim</li> <li>13. Mil. rank</li> <li>21. Marched along</li> <li>23. Approach the terminal</li> <li>26. Date palm locale</li> <li>27. Metallic sound</li> <li>28. Shinto gateway</li> <li>29. Bankruptcy</li> <li>30. Full of wrath</li> <li>31. One time Turkish governors</li> <li>32. Islam's deity</li> <li>33. Fine cloth</li> <li>34. Japan's old capital</li> <li>36. African wading bird</li> <li>38. DEA officer</li> <li>43. Cogwheel</li> <li>45. Bluewing</li> <li>48. Big bargains</li> <li>49. Sawbuck</li> <li>50. Tamarack tree, e.g.</li> <li>51. German pistol</li> <li>52. Gauchos' weapon</li> <li>53. Cambodian neighbor</li> <li>54. Hindu god</li> <li>55. Competently</li> <li>56. Coarse flour</li> <li>57. Duel unit</li> <li>58. Eng. channel</li> <li>60. Allow to</li> <li>62. Dreamer's letters</li> </ul> |
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**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 - 11-09-2022 - Answers





# PM: PCC to get more time, if needed



Prime Minister John Briceño

by Khaila Gentle

BELIZE CITY, Tues. Nov. 15, 2022

Prime Minister John Briceño says that, if there is good reason to do so, his administration will give the People's Constitutional Commission (PCC) additional time to make any additional

consultations needed during the constitutional reform process. The eighteen-month-long process, spearheaded by representatives from various sectors across the country, officially began on Monday afternoon with a launch ceremony held on the steps of the National Assembly building.

“Obviously if there is good reason for more additional time, we will. But we need to set a timeline, or else you're going to be talking forever, and then nothing is going to happen. We want to ensure that there is a timeline where you could have the extensive discussions and consultations and then some time to be able to put together the thoughts and ideas of the people,” Prime Minister Briceño told the media during an interview on Tuesday.

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# Police get pickups; BDF get computer equipment through BISP



by Charles Gladden

BELMOPAN, Wed. Nov. 16, 2022

At a ceremony held on Wednesday, November 16, Hon. John Briceño, Prime Minister of Belize and Minister of Finance, Economic Development,



and Investment, handed over three 2023 Toyota Hilux pickup trucks to the Belize Police Department (BPD) and an assortment of computer equipment to the Belize Defence Force (BDF)—donations that were made through the Belize Integral Security Programme (BISP), which is a \$60 million BZ project funded by the Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI) to strengthen the capacity of the Police Department and BDF to provide increased security for citizens.

The Commissioner of Police, Chester Williams, received the trucks on behalf of the Police Department, which will include the trucks in a fleet of six vehicles used to carry out patrols. The computer equipment was received by Minister of National Defence and Border Security, Hon. Florencio Marin, Jr., on behalf of the BDF.

The trucks are valued at \$491,474 BZ and the computers and other office equipment are valued at \$315,328.16 BZ.

Additionally, both the Police Department and the BDF will benefit from investments in much-needed infrastructure in the Belize, Cayo, Corozal, and Toledo districts, with the first project commencing at the Price Barracks in Ladyville.

In total, \$18,439,674 BZ has been allocated to finance such projects and donations for the Police Department and \$13,000,000 BZ has been allocated for the BDF under the BISP.

The Prime Minister was joined at the handing-over ceremony by Hon. Christopher Coye, Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance, Economic Development and Investment; Narda Garcia, CEO in the Office of the Prime Minister and Ministry of Investment; Dr. Osmond Martinez, CEO in the Ministry of Economic Development; Retired Brigadier General Dario Tapia, CEO in the Ministry of National Defence and Border Security; Brigadier General Azariel Loria, Commander of the BDF; and Elvis Requena, Project Coordinator for the BISP.



## CENTRAL BANK of BELIZE

### CAREER OPPORTUNITY

#### SYSTEMS ANALYST

The Central Bank invites qualified individuals to join its Information Technology Department.

The Systems Analyst (SA) is responsible for the development, analysis, implementation, and maintenance of information systems in accordance with the Central Bank's development standards and tools. The SA ensures data confidentiality, integrity, and accuracy. The SA will also implement information systems software packages in support of core organizational functions following established guidelines.

**ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

- **Information Systems Development and Implementation:** Implements information systems according to established development standards and methodology.
- **Information Security:** Responds to security alerts and addresses information security infractions and violations; provides preventative and corrective actions.
- **Information Systems Maintenance:** Implements authorized changes to systems in production.
- **Disaster/Recovery:** Implements, tests, and maintains suitable backup and recovery measures for information systems.
- **Maintenance & Support:** Provides support for information systems and utilities, and level one support for system software, security software, data backup systems, and hardware.
- **Training:** Provides training on application and end-user software.

The applicant should possess the following:

**EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE**

- Minimum qualification of a bachelor's degree in computer science or a related field from a recognized university. Relevant experience will be considered.

**TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE**

- Possesses, applies, and maintains a high degree of knowledge in information technologies to deliver quality work; remains informed of the latest trends and developments in the discipline; knowledge of business and management principles, project management, information auditing, and information security; proficient in diverse software applications and operating systems; demonstrates cross-functional ability and desire for continuous self-improvement.

**COMPETENCIES**

- Managing Change; Fostering Innovation; Analytical Thinking; Diagnostic Information Gathering; Results Orientation; Flexibility/Adaptability; Conceptual Thinking; Attention to Communication.

Submit the following documents by **Wednesday, 30 November 2022:**

- Central Bank Employment Application Form (available online)
- Curriculum Vitae
- Three references (one must be from previous employer)
- Copies of school transcripts, degrees, and any other personal certificates

Applications should be addressed to:

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

Ref: Systems Analyst – Information Technology Department

Email: [hr@centralbank.org.bz](mailto:hr@centralbank.org.bz) or online at [www.centralbank.org.bz](http://www.centralbank.org.bz)  
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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 subject to a Deed of Mortgage between Scotia Bank (Belize) Ltd (hereinafter called "The Bank") and Nohe Lima of 10.5 Miles Stann Creek Valley Road, Pomona Village, Stann Creek District (hereinafter called "the Borrower") which was filed at the Land Titles Unit in Belmopan City in being Instrument: LTU-201302082 dated November 8, 2013. 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. 5A comprising 696.567 square metres situate in Pomona Village, North of the Stann Creek Valley Road, near Mile 10, Stann Creek District, bounded and described as shown by Plan No. 239 of 2013 attached to Minister's Fiat Grant No. 239 of 2013 and also delineated on Entry No. 7205 Register 4, TOGETHER with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon.

Dated the 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022

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



## **VACANCY NOTICE**

**Position:** Regional Accounting Analyst, Latin America and the Caribbean  
**Reports to:** Regional Controller, Latin America and the Caribbean  
**Location:** Orange Walk Town, Belize  
**Country Program/Sector:** Latin America and the Caribbean Regions  
**Position Type:** Full-Time  
**Expected travel:** Regular travel to WCS offices in the regions  
 \*Latin America and the Caribbean Regions include MesoAmerica, Patagonia and Andes Amazon Orinoco countries (Argentina, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Paraguay, and Peru)

### **Organization Background:**

The Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) is a US non-profit, tax-exempt, private organization established in 1895 that saves wildlife and wild places by understanding critical issues, crafting science-based solutions, and taking conservation actions that benefit nature and humanity. With more than a century of experience, long-term commitments in dozens of landscapes, presence in more than 60 nations, and experience helping to establish over 150 protected areas across the globe, WCS has amassed the biological knowledge, cultural understanding and partnerships to ensure that vibrant, wild places and wildlife thrive alongside local communities. Working with local communities and organizations, that knowledge is applied to address species, habitat and ecosystem management issues critical to improving the quality of life of poor rural people whose livelihoods depend on the direct utilization of natural resources.

### **Position Summary:**

The main purpose of this role is to support the Regional Controller to ensure the financial integrity of the Latin America and the Caribbean Regions and to be the lead on financial compliance, policy, and procedures for WCS. The role assists the Regional Controller in the audit and compliance function, as well as building the capacity of the country finance teams by providing appropriate financial management training where necessary. S/he also provides financial assessment and reports for management in the region and headquarters.

### **Key Position Responsibilities:**

- Finance: Responsible for key financial management accountabilities in the region.
- Audit and Compliance: assist the Regional Controller to perform regular operational reviews of each office assigned to the position.
- Capacity building: Motivate, coach and develop country finance teams
- Perform other duties as determined by the Regional Controller.

### **Minimal Requirements:**

- Minimum Bachelor Degree in Accounting, Finance, or related area
- 3 - 5 years of experience, INGO sector or audit firm experience highly preferred
- SAP experience would be helpful
- Strong analytical, problem-solving and technical accounting skills
- Experience in consolidation accounting, external reporting skills, process/control documentation preferred
- Experience with the Microsoft Office tools (Word, Excel, Outlook, and PowerPoint)
- Excellent interpersonal skills with the ability to work independently and collaboratively; ability to work with others within the department and company; must be able to interact effectively with the leadership team
- Troubleshooting skills and must be an objective, fact-based decision-maker
- Can handle multiple tasks with different (tight) deadlines and stakeholders
- Excellent communication skills (written, verbal, and interpersonal) & strong facilitation and conflict resolution skills
- Excellent Spanish and English language skills are required (read, write, speak)
- Position is permanent and full time based in Orange Walk Town. Applicants should reside in or near Orange Walk or be willing to re-locate.

Please send cover letter and resume or CV to:  
[recruiting@executivealliance.bz](mailto:recruiting@executivealliance.bz), with the subject  
**LACP Regional Accounting Analyst.**

**Closing Date: 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

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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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022

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

# Hol' Ahn To Yuh Two Shillin'!

by  
Rudolph  
A. Neal



With festivities already planned and celebrations underway in commemoration of Garifuna Settlement Day, a flurry of pre-sales promotions is going on as a backdrop to beckon in the Christmas season. The 'chillies' have slowly begun to fill the air, and although Garifuna Settlement Day has not passed yet, the merchants are wasting no time to lure the buyers in to jumpstart the Christmas spirit. Within a mere few days, the age-old classic by Bing Crosby will reign supreme as it "begins to look a lot like Christmas".

But on the flip side of this, one cannot lose sight that while it may be beginning to look and feel a lot like Christmas, we are experiencing one of the worst bouts

of inflation; almost half of our people are teetering on the brink of poverty; many are still trying to recover from the effects of Hurricane Lisa, and many more are still waiting for NEMO. Therefore, in these trying times, when money is scarce and hard to come by and the cost of living has skyrocketed seemingly unabated, don't be lured into the commercialization and merchandising of Christmas; instead, hol' ahn to yuh two shillin'!

Christmas is the time when Belizeans are known to go "all out". As a people, we have been terribly infected with the notion that in order to feel the "Christmas Spirit" and enjoy the season, we must engage in prolific shopping and mass procurement of stuff. This has precipitated a culture where, when Christmas comes around, we shop avidly and spend money wildly, and often irresponsibly, so as to "deck the halls with boughs of holly". But all things considered, this fervent shopping and gross merchandising has led to a great

commercialization of Christmas, and we have wittingly fallen victim to this idiosyncratic falsehood.

Too often, we bend ourselves backward to keep up with the neighbors and coworkers and those who are in a position to spend on Christmas. This time has led people to drive themselves crazy, seeking to buy this, and buy that for the holidays. It is unfathomable to think that the entire year, you lived fairly decently and survived pretty well without a new area rug, new cups and dishes, new table decors and window drapes; but yet, because of one day, that has been converted into a season of merchandising and commercialization, you feel the need to hassle yourself and spend your little bit of money on Christmas, so as to provide yourself with a sort of consolation that you are enjoying the Christmas season and living.

One cannot overemphasize that these are some hard and trying times, marred by one tempestuous occasion after the other. The cost of living continues to

rise steadily, and basic commodities that were (once) deemed rudimentary, have been placed on the list of "top shelf" luxury items, completely out of reach for the ordinary shopper. The sad news is, it ain't gonna get better in December, nor in January nor for the greater foreseeable part of 2023, to come. Many people are still waiting on support and assistance in the wake of Hurricane Lisa, and with many more wallowing in indigence and penury, don't waste your time and your money being caught up in this merchant's season and spending your money to make you "feel" Christmas. Christmas is a spirit, a feeling of warmth and love and care, one that drives us to share and spread joy; not to burden ourselves and put ourselves in debt. Life is hard, people. Ih nuh di lick, ih di buck! Don't be caught up in this season of merchandizing and spending your money; hol' ahn to yuh two shillin'!

*Unchained Reflections Of A Liberal Pragmatist*



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  - Projects are new buildings, additions, dock work, water pump based pile work and anything else an island may need.
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According to Hon. Briceño, however, this doesn't mean that the Constitution will be fully inclusive of what every person demands. He noted that it will be a reflection of "the ideas and the general feeling of the populace."

"And then you set it up within the framework of a Constitution for it to be able to be presented to the people for adoption or not," he added.

The presentation to the people of the reforms that will be undertaken, will be done in the form of a referendum after the People's Constitutional Commission has presented its final draft of the revised Constitution to the Prime Minister.

The Commission is made up of representatives from a number of groups across various sectors, and while many groups and associations have voiced discontent at not being given the chance to appoint their own PCC representative, the Prime Minister has maintained that, as it is, the Commission is far too crowded.

"The commission is not going to determine the framework of the Constitution. It is the people. So everybody—every group, every individual be it political party, religious, social, whatever it is—everybody will have an opportunity to be able to present their views. And then when you take all of the views together, then you extract what is workable and what can be fashioned into a Constitution that truly reflects the will of the people," he explained.

With so many persons sitting on the commission, some officials have questioned whether the reform process will become a case of too many cooks spoiling the proverbial pot, especially considering the fact that the various groups sitting on the PCC are bound to have some disagreements regarding certain areas of reform. The Prime Minister also commented on this during Tuesday's interview. He said that, while it will prove difficult to navigate, it is not

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# MEGA AUCTION SALE

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## **SAN PEDRO PROPERTY -TO BE AUCTIONED AT HUMMINGBIRD FURNISHINGS COMPOUND BELMOPAN CITY ON WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 30TH, 2022 AT 1:00PM**



Location: Block 7, Parcel 2112, San Pedro Town, Ambergris Caye, Belize District.

Description: Lot - 500.2 square yards with a 7040 sq.ft building. The main floor is a business unit. Second Floor has 5 apartments and third floor is the main residence with 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, living, dining & kitchen areas, being the fee simple property of Thomas Santos.

## **ORANGE WALK DISTRICT PROPERTIES -TO BE AUCTIONED AT HUMMINGBIRD FURNISHINGS COMPOUND BELMOPAN CITY ON WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 30TH, 2022 AT 1:00PM**



Location: Block 4, Parcel 3091/1, Orange Walk Town.

Description: On the property is a single storey building having 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, living, dining and kitchen. It has reinforced concrete foundation.

Land measures 555.56 sq.yds and building floor measures 727 sq.ft. being the freehold interest of Kenis Garcia.



Location: Block 4 Parcel 140/1, Yo Creek Village, Orange Walk District.

Description: On the property is a single storey residence having 4 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, living, dining and kitchen, the floor area 1313sq.ft, lot measures, 1599.27 sq.yds, being the leasehold interest of Florentino Cal.



Location: Block 4, Parcels 514/515/516, situated in Indian Hill East, Orange Walk District.

Description: The subject properties have a total area of 2055.94 sq.yds (1719.01sq.m), Lot 514 - 334.79 sq.yds, Lot 515 -832.86 sq.yds, Lot 516 -888.29 sq.yds. Being the freehold interest of Ishwar Mahbubani.

## **COROZAL DISTRICT PROPERTIES -TO BE AUCTIONED AT HUMMINGBIRD FURNISHINGS COMPOUND BELMOPAN CITY ON WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 30TH, 2022 AT 1:00PM**



Location: Block 3, Parcel 833/1, Sarteneja Village, Corozal District.

Description: The property has a single storey residence having 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, living, dining, and kitchen, floor area measures 743 sq.ft. Land measures 1041.67 sq.yds, being the leasehold interest of Guiermo A Rodriguez.

## **BELIZE DISTRICT PROPERTIES -TO BE AUCTIONED AT HUMMINGBIRD FURNISHINGS COMPOUND BELMOPAN CITY ON WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 30TH, 2022 AT 1:00PM**



Location: Parcel 11-100-246/1 situated in Belize Rural North 1, Maskall Village, Belize District.

Description: land contains 676.302 sq. m. being the leasehold interest of Ammon Alex Brackett.

## **CAYO DISTRICT PROPERTIES -TO BE AUCTIONED AT HUMMINGBIRD FURNISHINGS COMPOUND BELMOPAN CITY ON WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 30TH, 2022 AT 1:00PM**



Location: Situated along the Mopan River, Paslow Falls area Cayo District.

Description: Lot - 9.75 acre parcel as per Entry no. 10732, containing a small two story house, used as a watchman room upstairs and a store room downstairs, being the freehold property of Mary K. Carridi.



Location: Situated along San Antonio Chiquibul Road, San Antonio Village, Cayo District.

Description: A concrete bungalow structure (1092. sq. ft.); a Two storey concrete house(1825 sq. ft.); An elevated timber structure (375 sq. ft.) and lot(0.563) being the freehold properties of Ruben Dario Lopez.

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# Sic transit imperium!

After the UDP once again disgraced itself in the form of the former leader, Saldívar, being banned from entering the United States, which he claims he will appeal, it's time for them to rebrand themselves, start all over with a new name, new leadership, new candidates! We have all seen and heard the phone calls, the misuse of government institutions, of payoffs for who knows what favors. There is no "allegedly" here, it's in black and white. With all these clowns vying for control of an almost defunct party, there are so many questions that need to be answered. The first one is, how did they sink so low? How can you disrespect the members of the party, so callously, so coldheartedly? Where are the responsible leaders, what rock are they hiding under? Sic transit imperium! So passes the empire.

I'm just a man; I try to be honest in all that I put on paper; sometimes it can be painful, but it's also therapeutic to get rid of your angst. It pains me to

see the slow disintegration, the unraveling, the passing of a once formidable machine! They were supposed to protect us from the PUP, from chaos and anarchy and crime. Instead, they unleashed hell upon the Jewel, with no regard for the consequences that would follow! Well, now they are nothing, a laughingstock to the world, obsessed with their own personal agendas, not those that their voters expected. To call them the Opposition, or a minority party, would be too kind. The arrogance, the selfishness, the greed, are so hard to watch, to digest, especially for someone like me who was a true believer, even from a distance.

This wounded, dying beast of a party must be put out of its misery. It has to be put down, like a horse with a broken leg, useless and way past its time and prime! Someone has to make the decision to start over, maybe go back

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# Ancestry and the X factor!

Kanye West and Kyrie Irving have become the focus of attention, even during a very heated election season, because of their remarks and postings that appeared to be anti-Semitic! They will probably suffer financially, but more importantly it will serve as a lesson for all those who have something to lose, to mind their Ps and Qs, that although there is freedom of speech, it comes with a price, sometimes a very heavy price. I believe that racism, in all its forms, is evil, and it shows weakness in those who espouse it. We all, I believe, are a little prejudiced, deep down inside us, but it doesn't define us, or drive us to the extreme. We manage to temper it with open minds and with a belief that we are all trying our best to coexist on this crowded little planet. Some of us suffer more, some less, regardless of race, or religion or where we come from, which brings me back to the subject stated above.

I watched this program on PBS with Dr. Henry Louis Gates, director of the

Hutchins Center for African and African American Research at Harvard University. The program is called *Finding Your Roots*. It's about genealogy and genetic history, and he interviews a wide variety of people, mostly famous people, and tells them their history, their ancestral roots, so to speak. It must be so rewarding to be able to go back centuries to find out where you came from, what and who your ancestors were, and how you ended up where you are, at this time, in this moment! It was apparent right away that those of European or Asian or Indian descent, could trace their ancestry back sometimes to over a thousand years. For African Americans, and for those in the Caribbean and in Latin America, the trail was lost at the water's edge!

When Evan X, Rufus X, Galento X and all the other Xs, were at the forefront of political discourse in the Jewel, I didn't get the X, and what it stood for. Now I know that it was for a loss of identity, not knowing where you came from, what your real name, going all the way back to Africa, was. No sense of identity. It is a wonder that some of us succeeded, in spite of not knowing who we were. Negroes, and I mean Negroes, were kidnapped, sold to the slave traders by their own, and once they were placed in chains and became chattels, in the underbelly of those death traps called ships, they ceased to be human, and their history was erased. Those who survived the Middle Passage were renamed by their new owners and became Washingtons, or Jeffersons, Jacksons, King, and all the other anglicized or Latinized names. Some couldn't even pronounce their new foreign names, they couldn't speak or understand English, or Spanish or Portuguese, but the names stuck. Brazil, which has the largest black population outside of Africa, whose music and culture and customs are totally derived from those African influences, still treats descendants of slavery as less than, with no political power.

My reason for bringing up Kanye and Kyrie is that they should consider the fact that the people they are parodying, if we can call it that, can trace their ancestry back for thousands of years. They should consider the fact that Africans living in Africa look at blacks in America with disdain. Why? Because the Africans can also trace their roots back further than the 16th century, and are very proud of who they are, despite long periods of colonialism! They know their history, who they are, despite efforts made to westernize them! Mandela, Nkrumah, Lumumba, I bet they could retrace their roots for a much longer period! Thus the pride and nobility and self-confidence they exhibited, throughout their lives!

We have always been dealt the short end of the stick. We don't think that we are better than anyone else, just equal! But to achieve that dream of equality, we do have to be better than anyone else in whatever field we choose, or we become just another statistic, another criminal, another dumbass nigger, in the eyes of those who already see us that way! I wish I knew what my real last name, or any name, was. I wish I knew who my people were, before they were brutally exiled to Babylon.

Glen

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### STANN CREEK DISTRICT PROPERTIES -TO BE AUCTIONED AT HUMMINGBIRD FURNISHINGS COMPOUND BELMOPAN CITY ON WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 30TH, 2022 AT 1:00PM



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



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



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

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

### TOLEDO DISTRICT PROPERTIES -TO BE AUCTIONED AT HUMMINGBIRD FURNISHINGS COMPOUND BELMOPAN CITY ON WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 30TH, 2022 AT 1:00PM



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



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

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

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## PROCUREMENT NOTICE

### SUPPLY AND INSTALLEMENT OF 7 CONVEYOR BELTS

**Project Country:** Belize  
**Financing Institution:** ICDF (Taiwan Technical Mission)  
**Project Name:** Breeding Sheep and Goat Production and Guidance System Enhancement Project.  
**Title:** Specific Procurement Notice  
**Project Number:** TT-310-2020-028

The Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security and Enterprise is currently implementing the **Breeding Sheep and Goat Production and Guidance System Enhancement Project** and hereby requesting an expression of interest for the **Supply and Installment** of 7 Conveyor Belts for the Newly Built Sheep Barn located at the Livestock Section in Central Farm, Cayo District.

**Barn Size:** 135ft by 60ft

#### Submission of Application

Interested firms and companies can send an Expression of Interest to the below email address no later than December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022.

Att: Freddy Chable  
[procurement.officer@agriculture.gov.bz](mailto:procurement.officer@agriculture.gov.bz)

Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security and Enterprise  
 Belmopan City, Belize

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varias décadas. Había asistido a la Escuela Agrícola en Central Farm con uno de mis hermanos menores, Colin, antes de unirse a la Fuerza de Defensa de Belize. Coco Orio y yo nos hicimos muy buenos amigos en un viaje de fútbol a Coatzacoalcos en 1978. El finado Honorable Paul Guerrero era mi compadre. Puedo seguir.

Hoy, quiero hablar sobre mis primeros días en el Colegio San Juan, cuando compañeros de clase como el finado Hector Yorke y yo vimos de repente a nuestro amigo y compañero de clase, Errol Cattouse, convertirse en un joven fenómeno del baloncesto justo frente a nuestros ojos. Nunca vi a Errol jugar en su mejor momento, porque dejó SJC para ir a Lynam en el distrito de Stann Creek y luego terminó en el Municipio de Orange Walk, donde se convirtió en una verdadera superestrella.

Recuerdo a uno de nuestros contemporáneos de baloncesto en SJC, a quien llamábamos "Parpy". Su nombre, si no recuerdo mal, era Allan Núñez. Tenía un hermano mayor que era o se convirtió en carcelero. El joven Parpy era alto y suave. Él era tan genial. Era como un joven Scottie Pippen. Cosa sería. Yo no era un verdadero conocido suyo (él estaba en una clase diferente). Hoy, más de cinco

siglos después, me pregunto qué fue del hermano. Estoy seguro de que se fue a Estados Unidos. Todo el mundo se iba en ese entonces.

Las opiniones de mi padre son responsables de cómo vi la violación del Recinto MCC. Hay un político que el UDP ha estado tratando de descartar que era Ministro de Deportes cuando comenzó esa violación. Los más jóvenes llaman a esto "karma". Los mayores diríamos "justicia poética".

Los terrenos de MCC fueron obsequiados a los beliceños por los británicos en 1960. Creo que fue una oferta de paz por tratar de encerrar al Sr. Price en 1958. El hombre que arregló el campo más hermoso del mundo fue un ciudadano jamaquino llamado McMahan. Que descanse en paz.

El Jardín MCC estaba destinado al cricket (fue un equipo de cricket británico que había visitado Belize que supuestamente financió la conversión de un área abierta por la que los niños solíamos "atajar" de sureste a noroeste, desde Calle al Mar hasta la Avenida Baymen). El fútbol pronto comenzó a hacerse cargo.

Esta columna se inspiró en mi aprecio por mis amigos garífunas con motivo del Día del Asentamiento Garífuna. Mi respeto por ustedes es grande, y les deseo lo mejor el sábado y para siempre.

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an impossible feat.

"Everybody has their own ideas, and we cannot repeat the mistakes of, for instance, the Caribbean. What has happened before is that you come and you do consultations, you present something, and it is rejected. I think probably the worst example if you want to take it is Chile where they had a Constitution, 400 pages long, that the people completely rejected," he said,

The members of the commission, added the Prime Minister, will have to be able to find a way around their differences.

"If it is something that cannot fit, then they have to come up with their recommendations. Or they can come to me as the Prime Minister and say, well, here we have two differing views and we could not get the Commission to agree, so here it is and then you all decide how best you believe we can put it together into a legal framework that then can go on for referendum," he said.

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to calling it the NIP, the original name, and party, that meant something! Then get rid of all these unworthy, duplicitous agents of Satan who don't know what honor is, what service and sacrifice and love of country means. Not all the leaders, there are some who I think are still trying, but the rest of them have to go!

My friend reminded me the other day of how they drove the Honorable Philip Stanley Wilberforce Goldson out of the leadership. He even laid some of the blame at my feet, as a part of that coup. It made me think about all the mistakes made way back then, all the egos involved in the vying for power, the devil be damned! He must be spinning in his grave to see all his sacrifices destroyed by pirates, by power-hungry

insects, scuttling about, going nowhere!

Unless there's a realignment, a new party, a new direction, Belize will remain a one-party state, with no checks and balances! I don't trust any political party with that kind of power, even if I agree with their policies. Power corrupts, and absolute power corrupts absolutely! This fall from grace has been precipitous, and it will take decades for them to climb out of that bottomless pit, in whatever form! We need a new opposition party, no redemption song! The party in power has to learn, to not follow in the UDP's tarnished, corrupted footsteps. The Belizean voters are patient, but when the time comes for them to throw out the bums, they always will!

Sic transit imperium!

Glen



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# MOU signed to improve honey quality

**The Ministry of Economic Development and the Belize Bureau of Standards signed an MOU to improve the standards of quality of local commodities, starting with honey.**

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Nov. 17, 2022

A memorandum of understanding (MOU) was signed between the Ministry of Economic Development (MED) and the Belize Bureau of Standards (BBS) on Tuesday, November 15, through the Resilient Rural Belize Programme to raise the standards of quality of eight commodities, starting with honey.

The MOU lays out the scope of work,

and the responsibilities of the parties that will work together to improve the quality of locally produced honey, which will be a pilot project that will lay the groundwork for the improvement of the other commodities. The data compiled will be used as a point of reference to assess the honey value chain, from



(l-r) Jose Trejo, Director of the Belize Bureau of Standards; and Dr. Osmond Martinez, CEO of the Ministry of Economic Development

production to consumers.

Signing the memorandum was CEO Dr. Osmond Martinez on behalf of the

Ministry of Economic Development and Jose Trejo, Director of the Belize Bureau of Standards.

“For us, the importance of this is that we are trying to embed standards at the national level, and this is a grand opportunity for us to show how standards, [and] quality systems are important in the value chain so that the production of goods from start to finish ensures that quality systems are part and parcel of production,” said Trejo.

CEO Martinez commented, “I [do not doubt] that this project will be a success. I can see the commitment and the appetite from the Belize Bureau of

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## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

### Individual Consultant Monitoring and Evaluation Officer

**Institution:** Ministry of Finance  
**Country:** BELIZE  
**Project:** Strengthening of Tax Administration Project  
**Sector:** Finance  
**Project No.:** BL-L1031  
**Operation No.:** 4839/OC-BL  
**Deadline:** Friday, December 2, 2022, at 4:00 pm local Belize time

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

The Monitoring and Evaluation Officer is responsible for guiding and implementing the overall Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) strategy (i.e. the Project’s Monitoring and Evaluation Plan) of the project BL-L1031 in coordination with key stakeholders of the MoF, the PMO, the PEU, the PSC, other ministries, and others, and for providing timely and relevant information to Program stakeholders.

The main responsibilities of the Monitoring and Evaluation Officer include, among others:

- In close coordination with the pertinent technical and administrative personnel of the MoF, undertake the strategic and operations planning activities of the Program, including the development and update of the Pluri-Annual Execution Plan (PEP), the Annual Operations Plan (AOP), the Procurement Plan (PP), the Financial Plan (FP), budget, and other documentation, in compliance with the requirements of MoF, Ministry of Economic Development (MED) and the IDB, and submission for non-objection and approval.
- Monitoring the activities of the Project in compliance with its global strategic objectives and those of its two technical components, as well as the targets established in the AOP.
- Implementing the Programs’ risk management mechanisms on the basis of the IDB tool Risk Management in Projects with Sovereign Guarantee (RMP), taking into consideration the assessment and evolution of the risk factors, the factors of probability and impact, and risk mitigation measures.
- Preparing the periodic consolidated physical and financial progress reports to be submitted to MoF, PMO, MED, and the Bank.
- Preparing, for presentation to the Bank of the required data, reports and other documentation of the Project as a whole and its individual components, as established in the Loan Contract.

Qualification and Experience requirements:

**Education:** Bachelor of Science Degree in Project Management, Development Studies, Statistics, Economics, Business Administration, Communications, Social Sciences or a related field.

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

**Specific Experience:** A minimum of three (3) years of proven work experience in monitoring and evaluation capacity or other related fields.

- Participation in relevant courses/ training in M&E systems, logical framework, strategic planning, project management, time-management, Microsoft Projects, or similar, etc.

Experience if the following would be an asset

- implementation of monitoring and evaluation systems
- application of monitoring and evaluation methodologies and approaches (including quantitative, qualitative and participatory)
- experience with logical framework, results framework and other strategic planning methods
- information and data analysis and reporting

**Skills:** (a) good analytical and data analysis skills; (b) good report writing, presentation and computer skill (experience in data processing); and (c) leadership qualities, teamwork and management.

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

Expression of Interest package should contain:

- Cover letter briefly explaining interest, experience, and competence of the consultant
- Comprehensive resume with the Individual Consultant’s experience in the assignment of similar nature. Description of similar assignments specifying start and end dates of assignments. *Please provide dates, name of employing organization, titles of positions held, types of activities performed and location of the assignment.*
- Copy of degrees/certificates
- List of at least two references
- Proof of nationality: copy of documentation of nationality

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

Qualified Individual Consultant must submit their expression of interest via e-mail to [Michelle.Longsworth@bts.gov.bz](mailto:Michelle.Longsworth@bts.gov.bz) copied to [tamara.tingling@mof.gov.bz](mailto:tamara.tingling@mof.gov.bz) no later than 4:00 p.m., Friday, December 2, 2022, marked **STAP- Monitoring and Evaluation Officer** in the subject header; or applicants may also submit a hardcopy at the following address:

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

For clarifications kindly contact:

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

# From the border... to the Boulevard;



# From the Hondo... to Mahogany!

## Sugar and Cream

Corozal Town - Orange Walk Town - Belize City

New Year's Day

2023



## Who will win?

# 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual kren FM CYCLING CLASSIC New Year's Day 2023!!



1991	Michael Lewis (first) Ernest Meighan (second)	(Ladies)	Lori Harkey (first)
1992	Francisco Flores (first) Fitzgerald Joseph (second)		Shalini Zabaneh (second) Carlos Hernandez (first)
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) Amiltila Knowles (second)		Gabrielle Lovell (second) Hector Rangel (first)
2002	Barney Brown (first) Hugo Rostrain Monterosa (second)	(Ladies)	David Santos (second) Alicia Thompson (first)
	(Ladies) Ann Marie Bennett (first) Douglas Lamb (first)		Kaya Cattouse (second) Joel Adan Borland (first)
2003	Frank Cannon (second) Fiona Humes Gonzalez (First)	(Ladies)	Gregory Lovell (second) Alicia Thompson (first)
2004	Marlon Castillo (first) Mateo Cruz (second)		Kaya Cattouse (first) Ron Vasquez (first)
	(Ladies) Fiona Humes-Gonzalez (first) Claudett Maheia (second)	(Ladies)	Brandon Cattouse (second) Alicia Thompson (first)
2005	Michael Lewis (first) Shane Vasquez (second)		Kaya Cattouse (second) Giovanni Lovell (first)
	(Ladies) Marinette Flowers (first) Scottie Weiss (first)	(Ladies)	John DeLong (second) Alicia Thompson (first)
2006	Marlon Castillo (second) Marinette Flowers (second)		Kaya Cattouse (second) John DeLong (First)
	(Ladies) Alicia Thompson (first) Shane Vasquez (first)	(Ladies)	Clayton Travis (Second) Kaya Cattouse (First)
2007	Marlon Castillo (second) Shalini Zabaneh (second)		Nicole Gallego (Second) Oscar Quiroz, Jr. (First)
	(Ladies) Gina Lovell (first) Shalini Zabaneh (second)	(Ladies)	Joslyn Chavarria, Jr. (Second) Alicia Thompson (First)
2008	Neo German Camacho Villegas (first) Edward Reyes (second)		Nicole Gallego (Second) Alicia Thompson (First)
	(Ladies) Shalini Zabaneh (first) Alicia Thompson (second)	(Ladies)	Nicole Gallego (Second) NO RACE (DUE TO COVID)
2009	Marlon Castillo (first) Gregory Lovell (second)		Brandon Cattouse (first) Derrick Chavarria (second)
		(Ladies)	Gabrielle Gabourel (first) Kaya Cattouse (second)





## Vacancies

### Human Resources Manager

Saint Francis Xavier Credit Union Limited (SFXCU) is seeking a Human Resources Manager who can develop effective relationships with line managers and provide a professional HR service to the Credit Union.

#### Responsibilities:

- Performance management – deliver performance management programs that drive a high performance culture.
- Recruitment and selection – direct and manage the recruitment and selection process, and engage with managers in interviewing and assessment procedures.
- Learning and development – implement and monitor effectiveness of training programs.
- Human resources policy – develop, implement and maintain human resources policies across the organisation, including training programs to educate and promote awareness of regulatory compliance.
- Reporting and management of human resources metrics – produce reports on key metrics, including remuneration and benefits, absenteeism and turnover.
- Leadership – mentor direct reports and provide coaching to help them reach their potential.

#### Requirements:

- Minimum a Bachelor's Degree in human resources management or business management and extensive knowledge of and experience within an HR environment.
- A demonstrated track record in developing and implementing strategic business and HR objectives within a complex, multi-business organisation
- Superior interpersonal, coaching, communication, negotiation and consultative skills at all levels.
- Ability to engage with and win the respect of leaders to successfully influence them on key change initiatives.
- Demonstrated commitment to health, safety and environmental policies and procedures, including development and training of staff in these areas.
- Flexible working hours, Driver License and willing to travel as required.

### Auditor

Saint Francis Xavier Credit Union Limited (SFXCU) is looking for an Internal Auditor to add value and improve our operations by bringing a systematic and disciplined approach to the effectiveness of risk management, control, and governance processes.

#### Responsibilities:

- To assist in the full audit cycle including risk management and control management over operations' effectiveness, financial reliability and compliance with all applicable directives and regulations
- Determine internal audit scope and develop annual plans
- Obtain, analyse and evaluate accounting documentation, previous reports, data, flowcharts etc
- Prepare and present reports that reflect audit's results and document process
- Act as an objective source of independent advice to ensure validity, legality and goal achievement
- Identify loopholes and recommend risk aversion measures and cost savings
- Maintain open communication with management and Supervisory committee
- Document process and prepare audit findings memorandum
- Conduct follow up audits to monitor management's interventions
- Engage to continuous knowledge development regarding policies, regulations, best practices, tools, techniques, and performance standards.

#### Requirements and skills:

- Proven working experience as Internal Auditor or Senior Auditor
- Advanced computer skills on MS Office, accounting software and databases
- Ability to manipulate large amounts of data and to compile detailed reports
- Proven knowledge of auditing standards and procedures, laws, rules and regulations
- High attention to detail and excellent analytical skills
- Sound independent judgement
- 3-5 years' experience
- Flexible working hours, driver license and willing to travel as required.
- BS degree in Accounting or Finance

### Debt collector/Bailiff

We are looking for a reliable Debt collector/Bailiff to contact debtors and claim outstanding debts. You will be responsible for recovering the money owed in as little time as possible.

#### Responsibilities

- Keep track of assigned accounts to identify outstanding debts
- Plan course of action to recover outstanding payments
- Locate and contact debtors to inquire of their payment status
- Negotiate payoff deadlines or payment plans
- Handle questions or complaints
- Investigate and resolve discrepancies
- Create trust relationships with debtors when possible to avoid future issues
- Update account status and database regularly
- Alert superiors of debtors unwilling or unable to pay when necessary
- Comply with requirements when legal action is unavoidable

#### Requirements and skills

- Proven experience as debt collector
- Experience in working with targets and tight deadlines
- Knowledge of relevant legal requirements
- Working knowledge of MS Office and databases
- Excellent communication and people skills
- Apt in negotiating and persuading
- Ability to be polite and compassionate without lacking confidence
- Associate Degree in paralegal is preferred
- Driver License and willing to travel as required

### Teller

Saint Francis Xavier Credit Union is seeking to recruit highly motivated Tellers to join our team. The successful applicants will work as part of the member services team responsible for providing an excellent member services experience to both existing members and potential new members.

The successful candidate will be responsible for carrying out a range of operational and administrative duties that will contribute to the effective day to day running of the credit union.

#### Major Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Serve members by completing account transactions.
2. Effectively manage cash handling and balancing.
3. Comply with the CU operations and security procedures by participating in all training sessions, conventions, etc.
4. Answer questions to provide relevant information to members and/or refer members to other services as necessary.
5. Maintain member confidence and protect the CU operations by keeping information confidential.
6. Ascertain members' needs and inform the membership of new services and promotions.
7. Actively contribute to team effort by accomplishing related results as needed.
8. Work at all times in a courteous, friendly and professional manner, preserving confidentiality and adhering strictly to all policies and procedures of the Credit Union.

#### Qualifications & Requirements:

1. Associated degree in Business Administration
2. Working experience is a plus.

#### Skills:

- Customer Service Excellence
- Thoroughness and Attention to details
- Bi lingual (English & Spanish)
- Good communication Skills
- Integrity
- Documentation Skills
- Interpersonal
- Trustworthy

**Deadline for applying 2, December 2022.**

The application package should include: Application letter, Resume, Proof of Academic and Professional Qualifications, copy of social security card, two references, and recent police record to:

**Rafael Dominguez Sr.**  
**General Manager**  
**Saint Francis Xavier Credit Union Limited**  
**#79- Corner 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue & 1<sup>st</sup> street North**  
**Corozal Town, Belize C.A.**  
 or via email to [sfxavier@btl.net](mailto:sfxavier@btl.net)



## BELIZE CITY COUNCIL NOTICE



### THIS IS A REMINDER TO THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY OWNERS

The Council hereby advises these persons with property tax arrears that the Council is in the process of exercising its powers pursuant to the Belize City Council Act and the Towns Property Evaluation Act, Chapter 65. These persons with arrears are encouraged to settle the outstanding balances within two weeks of this notice. Failure to do so will result in legal action.

**These Persons are advised to come into the Belize City Council office, located at #810 Regent Street, to settle arrears immediately.**

RECORD ID	NAME	PARCEL	STREET	TAX
18778-P	Alex Ruben Vernon	638	Campus Ave West Landivar	\$17,079.22
10022-P	Alfredo Zetina	148	Seagull Street	\$17,147.44
13453-P	Alpheu Graham	275	Freetown Road	\$19,280.40
13494-P	Alpheus King	277	Freetown Road	\$16,908.00
9654-P	Angelica Aragon	139	Dolphin Drive Buttonwood Bay	\$20,640.94
19222-P	B.I.S LIMITED	694	Chapel Lane	\$19,934.60
6918-P	BELIZE INTERNATIONAL DREDGING OF AND	-	George Price Highway	\$36,150.00
7140-P	BELIZE PICKWICK CLUB LIMITED	1001	Barrack Road	110,847.70
6912-P	BELIZE RIVER LIMITED	-	Off Albert Street	\$26,436.00
2498-P	Bernard Pitts		North Front Street	\$24,612.70
10754-P	Beulah Sikaffy	1715	Philippa Griffith - Bailey Street (Bella Vista	\$17,675.94
9886-P	BODY 2000	1443	Coney Drive Coral Grove	\$31,005.31
11087-P	Bruce & Radiane Sanchez	1834	Chancellor Ave. West Landivar	\$17,498.98
21221-P	Carlos & Celia Zelaya	921	Sir Colville Young Sr. Crescent (Bella Vista	\$22,948.52
20017-P	Carlos/Marissa Perera	788	Santiago Castillo Jr. Crescent	\$13,593.00
15259-P	Carmencita Romero	3659	Cynthia Therese Nunez Crescent	\$18,464.84
8875-P	Chester Hall	1244	Rivero Street	\$18,894.84
21413-P	Clarence Jones	944	Banak Street	\$31,321.71
7263-P	Clinto Young	1014	Brides Alley	\$17,469.94
15436-P	Daniel Davis	375	Freetown Road	\$19,903.47
8753-P	Daphne Mcfadzean	1222	Albert Street	\$18,770.76
19117-P	Darrell Carter	1573	Dean Street	\$27,926.07
14139-P	David Thomas Habet	306	Tigris Street	\$67,234.38
9382-P	Deborah Castillo	1335	Ordonez Street	\$17,713.32
21471-P	Donald & Ida Gill	947	Tanoomah Street	\$16,981.99
18313-P	Edgar & Alice Gegg	588	Eve Street	\$30,729.10
7502-P	Edgar & Alice Gegg	1045	Marine Parade	\$31,004.85
17915-P	Edilbert Reyes	555	Leslie Street	\$21,444.37
21817-P	Elfreda Martinez	989	Nurse Findley Crescent	\$18,504.10
21388-P	Ernest Drummond	941	Eve Street	\$17,188.00
10025-P	Ernestine Reyes	148	Mapp Street	\$20,049.00
2865-P	FOR OCEAN DEVELOPMENT		Phillip Goldson Hwy L.H.S To Bridge	\$19,072.00
13803-P	FORWARD IN FAITH MINISTRIES	1461	Douglas Jones Street	\$21,037.12
16549-P	Frances Stuart	453	West Canal Street	\$19,521.60
18334-P	Gaspar Gonzalez	59	Lizarraga Ave	\$20,279.95
16552-P	George Espat	453	New Road	\$23,378.30
12169-P	George Herbert	2185	Guzman Crescent	\$16,994.16
14590-P	Gilbert Jeffery Franklin	3275	Queen Helmet Ave	\$22,428.45
17668-P	Hansraj/Nandini/Bhagwan/Mohini Bhojwani &	532	Barrack Road	\$23,074.35
18252-P	Hessie McKay	582	Craig Street	\$19,388.00
7603-P	Hilrie McCrae	1055	Lavender Street	\$23,782.72
6173-P	Hortense Clarke	-	Farmers Market	\$18,187.60
8900-P	Iris Huesner	1249	Regent Street	\$19,839.60
11036-P	James Young	1816	Henderson Avenue	\$26,593.38
15907-P	Jesusita/Rafael Gregory/Reyes	402	17th St. King's Park Area	\$17,701.51
8287-P	John Ayuso	114	Bella Vista	\$17,188.00
6181-P	John Chang		Punta Del Este Area	\$24,196.92
12848-P	John Robateau	2455	Palm Grove Estate	\$17,354.00
8011-P	Jose Castillo	1104	Albert Street West	\$18,029.13
12908-P	Jose Ramos	2482	Albert Hoy Avenue	\$21,308.16
17725-P	Joseph Stamp	539	George Street	\$27,729.32
12746-P	Lela Brewer	240	George Price Highway Sibun Bight	\$32,030.00
7718-P	Lena Reyes	107	Central American Blvd	\$19,039.55
10760-P	Lionel Clark	172	King Street	\$23,152.69
21374-P	Luis Mendez	94	Lizarraga Ave	\$20,626.92
9751-P	Lynette Habet	141	Dolphin Drive Buttonwood Bay	\$31,618.64
15471-P	Majorie Everett	3766	Sir Barry Bowen Street (University Heights	\$23,494.02
7951-P	Mansel & Hilda Turton	1099	Eyre Street	\$34,153.35
11217-P	Manuel/Lincoln Ayuso/Blake	1876	Hutson Street	\$26,535.00
16807-P	Margarita (Administratrix Mendez Nee Ayuso)	4707	Phillip Goldson Hwy L.H.S To Bridge	\$18,434.87
19235-P	Maria Fernandez Stuart	696	Graduate Crescent Coral Grove	\$18,934.80
6859-P	Michelle/Charlene Davis/Ferguson	-	George Price Highway L.H.S	\$19,905.00
1905-P	Narciso Valdez	-	George Price Highway	\$21,576.00
14495-P	Nellie McCord	322	Bay St. Buttonwood Bay	\$17,111.49
699-P	Olive Ottley	-	Central American Blvd.	\$19,407.50
18764-P	Percival Usher	637	Mex Ave	\$20,396.47
9871-P	Peter Decoff	144	Cleghorn Street	\$17,156.30
2549-P	POUCHIE COMPANY LIMITED		North Front Street	\$17,529.60
19316-P	Robert & Mary Splinder	704	Phillip Goldson Hwy L.H.S To Bridge	\$35,888.00
21144-P	Roy Middleton	913	Mahogany Street	\$21,595.78
21288-P	Rufus X	93	2nd Ave. Buttonwood Bay	\$25,435.07
1894-P	Ruth Smith	-	George Price Highway	\$20,088.00
10716-P	SOLAS INTERNATIONAL LTD	17	St. Mark Street	\$32,590.80
19122-P	Tan Yi	682	Vernon Street	\$29,071.80
15276-P	The Owner	3668	Cynthia Therese Nunez Crescent	\$28,683.60
12901-P	Victoria Westby	248	Matron Roberts Street	\$23,337.64
8725-P	Virgil Lloyd Coleman	1218	Blue Marlin Blvd	\$17,543.88
5316-P	William Young		Cemetery Road	\$29,263.12
20239-P	S Valda Young	810	Albert Street	\$16,920.00

**DISCLAIMER: NAMES ATTACHED ARE THOSE REFLECTED IN THE TAX SYSTEM. IN THE EVENT OF CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP, THE NEW OWNER SHOULD NOTIFY THE BELIZE CITY COUNCIL WITHIN 30 DAYS.**



# Lisa blows our "cover"

Reproduced from page 5 of the Tuesday, November 15, 2022, #3602 issue of Amandala

Monday, Nov. 14, 2022

It is almost two weeks now since Hurricane Lisa, a Category one hurricane, blew her way through Belize City and environs, and exposed the reality of living conditions for some residents that the rest of our society hadn't really grasped before. Like dusty glass windows that blur our vision, through all the economic hard times unleashed upon our citizens along with the advent of Covid-19, and again more recently with the inflation fallout from the Russia-Ukraine war, those of us who have been fortunate to earn a living wage and maintain a secure and comfortable home situation, had become complacent and somewhat numb to the repeated reports of violent crime, including murders, and complaints about the terrible living conditions that many of our citizens have had to endure. "It is an ill wind that blows no good," and this Lisa has left exposed in her wake the bare truth of the real impoverished situation being experienced on a daily basis by many Belizeans. Hopefully, this stark revelation will spark, not just some quick-fix hands-out and emergency food assistance, but a deeper and more fundamental reassessment of how our social economy is structured, and then hopefully we can see some sincere and

radical changes to the "system".

In its pre-election campaign back in early 2020, one of the manifesto promises of the current PUP government was to institute a minimum wage of \$5.00 per hour. Already in 2020, some voices were raised suggesting that the figure was too low; but even after a couple years of Covid-19 and almost a year of economic shocks from the Russia-Ukraine war, which saw commodity prices surging upward, now in 2022 some members of the business community are still contending that \$5.00 an hour is too high a minimum wage, and that it will have the negative effect of forcing businesses to cut staff in order to remain viable. There really is a problem in Belize if a hardworking head of family is being expected to provide food on the table, have access to water and electricity, and sustain rent or mortgage payments for a secure home structure, while clothing even one child and sending him/her to school, all on a weekly salary of \$225.00, which is what \$5.00 an hour amounts to. The only way that is possible is if our "system" provides major support for basic needs such as health care and housing.

In facing the massive destruction of low-cost, poorly-constructed homes that Hurricane Lisa laid to waste, Prime

Minister Briceño was moved to lament that, "... I don't think anybody should be living under those conditions in 2022 anywhere in the world, especially in Belize." But if our P.M. is serious about providing decent and securely constructed homes for low-income Belizeans, then our government may have to assume the financial burden of this undertaking in order to fulfil its mantra of "social justice." There is no other way, except with a much higher wage earned, for a citizen to realistically go about securing adequate, safe housing. And currently the government is stalling, even doing a consultancy, before moving to implement the meagre \$5.00-per-hour minimum wage, which will still not put any such wage earner in a position to rent or build his own secure home.

There is no doubt that the capitalist system has its merits, respecting private property and providing incentives and rewards to inspire and motivate citizens to apply great effort, creativity, bold risk-taking entrepreneurship, and energetic drive towards high productivity. Now, while a few exceptional individuals did manage to "lift themselves up from their bootstrap," it is undeniable that across the globe certain sectors of modern society received a head-start in the

competitive capitalist world through generational wealth inherited as a legacy from the days of slavery and colonialism. So, some individuals have become multi-millionaires, and even billionaires. But it is also undeniable that every aspect of material wealth inevitably comes out of the earth that none of us made. The sun shines its energy, and plants grow, with help from farmers to realize big harvests. And all the basic elements and minerals come out of the earth, "God's goodness," to be "worked" and refined by human hands. Everything we build and make, from the cars to the skyscrapers, to all the chemicals and drugs and groceries in the supermarket, it all comes originally from the earth, to be "manufactured" and "modified" by the genius of human minds and the labor of human hands. And the "market forces" then have sway in determining the prices we will pay for the various "goods and services", from food to entertainment, to transportation, to communication, to education, to health care, to utilities (water, electricity, internet), etc. The capitalist system works, and the hardest working, most industrious, the smartest, and even the luckiest – as in lottery and Lotto, will make it big; and that's good.

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## JOIN OUR TEAM!!

### CUTTER/MAINTENANCE WORKER

#### REQUIREMENTS

- Must have experience using weed wackers
- Must be able to work in any area of Belize City
- Must have no criminal record

#### APPLICATION PACKAGE MUST INCLUDE:

- Completed Belize City Council application form
- Copy of your Social Security Card
- A current police record
- One (1) passport size photo
- Two (2) letters of reference

#### INTERESETED?

Submit your application package in a sealed envelope addressed to the Human Resources Manager by November, 11th, 2022.

Application forms are available at City Hall on Regent St or on our website at [www.belizecitycouncil.org](http://www.belizecitycouncil.org) under 'forms'.



## ¡¡UNETE A NUESTRO EQUIPO!!

### CORTADOR/TRABAJADOR DE MANTENIMIENTO DE AREAS VERDES PÚBLICAS

#### REQUISITOS

- Debe tener experiencia en el uso de recortadoras de hilo (weedwackers)
- Debe poder trabajar en cualquier área de la ciudad de Belice
- No debe tener antecedentes penales

#### EL PAQUETE DE SOLICITUD DE TRABAJO DEBE INCLUIR:

- Completed Belize City Council application form
- Copia de su tarjeta de Seguro Social
- Un registro/antecedente policial actual
- Una (1) foto tamaño pasaporte
- Dos (2) cartas de referencia

#### ¿INTERESADO?

Envíe su paquete de solicitud en un sobre sellado dirigido al Gerente de Recursos Humanos antes del 11 de noviembre de 2022.

Los formularios de solicitud están disponibles en la Municipalidad ubicada en la Calle Regent o en nuestro sitio web en [www.belizecitycouncil.org](http://www.belizecitycouncil.org) bajo "formularios".





## **REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST INDIVIDUAL CONSULTING SERVICES**

**Institution:** Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing  
**Country:** Belize  
**Project:** Climate Vulnerability Reduction Program (CVRP)  
**Sector:** Infrastructure, Environment and Natural Disasters  
**Abstract:** Individual Consulting Services – Climate Risk Financing Strategy for the Tourism and Agriculture Sectors

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

**Deadline:** December 1st, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)

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

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

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

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the Inter-American Development Bank: [Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter-2 American Development Bank](#) (GN-2350-15, January 2020) – Section V, 5.2 Selection of Individual Consultants based on Comparison of Qualifications of International Individual Consultants.

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

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

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by **10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time) on December 1st, 2022.**

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

## **ASR/BSI and BSCFA play the blame game**

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\$27. You add to that the \$30 average of harvesting and delivery, it arises to close to \$57 that the farmer invests every year. You put that in a volume of a million tonnes in production—that’s \$57 million on average that the farmers put every year. So, hand in hand, they can’t come and say that the farmers are not investing,” he explained.

And while it seems that there is no end in sight to the months-long impasse between BSI/ASR and the BSCFA, both parties, as well as the Government of Belize, have expressed a desire to resolve the matter before the start of

the upcoming crop season on December 19.

The BSCFA CEO has said that the association is intent on having a commercial agreement signed before the start of the crop, noting “that has been our objective and our commitment since we started the negotiation process and we have not deviated from that.”

BSI/ASR’s Mac McLachlan shared a similar sentiment on Thursday, stating that he hopes the mill and BSCFA can find some middle ground and move forward with a productive business arrangement for the benefit of the sugar industry—particularly since world prices for sugar cane are currently high.

## **Lisa blows our “cover”**

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But there is a problem. How big is too big? And doesn’t the garbage still have to be disposed of? And the sewage? And the grass cut, and the streets swept clean; etc. etc.? Okay, fine; so just let the “system” continue working, and the rich keep getting richer. Fine. So, Mr. Big Man goes from millionaire to billionaire; and keeps getting bigger, and bigger. No problem? Well, there happens to be a large caravan at your border, sir. And what if those garbage collectors, and sewage plant workers, and grass cutters and street cleaners, what if these small people would reach a point where they “kyahn tek it no mo,” and go on a massive unified strike? Your toilet can’t flush; your garbage piles up; no water; no light. What then? And why? Because as hard as they work, they can’t earn a week’s pay that allows them to feed their families and secure their homes against a hurricane like Lisa.

In considering such a situation, the question must be asked: Where does the rich man’s billions come from? Elon Musk (or Michael Ashcroft) did not sit in a chair, snap his fingers, and money just rolled down like a mighty stream. The wealth comes out of the earth; the genius of human minds and the labor of human hands turned the raw materials into things of value, and the entrepreneurship and wits of the rich man utilized the help of others to harness and multiply that value, and now he reaps the big reward. But he didn’t do it alone. He couldn’t. So, there is a problem.

Respecting the private property of the rich is one thing. But the rich must also respect the human rights of the poor. And that’s the challenge of the ages, and the challenge for Belize. An aspiring third-party Belizean politician once stated categorically that the first priority if he achieved political power would be to

drastically revamp the taxation system in Belize, so that the gush of wealth in the direction of the few at the top would slow down some, in order that the trickle—the meagerness of which has stifled the life of the masses at the bottom, could be increased to a liveable flow. Perhaps that’s why he was considered “unelectable.”

The United Nations acknowledges this problem in its “Universal Declaration of Human Rights.” (See *The Reporter*, page 19, of Sunday, November 13, 2022.) Below are a couple extracts.

Former U.N. Human Rights Chief, Navi Pillay in *The Tunis Imperative*: “For the UN, health care, education, housing, and the fair administration of justice are not commodities for sale to the few, but rather rights to which all are entitled without discrimination.”

And in reference to a “Social Protection Floor Initiative,” which the UN agreed to in 2009, UN Human Rights Chief, Michelle Bachelet said: “We all want to see a world where all children and all adults have their basic needs met; where unemployment, injury, ill-health, old age or disability do not signal misery and hardship; where people are not left unprotected in times of crisis and disaster.”

The wealthy and the “big fish” can take care of themselves. In the aftermath of Lisa, after the emergency recovery and reconstruction, the task and the challenge of government is to look after “the least of these,” so that one illness does not condemn a family to dispossession of their land or home because of astronomical health-care costs. Our economic system is urgently in need of re-booting, where the new structure begins at the foundation with an adequate “Social Protection Floor”; and then, let the chips fall where they may for the big winners in our mixed economy. It is the only way for “everybody to win,” Honourable P.M.

## **MOU signed to improve...**

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Standards to want to be a part of great things in Belize. As small as this initiative may be, it is one that in my eyes is [huge], and I will give you two reasons why: one, because we are working with [practically underprivileged farmers]

who were neglected, who were abandoned for many years, and that will [allow us] to increase the human capital and producers that know how to produce on a population that is hard working and on a population that has an appetite to learn and to improve their living of standards.”

## Tender Note

### Taiwan Technical Mission is now opening a bid of VEHICLE PROCUREMENT FOR AUTOMOTIVE

Date: 18th November 2022

#### Supplier

Vehicle requirement for bidding:

- 1.9L above 4 Cylinders Turbodiesel
- 4 door double cab
- Air condition
- Manual Transmission
- 4x4 System (2WD, 4H, 410)
- Brand of Japan, Korea, USA only

1. Closing Date: **5th December 2022 - 10:00 a.m.**
2. Bid will be opened at the Taiwan Technical Mission Office on **5th December 2022 at 2:00 p.m.**
3. For interested businesses you are kindly urge to approach the Taiwan Technical Mission Office in Belmopan for the Quotation.

All interested contact:

Ms. Nancy Chang  
Taiwan Technical Mission  
Phone: +501-822-1568  
Email: [ncysuerte@gmail.com](mailto:ncysuerte@gmail.com)

## 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.**



# ENVIRONMENTAL & SOCIAL SAFEGUARDS OFFICER / CLIMATE CHAMPION

## THE JOB

The Environmental & Social Safeguards (ESS) Officer/ Climate Champion is a senior level technical officer or professional whose thrust is to mainstream climate resiliency in all DFC's operations consistent with the Corporation's strategic objectives. This includes the financing of economically viable, technically feasible, environmentally sustainable, and climate resilient investments in Belize, the promotion of greening initiatives (e.g. waste management, sustainable procurement, energy conservation) to operate in an environmental and socially sustainable manner, and the implementation of DFC's Go Green Action Plan to improve the Corporation's carbon foot print and establish the organization as a responsible social partner.

The incumbent must have strong knowledge of environmental and climate related matters including Belize's environmental laws/ regulations, national climate commitments, and supporting policies, a background in project development/project management skills, complemented with excellent analytical and communication skills. He/she reports to the Assistant General Manager, Lending Operations.

## EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE

1. A Master's Degree in Climate or Environmental Science and/or Management and Social Sciences, Natural Resource Management or related field with at least three (3) years' experience; OR a Bachelor's Degree in Climate or Environmental Science or related field with at least five (5) years' experience.
2. Experience in development banking would be an asset.
3. Proven experience in EIA process, environmental compliance, environmental policy, monitoring and management.
4. Ability to generate and sustain ongoing consultation and meaningful participatory processes with a wide cross section of stakeholders.
5. Knowledge in the following areas:
  - Sustainable development, biodiversity/conservation finance, Policies, legislation and procedures associated with environmental management.
  - Implementing international safeguards policies/standards, environmental management.

## REQUIRED SKILLS & ABILITIES

- Excellent research, analytical and problem-solving skills
- Excellent knowledge of Belize Climate Commitments, policies and programs
- Sound Knowledge of Belize's environmental laws
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Excellent organizational skills and attention to detail
- Excellent time management skills with a proven ability to meet deadlines
- Ability to function well in a high-paced and at times stressful environment
- Proficient with Microsoft Office Suite or related software

## KEY RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE:

1. Monitor DFC's loan investments for compliance with DFC's Environmental and Social Safeguards (including its ESS Risk categorization standards), and make recommendations to rectify any deviations therefrom.
2. Collect and analyze environmental and social data from DFC's project interventions and ensure periodic reporting to lending, governmental and other related agencies, consistent with lending agency guidelines and DFC's ESS protocols.
3. Represent DFC on all relevant national Climate/Environmental related conferences and workshop, Committees or Working Groups and make presentations on the work of the DFC.
4. Identify climate related gaps in DFC's operational and lending programs and make recommendations on how to remedy same.
5. Serve as part of DFC's Product Development team in order to identify and develop climate/gender opportunities or specific changes to DFC's working modalities in order to scale DFC's climate resilient project interventions. Research appropriate climate smart lending products to mainstream climate resiliency in the Corporation's credit function and make recommendations to DFC's Product Development Committee for adoption of same.
6. Establish and maintain mechanisms to ensure transparency of DFC's project interventions and communicate program achievements with the public. Monitor established mechanisms for handling customer complaints on the environmental impacts of DFC funded projects (the Grievance Redress Mechanism).
7. Position DFC's management to leverage financial and other support from available climate funds and other relevant institutions.
8. Prepare work plans, procurement plans, progress reports, annual reports, project completion reports and other reports that may be required.

## TERMS

Contract Employment

## STATION

Headquarters Office, City of Belmopan

## ACT NOW

1. Letter of Application
2. Curriculum Vitae
3. Copy of most recent qualification
4. Three (3) Letters of Recommendation (*no older than six months*) – two must be professional references of which one must be from a previous employer.
5. Copy of Social Security Card
6. Police record (*no older than six months*)

## SUBMISSION

Submit application with reference Application for Vacancy:

**ENVIRONMENTAL & SOCIAL SAFEGUARDS OFFICER /  
CLIMATE CHAMPION**

to:

**Manager**

**Human Resources and Administration**

Development Finance Corporation

P. O. Box 40 | Belmopan | Belize, C.A.

Applications may be submitted electronically by email to:

**[careers@dfcbelize.org](mailto:careers@dfcbelize.org)**

**DEADLINE:**

**DECEMBER 4, 2022**



## Social Investment Fund Vacancy Technical Officer- Civil Engineer

The Social Investment Fund is an autonomous institution responsible for delivering basic services and infrastructure to the poor and needy, and for promoting community participation in development projects utilizing non-governmental organizations, community organizations and local decentralized agencies. The Social Investment Fund would like to recruit a dynamic and committed individual for the position of Civil Engineer.

### Reports To:

The **Civil Engineer** will report to the **Technical Unit Coordinator**.

**Direct Reports:** None

### Job Overview:

The Civil Engineer will be stationed at the Fund's Headquarters in Belmopan. He/She shall be supervised by the Technical Unit Coordinator. The Civil Engineer shall be responsible for conducting technical, environmental, financial, and sustainability appraisals of projects. In addition, the Civil Engineer shall be responsible for the monitoring of projects implemented by the Fund. Whenever necessary, he/she will be required to provide advice in his/her field of expertise to other technical officers in the Unit.

### Responsibilities and Duties:

- Perform all duties in keeping with the procedures, guidelines, and agreements provided for by the organization.
- Participate as a member of BSIF's Technical Unit in the organizing and supervising of community needs and assets assessments and organizational needs assessments.
- Conduct technical, environmental, economic, financial, and sustainability assessments of project proposals.
- Participate as a member of BSIF's Technical Unit in the development of projects, which shall be presented to the BSIF Board of Directors and funding agency(ies) for approval.
- Develop infrastructure plans, specifications, bills of quantities, and cost estimates for various social and economic infrastructure projects.
- In instances where design and supervision consultants are engaged by the BSIF, the officer shall review and provide detailed commentary on the quality of outputs provided by the consultants.
- Conduct the technical evaluation of bids for the execution of works and the supply of goods.
- Conduct the evaluation of expressions of interest submitted by consultants, followed by the technical and financial evaluation of proposals submitted for the provision of consultancy services.
- Monitor and supervise the activities of contractors and goods suppliers to ensure that services rendered are in accordance with the terms and conditions of their respective contracts.
- Monitor and supervise the activities undertaken by consultants to ensure that services rendered to the BSIF are in accordance with the terms and conditions of their respective contracts.
- Verify payment certificates submitted by consultants and prepare in-house payment certificates, which shall be used to substantiate the approval of payments.
- Participate in the coordination and supervision of work undertaken by community members as a part of their community contribution.
- Participate in the coordination and supervision of training activities for various stakeholders.
- Prepare infrastructure design changes and budget changes that may arise during the execution of project activities.
- Liaise with various counterparts to ensure the efficient execution of project activities.
- Assume responsibility for the Fund's Assets assigned to the officer for the execution of duties.
- Report to the Technical Unit Coordinator on the progress of project activities under execution.
- Any other duties required for the effective functioning of the BSIF.

### Qualifications:

- A minimum of a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering, or related field.

### General Knowledge:

- Computer literate with a working knowledge of the Microsoft Office suite of applications.
- Proficient with computer aided drafting tools.
- Good command of the English language.
- Highly proficient in technical writing.
- Comfortable with emails, text messages, reprographic equipment.
- Excellent interpersonal skills.
- Positive attitude to get along with a high-performance team.

**Salary:** Negotiable based on experience and qualifications.

**Closing date:** December 9th 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

### Applications should be addressed to:

Senior Procurement Officer Social Investment Fund  
3rd Floor, #1902 Constitution Drive Belmopan Cayo District  
Tel: 822-0239/822-0508  
E-mail: [angeles.itzab@sifbelize.org](mailto:angeles.itzab@sifbelize.org)  
cc: [carlos.tun@sifbelize.org](mailto:carlos.tun@sifbelize.org)

## Belize applies for ICJ to resolve Honduras' Sapodilla Cayes claim



*ICJ Headquarters in The Hague*

*by Khaila Gentle*

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Nov. 17, 2022

A press release issued by the Government late this evening announced that Belize has submitted an application for the International Court of Justice (ICJ) to issue a judgment on Honduras' claim (embedded in Article 10 of its Constitution) that the Sapodilla Cayes are part of its territory. The release notes that the application was submitted to the Registrar of the ICJ, located in The Hague, Netherlands, and that by means of the application, Belize is seeking a "final and binding resolution" to the matter.

The Government claims that it has taken this measure to "protect the vital interests of Belize" by ensuring that all territorial disputes are fully settled. The press release also states that the application to the ICJ has been done in full support and furtherance of its friendly relations with Honduras.

The application and all its associated documents can be found on the ICJ's website under "cases". It is listed as pending and was filed on Wednesday, November 16. Included in the eleven-page document is a section stating that Belize officially acceded to the Pact of Bogotá on October 24, 2022 by submitting an instrument of accession to the Organization of American States (OAS) and that the General Secretariat of the OAS issued a certificate of receipt of that instrument dated October 27.

In its application to the ICJ, Belize notes that the Sapodilla Cayes, located 75 miles east of Punta Gorda, have been a part of Belize's territory since the early nineteenth century, initially as part of the settlement of Belize and later the colony of British Honduras, and since 1981 as part of the independent State of Belize.

It also states that sovereignty over the Cayes has been peacefully, publicly, and continuously manifested through a number of acts, including the exercising of jurisdiction by magistrates over the Cayes (such as in relation to criminal matters, salvage claims and the suppression of piracy); the construction of lighthouses; the granting of licenses and concessions in relation to natural resources; the regulation of land ownership, fishing, and entry to the Sapodilla Cayes; and the conducting of military activities in and around the Cayes.

By contrast, it further notes, Honduras has never had nor purported to exercise any sovereignty over the Cayes, and, prior to 1981, it repeatedly acknowledged British sovereignty.

In one such instance, the Government of Honduras, concerned that the Cayes were being used as a base by revolutionary movements plotting against it, requested British authorities in Belize to take action in respect to those movements.

The Government has appointed Ambassador Assad Shoman as Agent and Ambassador Alexis Rosado as Co-Agent for Belize in the proceedings.

## Another Waterloo public...

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done by the UBAD Educational Foundation (UEF) found that public consultation within the community was lacking.

"We got three community workers from that community to go door to door for two weeks in the community, just the Jane Usher community, and we'll show you the numbers. The majority of the people said 'no one came to my house, and told me about this project', 'I do not know about this project'. Some said, 'what I know I know from the news'. Just from that small synopsis, it is unfair and unethical to ask people to take a position on this project when they don't know enough

about it." YaYa Marin Coleman, chairman of UEF, said during her comments.

Calls have been made by UEF and other community members for a public hearing on this Waterloo project.

"UEF has been advocating for a public hearing, at a public consultation. You want the project, you're pushing for the project. A public hearing is less biased. The department should tell us about everything about the project, which the department has not done," Marin-Coleman pointed out.

The National Environmental Appraisal Committee (NEAC) is to meet on November 24 to deliberate once more over whether to grant approval to Waterloo's proposed project.

# VACANCIES

**Dr. Megan Ryan's Dental Clinic, San Ignacio, Cayo District**

**Positions:** Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon, and Endodontist

Would you like to work for a dentist who has an excellent reputation in the community and is known for her integrity? We are seeking qualified individuals who know what's expected of them when they show up for work, in a professional and respectful environment. Applications are invited from suitably qualified individuals.

**I. Summary of Positions**

**Oral and Maxillofacial surgeon**

Perform surgery and related procedures on the hard and soft tissues of the oral and maxillofacial regions to treat diseases, injuries, or defects.

**Primary Responsibilities**

- Assume quality care of patients with wide spectrums of oral and maxillofacial health problems while adhering to the highest standard of dental practice ethics and professionalism.
- Perform the diagnosis and surgical treatments of diseases, injuries and defects involving both the functional and esthetic aspects of the hard and soft tissues of the head and mouth.

**Qualifications and Requirements:**

- Must have DDS or DMD from an accredited school.
- Must have a Postgraduate degree in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery from an accredited school.
- Must have more than 5 years working experience.
- Must be licensed to practice in Belize.

**Endodontist**

Diagnose and treat various conditions that affect the tooth pulp as well as the nerves and tissue in and around the tooth root.

**Primary Responsibilities**

- Assume quality care of patients with wide spectrums of conditions that affect the tooth pulp, nerves and surrounding tissues while adhering to the highest standard of dental practice ethics and professionalism.
- Diagnose and perform non-surgical root canal treatments, endodontic surgery and apicoectomies as needed.

**Qualifications and Requirements**

- Must have a DDS or DMD degree from an accredited school.
- Must have a Postgraduate degree in endodontics from an accredited school.
- Must have more than 5 years working experience.
- Must be licensed to practice in Belize

**II. Application Process, Contact Information, and Submission Deadline**

Resume along with proof of qualifications, copy of licenses and two letters of recommendation can be sent to [mryan@belizedentistry.com](mailto:mryan@belizedentistry.com). The deadline to apply on Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 5:00 pm

# PUBLIC AUCTION SALE: PROPERTIES BELIZE CHOICE AUCTIONS & REALTY

615-1133

[Bz.auctions.realty@gmail.com](mailto:Bz.auctions.realty@gmail.com)

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 properties:

**BELIZE DISTRICT**

REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Queen Square West	45	1523



Located at #1523 Margaret Williams Street, Faber's Road Ext., Belize City, measuring 383.84 square meters. This property consists of a fully fenced, 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).

**ON SITE on Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 10:00 am.**

**TERMS: STRICTLY CASH**

**COROZAL DISTRICT**

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



Being a concrete bungalow house measuring 1,740 square ft. containing 3 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. Freehold Property of Lyndon Russell Gillett and Rhyma Ann Gillett.

**ON SITE on Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 2:00 pm.**

**TERMS: STRICTLY CASH**

REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Concepcion, Aventura/ Corozal District	1	200/1 & 202/



Being two parcels of land totaling 20.96 acres, these properties provide an excellent opportunity for those looking to purchase extremely fertile, commercial size farmland in the sugar rich fields of Concepcion Village. Freehold Property of Faustino Moh.

**VIRTUAL AUCTION VIA ZOOM on**

**Sunday December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**TERMS: STRICTLY CASH**

**Meeting ID: 862 7374 1089 | Passcode: 9zg8WZ**



## Vacancy at Julian Cho Technical High School



Julian Cho Technical High School invites suitably qualified persons to apply for the following post:

**1 Spanish Teacher – Permanent**

**Qualification for Teacher:**

- Bachelor's Degree or Higher in the subject area with pedagogical training preferred, however an Associate Degree in the subject area may be considered.
- Teaching experience at the secondary level would be an asset.
- Good communication skills and a willingness to uphold the mission of Julian Cho Technical High School.

**Application package must include:**

- A letter of application and resume
- Certified copies of diplomas and certificate/s
- Sealed transcript from all post-secondary institutions attended
- Birth certificate or Passport
- Certified copy of Social Security Card
- Recent Medical Certificate
- Recent Police Record
- Valid Teacher's License (Secondary level)
- Two recent letters of recommendation

**\*ALL COPIED DOCUMENTS MUST BE CERTIFIED BY A JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.**

**Salary:**

Salary will be in accordance with the government pay scale based on qualification.

Application packages must be addressed to:  
Secretary  
Board of Governors  
Julian Cho Technical High School  
P.O Box 171  
Toledo District  
Belize, Central America

ELECTRONIC PACKAGES CAN ALSO BE EMAILED TO: [ictchs.secretary2@yahoo.com](mailto:ictchs.secretary2@yahoo.com)  
[icttechnical@yahoo.com](mailto:icttechnical@yahoo.com)

**PLEASE NOTE THAT A HARD COPY OF APPLICATION PACKAGE MUST BE PRESENTED ON DAY OF INTERVIEW IF SHORTLISTED.**

Deadline for applications is Monday, December 5, 2022.



## Story lines galore as Qatar World Cup kicks off Sunday. Here are group-by-group previews

Michelle Kaufman

MIAMI HERALD, Tues. Nov. 15, 2022

The 2022 World Cup kicks off Sunday in Qatar, the first ever played this late in the year and a tournament packed with intriguing story lines. Will Argentine star Lionel Messi finally win his first World Cup trophy? Can defending champion France repeat? Is the young, inexperienced U.S. squad good enough to make a run? Can Spain and Germany redeem themselves after recent disappointments? And will Brazil win a sixth World Cup championship?

Here is a look at the eight groups and who is favored to advance to the knockout rounds...

### GROUP A: Qatar, Ecuador, Senegal, Netherlands

Netherlands is the likely group winner with a loaded roster that breezed through its World Cup qualifying group, scoring 33 goals in 10 matches, and losing just one game. Virgil Van Dijk, the 6-4 Liverpool center back, anchors the Dutch defense. Midfielder Frenkie de Jong (Barcelona) has great vision and skill and his Barca teammate Memphis Depay is among several attackers who can score. Ecuador and Senegal are expected to battle for second place. Ecuador has the edge because South American competition is stronger than the teams Senegal faced in Africa. But watch for Senegal's Sadio Mane, the Bayern Munich forward who is one of the best African players of all time. Qatar will have the home crowd but lacks talent and experience.

### GROUP B: England, Iran, USA, Wales

England is not only favored to win the group; it is a contender for the World Cup title. The English team has elite talent at every position and a stingy defense that allowed just three goals in 10 qualifying matches. Twenty-five of the 26 players are from the English Premier League, including goalkeepers Jordan Pickford (Everton) and Aaron Ramsdale (Arsenal), defenders Trent Alexander-Arnold (Liverpool), Kyle Walker and John Stones (Manchester City), midfielders Mason Mount (Chelsea), Declan Rice (West Ham), Phil Foden (Man City), and forwards Harry Kane (Tottenham), Raheem Sterling (Chelsea), and Bukayo Saka (Arsenal).

England was runner-up to Italy in the Euro final last summer, reached the semifinals of the 2018 World Cup, and advancing to the knockout rounds in Qatar is a foregone conclusion. The only question is whether Wales or Team USA will join them, as Iran is a long shot. The U.S. is inexperienced on the world stage after failing to qualify in 2018 and finished third in CONCACAF, but has a new crop of talented players, many of whom make a living with some of Europe's biggest clubs. Wales has Gareth Bale, Dan James, Kieffer Moore and has been battle-tested.

### GROUP C: Argentina, Saudi Arabia, Mexico, Poland

Lionel Messi's resume is missing only a World Cup trophy, and Argentina has what it takes to win it. The "Albiceleste" are on a 35-match unbeaten run, went undefeated in 17 qualifying matches (including a 0-0 tie with Brazil) and beat Brazil in the Copa America final. All but one of the players are Europe-based, including Messi (PSG), Angel DiMaria (Juventus), and Lautaro Martinez (Inter Milan). Mexico has advanced from the group stage in its eight World Cup appearances but has questions after struggling against Team USA and Canada in qualifying. Barcelona striker Robert Lewandowski leads a talented Poland squad that has speed and toughness. Saudi Arabia might get a win, but not enough to advance.

### GROUP D: France, Australia, Denmark, Tunisia

Defending champion France is the heavy favorite in this group and could win the whole thing again with top talent, speed and experience. Karim Benzema (Real Madrid), Kylian Mbappe (PSG), N'Golo Kante (Chelsea), Raphael Varane (Manchester United), and Antoine Griezmann (Atletico Madrid) are among the French players to watch. Denmark is also strong, having outscored opponents 30-3 in qualifying. The Danes beat France twice this year in the UEFA Nations Cup, for what that's worth. France and Denmark were in the same group at the Russia World Cup in 2018 and both advanced, which doesn't bode well for Australia and Tunisia.

### GROUP E: Spain, Costa Rica, Germany, Japan

Spain and Germany, the favorites to advance to the knockout stage, both have something to prove. Spain, winners of the 2010 World Cup and the 2008 and 2012 Euros, have not been as strong in recent years as the "Golden Generation" moved on. They suffered a group stage exit at the 2014 World Cup and lost in the Round of 16 in the 2016 Euro and 2018 World Cup. But things look brighter after a semifinal run at the 2020 Euros and a close loss to France in the 2021 Nations League final. The roster is Barcelona heavy with Sergio Busquets, Jordi Alba, Pedri, Ansu Fati, and Gavi.

Germany lost in the group stage at the 2018 Cup and lost in the Round of 16 at the 2020 Euros. The resurgent Germans went 9-1 in World Cup qualifying and outscored opponents 36-4. Their top players include Thomas Muller, Manuel Neuer, Lery Sane, Jonas Hoffmann and Serge Gnabry. Japan and Costa Rica will advance only if Germany or Spain underperform, which they both have done in recent Cups.

### GROUP F: Belgium, Canada, Morocco, Croatia

This is perhaps the most balanced group with no clear winner. Croatia is the 2018 World Cup runner-up and is



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led by Real Madrid midfield magician Luka Modric. The always-talented Belgian squad has Real Madrid's Eden Hazard, Manchester City's Kevin De Bruyne, and Inter Milan striker Romelu Lukaku (on loan from Chelsea). Belgium lost to eventual champion France in the 2018 World Cup semis. Canada was the surprise first-place finisher in CONCACAF qualifying, ahead of Mexico and the USA. Canada is led by Alphonso Davies (Bayern Munich), Haitian/American/Canadian Jonathan David (Lille), and Junior Hoilett (Reading). Morocco has potential, but likely won't advance.

### GROUP G: Brazil, Serbia, Switzerland, Cameroon

Five-time World Cup champion Brazil is the top-ranked team in the world, should cruise into the knockout round and is a heavy favorite to win it all again for the first time in 20 years. The Brazilians were undefeated in 17 qualifying matches and have just one loss since 2019, to Argentina in the Copa America final. Their roster is stacked with one-named wonders—Neymar, Vinicius, Marquinhos, Casemiro, Firmino, Danilo, Raphinha, Alisson, Ederson, Fred—and the likes of Thiago Silva.

Serbia has a few standout players but look for Switzerland to take second place. The Swiss were in the knockout stage of the 2018 World Cup and the quarterfinals of the 2020 Euros. Xhaka (Arsenal) and Shaqiri (Chicago Fire) are Swiss players to watch. Cameroon is always entertaining, but it will be tough to finish top two.

### GROUP H: Portugal, Ghana, Uruguay, South Korea

Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo is the most famous player in the group, but South Florida fans will recognize Uruguay coach Diego Alonso, previously of Inter Miami. Alonso's team is a blend of old (six players 35 and older) and new, known for its grit and has a dangerous attack with Luis Suarez, Edinson Cavani and Darwin Nunez. Lucas Torreira and Rodrigo Betancur man the middle and Diego Godin was around when Uruguay reached the World Cup semis in 2010.

Uruguay and Portugal are expected to advance, but Ghana and South Korea both have elite players who could pose a threat to the favorites. Will Ronaldo find glory after his struggles with Manchester United? The world's about to find out.

## Do or die in Leg 2 of PLB semifinals

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Nov. 17, 2022

This Premier League of Belize (PLB) 2022-2023 Opening Season regular tournament, and now the semifinal series have both been the most competitive in years. There are no guarantees, no soft cushion for any team going into Leg 2 of the semifinals this weekend. The 2nd seed Verdes FC and 3rd seed San Pedro Pirates FC played to a 2-2 draw last Saturday night at Ambergris Stadium. And at the People's Stadium in Orange Walk on

Sunday afternoon, #1 seed Altitude FC squeezed out a 2-1 win over a game, young #4 seed Progreso FC squad.

Of note in the Progreso vs Altitude series is that star midfielder Delone Torres, who opened the scoring for Altitude last Sunday, will likely be out of action due to a serious knee injury; while Progreso should once again have the services of talented striker Marlon Gutierrez, who served a suspension for

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## Pedal by Pedal of the PanAmerican Cycling Masters Championship in Colombia this past weekend

by Santino the Chief

BELIZE CITY, Tues. Nov. 15, 2022

Let me start by giving Roque Matus, owner of M&M Engineering, big kudos for taking his team to this Cycling Championship where some of the best riders in the world always show up. They represented the Jewel and had to ride in the Belize National Kits as approved by the Cycling Federation of Belize.

The whole team performed reasonably well; but in Saturday's



(l to r) Fitzgerald "Palas" Joseph 2nd, Mexico 1st and Colombia 3rd

Road Race, it was Fitzgerald "Palas" Joseph (who has had a Cycling Renaissance at the age of 55), who in



Belize team members (l to r) Mike Wagner, Ryan Willoughby, Roque Matus, Palas, Liam Stewart, Phillip Burns and Dwight Lopez.

his Category (Age 55-59) gave more than a good account of himself, his team and Belize by taking 2nd and

with it the SILVER Medal. A big Congrats to Palas and the M&M Team!

## Belize veterans claim 5 Golds at Central American Master Athletics Championship in Costa Rica



(l to r) Lawrence Craig, Cuthbert Burrell, Fred Evans, Daland Jones and Leopold Lamb

BELIZE CITY, Mon. Nov. 14, 2022

The XXIII Central American Masters Athletics Championships was held in San José Costa Rica from 3rd – 6th November, 2022. A total of 695 Master Athletes registered for the events, and 21 countries participated. The Belize delegation was made up of 5 Master Athletes from BAMA (Belize Association of Master Athletics).

Despite the threat of Hurricane Lisa, the determined team made it to San Jose, Costa Rica and returned to Belize with a total of 13 medals - 5 gold, 3 silver and 5 bronze. Below are the individual athletes and their achievements.

Fred Evans, M78 - Gold in Discus, Javelin and Shotput.

Daland Jones, M65 - Silver in Discus & Shotput, and Bronze in Javelin.

Lawrence Craig, M60 - Gold in High Jump & Shotput, and Bronze in Triple Jump.

Cuthbert Burrell, M50 - Silver in Long Jump.

Leopold Lamb, M45 - Bronze in Discus, Javelin and Shotput.

Our aim is to have a larger delegation of Master Athletes from Belize to compete in the 2023 Central American Masters Athletics Championship.

-press release-

## OWFA 1st Division Tournament resumes with Week 3 schedule

by Ben Ramos, Jr. – Administrator, OW Regional Office

ORANGE WALK TOWN, Wed. Nov. 16, 2022

The Orange Walk Football Association (OWFA) 1st Division Amateur Tournament resumes this weekend with its Week 3 schedule, all games being at the Louisiana Field:

Saturday, November 19

7:00 p.m. - San Jose FC vs Guinea Grass FC

9:00 p.m. - San Felipe FC vs San Antonio FC

Sunday, November 20

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

11:00 a.m. - Charlie's Cave Tubing FC vs Guinea Grass FC

1:00 p.m. - Progreso FC vs San Francisco FC

3:00 p.m. - Louisiana FC vs Red Devils FC

5:00 p.m. - Caribbean Rum Boyz FC vs Palmar FC

## Do or die in Leg 2 of PLB semifinals

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that game.

Verdes and San Pedro are evenly matched, but the defending champs will be at home in the Norman Broaster. These teams drew twice in regular season, 0-0 in San Ignacio and 2-2 in San Pedro; then in the semifinals Leg 1 they again drew 2-2.

The 2nd leg matches will decide who goes on to the final. There will be no third game, regardless of the outcomes this weekend. According to PLB general secretary Wilhelm Miguel, goal difference will determine the series winners, and if teams are equal in that category, then the "away goal rule" comes into effect, where a goal scored away counts for 2 points while a goal scored on home turf gets

one point only. But the "away goal rule" only comes into effect IF there is a tie in aggregate goals scored over the two games.

And if there is the occasion that the teams are still tied even after applying the "away goal rule," as in case there is another 2-2 draw in San Ignacio, then the next step will be a 15-15 overtime; and if still tied, then it is on to penalties. A winner must be decided in each semifinal series this weekend.

PLB Semifinals Leg 2 schedule:

Saturday, November 19

7:30 p.m. – Altitude FC vs Progreso FC – M.A. Stadium in Independence

Sunday, November 20

4:00 p.m. – Verdes FC vs San Pedro Pirates FC – Norman Broaster Stadium

# US bans entry of “corrupt” John Saldivar

*The public designation of former UDP Cabinet minister, John Saldivar as a former government official guilty of significant corruption was initially announced by US Secretary of State Anthony Blinken*

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which points to section 7031 (c) of the USSD Foreign Operation and Related Programs Appropriations Act of 2022. That section of the US legislation “provides that officials of foreign governments and their immediate family members about whom the Secretary of State has credible information of direct or indirect involvement in significant corruption or a gross violation of human rights are ineligible for entry into the United States.”

The announcement by what is still arguably the world’s most powerful nation could deal a death blow to the political career of Saldivar, who was attempting to regain footing after a huge loss at the polls in the 2020 general elections and who is once more seeking to be the UDP standard bearer in Belmopan. It could also further weaken and splinter the United Democratic Party, following a recent attempt by certain members of the party to recall its current leader, Hon. Moses “Shyne” Barrow. The party recently began holding conventions for the selection of some standard bearers and the endorsement of some — and Saldivar was seemingly on the cusp of securing the Belmopan standard bearer position at an upcoming convention after the apparent sidelining of the other contender, Khalid Belisle (former Belmopan mayor), when the announcement landed like a comet. The UDP now must decide whether it will disqualify Saldivar or whether it will risk being a political party associated with a person publicly designated as significantly corrupt by the US.

While the UDP has not released a public statement on the matter as yet, the Leader of the Opposition, Hon. Moses “Shyne” Barrow, in a social media post, referred to the designation as an “allegation” by the US State Department, and he went on to say, “Notwithstanding our zero tolerance of corruption by public officials, we must be guided by the fundamental principles of due process and in the Belize judicial system all are innocent until proven guilty.”

Barrow went on to say that the Opposition will take steps to gather facts from the State Department and Saldivar to “determine the way forward to implement our anti-corruption policy in a fair and just manner.”

But other members of the UDP are calling for Saldivar’s removal from the party, and are classifying Barrow’s statement as indicative of the symbiotic relationship between himself and Saldivar.

Notably, it was Saldivar (who had once himself briefly secured the spot as UDP leader in 2020 before his association with a convicted US fraudster became known via Utah court documents) who was believed to be the mastermind of the UDP “Caucus for Change”’s effort to remove former UDP leader Patrick Faber from the helm of the UDP in 2021 — which arguably paved the way for Barrow’s swift ascent

to the top spot in the party.

Known UDP stalwart Denton Belisle (the father of Khalid Belisle, former Belmopan mayor who also aspires to be Belmopan area rep) thus stated this morning, “The attempt therein to obfuscate the issues at hand and to downplay the gravity of the move by the U.S. Government against Saldivar leaves me to conclude that all efforts will be made by the UDP leadership to cover up Saldivar’s transgressions and to protect and preserve his status within the UDP, cost it what it may.”

It remains to be seen what type of cover-up can be done, or what type of investigation would be necessary to understand the basis of the corruption claims made by the US government. The accusations are many. They can be found in the past headlines of most local newspapers, and in the archives of the country’s television stations and news websites.

The role he allegedly played in the improper “acquisition of Belizean immigration documents” is documented in the coverage of a Senate Select Committee inquiry (2016-2017) that was held following the release of a report by then Auditor General Dorothy Bradley that uncovered unethical conduct within the Immigration Department during the period 2011-2013. Saldivar was listed during the committee’s questioning of key Immigration officials as a government minister who would frequently visit the Immigration Department to deliver applications on behalf of his “constituents”. It has been alleged that during that period Cabinet ministers were signing visa recommendations for a range of individuals, particularly Asian nationals.

When questioned by Jules Vasquez in 2013 about the role he played in facilitating visa acquisition for some persons, Saldivar had said, “I have never issued any letter. I have simply called at times to try to see the process through, but that’s about it. I have never written any letter — that has never occurred with me.”

Interestingly, when it was announced that a Belizean government official had been receiving payments of \$25,000 US monthly from US fraudster Lev Dermen, who reportedly defrauded the US government of \$511 million in a bio-fuel scam, a January 2020 AMANDALA article had noted that Lev Asan Dermen used the name Levon Termendzhyan when “he was granted Belizean nationality in September, 2013.”

The article further noted that Dermen was a Los-Angeles-based businessman who “was granted Belizean nationality under questionable circumstances” and that he was “indicted in the state of Utah along with four members of a polygamous family with the surname ‘Kingston’ who owned a bio-fuel plant, Washakie Renewable Energy, which was used in the massive forgery for which four members of the family made a plea deal with prosecutors..”

(Transcripts from the Utah District Court proceeding indicate that Lev

Dermen and his affiliates were introduced to Saldivar while he was Minister of National Security in order to facilitate the opening of a casino in Belize. Other Belizean government officials were also at that meeting. In 2013, Saldivar admitted to having met Dermen during the 2013 Gold Cup Football Tournament.)

Prime Minister at the time, Hon. Dean Barrow, had indicated that all members of his Cabinet, including Saldivar, had denied receiving any money from Dermen. Not long after, Saldivar was named in alleged court documents that indicated that he communicated via text with Dermen’s business associate, Jacob Kingston, to arrange the transfer of the US \$25,000 monthly.

And it appears that the US government had been tracking and documenting all these developments.

The US Embassy’s Belize 2020 Human Rights Report stated, “In February, Minister of National Security and newly elected leader of the United Democratic Party John Saldivar was forced to resign when court documents revealed that he received large sums of money from a U.S. citizen accused of defrauding the U.S. government of tax in return for political favors in Belize. Saldivar remained area representative for Belmopan and an active legislator. The Commissioner of Police stated the BPD would initiate an investigation into the matter and press charges, but as of October no charges had been filed. The Senate Select Committee presented its report and recommendations on an investigation, initiated in 2017, of the Immigration and Nationality Department conducted by the Office of the Auditor General. The report confirmed the department had a pattern of improper and illegal issuances of Belizean visas, passports, and citizenship. The committee conducted public hearings in 2017 that revealed several instances where high-ranking government officials, including ministers of government, approved the issuance of visas, citizenship, and passports to unqualified individuals. As of October no charges had been filed against anyone as a result of the report.”

Prior to these allegations, however, Saldivar had received public criticism before — for his association/business partnership with convicted murderer Danny Mason, who was involved in the murder and beheading of Pastor Llewelyn Lucas, and for misuse of Coast Guard vessels donated by the US government while he headed the Ministry that oversaw that arm of law enforcement.

In an October 16 article entitled, “Leaked documents confirm business relationship between John Saldivar and Danny Mason,” the *San Pedro Sun* had reported, “Despite much denial from several government officials, a leaked document released on October 17th revealed the business relationship between Minister of Defense John Saldivar and Mason, the accused murderer. In a press release issued on Tuesday, October 18th, the Barrow Administration announced that Saldivar was placed on a one-week leave of absence... Saldivar previously reported that he had accepted \$50,000 from Mason as a contribution to his Belmopan Bandits football team. He stated that was

the extent of their business relationship and claimed that he has disassociated himself with Mason since September 2015 after learning of Mason’s ‘unsavory’ past. However, the document with signatures of both men indicate how both Saldivar and Mason were shareholders of the company: Bandits Sporting Club Limited, the holding company for the Belmopan Bandits Football Club. According to the document dated August 18, 2015, shares were split with 70% belonging to Saldivar, and 30% to Mason.”

The other accusation, that Saldivar used Coast Guard boats to entertain some of his questionable associates — specifically Lev Dermen — has also been documented. And there were media reports that he used such vessels to transport his football team, Belmopan Bandits, to San Pedro when the team played on the island. In regard to the first of the two accusations, *7News* has aired an audio clip in which a man purported to be Saldivar can be heard saying, “Now I understand why when Lev mi come da Belize, when I take Lev on the Coast Guard boat, I take Lev and all of these Mormons pan wa fishing trip out deh eena the Coast Guard boat and so... that is how he was, according to Jacob, asserting that, hey, yuh listen to me or else you could get F\*\*\*\* because I have friends all over the world, my network of F\*\*\*\*\* powerful people... That’s how my name come to be mentioned. Da soh I di get the 25 thousand dollars every month. That’s how my name come into it. Me get lotta F\*\*\*\*\* money from Lev.”

Nonetheless, in the face of all these accusations, Saldivar is defending his reputation and refuting what has been reported about him. He has said that the funds he received from Dermen were campaign contributions (and had in fact stated at a press conference last year that then Prime Minister Barrow knew about it.) According to Saldivar, who refuted the US Department’s claims in a Facebook post, he recalls being told that a person known as a car dealer who claimed to be a part of his inner circle made some untrue statements about him while trying to secure a visa from the US Embassy. The person allegedly said that Saldivar received bags of money weekly and claimed that he was involved in corruption in the Immigration Department.

Saldivar went on to refer to the US State Department’s claims that immigration documents were improperly acquired through bribes accepted by Saldivar as “unfounded, and malicious” — noting that no evidence or specific case was cited in the statement.

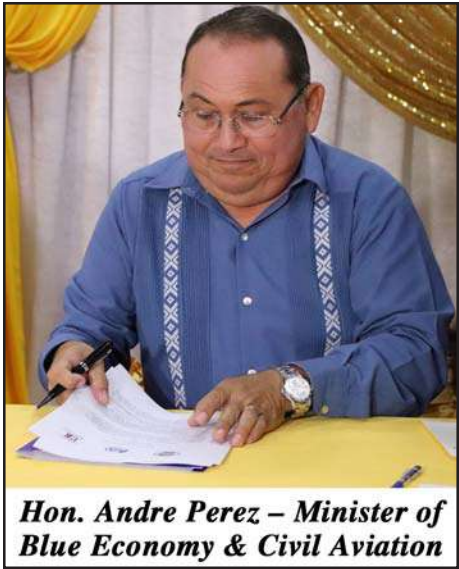
He further commented in a release on his Facebook page on Wednesday morning that he had no clue where the allegations were coming from until he remembered a conversation he had with former Prime Minister Dean Barrow while they were in office.

“I never knew that this big lie would come back to haunt me, and I did not consider anything until now that it has come back to my memory while searching for answers,” he remarked in his post.

Saldivar is claiming that the US State Department will never be able to produce

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# Ministry of Blue Economy and UB sign MoU



**Hon. Andre Perez – Minister of Blue Economy & Civil Aviation**



**Dr. Vincent Palacio – President, UB**

by Khaila Gentle

BELMOPAN, Thurs. Nov. 17, 2022

The Ministry of Blue Economy and Civil Aviation and the University of Belize have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) that lays the groundwork for the introduction of more courses and programs at the university that focus on subject matter related to the fields of Civil Aviation and Blue Economy. According to Hon. Andre Perez, the MoU is a part of the Ministry of Blue Economy and Civil Aviation's strategic goal of aligning itself with the country's national university to empower students and future leaders so that they can one day fill the many roles needed within the ministry, from pilots to marine biologists and everything in between.

"We are saying that we have to build capacity, and the only way to do it is by working through our national university," he said.

The agreement was signed today in Belmopan at the UB Belmopan campus by UB president, Dr. Vincent Palacio, and Minister Perez. It serves to establish cooperation between the two institutions so that they can "share knowledge, expertise, data and information in order to strengthen common interests and respective missions."

Dr. Palacio told reporters that the signing of the agreement is very timely, since the University strives to always be relevant.

"All of our programs, we have to align with where it is needed. And here we have a scenario with the Ministry of Blue Economy and Civil Aviation, where we heard how important these two departments are in the ministry, and here at UB we offer programs that directly feed into what they're doing there. So, we now have to become more relevant in those course offerings," he said.

The university will be incorporating

areas of expertise related to Civil Aviation and the Blue Economy into a number of their courses, including in their Natural Resources Management and Marine Biology programs. The research done by students at the university in fields related to civil aviation or the Blue Economy, he said, could one day guide

policy-making and planning in the ministry.

"All of these programs now, we will make sure that they're relevant to what is required of, particularly, the graduates when they complete the program," Dr. Palacio added.

(Photo source: University of Belize)

## Special Patrol Unit officer knocked...

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received a call notifying him that his brother had been in an accident. He was asked to quickly come to the accident scene, but wasn't told much else.

"After I hung up the phone, I just felt heavy. I didn't know what had happened, but I felt heavy," he said.

When finally he got to the scene, he saw a vehicle on the side on the road. Not long after, he saw his brother lying on the edge of the roadside culvert.

"I turned away quickly, and I jumped and went into the drain, and I held him. He was still warm. I checked for his pulse, and he was already gone," Middleton said. According to Middleton, both of the men who were detained for causing the accident were known by him and his brother.

Kadesha Middleton, Corporal Middleton's wife of five years and an

officer in the Scenes of Crime Department, says that she will always remember her husband as a friendly and jovial person who never failed to leave a positive impression on those he interacted with. She was one of the officers who had been processing the accident scene before things took a tragic turn.

Middleton leaves behind a four-month-old daughter, also named Shannon; an 11-year-old son, and a host of relatives and friends.

Police have reported that on Wednesday, November 16, the driver of the vehicle which hit Middleton—Luis Mejia Guerra, a Belizean mechanic of Camalote Village, Cayo, was arrested and charged for (1) manslaughter by negligence, (2) causing death by careless conduct (3) driving a motor vehicle without due care and attention and (4) without reasonable excuse, failing to provide a specimen when required to do so.

## Four armed men attempt to rob...

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the officers' vehicle and ran away from the scene.

The officers, after seeing that robber running away, realized that some type of criminal operation was likely taking place, and they went to the location of the store, where they discovered the robbery in progress. When the police arrived at the scene, they blocked off

the only entrance to the store, causing the three remaining robbers to be trapped inside. The robbers then tried to hide their firearms inside the establishment.

The three men were promptly apprehended by police, who found the firearms that they had hidden at various locations inside the store. The other robber, who had run away, was apprehended shortly after.

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any evidence against him and has hinted that there is some ulterior motive behind this designation, which, he said, has blindsided him just weeks before his endorsement convention.

"This is the mighty United States of America, accountable to no one. We are all supposed to just accept that they are right, even when they have been wrong so many times before. We are to assume there is no secret motive to interfere in our politics, even though evidence of such interference abounds across the world," Saldivar commented.

He added, "This designation of mine is timed a few weeks before my convention to once again become the candidate for the UDP. Up until yesterday, this was a sure thing. If I mount a legal challenge, it will not conclude before the convention, so there is no way I can clear my name before then. But of course, they know that."

He called the move a "bully tactic" and suggested that it was no coincidence that the Prime Minister, John Briceno, met with Antony Blinken recently.

"For those of you who are interested in our democracy and ensuring that there is no political interference from outside forces, especially when using manufactured evidence, picture this: John Briceno visited US Secretary of State Blinken last week and this week Secretary Blinken who hardly even knows where Belize is, signs a declaration against a key political opponent of John

Briceno," Saldivar said.

He even made mention, when responding to comments on the post, of recent visits by Patrick Faber, former UDP leader and Collet area representative, to Briceno's residence. Prime Minister Briceno has subsequently referred to that insinuation by Saldivar as "ridiculously preposterous", adding that he "wishes this on no one."

The Prime Minister further told reporters, "I do not rejoice what is happening to Mr. Saldivar and especially to his family that quite likely they were not involved in the allegations that were made against him, but it is something certainly for my Cabinet for us to be able to look at that and to see what the consequences can be if we do not do what is right."

In regard to Saldivar's insistence that the claims being made by the US State Department are untrue, Briceno commented, "Well, he has been saying this for a number of years whenever anything is brought up to him that he is innocent and every time things come out to show that there is not much credibility to what he is saying. But I guess, like everybody, he has to put some kind of defense; he has to say something. But time will tell."

Saldivar says that he is consulting an attorney in Belize and may retain a US attorney if he decides to pursue a legal challenge against the US government, since he claims that no due process was observed or evidence presented to him prior to the US State Department's announcement.

## Belize calls for equitable climate...

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12.6 billion US dollars per annum."

In Belize, natural hazards cost an average US \$46 million yearly, he pointed out. Despite this, Belize has managed to update its Nationally Determined Contribution to reflect a 5% increase in overall commitments.

"UNFCCC synthesis reports on NDCs show that even if all unconditional and conditional Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), the combined pledges of 193 parties of the Paris Agreement, would put the world on track for achieving 2.5 degrees Celsius of warming by the end of the century, such a scenario will inevitably lead to an overshoot of the 1.50C goal, resulting in irreversible impacts on SIDS," Habet said in his remarks. This jarring statistic spells terrible news for low-lying vulnerable countries like Belize and our sister nations in the Caribbean.

Measures to cut emissions at unprecedented levels are needed across all sectors to slow down climate impact, Hon. Habet stated, and he called on G20 and developed countries to deliver on stronger commitments and take action.

"We need to keep 1.5 alive!" Hon. Habet said.

He called for urgent action to implement measures to reduce global greenhouse gas

emissions in critical sectors such as energy, transport, forest, waste, and agriculture. Prioritizing critical forest resources in Belize has resulted in a national forest cover of 60%, Habet then pointed out.

Climate mitigation falls short, and discussions to address loss and damage have become urgent, Habet said, and he called for an agreement to provide loss and damage finance to be reached at this COP.

"This can be achieved through the establishment of a dedicated facility for financing loss and damage. The facility can be established as a pillar of the overall UNFCCC financial mechanism," Hon. Habet suggested. Such a facility should be able to coordinate and mobilize new flows of loss and damage finance to SIDS and developing countries, Hon. Habet proposed.

In closing his speech, he called for the inclusion of Taiwan in the UNFCCC—a call that was particularly directed at President Joe Biden, who, Habet noted, had stated that "no one should be left behind."

"Mr. President, progress has been slow over the years, but at COP 27 we have a make-or-break opportunity to get on track. Climate action and the provision of support to those in need must be given top priority. The world is depending on us," Habet said.

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### NOTE

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La Municipalidad de la Ciudad de Belice ha enviado licencias comerciales electrónicas 2023. Recuerde revisar su carpeta de correo no deseado en su correo electrónico en caso de que su factura de licencia comercial electrónico haya llegado allí.

Aprovechamos esta oportunidad para animar a los titulares de licencias comerciales a actualizar sus datos de contacto con la Municipalidad de la Ciudad de Belice para garantizar que reciban una copia electrónica de su factura de Licencia Comercial 2023.

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貝里斯市政府已寄送2023貿易商執照之電子帳單。請記得檢查您的垃圾郵件您的電子帳單可能在那兒。

此外我們想懇請貿易商執照之持有人 和貝里斯市政府更新其聯絡資訊，以確保他們會收到其2023貿易商執照的電子帳單。

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