

Mental Health Association: Don't blame cops for Francis Ramos' death

The association has stated that the shooting of Francis Ramos is a reminder that Belize is in dire need of long-term solutions to deal with those very few mentally ill persons who pose a threat to others and themselves.



Francis Ramos, Jr.

by Khaila Gentle

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Belize's Mental Health Association

has issued a public statement in response to the death of Francis Ramos, Jr., who was shot by police on the Swing Bridge in downtown Belize City after charging at them while wielding a knife. According to the association, the shooting brings into focus, once again, the country's need for long-term solutions to deal with the minority of mentally ill persons who pose a danger to themselves and others.

"Unfortunately, mental illness is rarely a priority and after a few days of finding people to blame, we tend to move on to other issues," the statement notes.

Ramos, 48, is believed to have suffered from mental illness, and AMANDALA's records show that he has, on more than one occasion, acted violently toward the public as well as law enforcement. On July 22, 2013, Ramos was sentenced to 7 years in prison after pleading guilty to attempted murder, following an incident in which he stabbed the boyfriend of a relative of his three times some two weeks

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UDP convenes Special Committee to review allegations against Saldivar



John Saldivar

John Saldivar will appear before the UDP's Special Committee on December 2, and a decision will be handed down as early as December 9, says the Leader of the Opposition, Hon. Moses "Shyne" Barrow.

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Yesterday, the Leader of the Opposition, Hon. Moses "Shyne" Barrow, told reporters that the United Democratic Party has set up a Special

Committee that will determine the standing of John Saldivar within the party. The former UDP minister was

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Supreme Court building falling apart!

With water damage, the continued growth of mold, and collapsing ceilings, the Supreme Court building is in a state of disrepair that was worsened by the recent passing of Hurricane Lisa.

by Khaila Gentle

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Recent ceiling collapses, combined with extensive water damage sustained during Hurricane Lisa and the unbearable stench of mold in several courthouses, have rendered Belize's Supreme Court building practically uninhabitable. On Sunday night, a portion of the ceiling of the Magistrate's Court, which is housed in the historic building, came tumbling down. On Tuesday, the same occurred



The ceiling over the staircase collapsed

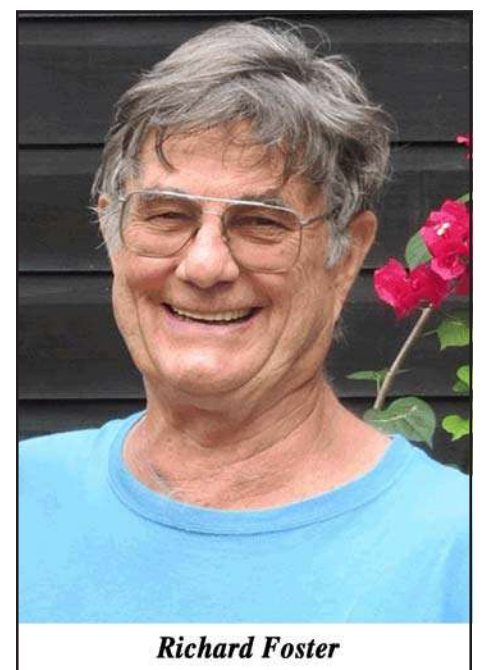
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Men accused of British filmmaker's murder acquitted

The award-winning British filmmaker met his end in the Rivera area of Belmopan after spending years working in a studio in the jungle, where he shared a home with his wife, Carol

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Nov. 24, 2022

Richard Foster, 74, an award-winning British filmmaker who had made Belize his home and had been involved in a range of conservation efforts, was robbed and brutally murdered in August 2018 by men who apparently entered his home and ransacked it before kidnapping Foster and taking his car. His body was found in the Rivera area of Belmopan a few days after the crime had taken place. Yesterday, the three men accused of his brutal killing—Andrew Clark, Derwin Jones, and Anthony Pascasio—were acquitted in the Supreme Court after the presiding



Richard Foster

judge ruled that the prosecution failed to prove without a shadow of a doubt that the men were guilty of the crime.

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Former Treasury Department clerk pleads guilty to embezzlement

by Khaila Gentle

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Nov. 23, 2022

David Enriquez, a former employee of the Treasury Department, pleaded guilty to the embezzlement of almost \$500,000 last week. Enriquez was charged with three counts of false accounting in April, 2015. He stood accused of diverting three separate sums of money between March 2014 and January 2015.

On March 14, 2015, Enriquez, a second class clerk at the time, siphoned \$225,296, which was to have been sent to the Toledo Community College. The money was instead diverted and placed into an account for the Seine Bight Community Training Program at the Dangriga branch of the Belize Bank and was later withdrawn by Enriquez.



David Enriquez

Then, on January 12, 2015, \$47,638, which was also intended for the Toledo Community College, was diverted and placed into an account under the name Octaviana Lopez of a Dangriga address. That deposit was also withdrawn by Enriquez. Two weeks later, on January 28, he diverted and subsequently withdrew another \$225,296.

On the advice of his attorney, Enriquez pleaded guilty to all three counts of false accounting last Thursday, and was fined \$12,000.

Samuel August pleads guilty to killing his child, 5, and ex-mother-in-law with a backhoe

by Khaila Gentle

BELIZE CITY, Tues. Nov. 22, 2022

In November 2018, Samuel August, Sr., was charged for killing his young son and his ex-mother-in-law and injuring a teen girl. He had driven a backhoe into the home in which they slept on October 31 of that year. This Tuesday, four years later, the former Belize City Council worker appeared before Supreme Court Justice Susan Lamb and pleaded guilty to two counts of murder and one count of attempted murder.

On October 31, 2018, in the early hours of the morning, residents in the Fabers Road area were awakened by the sound of heavy equipment driving through the neighborhood—a large backhoe was traveling down the street at an alarming speed. That backhoe was being driven by a then 35-year-old Samuel August, who, after completing a work shift (during which he had presumably operated the backhoe), crashed it into the small concrete flat in which his three children, their cousin, and their grandmother were sleeping. August's 5-year-old son, Samir August, was killed during the ordeal, while a thirteen-year-old girl was badly injured. The boy's grandmother, 53-year-old Louise Young, also sustained injuries that would cause her death.

An AMANDALA article had reported that “the backhoe destroyed the front portion of the house, which was the bedroom where Young and little Samir were asleep. Samir was killed instantly (his body was discovered later in the rubble.), while Young was flung outside the house and landed in the mud in the yard.” Young would later be rushed to the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital, where she succumbed to her injuries shortly after.

Chaos ensued in the moments following the initial collision, which had been caused by an enraged August who had lost custody of his children to their grandmother just one day prior, and from whose salary maintenance payments would be deducted to finance her care of the kids. After the backhoe had rammed into the home, the thirteen-year-old girl ran out of the house, and August followed after her as she took refuge in a neighbor's house, and crashed the backhoe into that home as well. The neighbor reportedly fired shots at August in response.

August fled the scene, but was detained by police soon after. He was then taken to the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital for treatment of injuries he sustained during the incident. He later escaped from the hospital, however, stealing a vehicle in the process, and then,

for the highly acclaimed BBC documentary *Planet Earth*; and much more. The Fosters won two Emmys and many other awards for their work in Belize and around the world. Although they still made films, of late they had been primarily focused on conservation efforts.”



Samuel August



The house on Fabers Road into which August drove a backhoe

in an ironic twist of fate, crashed the car into a parked backhoe on the Philip Goldson Highway before being recaptured by police.

It had been reported in an AMANDALA article dated Wednesday, November 14, 2018 that “after the car smashed into the backhoe, August was observed inside the vehicle stabbing himself with pieces of glass from the car's broken window.”

His sentencing is scheduled for January 12, 2023. Before that, on December 14, Supreme Court Justice Susan Lamb will hear mitigation pleas from August's attorney, Orson Elrington. Justice Lamb has ordered a psychiatric evaluation for August, the result of which will be taken into account during sentencing.

Sometime after the incident, August, who used the name “Trey Wills” on Facebook, wrote an apology, stating “I can't forgive myself” and claiming that he had been depressed and under the influence of drugs and alcohol after having lost custody of his children.

It has been reported by one media outlet that it was the discovery that maintenance payments had been deducted from his salary and given to his mother-in-law (his children's guardian) that reportedly triggered August's murderous rage.

He is currently already serving a seven-year sentence for the theft of the vehicle he had stolen during his escape from the hospital.

Men accused of British filmmaker's murder acquitted

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Foster had been residing at the Savannah Guest House, his business and home, for a number of years with his wife, Carol Foster, who had been in the United States at the time of the incident and had tried to call Foster shortly after the incident but got no response. She had then asked the caretaker for the guesthouse to check on Foster, but when the caretaker went to the home the following morning, he found that it was open and had been ransacked. Foster, however, was not there.

The caretaker then called the police, and it was discovered, during a search of the premises, that two guns, a 9mm pistol and a shotgun, and Foster's Toyota Hilux, were missing. The vehicle was found by police later in the day in the Mahogany Heights area in the Cayo District, in the bushes on a back road, and there were reportedly blood stains on the seat.

That night, police, acting upon information they received, discovered Foster's body on the east bank of Roaring Creek. Foster had suffered head injuries, and there were ten stab wounds on his body.

An AMANDALA article had reported that “Although blood was found in Foster's house and car, it was not substantial enough to indicate that he was killed in either place. There also was not enough blood found by the creek to indicate that he had been killed there.”

It has been reported that in the Supreme Court trial of the three men accused of the brutal crime, the primary evidence that was presented was the testimony of Derwin Jones, one of the three accused men who became the prosecution's lead witness after the prosecution withdrew its case against him. Jones claimed that while he was

with Pascasio and Clark when they burglarized the Foster's home and that he was also with them in Foster's truck when they went to the riverside in Belmopan, he was not involved in the murder that took place at that location.

Jones testified that he saw Pascasio walk Richard Foster down to the riverside, and that he also witnessed the fatal stabbing of Foster by Pascasio.

While the presiding judge did not find the testimony of Jones to be credible and also doubted the credibility of the purported alibis offered by Pascasio and Clark, he ruled that there was not sufficient proof to convict the men of the crime, and thus acquitted Pascasio and Clark.

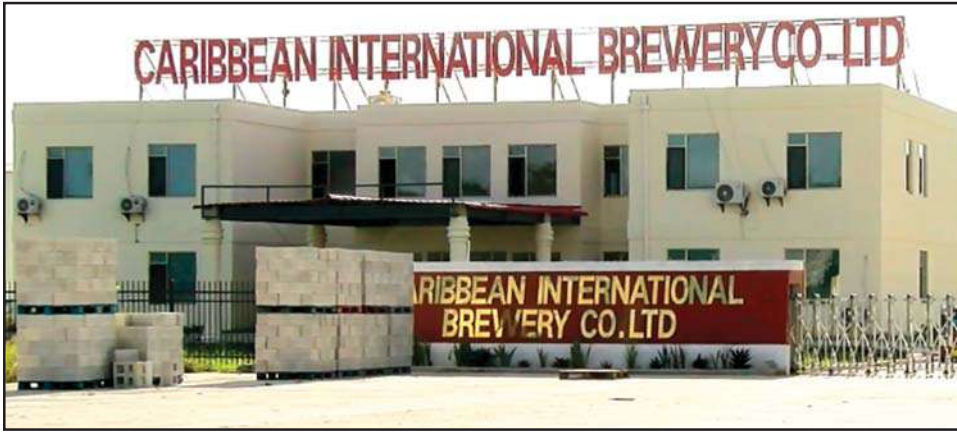
According to an AMANDALA article dated August 9, 2018, “Richard Foster was a pioneer in the establishment of The Belize Zoo. In 1983, a filmmaking team that was headed by Foster, who was the cinematographer, came to Belize to film a documentary called ‘Selva Verde.’” According to the article, the now deceased founder of the Belize Zoo, Sharon Matola, had accompanied the team as the animal caretaker, and after filming, Matola “remained behind and created a makeshift zoo for the 17 animals.”

That article further stated, “Shortly after producing the documentary, Foster moved to Belize and became naturalized. He and his wife, Carol, have filmed many nature documentaries for *National Geographic* and BBC right here in Belize, and developed them at their guest house at Mile 29 on the George Price Highway. Some of Foster's films include ‘Tales from Belize: Underwater World’ and ‘Paradise on the Edge’; ‘Mysteries of the Ancient Maya’; ‘Land of the Anaconda’; ‘Jungle Nights’; ‘Jaguar: Year of the Cat’; ‘Hope – The Harpy Eagle’; sequences

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Caribbean International Brewery seeks leave to file judicial review application

Attorney Dean Barrow today applied for the sitting magistrate to recuse herself from the proceedings on the grounds of an appearance of bias. Godfrey Smith, attorney for the Attorney General's Ministry, also representing Magistrate Deborah Rogers, argues that there is no personal involvement on the part of the magistrate and as a result, no bias or appearance of bias on her part.



ORANGE WALK, Wed. Nov. 23, 2022

Attorney for Caribbean International Brewery Limited (C.I.B.L.), senior counsel Hon. Dean Barrow filed for permission to launch a judicial review application last week as the company embarks on an effort to challenge the decision of Orange Walk Magistrate Deborah Rogers and the office of the Attorney General to allow the Financial Intelligence Unit to withhold (until it completes its investigation into possible tax evasion and money laundering) \$3.1 million dollars that was seized from C.I.B.L.'s compound during a raid by law enforcement in early October.

If granted leave, Barrow and his clients will have the opportunity to argue that the sitting magistrate erred in her decision and that the constitutional rights of his clients were violated—opening the door for the company to seek compensation from the government for any losses suffered by the company due to the withholding of the funds.

While the lower court has not yet handed down a judgment, Barrow is doubtful that there will be a reversal of Magistrate Rogers' decision at that level, so he has taken the next step to put the matter before the Supreme Court. During the session in the Orange Walk Magistrate's Court in which Rogers issued her ruling, he called for a 'case stated' to be submitted to the upper court. Such a legal move was an attempt to have Magistrate Rogers state the case against his clients to the Supreme Court so that her decision could be reviewed and possibly overturned. During that process, however, the funds would have remained in the custody of the FIU. Barrow has since altered his strategy—drawing his call for a "case stated" last week and instead starting the judicial review application.

In regard to the reasons for his application to bring a judicial review claim, Barrow told local media, "I opted for the judicial review because I thought that way, I would have a chance, albeit slim, to get a stay, and if I would have been able to succeed in getting the stay, that would have practically meant that the money would have had to be returned. Going the route of the case

stated would mean that there would be no chance of getting that sort of interim order, and we would have had to wait until eight-nine months, long after the fact, and then just try to settle for damages if we were still able to show that what the magistrate did was wrong. So, that was the reason for electing to go the route of judicial review."

As previously mentioned, Magistrate Rogers ruled that the Financial Intelligence Unit would be allowed to hold the cash that was seized from the company's Carmelita facility in Orange Walk pending investigation. According to Barrow, that decision was erroneous, and he is hoping that the Supreme Court will find that the magistrate did err and caused injury to his clients if permission is granted for the courts to hear the judicial review application.

For now, the matter has been put off to a later date, since the attorney for the respondents, senior counsel Godfrey Smith, was just retained over the weekend and was not prepared to argue the judicial review.

A stay on the previous matter, requested by Barrow as a part of his application for permission for judicial review, was not granted by the sitting judge. Such an injunction would have prevented the magistrate from continuing the proceedings and caused the money to be returned to the company.

Barrow explained, "'I made my case, and she [Magistrate Rogers] found—she declined to grant the interim stay. She said that when she looked at the balance of convenience, her position was that harm has already been done to my clients. They're already suffering harm, and they seem to be managing. So, she did not think that it would be right to grant a stay—which would mean that they get back immediately, in effect, making the extended judicial review proceedings almost academic. She said that she heard us about our clients being prejudiced as long as the money is being detained. But, she said, if you succeed with a judicial review, they can be compensated with a suitable award in damages. In other words, the loss that they're undoubtedly suffering from

Big Creek Port accountant killed in Honduras

by Charles Gladden

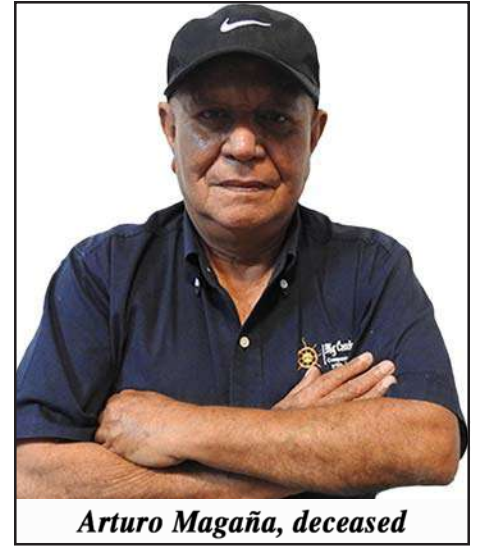
PUERTO CORTEZ, Honduras, Wed. Nov. 23, 2022

Arturo Magaña, 69, a well-known Belizean who was employed at the Big Creek Port for many years as an accountant, was gunned down last Wednesday, November 16, in Puerto Cortez, Honduras by a lone gunman.

According to Honduran media outlets, Magaña, accompanied by his wife, was in the Rio Mar area of Puerto Cortez on a personal trip when the murder—which appeared to be a contract killing—occurred.

Magaña's wife reportedly said that as they were leaving the hotel at which they were staying to purchase dinner, a man on a motorcycle whom they did not know approached them and fired shots in Magaña's direction, fatally injuring him at the scene.

In a post on their social media page, the Big Creek Group of Companies described



Arturo Magaña, deceased

Magaña as one of Belize's best accountants.

"A family man, a quiet man, dedicated, hardworking, and one of Belize's best accountants. He will be missed by his wife, children, extended family, and directors, management, and staff of the Big Creek Group of companies," they said.

Respect, Hon. Rodwell

by Evan X Hyde

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Nov. 24, 2022

Hon. Rodwell Ferguson, Minister of Youth and Sports, has invited me to the First Youth & Sports Symposium, to be held at the Mexico Center in Belize City next Tuesday and Wednesday. I am honored, and give my respect to the Hon. Minister.

I have asked my younger brother, Charles, who is the sports editor at AMANDALA, to represent me at the symposium.

The history of sports in Belize is tied in with the establishment of the first National Sports Council in Belize by then Minister

of Sports, Hon. Said Musa, in 1980.

I was supposed to be the first chairman of the new NSC, but decided that I was not in a position to fight with some very powerful forces which saw sports in Belize as a marketing tool for their products. I think Min. Musa, if I remember correctly, then decided to appoint Dickie Bradley as the first NSC chairman.

This story is told in Chapter IX of my book, *SPORTS, SIN AND SUBVERSION*.

I wish Hon. Rodwell all the best in this effort, because the initiative, if successful, would do wonders to improve the morale of alienated Belizean youth.

Sandhill triple murder suspect caught, but no evidence

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Nov. 24, 2022

No official arrest has yet been made in connection with the triple murder in Sandhill that claimed the lives of Emerson Garcia, 43; Jareem Davis, 20; and Charleston Jenkins, 19,

who were gunned down inside Garcia's residence last Thursday at around 10:00 p.m. The man suspected of killing the men is in police custody, but according to the Commissioner of Police, Chester Williams, there is at this point no concrete evidence to link him to the crime.

As reported in the Tuesday issue of the *Amandala*, the three men's lifeless bodies were discovered by Jennifer Augustine, the grandmother of Jenkins, who reportedly went over to Garcia's residence for some cigarettes. Augustine's calls went unanswered, which resulted in her entering the home, where she saw the three men on the ground, and initially thought they were sleeping. However, she later realized that the men were covered with blood and called the neighbours.

Police later arrived at the scene, and all three men were taken to the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital (KMH), where they were pronounced dead.



(l-r) Emerson Garcia, Charleston Jenkins and Jareem Davis, deceased

Police have indicated that the shooting of the men was possibly drug-related, as marijuana was reportedly sold at the residence at which the shooting occurred. They also stated that Garcia was likely the intended target, and Jenkins and Davis were at the wrong place at the wrong time.

Commissioner of Police, Chester Williams told local reporters yesterday that the main suspect is in police custody. However, due to a lack of evidence, it is hard to link him to the shooting.

"I know we have the main suspect in custody, but again, getting the evidence to tie him to the crime is extremely difficult due to the fact that there is no eyewitness. We have also found the vehicle that we believe was involved in that particular incident, but again, nobody saw what happened, so we are trying to see what we can come up with that will be able to tie him and his associates to the particular crime," said Williams.

Supreme Court building falling...



Roof damaged by hurricane Lisa

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to a section above the court building's stairs. And while no employees were injured during either occurrence, the collapsed ceilings forced most court proceedings to come to a temporary emergency halt.

According to Chief Magistrate Sharon Fraser, the current state of the court building is nothing less than frustrating. The collapse of the roof and the subsequent pausing of court services, however, was something she had expected.

"This is an emergency. I mean, we can't help it. I know I looked at the dome yesterday and I said to them, 'you know what, this is going to fall', and lo and behold. Like I said, I'm only grateful it happened during the night when nobody was really around so that we didn't have to worry about anybody getting hurt," she said.

Most affected by the damages is the carrying out of trials, since the portion of the court that had to be closed houses four courtrooms as well as the holding cells. For the time being, virtual hearings are being conducted for some prisoners, while other matters, such as arraignments, will be done using a hybrid virtual-physical process.

Three weeks ago, on November 2, during the passage of Hurricane Lisa, a portion of the iconic building's roof was ripped off. As a result, a number of the Supreme Court chambers were relocated to the National Bank of Belize building. As for the Magistrate's Court, Chief Magistrate Fraser says that a walkthrough of the building the day after the storm had passed revealed that the damage was extensive. At the very least, three courtrooms, especially courtroom #4, had suffered water damage after heavy rains poured through the missing portion of the roof and then came downstairs. Then, this past weekend, an additional onslaught of heavy rains compounded that damage.

"It then meant when we came here Monday, I met a courtroom where the entire ceiling, all the light fixtures, electrical stuff, everything was down. The place was full of water and the mold—the smell of the mold was just unbearable. So, a decision was taken that I would close down that side of the building, which is the left side of this building," said Fraser.

The court building's state of disrepair, however, is not a new matter. For quite some time now, those working in the building have had to contend with water retention and the unpleasant smell of mold, made even worse after Hurricane Lisa, since the loss of the building's roof meant that even the smallest amount of rain led to water leaking in. And even without the rain, water remains trapped within the court's ceilings.

Just recently, Chief Magistrate Fraser instructed magistrates to avoid using the rooms where there was extensive water damage and mold growth.

"We were rotating the courts so they would go in, do their matters, and we take turns to use the two courts that are in the front, with a hope that once it is they had put a tarp over the roof, we maybe would have been able to continue operations and serving the public as best as we can," she said.

"All of this is really unfortunate for me, because we just invested money in demolding that side of the building. I mean, for a department where we're strapped for funds, you know, we found the money to ensure that at least it was safe and sanitary for persons to operate there. We know how deadly mold is. And quickly, before you know it, you could actually smell it. You walked in there, you smelled it. Now it's worse," she added.

The Chief Justice and the Attorney General's office as well as the Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing have all been made aware of the current status of the Magistrate's Court, and since Tuesday, the Ministry has conducted an initial assessment of the building.

"They know the urgency of addressing the issue facing us at this time, so I don't feel at any point that we're being ignored, that we're not being looked at and nobody is not understanding the seriousness of this matter," said Chief Magistrate Fraser.

And while Hurricane Lisa exacerbated the ongoing collapse of the Supreme Court building, Chief Magistrate Sharon Fraser says that the storm might just have been a blessing in disguise, since now it may speed up the process of permanently relocating the court to a new location on Chetumal Street. But until that process begins, the Magistrate's Court, especially the four courtrooms that are currently most affected, will need to be housed elsewhere, and that may prove to be a challenge.

The major issue when it comes to finding a temporary location for the Magistrate's Court, Fraser says, will involve financing—specifically rent, since the government will have to find the funds to pay rent for a department for which a budget allocation for rent expenditure had not been required before.

On Wednesday, Minister of Infrastructure Development & Housing, Hon. Julius Espat, told the press that, over the years, the historic Supreme Court Building, which is over a century old, has certainly not been maintained. He said that, currently, his ministry is doing all that it can to see to the matter and that, despite the damages, assessments have not deemed the building completely structurally unsafe for future use. Starting this week, however, the building will be

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decommissioned temporarily so that no one utilizes it while it is repaired.

"We are working, based on our capacity, but everything will be dealt with adequately. This building is a special one, though. The compound is a special one—you're talking the court house, the Treasury building and the Court of Appeal. I think it deserves special attention. And that is what we will be doing," Minister Espat said.

The Infrastructure Minister also addressed the fact that the government has inherited many government buildings that have not been maintained for more than fifteen years.

"That is a cultural problem that we have in government. We tend to like the idea of building new buildings and cutting the ribbons, and we don't have any budget in place to maintain. That is also another proposal that this ministry will

be providing to Cabinet to see if a budget can be allocated to continuous maintenance of public buildings," he stated.

When it comes to the Supreme Court building, Minister Espat said engineers found that there were several sections of the building's roof that are rotted and will need to be replaced. He added that the ministry will also be ensuring that repairs are done to meet a standard that will allow the building to better resist damage from hurricanes, Category 1 or otherwise.

"The building is salvageable, though it will take resources to bring it back to where we believe it should be. And that's why I am insisting it's a historical building—we can't just put anything there. It's the last of our historic buildings in Belize, and we have to do it right," he said.



Maybe small sugarcane farmers should get their own factory

When, in 2015, the GOB approved a 50% increase in the controlled price of sugar sold on the local market, from 50 cents to 75 cents per pound, many believed the increase was entirely for farmers, who had been agitating for support because of the severely depressed price for sugar on the world market. But only 65% was for farmers; 35% was for the millers, ASR-BSI, consistent with the revenue-sharing agreement between the groups.

Arguably, their long pockets and their access to markets abroad were the reasons why our government (UDP) favored a foreign company holding majority shares in BSI. Just three years after buying majority shares in BSI, around 80%, ASR shouldn't have needed assistance from the government and people of Belize because of a temporary fall in the price of sugar. ASR probably lucked into that share. GOB quite likely felt it had to include the local shareholders in the company when it reached into the pockets of Belizeans, and ASR "coat-tailed" them to its share of the "shuga."

The late Richard Harrison, an economist, in a 2017 story "Belize – paying A.S.R. to own B.S.I." that was published by *Breaking News*, calculated that the GOB "facilitated the way for us Belizeans to pay for ASR to own our sugar industry" when it approved special tax concessions for the company, and "raised the price of white sugar by \$0.25 per pound."

Our small farmers are losing ground yearly. This is the reason for the present impasse between ASR-BSI and BSCFA. The large farmers are eager for the season to begin. The small farmers, and some large farmers who support them, are demanding a change in the revenue-sharing agreement, one that gives farmers a larger share of the pie, and the millers aren't budging.

The GOB has said that it's not its place to intervene beyond facilitating the negotiations because the entities are private. While some consider that a cop out, the GOB is restrained by certain important conventions.

The divide between the millers and the small farmers might be too large to be bridged. In this environment where the GOB has its hands tied behind its back, it might behoove our leaders to look for other ways to help our small farmers. One way might be to facilitate the ownership of a factory by the small sugarcane growers.

Despite the hard times, Belizeans would quite likely support a small increase in the controlled price of sugar, solely for the benefit of small farmers. Mr. Harrison's 2015 research showed that 37,620,000 pounds of sugar is consumed locally, of which 26,334,000 pounds is plantation white. If the price of sugar is increased by 5 cents, \$2 million per annum would be derived from local sales of 40 million pounds, for small farmers only, to help them pay for their factory.

Preposterous Waterloo

It could have been a ruse, Waterloo's proposal to dump 7.5

million cubic meters of silt between the Turneffe Atoll and English Cay. Waterloo announced that a team of highly specialized environmental scientists had thoroughly researched the disposal of the silt in that area, and had declared it environmentally sound. Dumping the silt onshore and near shore could never approach the costs of dumping it ten to fifteen miles away in open sea. So, why wasn't that proposal forwarded first, before the preposterous proposal to dump the material near our reef?

Some Belizeans weren't very concerned about the environmental consequences. They were ready, eager, for the massive dredges to get on with the job. These individuals lost all reason when they heard \$400 million, the estimated investment. That is a lot of money, and like a moth drawn to a flame, like a piece of steel drawn to a magnet, they were ready to say yes to the preposterous scheme.

We have to wonder about the Belizeans who knew this was a preposterous proposal, but still put their credibility on the line. For them, was it only about a pay day? Did they stop to consider that gullible Belizeans might have carried the day, and they would have been part of a sacrilege? Or were they certain that the Belizean people would never have entertained such a scheme?

For Waterloo, foreigners, the preposterous proposal had no consequences. If Belizeans were such suckers to go along, it was their country that would have been identified as hypocritical and stupid. And if they balked, why, all along the better deal for them was to dump the 7.5 million cubic meters of silt onshore, and near shore.

How this receivership that formed Waterloo got control of the Port of Belize (PBL) is as labyrinthine as the dealings over the ownership of BTL. To date, no one has gone beyond superficially unraveling the knots, the webs around these key Belizean assets. BTL ownership has been restored to Belizeans, at great cost, and after the United Democratic Party had milked every ounce of political mileage it could get from it. But key questions remain unanswered. Ditto for PBL. Belizeans don't know what happened here, exactly how this receivership ended up with control of this vital asset.

Control Waterloo has, and now, after preposterously proposing to dump silt in the sea, preposterously threatening to call in the British government to intervene on their behalf, and preposterously charging members of the NEAC (National Environmental Appraisal Committee) with begging them for bribes, they are poised to reap the profits for decades, maybe centuries to come.

Interestingly, at the last consultation about its project proposal, Waterloo sang loudest about the many advantages to Belize if the bulk storage facilities at PBL were improved, this after it had stymied improvement of the facilities for a decade, this after declaring that bulk storage improvements would come ONLY IF it got its cruise terminal project approved.

Dumping silt onshore and near shore doesn't carry near the risks that dumping it ten miles out at sea does. But there are risks. Some experts say the silt curtains Waterloo proposes to set up will not stop siltation of the inner reef between Port O' Stuck and the Triangles, and deepening the channel near to Belize City will expose that area to more powerful waves when hurricanes hit.

Our people need jobs. But we must not sell ourselves short. If the NEAC is of the view that the environmental hurdles have been cleared, questions still have to be answered about what is in this Waterloo project for Belize. How much of that \$400 million investment will go to purchase Belizean materials, hire Belizean-owned equipment, and employ Belizeans? How much tax will our people derive from a foreign-owned company that is led by one who has proven to be a poor corporate citizen, and has been questioned in his home country, the UK, for avoiding being taxed? Finally, what will little Belize City do with three cruise ports? In the cruise sector, will Waterloo just take away jobs from Port Coral on Stake Bank?

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BELIZE A.D 2022

CLAIM NO. 381 OF 2022

ASCENDANCY BELIZE LTD.

APPLICANT/CLAIMANT

AND

ALBERTICO GONGORA

RESPONDENT/DEFENDANT

TO: ALBERTICO GONGORA of No. 3, 4th Avenue, Corozal Town, Corozal District, Belize

TAKE NOTICE that Claim No. 381 of 2022 has been commenced against you in the Supreme Court of Belize, by **ASCENDANCY BELIZE LTD.** a company duly incorporated under the Laws of Belize with registered office situate at #13 Corner Landivar and 4th Streets, Kings Park, Belize City, Belize in which the CLAIMANT'S claim is for monies owing by the Defendant to the Claimant, being principal and interest due and payable on account of a loan advanced to the Defendant under and by virtue of a Charge and Memorandum Accompanying Charge executed by the Defendant inclusive of legal fees:

AND it has been ordered that service of the Fixed Date Claim Form with Affidavit in Support of 22nd June, 2022 on you be effected by this advertisement.

AND you are required to enter an appearance within fourteen (14) days of the second publication of this Notice of the Fixed Date Claim Form by causing an appearance to be entered for you at the Office of the Registrar of the Supreme Court of Belize.

AND you are required to attend court on Tuesday, January 10th, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. before the Honorable Madam Justice Lisa Shoman at the Supreme Court of Belize to defend the said Claim.

TAKE NOTICE that in default of your so doing, the said Claimant may proceed therein, and Judgment may be given in your absence.

You may appear to the said Claim by entering an appearance in person or by your attorney at the Office of the Registrar of the Supreme Court of Belize.

DATED the 23rd day of November, 2022.

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



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Applications are invited from suitably qualified individuals to fill the following vacancies:

- 1 Personal Development Teacher – Permanent**
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REGISTRATION SECTION Belmopan	BLOCK 20	PARCEL 2362
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(Being a concrete bungalow dwelling house [5436 sq. ft.] 5 bedrooms + 3 ½ Bathrooms + kitchen + dining room + den/family room + foyer + sitting room alongside foyer + study and atrium center of building with swimming pool and lot [2466.842 S. Y], the freehold property of Ms. Elizabeth Gill)

- 2. 59.481 acres 4.5 kilometers North of George Price Highway, Teakettle Village, Cayo District:**



REGISTRATION SECTION Society Hall	BLOCK 24	PARCEL 3893
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(Being 59.481 acres of land used as a gravel pit situate 4.5 kilometers North of the George Price (Western) Highway at the Village of Teakettle, Cayo District, the freehold property of Mr. Ephriam Usher)

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**“Tour-isms”
“Art is Communication”**

Belize is no stranger to beauty. Travelers from across the world come here to revel, play in, and appreciate the natural splendor that abounds our small country. Mother Nature is her own artist, and her paintbrush is a tough act for any mortal to follow, but sometimes an artist can deliver images that captivate. The mural on Fort St. is on a concrete wall in a busy area but it is somehow still organic and authentic. The mural is the kind of beauty that was planned for, prepped for, and expertly executed. The Belize Tourism Board (BTB) commissioned local visual artist, Keion George Griffith to put his brush to work with the Fort Street wall as his canvas. The incentive behind this beautification project, is the organization’s multi-faceted approach to expanding and improving the Belize Tourism Product. The mural is a part of a larger project meant to uplift the city by deepening the experience that local and foreigner visitors have as they move around the Old Capital. Post Covid-19, the BTB included a new cultural dimension to our tourism offerings. Director of Industry Development, Mr. Josue Carballo, described the mural as one that “captures the essence of our people.” Keion Griffith considers art as a form of communication. So, if art is communication, what is the mural saying?

The mural is saying that Belizeans are beautiful, diverse, and creative. The bright, life size portraits of Belizean men, women, and children speak to our history, dance, celebration, youth, and our wisdom. Griffith explains that his intention was to paint the images with a focus on the hands to honor the artisans, sculptors, hair-braiders, and jewelers, who work in the area. The BTB intends to extend the mural to other parts of the Fort Street neighborhood including Memorial Park. Ms. Chelsea Johnson is another artist who has been contracted by the BTB to create more art in the downtown area. The mural took Griffith about four months to complete. The paintings are big, bright, and beautiful. Depending on which one you gaze at, you might hear the Garifuna drums, children giggling, women chattering, or a neighbor greeting a polite “Good Morning”. If art is communication, the mural communicates Belizean life, Belizean spirit, and Belizean poetry.

The mural is a project for the people and the industry. The BTB supports art, and it supports local artists. Beauty, talent, and culture transcend time, space, and nationality. The paintings will tell a different story to each person. The point is that each viewer gets to interact with it to receive their own message. That is culture. Culture, as a new dimension to the Belize Tourism Product, compliments the environmental attractions. The BTB does not plan on stopping at murals. Eventually monuments and music will be created to expand the City’s beautification project. As Director Carballo puts it “the paintings are native base and culture base”. The project is a commitment to promoting Belizean identity, talent, and authenticity. This week, we must highlight the emerging *romanticism* in our tourism. We choose this -ism for the philosophical and artistic quality that the mural adds to Fort Street. It is an -ism that places emphasis on the imagination and emotions of all the artist in our tourism industry who use their hands so expertly to create. What will the mural communicate to you?



See you next week!
The Belize Tourism Board



Tal vez los pequeños cañeros deberían tener su propia fábrica

Cuando, en 2015, el Gobierno de Belize aprobó un aumento del 50% en el precio controlado del azúcar que se vende en el mercado local, de 50 centavos a 75 centavos la libra, muchos creyeron que el aumento era totalmente para los agricultores, que habían estado pidiendo apoyo debido al precio severamente deprimido del azúcar en el mercado mundial. Pero solo el 65% era para los cañeros; el 35% era para los molineros, ASR-BSI, en consonancia con el acuerdo de reparto de ingresos entre los grupos.

Podría decirse que sus amplios bolsillos y su acceso a los mercados en el extranjero fueron las razones por las que nuestro gobierno (UDP) favoreció a una empresa extranjera para poseer una participación mayoritaria en BSI. Solo tres años después de comprar acciones mayoritarias en BSI, alrededor del 80%, ASR no debería haber necesitado la ayuda del gobierno y el pueblo de Belize debido a una caída temporal en el precio del azúcar. ASR probablemente tuvo suerte con esa participación. Es muy probable que el Gobierno de Belize sintiera que tenía que incluir a los accionistas locales en la empresa cuando buscó en los bolsillos de los beliceños, y ASR los “atrapó” con su parte del azúcar.

El finado Richard Harrison, economista, en una nota de 2017 “Belize: pagando a A.S.R. para ser dueño de B.S.I.” que fue publicado por Breaking Belize News, calculó que el Gobierno de Belize “facilitó el camino para que nosotros, los beliceños, pagáramos para que ASR fuera dueño de nuestra industria azucarera” cuando aprobó concesiones fiscales especiales para la empresa, y “aumentó el precio del azúcar blanca en \$0.25 por libra.”

Nuestros pequeños cañeros están perdiendo terreno cada año. Esta es la razón del actual punto muerto entre ASR-BSI y BSCFA. Los grandes cañeros están ansiosos por que comience la zafra. Los pequeños cañeros, y algunos grandes cañeros que los apoyan, están exigiendo un cambio en el acuerdo de reparto de ingresos, uno que les dé a los cañeros una mayor parte del pastel, y los molineros no están cediendo.

El Gobierno ha dicho que no le corresponde intervenir más allá de facilitar las negociaciones porque las entidades son privadas. Mientras que algunos consideran que es un escape, el Gobierno está restringido por ciertas convenciones importantes.

La división entre los molineros y los pequeños cañeros podría ser demasiado grande para superar. En este entorno en el que el Gobierno tiene las manos atadas a la espalda, podría ser conveniente que nuestros líderes busquen otras formas de ayudar a nuestros pequeños cañeros. Una forma podría ser facilitar la propiedad de una fábrica por parte de los pequeños cañeros.

A pesar de los tiempos difíciles, es muy probable que los beliceños apoyen un pequeño aumento en el precio controlado del azúcar, únicamente en beneficio de los pequeños cañeros. La investigación de 2015 del Sr. Harrison mostró que 37,620,000 libras de azúcar se consumen localmente, de las cuales 26,334,000 libras son de azúcar blanca. Si el precio del azúcar aumenta en 5 centavos, se derivarían \$2 millones por año de las ventas locales de 40 millones de libras, solo para los pequeños cañeros, para ayudarlos a pagar su fábrica.

Waterloo absurdo

Podría haber sido una artimaña, la propuesta de Waterloo de verter 7,5 millones de metros cúbicos de sedimentos entre el Atolón de Turneffe y Cayo Inglés. Waterloo anunció que un equipo de científicos ambientales altamente especializados había investigado a fondo el desecho del sedimento en esa área y lo había declarado ambientalmente adecuado. Verter el sedimento en la costa y cerca de la costa nunca podría acercarse a los costos de descargarlo a diez o quince millas de distancia en mar abierto. Entonces, ¿por qué no se envió primero esa propuesta, antes de la absurda propuesta de arrojar el material cerca de nuestro arrecife?

Algunos beliceños no estaban muy preocupados por las consecuencias ambientales. Estaban listos, ansiosos, para que las enormes dragas siguieran con el trabajo. Estos individuos perdieron la razón cuando escucharon \$400 millones, la inversión estimada. Eso es mucho dinero, y como una polilla atraída por una llama, como una pieza de acero atraída por un imán, estaban listos para decir que sí al absurdo plan.

Tenemos que preguntarnos acerca de los beliceños que sabían que esta era una propuesta absurda, pero aún así pusieron su credibilidad en juego. Para ellos, ¿se trataba solo de un día de pago? ¿Se detuvieron a considerar

que los crédulos beliceños podrían haber triunfado y que habrían sido parte de un sacrilegio? ¿O estaban seguros de que el pueblo beliceño nunca habría considerado tal plan?

Para Waterloo, extranjeros, la descabellada propuesta no tenía consecuencias. Si los beliceños fueran tan tontos como para seguir adelante, sería su país el que habría sido identificado como hipócrita y estúpido. Y si se oponían, bueno, todo el tiempo el trato mejor para ellos era arrojar los 7,5 millones de metros cúbicos de sedimentos en la costa y cerca de la costa.

Cómo esta receptoría que formó Waterloo obtuvo el control de Port of Belize (PBL) es tan laberíntico como los tratos sobre la propiedad de BTL. Hasta la fecha, nadie ha ido más allá de desenredar superficialmente los nudos, las redes alrededor de estos activos clave de Belize. La propiedad de BTL ha sido restaurada a los beliceños, a un gran costo, y después de que el Partido Demócrata Unido hubiera exprimido cada gramo de beneficio político que podía obtener de él. Pero preguntas clave siguen sin respuesta. Lo mismo sucede con PBL. Los beliceños no saben qué sucedió aquí, exactamente cómo esta administración judicial terminó con el control de este activo vital.

Control tiene Waterloo, y ahora, después de proponer absurdamente arrojar sedimentos en el mar, amenazar absurdamente con llamar al gobierno británico para que intervenga en su nombre y acusar absurdamente a los miembros del Comité Nacional de Evaluación Ambiental (NEAC por sus siglas en inglés) de pedirles sobornos, están preparados para cosechar las ganancias durante décadas, tal vez siglos por venir.

Curiosamente, en la última consulta sobre su propuesta de proyecto, Waterloo cantó más fuerte sobre las muchas ventajas para Belize si se mejoraran las instalaciones de almacenamiento a granel en PBL, esto después de haber obstaculizado la mejora de las instalaciones durante una década, esto después de declarar que las mejoras de almacenamiento a granel vendrían SOLAMENTE SI obtuviera la aprobación de su proyecto de terminal de cruceros.

Verter sedimentos en la costa y cerca de la costa no conlleva los riesgos que conlleva arrojarlos diez millas mar adentro. Pero hay riesgos. Algunos expertos dicen que las cortinas de sedimentos que Waterloo propone instalar no detendrán la sedimentación del arrecife interior entre Port O' Stuck y Triangles, y profundizar el canal cerca de la Ciudad de Belize expondrá esa área a olas más poderosas cuando golpeen los huracanes.

Nuestra gente necesita empleos. Pero no debemos subestimarnos. Si el NEAC es de la opinión de que los obstáculos ambientales se han superado, aún quedan preguntas por responder sobre lo que hay en este proyecto de Waterloo para Belize. ¿Cuánto de esa inversión de \$400 millones se destinará a comprar materiales beliceños, alquilar equipos de propiedad beliceña y emplear a beliceños? ¿Cuántos impuestos obtendrá nuestra gente de una empresa de propiedad extranjera dirigida por alguien que ha demostrado ser un ciudadano corporativo mediocre y ha sido cuestionado en su país de origen, el Reino Unido, por evitar pagar impuestos? Finalmente, ¿qué hará la pequeña Ciudad de Belize con tres puertos de cruceros? En el sector de los cruceros, ¿Waterloo simplemente le quitará puestos de trabajo a Puerto Coral en Stake Bank?

Sunday Review News Review Talk Show

On Krem TV & Krem Radio

Live-streaming on Krem Television Face Book Page

Host: YaYa Marin Coleman

Date: Sunday, November 27, 2022 **Time:** 10:30 a.m. to noon

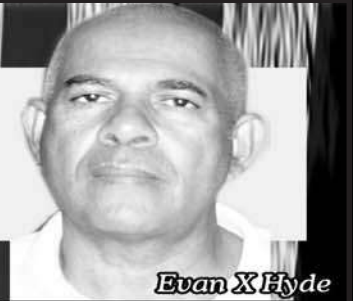
Guest: Bredah Pierre Labossiere/Co-Founder of Haiti Action



“Pierre Labossiere — Pierre is Co-Founder of the Haiti Action Committee (HAC) and the Haiti Emergency Relief Fund (HERF) established in the Bay Area in 1991 and 2004 respectively. Working with Haiti’s grassroots movement that is engaged in the struggle for justice and democracy, HAC and HERF provide information regarding conditions on the ground, assist refugees and support community-based initiatives and institutions working for the liberation and the rebuilding of Haiti.”

Sunday Review will be repeated at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 27, 2022

From the Publisher



Evan X Hyde

The French writer Balzac (1799-1850) once wrote that behind every great fortune there is a crime. One assumes he allowed for the existence of multiple crimes giving birth to these fortunes as opposed to a singular criminal act.

When Bob Turton died in 1955, he was the richest native in British Honduras, but a chiclero by the name of Eleuterio Hernandez had tried to kill him with a pistol. He caught Turton

on one of his fingers. The reality of such a homicide attempt suggests that the reports are true that Turton was a man who exploited chicleiros mercilessly.

After Turton, the richest native in British Honduras became Santiago Castillo, Sr. One of my few business friends has told me that early in his business career, San Cas, who came from the Orange Walk District, had a partner whom he treated in a

dishonorable way. I'm just saying what was said to me.

Leaving the Balzac quote aside, I would say that, generally speaking, one is most unlikely to become wealthy if one entertains compassion in his soul. But Belizeans claim that this is a Christian nation, and the hallmark of Christ's teachings, as I read in the New Testament, was compassion, love for one's fellow human beings.

When I came home from school in 1968, I could quickly recognize the Belize to which I had returned. It took a while, but I soon felt at home.

Today, I don't recognize this Belize of 2022 in which I live. There is so much going on here which is amazing, even frightening, to me. In Belize City, there are signs of enormous wealth all around us in vehicles, buildings, yachts, and so on. Presumably, there are also massive bank accounts in the institutions which make this Belize City the country's financial capital which it is. Recently, the authorities found three-plus million dollars lying around in a Carmelita business. The key here is "lying around."

When I was a child, clearly most Belizeans were relatively naive, because we did not rate money the way we do today. Our emphasis was on living together in harmony. Yes, we criticized our neighbours behind their backs, but we were quick to assist those same neighbours if they needed help in any way. And we did a lot of social mingling, even across classes, and we held daily conversations with our neighbours.

All this has changed radically. All we focus on today is money and material things. Perhaps more discouraging is how we isolate ourselves from each other. In Belize, neighbours are no longer neighbours. We are strangers to each other.

Three-plus years ago I had an idea, a vision, for a garden of sports in the 7 acres where the KREM Radio tower is presently located. This is the Lord's Bank/Ladyville/Lake Garden area. I think, though, that the Belizeans who live around the site where these 7 acres are located, are not interested in anything which may be of bother in any kind of way. They have a Greta Garbo mentality. Leave me alone. This, I must respect. A man's home is his castle.

The mentality which now rules the urban areas of Belize is the product of cable television, to a great extent. Add all these internet-featuring high-tech telephones, and the isolation has become exaggerated. Belize's soul is dead. I don't know this place.

I have always said to you that there is only a small group of Belizeans, perhaps 4 percent, who take the things I say seriously. The vast majority of Belizeans are committed to the Christianity which the conquering Europeans have handed us through the schools they established and control. But there is a massive contradiction in Belize to my mind. You love your cable and your phone more than you love your neighbour. You lust for wealth more than you treasure truth. Therefore, you, Belizeans, are bogus Christians. Straight up.

FROM THE PUBLISHER en Español

El escritor francés Balzac (1799-1850) escribió una vez que detrás de cada gran fortuna hay un crimen. Se supone que permitió la existencia de múltiples delitos que dieron origen a estas fortunas en lugar de un acto delictivo singular.

Cuando Bob Turton murió en 1955, era el nativo más rico de Honduras Británica, pero un chiclero de nombre Eleuterio Hernández había tratado de matarlo con una pistola. Cogió a Turton en uno de sus dedos. La realidad de tal intento de homicidio sugiere que los informes son ciertos de que Turton era un hombre que explotaba a los chicleiros sin piedad.

Después de Turton, Santiago Castillo, Sr. se convirtió en el nativo más rico de Honduras Británica. Uno de mis pocos amigos de negocios me dijo que al principio de su carrera empresarial, San Cas, que vino del distrito de Orange Walk, tuvo un

socio a quien trató en una manera deshonrosa. Solo estoy diciendo lo que me dijeron.

Dejando a un lado la cita de Balzac, diría que, en términos generales, es muy poco probable que uno se vuelva rico si tiene compasión en su alma. Pero los beliceños afirman que esta es una nación cristiana, y el sello distintivo de las enseñanzas de Cristo, como leí en el Nuevo Testamento, fue la compasión, el amor por los demás seres humanos.

Cuando regresé a casa de la escuela en 1968, pude reconocer rápidamente el Belize al que había regresado. Me tomó un tiempo, pero pronto me sentí como en casa.

Hoy no reconozco este Belize de 2022 en el que vivo. Están sucediendo muchas cosas aquí que son asombrosas, incluso aterradoras, para mí. En la Ciudad de Belize, hay signos de una enorme riqueza a

nuestro alrededor en vehículos, edificios, yates, etc. Presuntamente, también hay cuentas bancarias masivas en las instituciones que hacen de esta Ciudad de Belize la capital financiera del país que es. Recientemente, las autoridades encontraron más de tres millones de dólares tirados por allí en un negocio de Carmelita. La clave aquí es "tirados por allí".

Cuando yo era niño, claramente la mayoría de los beliceños eran relativamente ingenuos, porque no evaluábamos el dinero como lo hacemos hoy. Nuestro énfasis estaba en vivir juntos en armonía. Sí, criticábamos a nuestros vecinos a sus espaldas, pero éramos rápidos en ayudar a esos mismos vecinos si necesitaban ayuda de alguna manera. E hicimos mucha mezcla social,

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The Wesley College Alumni Association is honored to grant nine deserving students full scholarships including books for the 2022-2023 school year. We are also very grateful for the scholarship that was awarded by the late Herbert Pipersburg, which is being awarded to one student. We wish our students success in the upcoming school year. Many thanks to all our supporters.



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



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:

- (a) Bachelor's Degree or Higher in the subject area with pedagogical training preferred, however an Associate Degree in the subject area may be considered.
- (b) Teaching experience at the secondary level would be an asset.
- (c) 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
ictchnical@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.

PUBLIC AUCTION SALE: PROPERTIES

BELIZE CHOICE AUCTIONS & REALTY

615-1133

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:

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 26th, 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 18th, 2022
TERMS: STRICTLY CASH
Meeting ID: 862 7374 1089 | Passcode: 9zg8WZ



Stann Creek Ecumenical Junior College

Applicants are invited to apply for the position of:

PRIMARY EDUCATION TEACHER

Applicants for the teaching position should have a *minimum of a Master's Degree with concentration in primary education* or are presently enrolled in a Master's degree program with concentration in education.

Teaching experience at the tertiary level would be an asset. *Successful applicant must be willing to engage in supervision of student-teachers and travel to the locations where these student-teachers are teaching.*

Successful applicant must also be available to attend workshops on behalf of the institution and to stay in tune with developments in teacher education.

Letters of application along with resume, transcript of grades, and two references should be sent by Wednesday, December 7, 2022 to:

Chairman
Board of Governors
S/C Ecumenical Junior College
P.O. Box 122
Dangriga Town

John Saldivar pleads his case

by Colin Hyde

In the world of I-told-you-so, I advised Brother John Saldivar a number of times to give up ownership of the BMP Bandits when he became an elected representative and minister in the UDP governments which held the reins from 2008 to 2020. I can't say that the big man reads my column, but I have many friends and acquaintances in that city who are close to him, and they read, so if he's not a reading man, he got the message, and my reasoning. His fall from grace is not directly related to what I had to say, but if he had heeded what I said, he probably never would have arrived at this dismal state where he is now.

It is detrimental to football for the minister to own a club in the semi-pro football league, because his club has an unfair advantage. One reason is that "everyone" wants to do the minister's bidding, for the favors the minister can give. Whoa there, it looks like unscrupulous persons, for the favors that a minister can give, got cozy with the minister too.

Going into some history, John became a minister, Minister of Sports, at a time when the highest football league was unstable because the head, Dr. Chimilio, was insisting on cementing his hold on the game. It was an age when the Doc's sycophants were singing that Sepp Blatter, then head of FIFA, was

corrupt, so the eagerness of the Doc and his crowd to control was no great sin.

Well, to those of us who appreciate fair play, there was no sale there. In the Doc's regime, my compadre, who had invested next to nil in football, became the representative for BMP football. I was involved in sports at the time, and I was aware that Mr. Pena at the SSB, and his friends, had invested years and years to produce a BMP tournament every season. If you've ever been involved in organizing sports in Belize, you know how costly that labor of love is. My compadre was eager to serve the Doc in football, and he was whisked to the top. I'm not so foolish to think that anyone in this world is pure. But man, that was what you call, *in your face*.

So, I wanted the well-liked Doc gone from football, and along came Minister John, aided by the able Miley, and the Doc got the boot. Oh boy, the minister's club won and represented us abroad every year after that, almost.

Okay, our city was happy. In years past, BMP starved for a championship. I think pre-John the Habets owned the Belmopan club. I remember the year when Shane dreamed in goal, and Tiliman, of Yaabra, burned him from 30 yards. Ah, Shane, he had the physical gifts to be a top ten portero in the world, but he liked to get bored. I remember the year when it came down to penalties against Sagitun. When I saw Camalote's Locho Coye step up to take his turn, I

knew he would *ops*. If it had been his brother, Makoati, a striker, it would have been pigeon hole. Locho, a *bakop*, booted it high, way high, and over.

I won't go into more explanations about how a minister owning a team undermines the integrity of the game. The bigger story, for John, is how his owning a football team in the highest league led him into relationships with two men who are in jail at this time, one for the terrible crime of murder, the other for the greedy crime of bilking the US government.

Football (sports) is a special world. It is the only arena on earth where, within the rules, you can vanquish all comers and have no remorse. It's a tragedy when people take the same approach into other spheres in life. But my uncle, JV, told me that's the way it is in the corporate world.

There's a pure story in sports at the well-organized amateur level. There is a serious business side at the professional level. I wasn't aware of how much business was in Belize football until I had a talk with the famous Ray Davis. Businessmen in the big countries jostle to sign stars and athletes who appear to have star potential, and they buy and sell them like regular merchandize. Of course, the athletes get a big fat cut. Until I spoke with Ray, I didn't know that that "game" had arrived in Belize. There's so little investment in athletes in our country. Really, how can you fight over what you didn't make? Well, I was slow. Some were operating at a higher level. It's all legal, and apparently John's thoughts were up there.

Now, John is before the nation pleading for us to defend his name after the US government designated him a corrupt person. I don't know that he is. What I know is that he kept very bad company. And what I know is that after he had fallen, I wrote a few times that he needed to put on sackcloth and back off for a while. When a businessman misjudges a talent, sees too much in a player that has little growth potential, he

and his club pay for their misjudgment. When a political leader misjudges the people he engages with, a nation pays. You don't get more big-time notorious than Mr. Mason and Mr. Dermen.

It has occurred to me that John accepted he had blundered, but he feared that if he stepped back there'd be no tomorrow. Khalid, if the UDP hasn't sullied him too much, is formidable. A horse like that might not want to go back into the stables if he gets in the race.

But Khalid has a dilemma even if John gets the sense this time. Darrell Bradley and Michael Peyrefitte have, wisely, decided not to run in the next general elections. With its present configuration, which John created in his desperation to save his hide, the UDP is looking to be out of office for three terms. Bah, only the Americans are enjoying this.

Infantino scolds the Europeans

Europeans all across the globe are reeling after FIFA president Gianni Infantino called them hypocrites for all their negative comments about Qatar, the hosts of World Cup 2022. Ah, the Europeans are spewing mud on Qatar's parade, condemning that country over human rights issues and multiple other failures, and Infantino feels that instead of accusing and insulting Qatar's leaders and people they should be engaging them. Speaking to his European brothers, Infantino said: "I think for what we Europeans have been doing the last 3,000 years, we should be apologizing for next 3,000 years before starting to give moral lessons to people."

We know what these Europeans have been about in their countries, and abroad. They, Europeans, have many sins, some real grievous ones. Some have remorse for their evil, and they have worked at atonement. Unfortunately, some of them are overzealous, and their causes

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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 ¼ Miles Philip Goldson Highway
Ladyville, Belize District
Belize, C.A.



SUMMARY CONTRACT NOTICE

Contract Title: Supply and Delivery of Servers and Network Switches and Other Computer Related Equipment for the CARICOM Secretariat Guyana and Barbados Offices

Contract reference no.: CCS/KOR/2022/11/001-DC

The Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat intends to award a supply contract for the **Supply and Delivery of Servers and Network Switches and Other Computer Related Equipment for the CARICOM Secretariat Guyana and Barbados Offices**. The contract will be implemented at the CARICOM Secretariat (Guyana) Office with financial assistance from **The Government of South Korea**. The contract notice and Tender Dossier can be found at <https://caricom.org/procurement-notices/>

The Deadline for submission of requests to participate is **6 January 2023**.

PRESS PREDICTIONS

The sports psychic speaks

BOLEDO

“Press Predictions: 19-36-00
Boledo stats thru 25th Nov. to the 1st Dec. 2022

In boledo news, 55 finally played after 2 years 1 month and 1 day. These are my lucky numbers for this week: 19-36-28-00-94-56. These are my lucky Jackpot numbers: 8258-9091-7462. These are my lucky Pick-3 numbers: 760-143-590-262-385. 35 finally played after 1 year 2 month 3 weeks and 4 days. There are only 5 numbers left to play for the year: 00-18-26-47-94. Get ready, Belize, some mucho dinero will be coming our way. 26 refuses to play since the 22nd of January 2021, that's over 1 year 10 months and 2 days now. 00 completed 1 year on Thursday the 24th of November. 94 will be completing 1 year on the 6th of December; 47 is still out for over 1 year 7 months and 2 days now. 18 will be completing 1 year on the 29th of December, my godmother's birthday; she would have been 109 years old. Those doubles made a new record by playing 43 times now, and 43 played Sunday. Doubles will play at least 5 more times before the year is over. Remember to read your Psalms: 72-91-63 and 62. Good Luck to all buyers! Next week, more stats.



Photo by William Ysaguirre

Miguel Garcia

game in Orange Walk. Then Verdes FC, the 2 times defending champion, also edge the San Pedro Pirates 3 goals to 2. Darrell Myvett scored the first goal. Then Desmond Wade's header, he has scored in his 3 games. Trimayne "Pepper" Harris scored the last goal. The Pirates head coach, Jorge Nunez, was red carded because of profane words. Verdes FC will edge the Altitude FC Team 2 goals to 1 in Cayo this Saturday at 4:00 p.m. There will be live entertainment by one of the top bands in the country with lots of giveaways Verdes style. Next week, the final results.



Trimayne Harris

LOCAL FOOTBALL

Verdes FC will edge Altitude FC 2 to 1 in Cayo

Local football results; Final predictions

In local football action, the 2 semifinal series are completed. Altitude FC edged Progresso FC 1-nil in Mango Creek. Miguel Garcia scored the only goal for his team. The game was very exciting and very entertaining. Dellon Torres, their best midfielder and captain, was out of the line-up because of an injury in the first

new season is General Manager Danny Ainge's team, the Utah Jazz who have the best record in the West, the most competitive conference of the two. Jordan Clarkson is their point guard.



Jordan Clarkson

The Dallas Mavericks and Luka Dončić are also playing very well. He leads the league in scoring with an average of 35.5 points per game. He wants an MVP Award very badly. For the next 5 years there will be only foreigners winning the MVP Award. There are no Americans in sight for the Award right now. Joel Embiid, Nikola Jokić and Giannis Antetokounmpo will be the dominant force for that MVP Award. In the East, the Milwaukee Bucks still have the best record at 15-2. The Brooklyn Nets lost to the LA Lakers who are only 4-13 at the moment, LA's worst start in franchise history. LeBron James will pass Kareem Abdul Jabbar's scoring record in the next 30 games. Next week, more stats and some results.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

The NFL is the hardest league to repeat as champions
NFL results, predictions and updates

In NFL action, the Washington Team snapped the Philadelphia Eagles' 8-game winning streak by beating them 26 to 21. The game was very exciting; Jalen Hurts was contained by the defense of the Washington Team. The Kansas City Chiefs are leading their



by Gilroy "Press" Cadogan

AFC East Division; Patrick Mahomes is the face of the NFL right now. Tom



Patrick Mahomes

Brady will definitely retire after this season. He is 45 years old; his Tampa Bay Buccaneers team is struggling at the moment because he was hurt for about 3 games. The New York Jets are rolling. The Baltimore Ravens also lead their division. Lamar Jackson is one of the top quarterbacks in the league. Aaron Rodgers and the Green Bay Packers are at last place in their division, they lost 4 straight games. A new team will win the Super Bowl in 2023. The Minnesota Vikings and the Atlanta Falcons are playing very well. They will have playoff spots. Next week, some results and some predictions.

World Cup FOOTBALL

There are only 8 countries that won the World Cup already

World Cup in Qatar 2022: results and predictions

In World Cup action in Qatar 2022, Ecuador beat the host country, 2-nil, in the opener; Enner Valencia scored both goals. He plays professional ball in the Turkish League for one of the top teams. Qatar only had one shot on target for the entire



Enner Valencia

game. Some big-timers who are rotten-wealthy wanted to bribe 8 players from the Ecuador team, some 74 million dollars each to win their first game. FIFA must investigate them for corruption. Denmark will be playing in full black because they are not satisfied with the behavior of those rich kingpins in Qatar; too many workers passed away because of the heat conditions. There are only 4 teams that will have a chance to win it all. They are Argentina with Lionel Messi; then France, the defending champions with the last MVP Kylian Mbappé; then Germany, the 4 times champion; and Brazil, who won the most in 5 times. Next week, some results and more predictions.



PUBLIC AUCTION

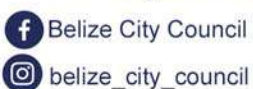
By order of the Municipal Court, certified and licensed Auctioneer Troy Gabb Sr. will sell the following property: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. ON SITE

Property in Belize City

Parcel #2424 Palm Grove Estate
Comprising of 75 feet x 110 feet and containing 833.3 sq. yards
Situated in Caribbean Shores
Registration Section Block #16, Belize City

Licensed Auctioneer

Troy Gabb Sr.
#21 Los Lagos | Belize District | Tel: 610-2725
Email: troy.gabb@yahoo.com



TERMS - CASH

10% Deposit - Balance in 14 days

GoB meets with the Belize Coalition of Medical Professionals



BELIZE CITY, Wed. Nov. 23, 2022
 On Monday, the Office of the Prime Minister and representatives from the Ministry of Health and Wellness, as well as the Financial Secretary, Joseph Waight,

held a meeting with the Belize Coalition of Medical Professionals (a recently formed alliance of the Belize Medical and Dental Association, the Belize Nurses Association and the Karl Heusner

Memorial Hospital Workers’ Union) at the Western Regional Hospital in Belmopan, and they engaged in discussions of seven areas of concern that the group had highlighted in a letter

sent to the government and in a press release issued earlier this month.

On November 10, an ad-hoc group of medical professionals who referred to themselves as the “Belize Coalition of Medical Professionals” released a scathing joint release in which they gave the government an ultimatum—to meet with them by Friday, November 18 to hold discussions on 7 key problem areas in the healthcare system. The meeting with the group did not take place within that designated time period, but one member of the tripartite coalition, the Belize Nurses Association, met with the Minister of Health and Wellness, Hon. Kevin Bernard, last week prior to the ultimatum date. At that meeting, according to Bernard, a primary area of concern highlighted by the nurses—medical supply shortages—was the primary topic of discussion, rather than the 7 points listed by the coalition.

Last week, during an interview, Health Minister Hon. Kevin Bernard suggested that the coalition was actually a unilateral initiative being spearheaded by Andrew Baird, the president of the KMHM Workers Union, but Monday’s meeting proved that the coalition is in fact a group of entities.

The areas of concern that the medical professionals are demanding that the government address include: “1. The extreme shortage of medical supplies, pharmaceuticals, and human resources; 2. A salary review for healthcare workers, clarification on pension status, and the exemption of income taken from the severance of KMHMHA employees; 3. Reduction of income tax for all healthcare workers; 4. Revision and implementation of the Belize Health Sector Strategic Plan 2014-2024, the compendium of allowances, the nursing review document of 2007, circular 6 of 2012, and patient transfer standard policy; 5. Appointment of members of key medical associations on the MOHW tendering committee; 6. Provision for health insurance for all healthcare workers; and 7. Defining higher education and experience in a health-related field as a pre-requisite for the appointment to the post of Minister of Health.”

According to a release published on the Prime Minister’s social media page, the meeting was held with the goal of establishing an agreement and charting a path forward. “Our pledge going forward is a collaborative cordial working relationship for the improvement of the health system and providing health services for our people,” the release states.



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 or online at www.centralbank.org.bz
 (All applications will be held in strict confidence)

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST INDIVIDUAL CONSULTING SERVICES

Institution: Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing
Country: Belize
Project: Climate Vulnerability Reduction Program (CVRP)
Sector: Infrastructure, Environment and Natural Disasters
Abstract: Individual Consulting Services – Climate Risk Financing Strategy for the Tourism and Agriculture Sectors
Loan/Credit/Grant No.: 4616/OC-BL
Deadline: 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, cvrp.4426.3@gmail.com or 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, cvrp.4426.3@gmail.com or procurement.officer.midh@gmail.com

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 & 4th 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 & 4th 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 10th day of November 2022.

CAVE LOCHAN WATSON LLP
 COR. LANDIVAR & 4TH STREETS
 KNKS PARK
 BELIZE CITY
 BELIZE

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEES

THE BELIZE BANK LIMITED, a company duly formed and incorporated under the Laws of Belize with registered office situate at Second Floor, Matalon Business Center, Coney Drive, Belize City Belize (the “Bank”) hereby gives notice of its intention to exercise its power of sale under a Deed of Mortgage between Dawn Joy McDougall of Sittee River Village, Stann Creek District (hereinafter called “the Borrower”) of the one part AND The Belize Bank Ltd (hereinafter called “the Bank”) of the other part which was filed at the Land Titles Unit in Belmopan City on 20th February 2020 being LTU-202000289.

The Bank will at the expiration of two months from the date of the first publication of this notice sell the property of the Mortgagor described in the SCHEDULES hereto.

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

THE SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO AS

All That piece or parcel of land being Lot No. E3368-L90 comprising 1100.00 S.M. situate in Sittee River Village, Stann Creek District and bounded and described as shown by Plan No. 519 of 2019 attached to Minister’s Fiat (Grant) No. 519 of 2019 dated 22nd August, 2019, Entry No. 3368 Reg. 12 TOGETHER with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon.

Dated the 8th November 2022

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



VACANCY

The Social Security Board invites applications from suitably qualified persons to fill the role of **MANAGER, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC POLICY** in its Policy, Research and Actuarial Services Division, SSB Headquarters, Belmopan.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:
Advanced university degree (Master's Degree or equivalent degree) in Sociology, Economics, Public Policy or other Social Science or related field, with five (5) years' experience in any one or combination of the following areas: economics; policy formulation and implementation; social and economic development planning; mathematics and statistics; economic and financial monitoring; social security systems; preparation of socio-economic plans; impact assessment of social security programs; statistical and econometric software and programs; supervisory experience.

Visit our website at www.socialsecurity.org.bz/vacancy-announcement/ to view further details and requirements on this position.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:
Application packages containing application letter, resume, two (2) recent letters of recommendation, copies of degree, certifications and other relevant academic credentials and current police record or receipt for record may be submitted via email to:

Manager, HR Strategies, SSB Headquarters at: dlindo@socialsecurity.org.bz
HR Advisor, Policy & Strategy, SSB Headquarters at: fphillips@socialsecurity.org.bz
Copy emails to General Manager, Human Resources, SSB Headquarters at: odakers@socialsecurity.org.bz

Email Subject Line: "Application for Manager, Social and Economic Policy"

APPLICATION DEADLINE: December 6th, 2022

Lord's Bank man points lost Police Department gun at cop



Joel Choco, charged with keeping a firearm and ammunition without a gun license

by Charles Gladden

LORD'S BANK, Belize District, Wed. Nov. 23, 2022

Joel Benito Choco, 26, a construction worker of Lord's Bank Village, Belize District, who pointed a firearm at a police officer during a police search of a bus on which he had been traveling, is now facing multiple charges. Just about a week before, however, another police officer who was not at the scene of the search had been disciplined by the Police Department for losing the gun that was found in Choco's possession (a police-issued pistol) while he was on special duty.

Choco was reportedly onboard a bus on Monday, November 21, when police intercepted it at the Lord's Bank junction. At that point, the officers saw Choco running towards the back door of the bus, and they set chase after him.

When he found himself cornered, Choco allegedly pulled out a firearm that had been tucked near his waist and pointed it at one of the officers. One of the officers responded by firing a warning shot, which caused Choco to surrender his weapon. He was then arrested, and was later charged with "kept firearm without a gun license" and "kept ammunition without a gun license" in the Magistrate's Court.

What the police later discovered, however, is that the 9-millimeter pistol that they took from Choco, which contained seven live rounds of 9-millimeter ammunition, was actually the property of the Belize Police Department, and had been reported missing over a week ago after it was misplaced by an officer on special duty at MJ's nightclub.

The officer, Police Constable Marcus Locario, 43, had been internally disciplined by the Belize Police Department after losing his department-issued gun earlier this month while on special duty. According to reports, on Saturday, November 12, Locario went to

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:

TWO RECENT LETTERS OF REFERENCE ONE FROM PAST EMPLOYER AND A VALID POLICE RECORD AND PASSPORT SIZE PICTURE

SEND APPLICATIONS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO:

our website at: <https://aibelize.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

ATLANTIC INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons to fill the position of **ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE OFFICER**

PURPOSE OF THE JOB:

- **Manage Fractional Agreement Facilities.**
- **Monitor/Manager Monthly Production Process for assigned Offices.**

Key Responsibilities:

- Ensure compliance with regulations and procedures.
- Approve Fractional Agreements.
- Call customer about their Fractional Agreements.
- Prepare customer statements.
- Review Production Review Checklist.
- Update Refund Tracking System.
- Daily Production Review for Assigned areas.
- Preparation of various reports for submission to Accountant.
- Liaise with Branch Managers and Sales Executive Team to ensure that all Fractional Agreement Facilities are current.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Minimum - Associate Degree in Business Administration or Accounting with at least one year working experience in accounting.

SKILLS

- Good customer service skills
- Strong work ethic
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- Excellent time management skills and self-motivation
- Proficient in Microsoft Excel and Microsoft Word

Additional Skills that would be an asset but not required

- Bilingual in English and Spanish
- Valid driver's license

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We thank you for your application

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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 17th November 2022

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



JOIN OUR TEAM



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:

LOSS REDUCTION REPRESENTATIVE

in the Metering & Revenue Protection Unit of our Commercial & Retail Services Division at our Corporate Headquarters in Belize City.

View details at www.bel.com.bz
or scan QR code



Submit application to:
career.opportunity@bel.com.bz
by Friday, December 2, 2022

Drivers Wanted:

We are looking for experienced drivers to join our team.

Minimum Requirements:

- Class B2 Drivers License
- 5 Years driving experience
- Positive attitude
- Dependable

Submit interest to

info@belizewastecontrol.com

or Call [222-4091](tel:222-4091)

We shall see

When we try to analyze the history of the 41 years of independence of the country of Belize, we find several very interesting issues, some that can be verified, others due to lack of information, we can only speculate about. As for speculating, I think that is against the law, and we should not say that something is true when it is based on some idea that cannot be proven. But on other issues, for example, such as the People's Constitution Commission, it's possible to comment, and fortunately they have already formed the commission for the reform of a new Constitution for this country, although from my own point of view, I think that rather, it will be like brushing it with varnish so that it would look better. I will mention what I have

said on many occasions: this country does not belong to Belizeans and has long been sold to private entities, and we can easily verify that.

The system that this country follows, which is divided between two political parties, which have the greatest presence, both politically, socially, economically, even reflected in the Constitution, has been following in the footsteps of the neoliberal capitalists. This can be verified in a few days or a few weeks. You will see, dear readers. The state cannot intervene in the affairs of corporations, and this country is sold to foreign corporations from the West. It has been shown in history that the West should not be touched, because it would turn into a bloody war; it would cause world hunger,

it would have children homeless and without education, living in misery, as can be seen today.

It pains me a lot to see the situation in which the cañeros and port workers find themselves—stevedores, as they are called. It hurts me to see the law that is supposed to defend the working class, but rather it is made to defend corporations. But like I said, you, the Belizean people are going to see for yourselves. There are also the intelligent ones. When I speak of intelligent, I mean those who take advantage of the weaknesses of those who are poor, be it mental or physical, which is what you have always been doing, you followers of the Europeans for more than 500 years, and now you are already taking it to



by Clinton Canul Luna

Russia; you have not stopped conquering the world.

Its intention is globalization, a single law, a single court which will not be the International Court of Justice of The Hague; no, it will be the one in the United States. You will understand it for yourselves. I hope I am wrong. I hope so. I end this page wishing you good luck, Belizeans, who have been brainwashed that you are going to win the case, that you have a good case, that the case you have is sealed. No, gentlemen, you will find out very soon. They just found out about Honduras, when that was published many years ago in the *Amandala*. Also, there is Mexico. If Guatemala is claiming all of Belize, then Mexico will be forced to show how it is possible that it could give England the part which is outlined in the Marshall Spencer treaty, signed in 1893. We shall see.

fincasolan@gmail.com

November 20, 2022

Finca Solana

Corozal Town

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GoB to amend Fiscal Incentive legislation

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Nov. 23, 2022

The Government of Belize is expected to soon amend the Fiscal Incentive Act as part of its efforts to facilitate greater investments in Belize and to increase employment across micro and small businesses in the country. Forty-six companies met with representatives of various government ministries on Friday and participated in the Fiscal Incentive Legislation Amendment Consultation in Belize City, which was hosted by the Ministry of Investment. Among the government officials who attended the consultation were the CEO of the Office of the Prime Minister, Narda Garcia; representatives from the Ministry of the Attorney General, and reps of other government regulatory bodies

A release from the Government of Belize Press Office states that enterprises in the agriculture, manufacturing, and tourism sectors are positioned to benefit from the amended legislation, which, according to them, "will support the continued growth of MSMEs and the implementation of projects that would enhance Belize's economic growth." Customs duty and revenue replacement duty exemptions will be among the benefits to be granted to successful applicants.

The process of applying for fiscal incentive benefits will also be streamlined.

Caye Caulker gets premier health facility

by Charles Gladden

CAYE CAULKER, Wed. Nov. 23, 2022

Fifteen months ago, the Ministry of Health and Wellness broke ground in Caye Caulker Village to mark the start of construction of a premier health facility, and on Monday, November 21, an inauguration ceremony was held in celebration of the completion of the building, which will also serve as a hurricane shelter.

The financing for the \$1.4-million health center came through a loan from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) along with the Social Investment Fund (SIF), which acted as the implementing agent.

On August 21, 2021, former Minister of Health and Wellness, Hon. Michel Chebat, when speaking to local reporters about the project, highlighted the need to provide more comprehensive health services to the residents on the island, and at the inauguration ceremony, current Health Minister, Hon. Kevin Bernard, emphasized how important it was to ensure that adequate health services are provided on the island.

“Caye Caulker is one of Belize’s prime tourist destinations and deserves

adequate health facilities for both residents and visitors. I am told that Caye Caulker has an average population of 5,000 persons, and when tourists come to this community, that can go up to as much as 9,000. Having trained medical personnel is not enough to provide quality health services. Equally important is having good infrastructure with adequate examination and observation rooms, the right equipment, and also medication. The building, as already highlighted, has also been built with a flat roof for future expansion. And I want to say that today, I am saying this publicly, with the commitment of our CEO in the Office of the Prime Minister and as the chairperson of SIF, has expressed support to the ministry for the expansion of this building so we can also provide for us to be able to house the doctors and the nurses and to be able to provide additional services here in Caye Caulker. So that is the commitment we are making here today,” Minister Bernard said.

Hon. Andre Perez, area representative for Belize Rural South, expressed similar sentiments and pointed to the health center as one of the many commitments fulfilled by the government.

“It is the accomplishment of a commitment made to the people of Caye Caulker. This health center is more than just a building. It means, for the first time, residents in this community will have access to proper health care in a proper facility. This



(l-r) Hon. Kevin Bernard, Minister of Health; Narda Garcia, CEO for the Office of the Prime Minister; and Hon. Andre Perez, Area Representative, Belize Rural South



government has fulfilled yet another promise in Plan Belize. This will undoubtedly result in a healthier community and it would mean that residents and visitors alike can be confident that when the need arises,

health services will now be available. Visitors to Caye Caulker can now be assured that health services are available, and this contributes to the overall tourism package that La Isla Carinosa has to offer,” said Perez.



EMBASSY OF BRAZIL TO BELIZE OPEN VACANCY CALL 01/2022

The Embassy of the Federative Republic of Brazil announces a public selection of candidates for one (1) position of **Janitor and substitute Driver** for the provision of services defined in contract.

REQUIRED SKILLS AND QUALIFICATIONS:

- Previous experience required
- Valid driver's license
- Fluency in English
- Fluency in Spanish desirable

Additional information on the job can be found on <https://www.facebook.com/embaxadabelize/>

HOW TO APPLY:

Candidates should send a current resumé that provides:

- Personal information (i.e., name, phone number, current address, e-mail, copies of documentation that confirms legal eligibility to work: as proof of nationality or work permit and Social Security Card).
- Education;
- Present and previous employer's name, address, phone number and e-mail.
- At least one personal reference (of non-relative) about the candidate's work performance.

Along with the resumé, one photo and a copy of the Belizean Social Security Card and Driver's license.

E-mail application from November 25th to December 9th, 2022 to brasemb.belmopan@itamaraty.gov.br

The deadline for receiving applications is December 9th, 2022.

The Embassy of Brazil is located at 12 Floral Park Street, Belmopan, Belize, P.O. Box 548.

NOTE:

- ✓ Selected candidates must also present a Medical Certificate and the Police Personal Record.
- ✓ Selected candidates will be submitted to a scheduled interview.

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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 17th Day of August 2012 being instrument: LTU-201201366.

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

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

THE SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO AS

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

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

Dated the 8th November 2022

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



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 5th Avenue & 1st street North
Corozal Town, Belize C.A.
 or via email to sfxavier@btl.net

Kindness

There is so much hatred in this world today. Open and read any newspaper, watch the news on TV, or the internet, and you are immediately overwhelmed with negative stories, divisions and revisions. Movies, documentaries, religion, politics, all laced with hatred in their themes. We love our own, but these Moslems, Jews, Christians, evangelists, Buddhists, we hate them! These capitalists, communists, socialists, theocracies, we hate them! Fat people, short, skinny, disabled, athletic, we hate them! The same goes for music, for different cultures, literature: we don't simply dislike anymore, we hate them! What the hell has happened to us humans, born with all the emotions, and in most

cases, a sense of right and wrong? Where did the love go, the empathy, the love of neighbor, and country, and especially for each other? Where has it all gone? It would be easy to blame technology for most of it, since we can go online and spew hate without fear of being found out. But no, it has to be much deeper than that—a good excuse for our inexcusable behavior, but no. Love and hate have always been a part of our makeup, of our natural state, but lately it seems as if hate is taking over, everywhere. It's not "I don't like" anymore; it's "I hate!"

A very special person died today, a mentor, a friend, a very decent human being. I held him in the highest regards,

and I'm overwhelmed with grief at his sudden passing. When I think of him, I think of kindness, of straight talk, of a time that is now so far in the rear view mirror that it seems just a part of my imagination, not real, a mirage. Where have time and kindness and help for pain gone? Why is it that the humanity in us is slowly ebbing away? We used to be so good to each other, so neighborly and magnanimous in our sharing of the best of us with the rest of the world? Maybe it's because of my grief that I've become so pessimistic, although I don't think so! This sadness just makes it much more obvious—the suffering, the pain, the injustices all around us!

I wish I knew or believed that things

will get better, but deep down I don't think so. Unless we get a grip of ourselves, start being more open, start respecting each other, respecting property, respecting the differences between us, this hate and shame and darkness will just keep getting worse.

There's no lesson here. My friend just died, and I'm very heartbroken, very sad.

"Ah love, let us be true to one another, For the world which seems to lie before us, like a land of dreams,

Hath really neither joy, nor love, nor light, nor peace, nor certitude, nor help for pain!"

Matthew Arnold.

Glen

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 copied to 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**

Daril Avila and Kalen Middleton rep Belize at Commonwealth Youth Parliament



(l-r) Daril Avila and Kalen P. Middleton

by Khaila Gentle

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Nov. 23, 2022

The 11th Commonwealth Youth Parliament is being held this week in Trinidad and Tobago, and Belize is being represented by Kalen Middleton and Daril Avila, both of whom are members of the Young Leaders Alliance of Belize (YLAB). The five-day event runs from November 20 to 24, and this

year saw the participation of some fifty-eight youths who acted as elected representatives of a fictional country.

Trinidad's House Speaker, Bridgid Annisette-George, gave the opening remarks at the beginning of the event.

"This is a momentous event for us at the parliament, as it presents a few firsts. This is the first time we are location host for the Commonwealth Youth Parliament, CYP. This is the first

Youths from across the globe came together in Trinidad & Tobago to act as parliamentarians of a fictional jurisdiction and debate a mock parliamentary bill regarding a four-day work week.

in-person CYP since the COVID-19 pandemic seized the world," she stated.

On Tuesday, participants were granted the opportunity to debate a mock parliamentary bill, the Remote Work Bill, 2022. The bill focused on the implementation of a four-day work week as well as permanent work-from-home arrangements.

Kalen Middleton, who hails from Belize City, was a government member and contributed to the fierce debate on the passing of the bill.

"In 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic caused global CO2 emissions to

plummet five percent to 34.81 billion metric tons. This is because we were forced to confine to our homes and work remotely," said Middleton during her speech, which she says she worked on tirelessly.

Daril Avila, an athlete and youth leader, acted as a member of the Opposition, pointing out some of the bill's flaws.

"Firstly, and very importantly, Madam Speaker, polling shows that one of the challenges faced by the population regarding working from home is that internet penetration is low on smaller islands, and where internet connectivity exists, the service is often unstable. Additionally, all five islands experience frequent disruption in power supply. Given these circumstances, it is a recipe for economic disaster for our labor force to be able to work

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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,

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

DEADLINE:

DECEMBER 4, 2022



ATTORNEY GENERAL'S MINISTRY VACANCY NOTICE

Suitably qualified applicants are invited to fill the position of:

DEPUTY REGISTRAR

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

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

Experience and training required:

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

Salary: Based on qualifications and experience.

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

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

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

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

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

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEES

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

The Bank thus hereby gives notice of its intention to exercise its power of sale under a Deed of Mortgage between Scotia Bank (Belize) of the one part and Juana Morey (hereinafter called "the Mortgagors") of the second part which was filed at the Land Titles Unit in Belmopan City on the 19th Day of September 2014 Instrument: LTU- 201401718. 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. 152 comprising (458.531 Square Meters) situated in San Juan Village, Stann Creek District of Belize and bounded and described as shown on Plan No. 219 of 2002 attached to Minister's Fiat (Grant) No. 219 of 2002 dated 28th March, 2002 TOGETHER with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon.

Dated the 14th of November 2022

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



ATTORNEY GENERAL'S MINISTRY VACANCY NOTICE

Suitably qualified applicants are invited to fill the position of:

DIRECTOR OF LEGAL ADVICE AND SERVICES CENTER

Applicants for the position of Director – Legal Advice and Services Center must be:

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

Experience and training required:

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

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

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ATTORNEY GENERAL'S MINISTRY VACANCY NOTICE

Suitably qualified applicants are invited to fill the position of:

SENIOR LITIGATOR

Applicants for the position of Senior Litigator:

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

Experience and training required:

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

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

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

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Agriculture Ministry and FAO launch feeding program and other projects

by Khaila Gentle

BELMOPAN, Tues. Nov. 22, 2022

On Monday, the Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security and Enterprise launched two new technical cooperation projects in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) that are valued at about \$200,000 US each. The projects focus on policy development in different sectors of the Ministry as well as the creation and improvement of digital agriculture services.

According to the Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Jose Mai, the projects were the result of a direct request by the ministry to the FAO.

“We realized that we had different weaknesses and deficiencies. It is unacceptable to have agriculture as the backbone of a country, but yet we don’t have sound agriculture policy,” said Minister Mai to reporters at the launch of the projects.

The project that focuses on policy development will place emphasis on seed policy as well as backyard poultry, marketing, and indigenous territories. According to a press release from the Ministry, it aims to improve the livelihood of rural farmers and indigenous people “through the adoption of an enhanced governance and policy framework enabling diversification through regional trade.”

The second project, said Minister Mai, will address the weaknesses of current existing digital agriculture programs.

“We realized that while we have very good programs in place, there are still weaknesses. For example we have BAIMS—Belize Agriculture and Information Management System—which is good as it is today, but it needs to be updated regularly, or whatever you have on there is useless. So we found that

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(l-r) Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Jose Mai and FAO's Representative in Belize, Mr. Crispim Moreira



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST CONSULTING SERVICES:

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

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

1. Abstract: Background

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



KREM Television Program Guide

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Questions or comments may be forwarded via email to

Phone: 202-5848 kremtelevision@yahoo.com

Friday, November 25 to Thursday, December 1, 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.
- 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: What a 15-year-old meth addict taught me about leadership
- 7:30 p.m. **Navel String Connections (repeat)**
- 9:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**

SATURDAY

- 9:00 a.m. Documentary: Future of Weed
- 10:43 a.m. Movie: Honey, I Shrunk The Kids
- 11:17 a.m. Documentary: This World Child Slavery
- 12:33 p.m. Documentary: 8 Centuries of Muslim
- 2:14 p.m. Movie: Revenge of the Bridesmaids
- 4:57 p.m. Movie: Im in Love with a Church Girl
- 5:57 p.m. Documentary: The Lost Civilisation
- 6:48 p.m. Movie: Will to Love
- 8:00 p.m. Music Videos

SUNDAY

- 10:30 a.m. **Sunday Review (LIVE)**
- 12:00 p.m. Movie: The Great Debaters
- 2:06 p.m. Documentary: Best Ocean Life
- 2:57 p.m. Movie: Nappily ever after
- 4:36 p.m. Documentary: Diving with the Dinosaur Fish
- 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: Harriet
- 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: The Children In Prison For Life
- 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. Movie: Race
- 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: Lorna Smith
- 9:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**

WEDNESDAY

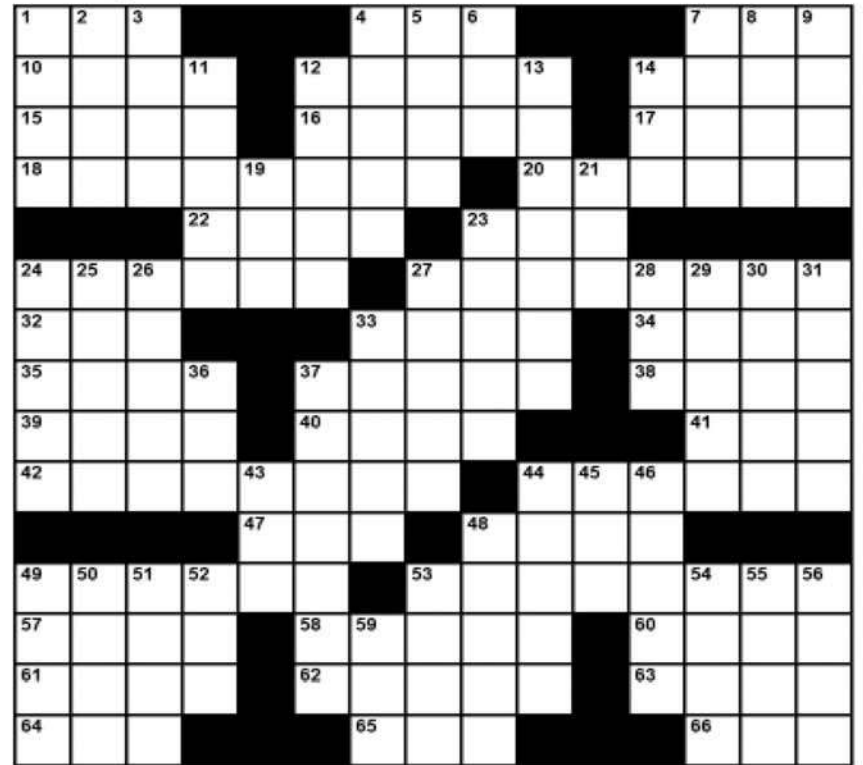
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- 1:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 2:00 p.m. Documentary: War of Insects
- 3:30 p.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (repeat)**
- 6:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (LIVE)**
- 7:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 8:00 p.m. Belizean Legend: Talita Long
- 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. Movie: Love At First Glance
- 3:30 p.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (repeat)**
- 6:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (LIVE)**
- 7:00 p.m. Belizean Music Videos
- 7:30 p.m. **Navel String Connections (LIVE)**
- 9:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**



Daily Printable Puzzle - 11-24-2022



Across

- 1. Male swan
- 4. Asian gazelle
- 7. A rival of ABC
- 10. Tel ----
- 12. Must, slangily
- 14. Fervor
- 15. Asian garment
- 16. Celebrated
- 17. Exile isle
- 18. City of riches
- 20. Aglet
- 22. Small apes
- 23. Like mindedness
- 24. Write illegibly
- 27. Adults
- 32. Ultimate principle of the universe
- 33. Biblical trio
- 34. Podrida pot
- 35. Boss on a shield
- 37. Footloose one
- 38. Fitzgerald specialty
- 39. Baron, e.g.
- 40. A Walton
- 41. Compass pt.
- 42. Municipal legislator
- 44. Made the rounds
- 47. Still, in verse
- 48. Arrange, as the hair
- 49. Just claims
- 53. Trail
- 57. Complexion woe
- 58. Cay or ait
- 60. Differently
- 61. Blondell of films
- 62. Quieten
- 63. A sound of pride
- 64. Aardvark fodder
- 65. At this time
- 66. Bard's before

Down

- 1. Attache, for one
- 2. Egg outline
- 3. Canary or wren
- 4. Wares
- 5. Anne Frank's father
- 6. Breakfasted
- 7. Cabal unit
- 8. Famous pig
- 9. Blind lath
- 11. Cello's kin
- 12. Tangle
- 13. Pharyngeal tissue
- 14. Kin of omega
- 19. Damp and cold
- 21. Flexible wood
- 23. Organlike instrument
- 24. Monument commemorative of Buddha
- 25. Caravan carrier
- 26. Dressed as a judge
- 27. Street Arab
- 28. Answers for Nanette
- 29. Peptic problem
- 30. Flying machine
- 31. Fully full
- 33. Capone rival
- 36. Bauxite bonanza
- 37. Goddess of divine retribution
- 43. No longer working, abbr.
- 44. Kind of fairy
- 45. Alibi
- 46. Higher one of two
- 48. Brings about, biblical style
- 49. Eastern prince
- 50. Computer pix
- 51. Biting bug
- 52. Brooding individual
- 53. Chimney duct
- 54. Balm ingredient
- 55. Autocrat of yore
- 56. At this very spot
- 59. Just short

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 - 11-17-2022 - Answers



Unfreeze The Increments!

by Rudolph A. Neal

As 2022 draws to a close, the year will end in sheer uncertainty for



many. The festive Christmas season is right around the bend, and many won't even have enough to put together a decent meal. Combatting the effects of inflation has been an uphill battle for the masses this year, and quite frankly, a battle that we have been losing, steadily. This is to say, that with each new round, we are losing the struggle with inflation that is throwing its blows steadily and unabated; plus, needless to remind you that the cost of fuel remains at an excruciating all-time high!

The majority of the workforce, which is comprised of the public sector and teachers, have been fighting this fight without proper gear. This is because their increments are still frozen, from the onset of the pandemic, and they are taking a lick! If it is we are going to give people a fighting chance to combat inflation and survive, I implore the Government of Belize to take immediate action to unfreeze the increments!

It was disheartening, to say the least, when it was announced a few weeks ago through a leaked memo that CEOs will have their allowances reinstated. We are talking about the people who are already being paid the highest in this country. These are the same people who, aside from their exorbitant salary and allowances, receive free vehicles and free petrol, among many other ludicrous allowances. This was an outright slap in the face to the hard-working people of this country, to all the public officers, teachers, BDF soldiers, and police officers, who in essence carry this

country on their backs. They try to say that the well-remunerated "Chiefs" deserve their allowances back because they work so hard and labor for this country, but apparently, the hard-working teachers and dedicated public servants cannot get their pittance of an increment restored.

Truthfully, one can hazard a guess to say with all the boards that these CEOs sit on, with the free vehicle and petrol, with the hefty salary and additional perks and bonuses that they receive, it wasn't a matter of urgency for them to have their allowances restored. Plus, by and large, they are set – buttered on all sides and corners. But imagine, the poor public servants and the struggling teachers who take out of their pockets for their children, they are told that they have to wait a bit longer. And to add insult to injury, the leaders of the country came out in defense of the CEOs, pleading the case as to why it was just to restore their allowances. There is nothing just about

a country that looks after the affluent first and neglects its humble servants.

The proletariat of this country are at serious risk! The (once deemed) "middle class" in Belize has shrunk severely and has now been unwittingly dissolved into the poverty pool. This is because salaries have remained stagnant by and large, but the cost of living has skyrocketed. This is because, while their pay has remained the same, they have to spend more on fuel to drive the same distance. This is because they have to spend more on food to cook the same old basic pot. Doing all this on a salary for which increments have been frozen, while the big fishes have had their allowances restored. A classic example of "full belly di tell hungry belly fi kip haat," sah. Well, I say to the leaders and decision-makers in this country, the masses need their money. Unfreeze the increments and free up the workers' money, 'cause just like how the CEOs need their allowances, teachers and public officers need their money too!

Unchained Reflections Of A Liberal Pragmatist!



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incluso entre clases, y teníamos conversaciones diarias con nuestros vecinos.

Todo esto ha cambiado radicalmente. En lo único que nos enfocamos hoy es en el dinero y las cosas materiales. Quizás lo más desalentador es cómo nos aislamos los unos de los otros. En Belize, los vecinos ya no son vecinos. Somos extraños el uno para el otro.

Hace más de tres años tuve una idea, una visión, de un jardín de deportes en los 7 acres donde actualmente se encuentra la torre de Radio KREM. Esta es la zona de Lord's Bank/Ladyville/Lake Garden. Sin embargo, creo que los beliceños que viven alrededor del sitio donde se encuentran estos 7 acres no están interesados en nada que pueda ser molesto de ninguna manera. Tienen una mentalidad de Greta Garbo. Déjame en paz. Esto, debo respetar. El hogar de un hombre es su castillo.

La mentalidad que ahora gobierna las áreas urbanas de Belize es producto de la televisión por cable, en gran medida. Agreguen todos estos teléfonos de alta tecnología con Internet y el aislamiento se ha vuelto exagerado. El alma de Belize está muerta. No conozco este lugar.

Siempre les he dicho que solo hay un pequeño grupo de beliceños, quizás el 4 por ciento, que se toman en serio las cosas que digo. La gran mayoría de los beliceños están comprometidos con el cristianismo que los conquistadores europeos nos han entregado a través de las escuelas que establecieron y controlan. Pero, en mi opinión, hay una enorme contradicción en Belize. Aman su cable y tu teléfono más de lo que aman a su vecino. Ansían la riqueza más de lo que atesoran la verdad. Por lo tanto, ustedes, beliceños, son falsos cristianos. Sin pelos en la lengua.



MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

AND

HOUSING



GENERAL NOTICE

REGISTRATION OF CONTRACTORS

The Government of Belize (GOBZ) through the Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing (MIDH) is seeking to update its registry of contractors to undertake construction works for the ongoing MIDH Low-Income Modular Housing Project. It is expected that the updated contractor registry will provide for an efficient selection of reliable contractors. Having a centralized contractor registry creates opportunity for contractor employment across the public and private sector and affords confidence in utilizing qualified contractors.

This notice aims to attract contractors from the following discipline:

General Building Contracting: General contractors for building commercial and residential buildings capable of executing site layouts, piling, structural concrete, structural reinforcement, masonry, carpentry, drywall, plumbing, electrical, air-conditioning systems, and construction of roofing.

The notice also aims to attract General Contractors which satisfy the following construction work turnover criterion:

Annual Average Construction Turnover: Between BZ\$30,000 and BZ\$500,000 per year

Application forms are free of charge and can be obtained from the MIDH Housing Execution Unit in Belmopan or via email from the Housing Execution Unit. Applications are available and will be processed during the period November 21, 2022, to December 21, 2022. Further details about the registration process can be obtained by contacting either of the following:

1. Attention: Ms. Manuelita Tot

Procurement Control Manager
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Ministry of Infrastructure Development & Housing
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2. Attention: Mr. Colin Escalante

Project Engineer
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Vacancy Announcement

United States Peace Corps in Belize

Position Title: **Medical Assistant (MA)**

Basic functions of the position:

The role of the Medical Assistant (MA) is to perform clinical and administrative duties in support of Peace Corps Medical Officers (PCMOs) and Peace Corps Volunteers (PCVs).

Functions include but are not limited to health unit receptionist; scheduling medical appointments; distribution of medicine to PCVs; and assisting PCMOs with clinical care to the extent credentialed. The MA works under the guidance of PCMOs and reports to the Peace Corps Country Director (CD) for administrative issues (unless CD authorizes PCMO supervision).

Required knowledge, skills & abilities:

- Successful completion of a nursing school/general medical school/medical assistant program **OR** applicable knowledge and experience obtained through on-the-job training under the direct guidance of a provider **and** with an Associate's degree.
- At least five years progressively responsible related experience with knowledge of administrative medical duties related to health services.
- Basic knowledge of administration of health units, including procurement of medical supplies and inventory control.
- Demonstrated English proficiency, both written and oral.
- Ability to work with Microsoft Office Suite, and other basic computer knowledge.
- Able to travel across Belize up to 25% of the time.
- Able to pass a U.S. Embassy background security investigation.
- Possess a valid driver's license and clean driving record.
- A citizen of Belize or has current, valid authorization to work in Belize.

Compensation and duration:

- Base compensation range starts at BZ\$41,816.00 plus benefits, and negotiable based on previous experience and qualifications.
- Upon completing each contract year with satisfactory performance, the incumbent is eligible for an increase in the base salary at time of contract renewal.
- The anticipated contract will be for a base period, with up to four (4) option periods, the contract is unilaterally renewed (annually) at the discretion of Peace Corps based on satisfactory performance, continued need for the position, and availability of funds.
- This contract is contingent on reference checks, background check, medical examination, or other medical information, etc.
- This is a full-time position, requiring a minimum working schedule of 40 hours per week.
- The duty station is located at Peace Corps Office (7069 George Price Boulevard, Belmopan City, Cayo District, Belize).

Application Package must be submitted to: BZ-Vacancies@peacecorps.gov

Interested applicants for this position must submit the following or the application will not be considered:

1. Current resume.
2. A reference from current or previous employer.
3. Valid, active license appropriate to the scope of practice, or a statement issued from the appropriate regulatory authority.
4. Diploma or degree from a professional school, or a statement of qualifications from previous employer(s) describing on the job training and skills.
5. All documents must be in English.
6. Completed MA privilege form.
7. Completed skills checklist.

Application Deadline is December 9, 2022.

Applications received after this date will not be considered.

Additional Information:

- For a complete statement of work, please send a request to: BZ-Vacancies@peacecorps.gov
- Overseas Contracting Officers may give preference to personal services contract (PSC) candidates residing in Belize or who are citizens of Belize.
- Applicant must indicate whether they have served Peace Corps as a Trainee or Volunteer (including Response), or a Staff member (USDH, PSC, or FSN), and if so, to identify the position location, position type, title, and starting and ending date.
- Peace Corps reserves the right not to evaluate or to withhold an offer of a personal services contract (PSC) to an individual that has a history of poor past performance or conduct as a Peace Corps Trainee, Volunteer, or staff member.
- Peace Corps reserves the right to withhold an offer of a personal services contract to an individual that is a relative or household member of a current Peace Corps staff member.
- One or more positions may be filled from this announcement.
- Only those invited to an interview will be contacted.
- Individuals who have current or prior connections with intelligence activities or agencies through employment, related work, or even family relations may be ineligible for a personal services contract.
- Individual will be required to follow any workplace health and/or safety rules indicated for their position – including complying with any medical and/or training requirements specified for their position in accordance with public health and/or occupational health or safety policies.

For additional general information regarding the Peace Corps, please visit our website at: www.peacecorps.gov

The Peace Corps does not discriminate in employment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex (including gender identity, sexual orientation, & pregnancy), national origin, age (40 or older, except when the applicant is beyond the mandatory retirement age in the country of assignment), disability, or genetic information.

The Peace Corps is an Equal Opportunity Employer

Agriculture Ministry and FAO launch feeding program...

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weakness, and again we asked FAO to help us to strengthen that," he said.

The improvement to those digital systems will include the introduction of a marketing intelligence program which will allow users to have regularly updated information on what is currently on the agriculture market for sale.

Another collaborative project by the Ministry of Agriculture and FAO is their feeding program initiative. Through the initiative, which is also being carried out in collaboration with the Government of Mexico and CARICOM, some 488 primary school students have been receiving free, healthy meals daily.

The Resilient School Feeding Project is a part of a larger initiative known as the "Cooperation for Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience in the Caribbean" Initiative, or the Resilient Caribbean Initiative, for short.

Over the past year, six schools in Belize have had their kitchens upgraded and equipped with new appliances. Numerous school cooks have also been trained in food safety and the preparation of healthy meals. Those schools are Biscayne Government School, Chan Chen Government School, Guinea Grass RC, Lucky Strike Government School, Santa Martha Government School, and San Joaquin RC.

"Proper nutrition is important for a child's growth and essential to learning at school. The school feeding program offers our children a proper diet, which

promotes their physical and intellectual development. The program also assists parents and the community by ensuring that the children have a healthy development," said the principal of Santa Martha Government School, Seleni Grajales.

The Resilient Caribbean Initiative is being funded by the Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation (AMEXCID) and the Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs (SRE). It is being implemented by FAO in 14 CARICOM countries, six of which have focused on school feeding programs. Those six countries are The Bahamas, Belize, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saint Lucia, Trinidad and Tobago, and Suriname.

Daril Avila and Kalen Middleton rep Belize...

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remotely and on a shortened work week," he said.

Avila proposed that their mock government fix infrastructural issues first before passing such a bill, since doing the opposite would be "like putting the proverbial cart before the horse."

The Commonwealth Youth Parliament (CYP) brings together youths aged 18-29 from all over the Commonwealth, including Africa, the Caribbean, and South-East Asia, for a demonstration of their potential as future parliamentarians.

Actual members of parliament from three countries—the British Virgin Islands, St. Lucia, and Trinidad & Tobago—acted as mentors for the youth parliamentarians. The annual event is organized by the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA), and this year's theme is "Youth Involvement in Parliamentary Democracy".

Lord's Bank man points lost Police Department gun at cop

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perform special duty at MJ's Night Club with his 9-millimeter pistol that contained 1 magazine with 14 rounds of 9-millimeter live rounds, which was assigned to him. Upon coming off duty at 4:00 in the morning the following day, PC Locario reportedly took a ride on a motorcycle with a co-worker to the Prosecution Branch Office.

All that Locario claims to recall doing while he was at that office is sitting on a chair, and at some point, he said, he fell asleep. According to Locario, he was awakened by a police officer who asked him if he was going to catch his bus, and he told him that he would catch the 5 o'clock bus. He said that his superior then requested the firearm, and it was seemingly at that point that Locario realized that he did not have the gun. He said that he was not sure whether he arrived at the Prosecution Branch Office with the firearm or not.

On Friday, November 18, PC Locario appeared in front of a disciplinary tribunal to answer to a single charge of "Lost By Neglect" and was fined \$200 and sub-charged \$3,195 to cover the cost of the gun and an additional \$17.00 to cover the value of (14) rounds of ammunition.

John Saldivar pleads his case

Infantino scolds the Europeans

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compound our problems. Tarnation, the Europeans told us, "spare the rod", and we did, and spoiled the child.

Many NGOs do great work, especially those ones involved with protecting the environment. Those ones that are involved with behavioral change have to know that we need to stand our ground against some of these European tunes, because they bring more harm than good.

There are people who passionately believe that spanking the child makes violent adults, and that incarcerating a human being is humane, while corporal punishment isn't. An important lesson is given in the story about the emperor's new clothes. Ah, if I remember correctly, it was tailors from strange places that concocted that entire scheme. It would be best if these Europeans heeded Mr. Infantino's advice, best if they engaged instead of dictating to us. I say, some of their solutions are very destructive.



GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE
MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING

PHILIP GOLDSON HIGHWAY AND REMATE BYPASS UPGRADING PROJECT

**CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISION OF MINOR WORKS TO
CREATE SAFE SCHOOL ZONES ALONG PHILIP GOLDSON HIGHWAY AND REMATE BYPASS**

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

The Government of Belize (GOBZ) has received financing from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) and the United Kingdom Caribbean Infrastructure Partnership Fund (UKCIF) towards the cost of the **Philip Goldson Highway and Remate Bypass Upgrading 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 Agreements. The Financing Agreements prohibit withdrawals from the Financing Accounts 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 Agreements or have any claim to the proceeds of the Financing.

The Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing (MIDH) through its Project Execution Unit (PEU), the Executing Agency, now wishes to procure consultancy services to conduct a Safe School Zone assessment which will identify and recommend up to five (5) schools most vulnerable to the risks of Road Traffic Incidents, for minor infrastructural works to improve road safety.

The objective of the consultancy is to identify, design, develop cost estimates and bidding documents, and provide construction supervision of appropriate, proven effective infrastructure improvements such as speed bumps, zebra crossings, sidewalks, bollards and signage for select schools along the PGH Miles 24.5 to 92 and the Remate Bypass.

Consultants should have the appropriate professional and academic qualifications and a minimum of 10 years' relevant experience in the areas of civil engineering design and construction supervision. Relevant post-graduate qualifications will be considered an asset.

The assignment is expected to be implemented over a period of **10 months**.

The MIDH now invites interested eligible individual consultants to submit Expressions of Interest indicating qualifications and experience required to provide these consultancy services.

Consultants shall be eligible to participate if:

- (a) the persons are citizens or *bona fide* residents of an eligible country; and
- (b) in all cases, the consultant has no arrangement and undertakes not to make any arrangements, whereby any substantial part of the net profits or other tangible benefits of the contract will accrue or be paid to a person not a citizen or *bona fide* resident of an eligible country.

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

In the assessment of submissions, consideration will be given to qualifications and experience on similar assignments.

Only electronic submissions are required and must be received at the first address below no later than **10:00 am on Monday 19th December 2022**. An electronic copy must also be sent simultaneously to CDB at the second email addresses below. Each submission should include the name and address of the applicant and the subject should include **"Expression of Interest - Consultancy Services for Design and Construction Supervision of Safe School Zones – Philip Goldson Highway and Remate Bypass Upgrading Project."** All information must be submitted in English.

Following the assessment of submissions, the most technically capable and appropriately experienced applicant will be invited to negotiate a contract to provide the consultancy services. GOBZ reserves the right to accept or reject late applications or to cancel the present invitation partially or in its entirety. It will not be bound to assign any reason for not engaging the services of any applicant and will not defray any costs incurred by any applicant in the preparation and submission of Expressions of Interest.

Further information may be obtained from the first address below between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm local time Monday to Friday.

1. Attention: Mr. Evondale Moody
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2. Procurement Officer
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GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE

BELIZE SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND III PROJECT BASIC NEEDS TRUST FUND TENTH PROJECT

CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR TECHNICAL UNIT COORDINATOR FOR BSIF

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI)

The Government of Belize (GOBZ) has received financing from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) towards implementing the Belize Social Investment Fund Loan III and the Basic Needs Trust Fund Tenth 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 Belize Social Investment Fund (BSIF) the Executing Agency, now wishes to procure consultancy services for **Technical Unit Coordinator**.

The objective of the consultancy is the responsibility for the efficient operations of the Technical Unit. The Consultant will coordinate the work of the Technical Unit to ensure that all projects presented to the BSIF Board of Directors (BOD) are properly appraised, and that they conform to the policies established by the Fund. The duration of the assignment is expected to be a period of two (2) years, extendable by mutual agreement in accordance with prevailing Belize legislation as well as results of a performance appraisal.

BSIF now invites interested eligible individual consultants to submit Expressions of Interest indicating their qualification and experience to provide these consultancy services.

Consultants shall be eligible to participate if:

- (a) the persons are citizens or *bona fide* residents of an eligible country; and
- (b) in all cases, the consultant has no arrangement and undertakes not to make any arrangements, whereby any substantial part of the net profits or other tangible benefits of the contract will accrue or be paid to a person not a citizen or *bona fide* resident of an eligible country.

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

In the assessment of submissions, consideration will be given to qualifications, experience and interview questions.

All information must be submitted in English. Further information, including the Terms of Reference may be obtained from the first address below between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (Belize Time) hours Monday to Friday.

The Expressions of Interest must be received electronically at the first address (BSIF) and second (CDB) below no later than **Tuesday, December 27, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. (Belize Time)**. The subject line of the email containing each submission shall be clearly marked "**Expression of Interest – Consultancy Services for Technical Unit Coordinator for BSIF**".

Following the assessment of submissions, the most technically capable and appropriately experienced applicant will be invited to negotiate a contract to provide the consultancy services. GOBZ reserves the right to accept or reject late applications or to cancel the present invitation partially or in its entirety. It will not be bound to assign any reason for not engaging the services of any applicant and will not defray any costs incurred by any applicant in the preparation and submission of Expressions of Interest.

Addresses:

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cc: omar.bispat@caribank.org</p> |
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VACANCY NOTICE

Position: Regional Accounting Analyst, Latin America, and the Caribbean
Reports to: Regional Controller, Latin America, and the Caribbean
Location: Belize, Central America
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 assessments 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's Degree in Accounting, Finance, or a 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 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)
- The position is permanent, the selected candidate will be required to work at an Orange Walk location on a daily basis

Please send cover letter and resume or CV to recruiting@executivealliance.bz, with the subject **LACP Regional Accounting Analyst**.

Closing Date: 12th December 2022



MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT & HOUSING

GEORGE PRICE HIGHWAY UPGRADING PROJECT

SECTION VI

(SAN IGNACIO TO SUCCOTZ VILLAGE)

CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR THE PEER REVIEW OF DESIGN DOCUMENTS

REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL PROPOSALS

The Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing (MIDH) through its Project Execution Unit (PEU), the Executing Agency, wishes to procure consultancy services for the Peer Review of Design Documents for the George Price Highway Upgrading Project - Section VI (San Ignacio to Succotz Village).

The objective of the consultancy is to:

- Examine the Feasibility Study and Detailed Design
- Review & Update Topographic Survey and Designer's Survey Data
- Establish Road Reserve and Design Survey Information
- Review of Site Investigation & Materials information
- Review of Environmental and Social Impact Assessment Report
- Review & Update Structural and Drainage Design
- Review Geometric (Horizontal & Vertical alignment) and Pavement Design
- Review Detailed Design and Make Adjustments
- Review Cost Estimates and Make Adjustments
- Produce Design Review Report and Required Design Modifications

MIDH now invites interested eligible consulting firms to submit Technical and Financial Proposals for the peer design review as per the Terms of Reference.

In the assessment of submissions, consideration will be given to qualifications and experience on similar assignments. The consulting team should consist of persons having the appropriate professional and academic qualifications and a minimum of 10 years relevant experience in the areas of highway/transportation engineering, structural/bridge engineering, soils and materials engineering, environmental specialization, social specialization, and construction supervision. Post Graduate qualifications in the required fields as well as specific experience locally and in the Caribbean will be an asset. The Key Experts required are as follows:

1. Position K-1: Team Leader / Highway Engineer
2. Position K-2: Geotechnical Engineer

It is the consultant's responsibility to ensure that their team has an appropriate mix of key and non-key experts to satisfy the requirements of the TOR.

All information must be submitted in English. Further information may be obtained from the address below between **8:00 am and 5:00 pm local time Monday to Friday.**

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The Government of Belize reserves the right to accept or reject late applications or to cancel the present invitation partially or in its entirety. It will not be bound to assign any reason for not engaging the services of any applicant and will not defray any costs incurred by any applicant in the preparation and submission of Proposals.

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Apartheid products in Belize

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South African products are still being sold in Belize. The firm of James Brodie & Co. is selling fishing lures "made in the Republic of South Africa".

The lures were previously withdrawn for sale following a local newspaper report three weeks ago. One of our reporters made a check on Wednesday at both Hofius and Brodies and found that Brodies has started selling the lures again.

The Manager of Brodies, when contacted by a reporter, explained that the lures would be withdrawn if Government were to make such a request and also refund the Customs duties collected.

NOTE: Our editorial board thought the Prime Minister's address at Memorial Park yesterday morning, on the 189th anniversary of the Battle of St. George's Caye, was an excellently drafted speech, and worthy of commendation.

We look forward to the Independence Day speeches, both by government and the opposition, for more of the same serious attention to the sounds of unity.

We should also point out that our source for the story on the Dangriga march re Sounds Incorporated is an official of the ruling party, and it is to be presumed that the band will have its own explanation of what happened.

The Manager of Hofius, however, said his company has no intention of putting the lures back on sale and considered it "disgusting" that South African products had mysteriously turned up for sale in Belize, when a fishing supplies store in Florida included them in a shipment.

This is the second known instance of South African products penetrating Belize.

Earlier this year SHAKA ZULU, a television series made in South Africa, was shown on a local television station.

Belize supports both United Nations and Commonwealth (Please turn to page 12)

L.A. Belizean businessmen visit



(Left to right) Claud Nelson, Eric Palacio, and Roland Yorke. See story on page 3.

We older Belizean sporting fans are mourning heavily because two of our very, very greatest -- Pat Bennett (softball) and Arthur "Goatman" Leslie (football) passed within a day of each other just before the Garifuna holiday.

These two were special in the extreme, because Pat was the finest (and educated) lady you can imagine, while Goatman was a total gentleman. I never heard him curse or display any ungentlemanly behavior.

My column today is not about the aforementioned losses, however, but about a headline story I wrote 35 years ago, entitled "... and Rhaburn ruled the city." Dr. Lord Gerald is finally receiving some of the official accolades he richly deserves. We have been calling for such accolades for decades in this newspaper.

I've heard Dr. Lord refer to this story more than once over the years, and my sense is that he enjoyed said story. All these 35 years, I've saved a copy of the original newspaper in which the story was published. The newsprint has turned brown it is so old. As soon as I link the Lord, I will make a gift to him of this original.

For the rest of you, I will reproduce the story as it was written in 1987. I will not include a two-paragraph editorial I wrote at the end of the story. This was 1987, and the mighty PUP had lost power for the first time just three years before, general elections were due in 1989, and the politics was warm in Belize. Here goes:

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Los fanáticos deportivos beliceños mayores estamos de luto porque dos de nuestros mejores, Pat Bennett (sóftbol) y Arthur "Goatman" Leslie (fútbol) fallecieron con un día de diferencia justo antes del feriado garifuna.

Estos dos eran extremadamente especiales, porque Pat era la dama más fina (y educada) que pueden imaginar, mientras que Goatman era un completo caballero. Nunca lo escuché maldecir o mostrar un comportamiento poco caballeroso.

Sin embargo, mi columna de hoy no trata sobre las pérdidas antes



LIU presents donations to Southside community programs

Leadership Intervention Unit (LIU) donated a number of items to three community initiatives in the St. Martin De Porres area of Lake Independence in Belize City to assist them in their respective afterschool programs.

The three persons who received the donations—Olga May Gordon, of the neighborhood watch, Eyes of the Jaguar; Perry “Sticks” Smith of Days of Healing; and Gordon “Timmy” Stamp of Jah Love Evening Program—have been conducting their respective after-school programs for years.

The donation is a part of LIU’s

multi-sectorial approach to preventing and combating crime in the city.

“If you listen to Miss Olga May or Timmy, [they’ll] tell you that they have not received any type of assistance from any government before, so this is a huge step in the right direction. Obviously, there are a lot more resources that we need to get within these communities for positive programs like these and positive initiatives, so this is just one small step, and we hope to make many others in the coming days ahead,” said Hon. Musa.

Gordon told local reporters that she has been operating her after-school program for 7 years and began the program with 40 children using her own funds to purchase items for the kids.

“It is hard to bring 40 children right here and to facilitate them to give them snacks. And everything I used to do I

did from my pocket... Sometimes for the week, I spend about \$450 because I give them snacks. They used to come three times per week, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and we used to give them something nutritious, and if something come up that we have to do a party, then I do a party for them,” she said.

“... down the line, I’ve been asking when can we meet the Minister? And we couldn’t meet the Minister, but then Mr. Dawson said ‘you will soon meet him’. Finally, they asked us to write out what we needed, and I wrote it, but I wrote it with a down spirit, because I thought it wouldn’t come true, and thank God, it came through today,” Gordon added.

Smith noted that the donations will be used to feed his kids who participate in his programs after school.

“These resources here will help us tremendously, because we can’t have youths come and say ‘you’ll be with me for two hours,’ and a child is hungry, and I’m wondering, how will I store the food? Where’s the refrigerator? Where’s the stove that will cook food? Because we don’t know if these kids have eaten during the course of the day. They might go to school from 8:00 in the morning, eat during lunch, and by the time you meet me by 3:30 or 4:00 they are hungry again,” said Smith.

Stamp, who has been running his afterschool program for more than 30 years, has seen a generation of children entering the program at his residence on Dean Street and expressed similar gratitude for the donation.

“This assistance comes in very handy. We appreciate it, we don’t worry about the past, we worry about the future. Right now we have a team that’s working [and] our goal is to see how we can put up some more evening [programs] and get these kids to work moving. We need to save the leaders of tomorrow; if they’ll be the leader of tomorrow, then we need to try to save them now,” said Stamp.

The donation to each program is valued at \$5,000.

(l-r) Olga May Gordon, neighborhood watch president, Eyes of the Jaguar; and Hon. Kareem Musa, Minister of Home Affairs

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Nov. 24, 2022
On Wednesday, November 23, Hon. Kareem Musa, Minister of Home Affairs; and William Dawson of the



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CAREER OPPORTUNITY

STRATEGY and ENTERPRISE RISK ANALYST

The Central Bank invites qualified individuals to join its Office of Strategy Management.

The Strategy and Enterprise Risk Analyst will assist the Manager, Office of Strategy Management (OSM), in coordinating strategy management and enterprise risk management (ERM) activities. The Strategy and Enterprise Risk Analyst will support the annual strategy re-fresh exercise, monitor, assess, and report on the execution of Central Bank’s approved strategic programme, and support the planning, organizing, and executing of the ERM framework.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities

1. **To support the Manager, OSM, in the annual review of Central Bank’s strategy**
 - Collects and analyses the historical performance-against-targets data
 - Documents the proceeding and outcomes of the strategy review exercise
 - Assists in designing and implementing the required measurement and reporting systems
2. **To monitor and assess the timely execution of Central Bank’s strategy and strategic programmes**
 - Reviews action/project plans for Central Bank’s strategic programmes
 - Liaises with management to determine causes and corrective actions for operational and programme performance variances
 - Reports on progress of strategic programme execution and overall strategy execution
3. **To assist the Manager, OSM, in managing ERM activities**
 - Assists in maintaining and operating Central Bank’s ERM framework in accordance with leading practices
 - Prepares materials to communicate ERM requirements to all divisions and departments
 - Assists in prioritizing and integrating functional plans into overall ERM plan for the Central Bank
 - Assesses and reports on the adequacy of ERM Plans, including Business Continuity Plans and Disaster Preparedness Plans
 - Periodically assesses and reports on enterprise-wide compliance with ERM framework, including Business Continuity Plans and Disaster Preparedness Plans

The applicants should possess the following:

Education and Experience

- A Master’s Degree in Business Administration, Management, or a related field from a recognized university with three (3) years relevant experience, or
- A minimum of a bachelor’s degree in Business Administration, Management, or a related field from a recognized university with at least six (6) years’ relevant experience.

Technical Knowledge

- Knowledge of the Central Bank of Belize Act and other banking legislation; Knowledge of strategy management and the balance scorecard; Ability to engage with stakeholders to gather various types of performance measures and targets; Knowledge of ISO 31000:2018 and ability to define and apply risk prioritization and develop, implement, and maintain benchmark standards or scoring; Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite.

Competencies

- Strong Communication Skills; Results Orientation; Initiative; Thoroughness; Analytical and Critical Thinking; Managing Change; Performance Management; Building Collaborative Relationships; Strategic Thinking; Personal Credibility/Integrity.

Submit the following documents by **Wednesday, 7 December 2022**:

- CBB Employment Application Form (available online)
- Curriculum Vitae
- Three (3) current references (one must be from a previous employer)
- Certified copies of university 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: Strategy & Risk Enterprise Analyst – Office of Strategy Management

Email: hr@centralbank.org.bz or online at www.centralbank.org.bz
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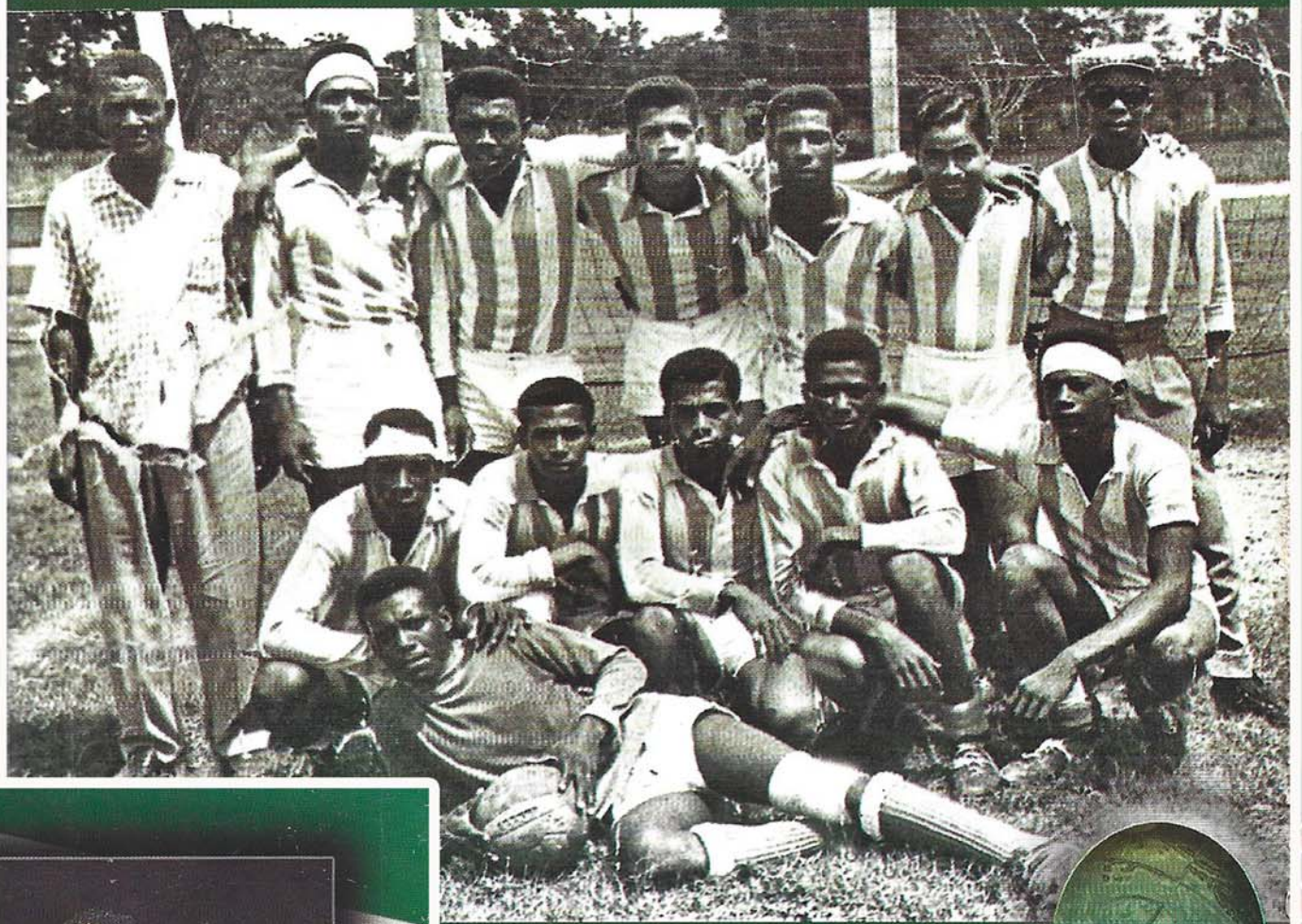
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Evan X Hyde

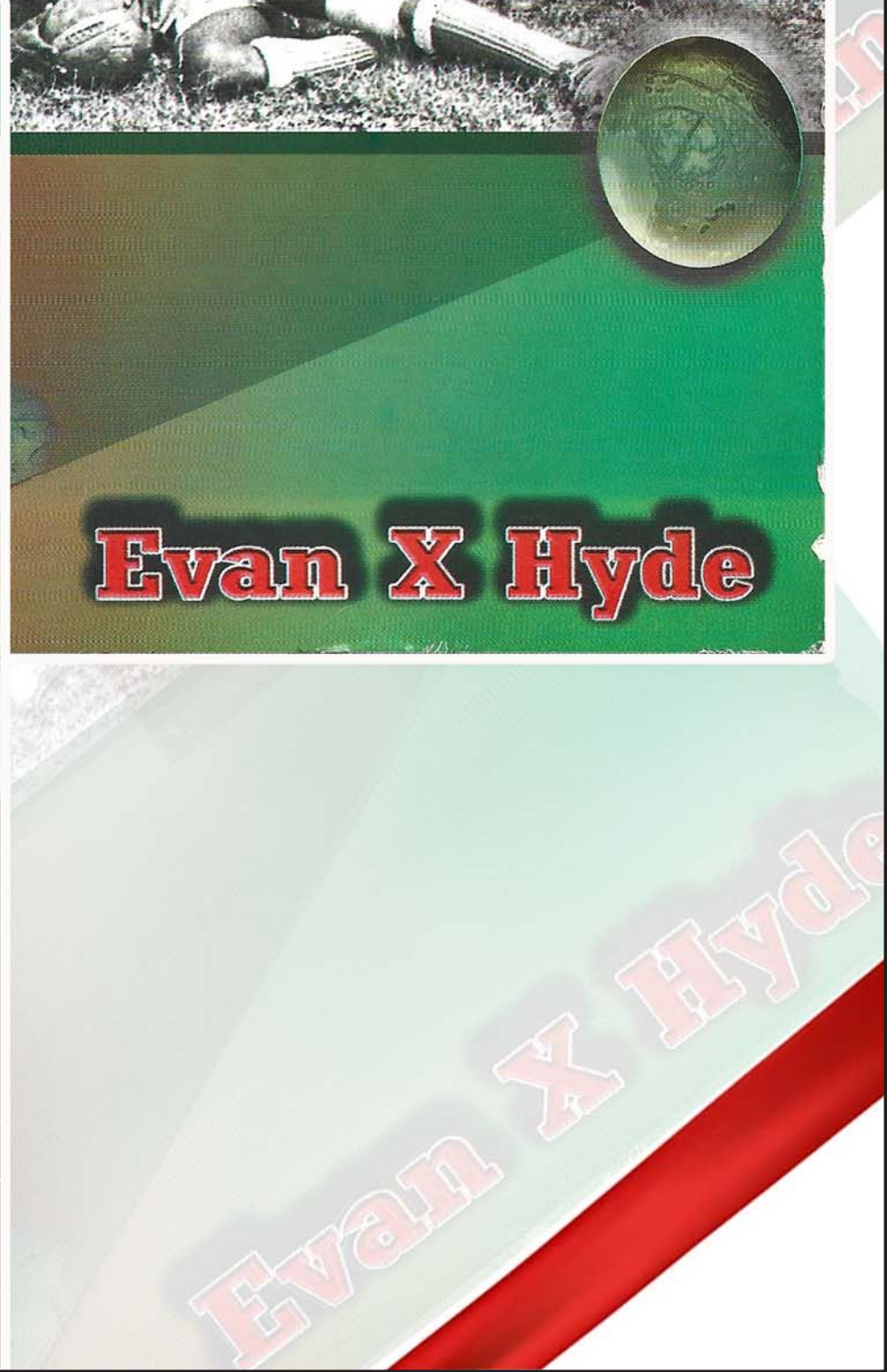
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FOR SALE BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE

The Development Finance Corporation of Bliss Parade, City of Belmopan, Cayo District hereby gives notice of its intention to exercise its power of sale as mortgagee under Deed of Mortgages or Charges between those hereinafter named and the said Corporation which mortgages or charges are recorded at the Land Titles Unit or the Lands Registry, respectively and that the said Development Finance Corporation will, at the expiration of two (2) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, sell the properties described in the Schedule hereto.

All offers to purchase the said properties must be made in writing to the said Corporation at its Headquarters Office or District Offices.

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Parcel No. 1738, Block No. 12, Caye Caulker Registration Section containing 837.76 S.M. held under a Land Certificate being the freehold interest of ORLANDO MATEO AUGUST surety for ALBERTO LUIS AUGUST & VALERIE RUSHELL AUGUST.

DATED THIS 17th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2022.



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The Government of Belize (GOB) through the Ministry of Finance, Economic Development, and Investment intends to contract a team to form a Central Execution Unit (CEU) to *Manage the design, execution, and monitoring of IDB financed projects in accordance with Government-defined policies and strategic planning.*

The CEU's mission is to aid, when needed, and ensure their alignment with the sector policies established by the Government through the Ministry of Finance, Economic Development and Investment (MFEDI). It also seeks to lend efficacy to the portfolio of IDB financed projects by generating synergies and interactions and facilitating a rapid execution, as well as securing adherence and congruence with national public policies.

The CEU will be led by an Executive Director who will providing leadership, coordination and guidance on all matters pertaining to the preparation, design, planning and smooth administration and successful implementation of assigned Programs/Projects through the efficient management of the *Central Executing Unit (CEU)* in accordance with the Program Operations Manual (POM) of the CEU and the procedures and obligations specified in *therelevant loans contracts and technical cooperation and/or other relevant administrative Agreements.*

The other team members will include the following members

Vacant Posts
1. Project Manager – Digital Innovation to Boost Economic Development in Belize
2. Project Manager – Sustainable and Inclusive Belize
3. Project Manager - Promoting Sustainable Growth in the Blue Economy Program
4. Project Manager - Trade and Investment Facilitation Program

Remuneration: Competitive salary and benefits are offered, commensurate with academic level, work experience and other relevant strengths of the winning candidate. Kindly follow the below link for further details.

<https://med.gov.bz/>

Interested candidates are requested to submit ONE PDF File that shall include: **a)** Letter of Interest indicating the post being applied for; **b)** the curriculum vitae, **c)** copies of university degrees, and **d)** the names of 3 references.

Deadline for application is **Wednesday 14th December 2022 at 4:00pm**. Application can be sent via email to: fayne.nicasio@med.gov.bz or hand delivered to the address indicated below:

Chief Executive Officer
Ministry of Economic Development
Sir Edney Cain Building
Ground Floor, Right Wing
Belmopan City, Belize C.A.

Any request for clarification should be sent via email no later than **Wednesday 7th December 2022 by 4:00pm**. Responses will be provided within three days.

Caribbean International Brewery seeks...

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being operationally squeezed as a consequence of not having all this money that they would use as working capital can be dealt with by a proper award in damages if you win down the road, which I don't quarrel with that."

As a result, the case continued today in Orange Walk.

Today, during that continuation of the case in the Magistrate Court, Barrow entered an application to the court to have Magistrate Rogers recuse herself from that first proceeding since she is the main defendant in the judicial review application, and is represented by Smith, who, as mentioned, was retained over the weekend to represent the respondents to the challenge brought by Barrow. Smith is also the attorney for the FIU in the case currently being heard by the sitting magistrate.

Barrow argued that this creates an appearance of bias. In an interview with local media yesterday he explained, "The application for judicial review, or for permission to bring a judicial review, is to challenge the magistrate, her jurisdiction, the orders made on the basis that those orders are a nullity, unlawful, [and] without the proper authority under the statute within the context of which she purports to operate. So, she is the respondent—or the first respondent—to our application. She is a party. The judicial review is basically against her. The Attorney General is the second respondent.... But secondly, because the agents of the state that seized the money, the police, are functionaries of the Attorney General—as is the magistrate, not a function of the Attorney General, per se. But she is a state agent. She is a judicial officer operating for and in the service of the Government of Belize. And so, the Attorney General, representing the Government of Belize, is the entity that when we make this challenge against the magistrate, it is the Attorney General who has the responsibility of providing representation for the magistrate."

"That is what was in issue on Tuesday. When we got there on Monday, and Mr. Smith asked for time, he indicated, as I recollect, that he had just been retained over the weekend by the Attorney General. He had been retained by the Attorney General but to - as it were - represent all the agents of the state. That had to have included the magistrate. Otherwise, nobody represented the Magistrate yesterday and on Monday? [That] makes no sense.... He represented the magistrate and defended the magistrate against the application that we brought, an application that arose out of this case that's before the magistrate; in my submission, the magistrate can't get the benefit of representation by Mr. Smith yesterday, and then come back sit today, and allow herself to hear Mr. Smith in his representation of one of the parties before her when Mr. Smith has just represented her."

For his part, the attorney representing

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



Altitude versus Verdes in PLB Finals



Photo by William Ysaguirre

Andres Orozco of Altitude FC

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Nov. 23, 2022

They say “to be the champ, you have to beat the champ,” and that is exactly what Altitude FC, the top regular-season finisher in the Premier League of Belize (PLB) 2022-2023 Opening Season, are hoping to do when they square off against defending back-to-back PLB champions, Verdes FC, beginning this weekend with Leg 1 of their best-of-two games championship series.

After a 2-1 victory in game one of their semifinal series against a feisty young Progresso FC squad at the People’s Stadium, Altitude FC gained a hard fought 1-0 win over Progresso this past Saturday night, November 19, at the M.A. Stadium in Independence, courtesy of a 58th minute goal by Miguel Garcia off an assist by league leading scorer Andres Orozco, who is much more than a goal scorer for his team. With their spot secured in the finals, Altitude would then wait for the other series winner to be decided on Sunday afternoon. In that second leg semifinal and also in the finals, Altitude will be without the services of their captain/midfielder Delone Torres who had scored the opening goal in their 2-1 first leg semifinal win.

The other semifinal Leg 2 match between Verdes FC and San Pedro Pirates FC was a nail-biter ‘till the final whistle. After a 2-2 draw in Leg 1 at Ambergris Stadium, Verdes seemed to be “home free” in Leg 2 after they had gained a 2-0 lead in first half at the Norman Broaster Stadium on Sunday afternoon through headers from Darrell Myvett (14’) and Desmond Wade (27’). But the score was cut in half by another header, this one from San Pedro’s Horace Avila (42’), making it a 2-1



Photo by William Ysaguirre

Luis Ibarra of Verdes FC

margin going into the intermission. Verdes fans breathed easier when Trimayne “Peppa” Harris (58’) extended the lead to 3-1 off an assist from Desmond Wade; but San Pedro again came roaring back, this time with a header from Mexican Eric Roman (66’), and just like that the game was again insecure with a 3-2 score. It was tension all the rest of the way, as Verdes tried desperately to hold on to or extend their lead, because another score by San Pedro for a 3-3 draw final score would give San Pedro the series victory by the away-goal rule. Playing without the services of captain Evral Trapp whose arm was in a cast (fractured), the Green Machine managed to hold on until the long whistle for the 3-2 win and thus secure their spot in the Finals against Altitude FC.

Game 1 of the best-of-two finals series will be in San Ignacio, home of # 2 seed Verdes FC, and game 2 will be the following week in Independence, the home base of #1 seed Altitude FC.

In the regular season meetings between these two, Verdes prevailed 1-

First annual Beast of Belize Billiards Tournament 2022

by **Kenneth Dawson** – Organizer (Vice-President, BBSF)

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Nov. 23, 2022

Greetings, fans of Billiards! I am pleased to invite all Billiards fans and supporters to the first ever Beast of Belize Billiards Tournament (8-ball and 9-ball) being organized by Kenneth Dawson in conjunction with the Belize Billiard Sport Federation (BBSF), to be held at Mike’s Cue Club in Belmopan on the 3rd and 4th of December 2022, starting at 10:30 a.m.

We have a total of 186 players

competing countrywide at the district level to earn the right to participate in the National Individual Beast of Belize.

Come out and support your favorite player!

I would like to thank Belize’s very own WILD DOG FOOD, Mike’s Cue Club, Ruby’s Jewelry, and Tim Banman for their assistance, no matter how small or big it may be. Without you this would have been a difficult pilot project. With your continued support, hopefully next year this tournament will be bigger, better, and more organized.

Pele congratulates Weah for World Cup goal against Wales



Tim Weah of the United States, celebrates after scoring during the World Cup, group B soccer match between the United States and Wales, at the Ahmad Bin Ali Stadium in Doha, Qatar, Monday, Nov. 21, 2022. (AP Photo/Darko Vojinovic) (ASSOCIATED PRESS)

from The King himself,” Weah wrote. “Thank you for everything you’ve done for the world and us young black men. Grandes Abracos.”

The 22-year-old Weah is the son of George Weah, the current president of Liberia and the 1995 world player of the year. Weah has scored four goals in 26 appearances for the United States.

(AMANDALA Sports Ed.: The young Timothy Weah is following in some large footsteps, indeed. According to

DOHA, Qatar (AP), Tues. Nov. 22, 2022

Brazil great Pele congratulated United States forward Timothy Weah for scoring his debut goal in the World Cup in the Americans’ 1-1 draw with Wales.

Weah got his goal in the 36th minute of Monday’s game to become the first player to score against Wales in a World Cup since Pele, who was 17 years old when he did it in 1958. That was the last time Wales played at the World Cup before this year in Qatar.

Weah posted a photo of him celebrating the goal on Instagram and Pele congratulated him in the comments section.

“Congratulations. It was a beautiful goal. Keep dreaming, dreams come true,” Pele wrote.

Weah responded to “Papa Pele” by thanking him for the “inspiring message.”

“It is such a blessing and an honor to receive such an inspiring message

en.wikipedia.org, his father George Weah “... played as a striker in his prolific 18-year professional football career, which ended in 2003. He is the first African former professional footballer to become a head of state.” Furthermore, it continued, “Widely regarded as one of the greatest African players of all time, in 1995, Weah was named FIFA World Player of the Year and won the Ballon d’Or, becoming the first and only player to win these awards while representing an African country internationally. In 1989, 1994 and 1995, he was also named the African Footballer of the Year, and in 1996, he was named African Player of the Century. Known for his acceleration, speed, and dribbling ability, in addition to his goalscoring and finishing, Weah was described by FIFA as ‘the precursor of the multi-functional strikers of today’. In 2004, he was named by Pelé in the FIFA 100 list of the world’s greatest living players.”)

0 over Altitude in the First Round, and in the Second Round it was a 1-1 affair.

In the regular season, Altitude’s Andres Orozco led all scorers with 11 goals, while Verdes’ Luis Ibarra was third on the list with 7 goals to his credit.

PLB Finals Leg 1 schedule:

Sunday, November 27

3:30 p.m. – Verdes FC vs Altitude FC – Norman Broaster Stadium

Leg 2 will be next Saturday night in Independence.



Mr. Belize Bodybuilding Championship this Saturday at the Ramada, Princess Hotel

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Nov. 23, 2022

The Belize Body Building and Fitness Federation (BBBFF) is pleased to announce that the Mr. Belize Bodybuilding Championship will be on Saturday, November 26, at the Ramada, Belize City Princess Hotel in the Queens Room commencing at 8:00 p.m.

The public can look forward to an exciting event as we feature Diana Valeria Valadez Garcia who is a Multi-National Champion in Mexico and the Sub Champion of the Central and Caribbean in the category of Children Fitness; the participation of local and international judges; and the showcase of our stars - the local athletes, competing in the categories of Novist, Open Men's Physique, Bikini Fitness & Open Bodybuilding.

This event is only possible through the support of our Platinum & Main Sponsors: Blackbird Caye Resort and Fort Point Security.

We also would like to acknowledge the support and contributions of Neal & Gordon's Gym, ILS Phoenix

Foundation, National Sports Council, Belize Olympic and Commonwealth Games Association, the local and international judges, statisticians, the BBBFF Board members and all the volunteers that will be working in the production of this show.

We invite everyone to come out to support our local athletes at Mr. Belize 2022 Body Building Championship and have an enjoyable evening.

-press release -

Brazil seeks respect if players dance after World Cup goals

DOHA, Qatar (AP), Wed. Nov. 23, 2022

Brazil coach Tite pleaded for "respect" if his players celebrate goals at the World Cup by dancing.

Forward Raphinha revealed earlier this week that the team has prepared dances "up to the 10th goal" ahead of Brazil's debut against Serbia on Thursday.

Fellow forward Vinícius Júnior was criticized in Spain for dancing after his goals with Real Madrid this season.

"It's not making fun of anyone—no way whatsoever," Tite said Wednesday. "This is one of our characteristics and we have to do it naturally wherever we



Brazil's head coach Tite speaks during a press conference on the eve of the group G of World Cup soccer match between Brazil and Serbia, in Doha, Qatar, Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2022. (AP Photo/Andre Penner) ASSOCIATED PRESS

may be. Just like we respect all other cultures, like we respect the Arab culture, the culture of other countries, please respect ours."

Brazil is expecting a lot of goals to

OWFA 1st Division Amateur Week 3 results

by Ben Ramos, Jr. – Administrator, O.W. Regional Office

ORANGE WALK TOWN, Wed. Nov. 23, 2022

Here are the results from Week 3 games played in the Orange Walk Football Association's (OWFA) 1st Division Amateur Tournament 2022 this past weekend, November 19 and 20, at the Louisiana Football Field.

Saturday, November 19 results

In the first game at 7:00 p.m., San Jose defeated Guinea Grass, 3-2, with 2 goals from Erick Osorio (41' & 49') and the other from Esmer Patt (80'). Guinea Grass goals were by Oswaldo Chan (14') and Zair Chan (85').

Game 2 at 9:00 p.m. saw San Antonio with the 2-1 win over San Felipe. Scoring for San Antonio were Walter Robles (25') and Liam Reyes (63'), while San Felipe's goal was by Allison Torres (43').

Sunday, November 20 results

The first game kicked off at 9:00 a.m., and saw San Jose Pumas crushing Trinidad, 9-3, with goals coming from Israel Dias (13', 23' & 59'), Orlando Uk (37'), Hugo Catzim (39'), Michael Rivas (52', 56', 82' & 88'); while Trinidad got a goal each from Enrique Cecena (44'), Victor Amaya (72') and Milton Pineda. (87').

The scheduled game 2 at 11:00 a.m. was a (3-0) default win for Charlies Cave Tubing over Guinea Grass Lazio.

Game 3 at 1:00 p.m. saw Progresso shutting out San Francisco, 6-0, with goals from Mark Hemsley (17'), Armando Chi (27' & 30'), Nestor Heredia (62' & 80'), and Hector Carlos (83').

At 3:00 p.m., it was Louisiana prevailing, 2-1, over Red Devils with a goal apiece from Raidon Alvarez (87') and Alexis Tosh (90+2'), while Carlos Salazar (72') got the only goal for Red Devils.

And in the final game of the afternoon at 5:00 p.m., Caribbean Rum Boyz won, 4-1, over Palmar. Shaking the net for the Rum Boyz were Jaheim Augustine (25'), Harlan Cassanova (56'), Moses Bol (81') and Alwin Zelaya (57'); while Palmar's goal came in injury time from Carlos Itzab (90+3').

Below are the latest Standings:

OWFA 1st Division Amateur Tournament 2022								
Stangings at Sunday, November 28, 2022								
GROUP A TEAMS	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Diff	Pts
Caribbean Rum Boyz	3	3	0	0	12	4	8	9
San Antonio	3	3	0	0	8	4	4	9
San Jose	3	1	1	1	6	7	-1	4
Palmar	3	1	1	1	3	5	-2	4
Mi Gente	2	0	0	2	2	4	-2	0
Guinea Grass	2	0	0	2	3	6	-3	0
San Felipe	2	0	0	2	2	6	-4	0
GROUP B TEAMS	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Diff	Pts
San Jose Pumas	3	3	0	0	18	4	14	9
Progresso	3	3	0	0	15	2	13	9
Charlies Cave Tubing	3	2	0	1	9	3	6	6
Louisiana	3	1	1	1	6	8	-2	4
Trinidad	3	1	1	1	9	14	-5	4
Red Devils	3	1	0	2	2	6	-4	3
San Francisco	3	0	0	3	2	10	-8	0
Guinea Grass Lazio	3	0	0	3	0	14	-14	0

Next week is Week 4 schedule, all games at Louisiana Football Field.

Saturday, November 26

7:00 p.m. – Trinidad FC vs Guinea Grass Lazio FC

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

Sunday, November 27

9:00 a.m. – Palmar FC vs San Felipe FC

11:00 a.m. – Sinbad FC vs San Jose FC

1:00 p.m. – San Jose Pumas FC vs Red Devils FC

3:00 p.m. – Guinea Grass FC vs Mi Gente FC

5:00 p.m. – San Francisco FC vs Charlies Cave Tubing FC

celebrate with so many capable forwards: Neymar, Rodrygo, Richarlison, Antony, Gabriel Jesus, Gabriel Martinelli and Pedro join Raphinha and Vinícius Júnior in the 26-man squad.

"We must respect the way we are. It

is happiness," Tite said through an interpreter. "There are moments when we can have fun.

"Each one translates it into their own way, and our way is to do it like that – dancing. Respecting our rivals, yes, but we must respect ourselves."



Women's League football results, A – Wk 4 and B – Wk 3

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Nov. 24, 2022

The 2022 Closing Season of the Football Federation of Belize's (FFB) National Amateur Women's League (NAWL) continued over the weekend with the Week 4 game in Group-A and Week 3 games in Group-B of the competition.

On Saturday, November 19, in the Group A Week 4 match at the FFB Stadium, starting at 3:00 p.m., Sagitun Girlz from Mango Creek crushed Verdes Rebels of Cayo, 5-0, with goals from Imara Baptist (11'), Jurshia Zuniga (25', 68' & 84') along with an own goal by Verdes' Jahnell Nunez (49' OG).

Meanwhile, in Week 3 of Group B at the Marion Jones Sports Complex in Belize City, it was Guardian FC shutting out Cayo Dreamers, 4-0, with goals from Gianni Gomez (17' & 21), Shayamma Caliz (35') and Shamay Nasario (88').

On Sunday, with the same 3:00 p.m. kickoff time, another Week 3 Group B game ended with another shutout, this one at the Isidoro Beaton Stadium where Napoles blanked Wagiy SC, 7-0. Sharing the scoring for Napoles were Heidi Lopez (3', 6' & 14'), Oddy Aguilar (16' & 23'), Marleny Rosa (18') and Maria Fuente (20').

Below are the current standings.

NAWL Closing Season 2022-2023								
Standings at Sunday, November 20, 2022								
Group A - Week 4	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Diff	Pts
Sagitun Girlz	3	3	0	0	9	2	7	9
Verdes Rebel	3	1	0	2	4	6	-2	3
Rumberas	2	0	0	2	2	7	-5	0
Group B - Week 3	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Diff	Pts
Napoles FC	3	2	1	0	10	1	9	7
Guardian FC	2	2	0	0	10	1	9	6
Cayo Dreamers	3	1	1	1	4	5	-1	4
Millenium Fusion	2	0	0	2	1	8	-7	0
Wagiy SC	2	0	0	2	0	10	-10	0

Upcoming NAWL schedule for Group A and Group B:

Saturday, November 26

3:00 p.m. – (B – Wk 4) Wagiy SC vs Guardian FC – Carl Ramos Stadium

3:00 p.m. – (B – Wk 4) Millenium Fusion vs Cayo Dreamers – Marion Jones Sports Complex

4:00 p.m. – (A – Wk 5) Sagitun Girlz vs Rumberas – M.A. Stadium in Independence

Richarlison scores the goal of the World Cup in Brazil's impressive win



by Ethan Sears (nypost.com)

We have another entry for goal of the 2022 World Cup.

Richarlison put Brazil up 2-0 on Thursday with a stunning bicycle kick in the 73rd minute against Serbia for his second goal of the game. The ball control and the finish were simply sublime for the Tottenham Hotspur striker. It will be hard to come up with a better goal.

Salem Aldawsari's go-ahead goal for Saudi Arabia against Argentina had been the leading contender for the World Cup's best

goal going into Thursday, but Richarlison likely has it beat.

The Brazilians were knocking on the door for a long time before Richarlison converted his first in the 62nd minute. It didn't take long after that for the second, stunning, goal.

The Seleção's afternoon went according to plan against Serbia, with a dominant performance leading to three points and a successful World Cup opener. Brazil comes into the tournament as one of the favorites, and this performance will do little to deter that.

Semifinals Leg 1 results for National U13 Girls Elite Championship

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Nov. 23, 2022

The home-and-away semifinals of the Football Federation of Belize's (FFB) National U13 Girls Elite Championship 2022 got under way with Leg 1 semifinal games this past weekend on Saturday, November 19 (Garifuna Settlement Day) at two different venues, both starting at 2:00 p.m.

At the M.A. Stadium in Independence, home standing Mid-South gained the 2-0 victory over Belmopan on a first half goal by Genesis Burgess (30) along with an own goal from Belmopan's Camilla Barrera

(57' OG).

Meanwhile, at the Andres Campos Civic Center in Corozal, it was the visitors, Cayo, coming away with a 3-0 win over Corozal with a goal each from Neylani Noralez (4'), Rihanna Valentine (15') and Anneke Meza (29').

The same teams clash in the 2nd Leg of the semifinals this coming Saturday.

Semifinals Leg 2 of National U13 Girls Elite:

Saturday, November 26

2:00 p.m. – Cayo vs Corozal – Norman Broaster Stadium

2:00 p.m. – Belmopan vs Mid-South – Isidoro Beaton Stadium

Football great, Arthur "Goatman" Leslie passes

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Nov. 24, 2022

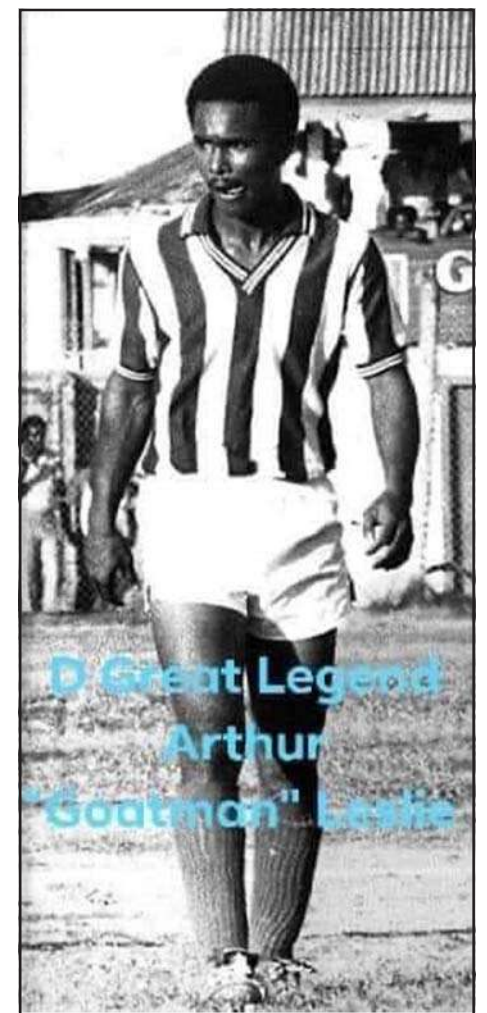
Funeral services for football great Arthur "Goatman" Leslie will reportedly take place on Saturday, November 26, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Sandhill Methodist Church. A wake will be held at the Gongora's Residence (where he resided at 18 1/2 miles Sandhill Village) in Sandhill from 7:00 – 12:00 midnight on Friday.

Born on October 15, 1961, Turo passed on Friday, November 18.

Turo was the premier Belize City football striker in the 1980s, starting his senior division amateur football career with Belprint, then Milpros and Coke Milpros, and spent a couple seasons with Duurly's. He then returned to Milpros for the first sempro football season in 1991, to finish a sterling playing career with many goals and championships, beginning with a primary school championship with St. Martin's Primary, junior championships with New Frontier, and senior championships with teams from the Milpros and Duurly's organizations.

Our sincere condolences from all of Kremandala to his wife, Felicia, children and the rest of his relatives and friends, especially his many fans in the football world.

Rest In Peace, great striker and beloved teammate, Arthur "Goatman" Leslie!



Arthur "Goatman" Leslie, circa 1984, from Evan X Hyde's Sports, Sin And Subversion

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The Brazilians dominated possession, shots on goal and eventually beat the Serbians going away. They'll go to the top of Group G alongside Switzerland, which

beat Cameroon 1-0 in the early game on Thursday.

With a 2-0 win, though, Brazil lead on goal differential.

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mencionadas, sino sobre un titular que escribí hace 35 años, titulado "...y Rhaburn gobernó la ciudad". El Dr. Lord Gerald finalmente está recibiendo algunos de los elogios oficiales que tanto se merece. Hemos estado pidiendo tales elogios durante décadas en este periódico.

He escuchado al Dr. Lord referirse a esta historia más de una vez a lo largo de los años, y tengo la sensación de que disfruté de dicha historia. Todos estos 35 años, he guardado una copia del periódico original en el que se publicó la historia. El papel de periódico se ha vuelto café porque es tan viejo. Tan pronto como me ponga en contacto con el Lord, le haré un regalo de este original.

Para el resto de ustedes, reproduciré la historia tal como fue escrita en 1987. No incluiré un editorial de dos párrafos que escribí al final de la historia. Esto

fue en 1987, y el poderoso PUP había perdido el poder por primera vez solo tres años antes, las elecciones generales estaban previstas para 1989 y la política era cálida en Belize. Aquí va:

... y Rhaburn gobernó la ciudad

CIUDAD DE BELIZE, vie. 11 de septiembre (1987)

El enfrentamiento musical que muchos esperaban no se concretó ayer por la mañana en la ciudad. Sounds Incorporated, los exponentes del punta rock, permanecieron en su Dangriga natal, y Lord Rhaburn y su nueva canción, "Puntarama", gobernaron el desfile de la ciudad desde el Parque Memorial hasta el prado comunal Yarborough.

Calypso Rose cantó con The New Messengers, pero el Lord rechazó su desafío y defendió la corona que ha tenido desde tiempos inmemoriales. Así

que The New Messengers, quienes se considera que le habían ganado ventaja a Rhaburn en las discotecas y lugares públicos, le cedieron en las calles.

La investigación de esta mañana indica que la música ahora pueda que sea política. El gerente de Sounds Incorporated, Mike Zabaneh, es miembro del ejecutivo PUP en Dangriga. El comité a cargo de las celebraciones del Día de Cayo San Jorge en Dangriga, había contratado a Sounds Incorporated, la banda más popular del país, para tocar en su desfile a las 9:30 de la mañana de ayer.

Sounds Incorporated apareció tres horas tarde, cuando el desfile casi había terminado, luego se dio la vuelta y se fue a tocar a la discoteca Riverside de Zabaneh.

Mike Zabaneh es hermano de John Zabaneh, quien fue secuestrado por agentes antidrogas estadounidenses durante un viaje de negocios a

Guatemala en 1985. El gobierno UDP no hizo nada para ayudarlo o para quejarse, por lo que no se puede esperar que Mike Zabaneh esté enamorado con el UDP.

En cualquier caso, el presidente del PUP, Said Musa, confirmó en una entrevista telefónica esta mañana que Sounds Incorporated será la atracción principal en las celebraciones del Día de la Independencia del Partido en el recinto del PUP en la Calle Queen.

El gobierno no le dio permiso al PUP para bloquear la calle, pero lo más probable es que, con Sounds Incorporated retumbando, habrá una multitud desbordante en la Calle Queen el 21 de septiembre.

En el desfile del Día de Cayo San Jorge ayer por la mañana en la Ciudad, el PUP estuvo representado oficialmente por el Sr. Winston Smiling del Comité de Celebraciones de Septiembre, y es probable que sea la primera vez que sucediera eso.

El desfile en sí no fue tan grande como lo ha sido en el pasado, cuando muchos beliceños marcharon como una expresión de desafío y en una cruzada contra los excesos del gobierno anterior.

Aunque todos los principales líderes UDP de la ciudad participaron, estaba claro que no habían organizado representaciones divisionales, por lo que el desfile fue más un estilo libre que una demostración de fuerza.

Hubo un mayor porcentaje de participación de los beliceños estadounidenses que nunca antes, y una gran participación de jóvenes.



24 November, 2022

PRESS RELEASE

Food Assistance Project

The Public Sector Workers Trust hereby announces the start of its **Food Assistance Project**. This project is aimed at providing groceries and food supplies to a maximum value of \$150.00 to all beneficiaries of the PSWT. The need for this project arose due to the fact that nearly four in every ten respondents in an ongoing PSWT online survey indicated that food/grocery items are dominant among their largest expenditure items. Moreover, there has been a steady increase in the prices of goods and services since the start of 2022. Coupled with this fact, there were two natural disasters recently which affected the country in the form of flooding caused by Hurricane Julia and the devastation caused by Hurricane Lisa, both of which affected beneficiaries.

The **Food Assistance Project** has now commenced with the signing of MOUs with supermarkets in Belize City, Cayo, Belmopan, Orange Walk and Seine Bight. These are Publics Supermarket and Bottom Dolla in Belize City, Cayo with News Flags Supermarket, Belmopan with Sunny City Supermarket, Orange Walk with People's Store and Publics Supermarket in Seine Bight.

Any PSWT beneficiary wishing to access the **Food Assistance Project** is first required to contact the PSWT office at phone numbers 223-7798/ 223-2877, via WhatsApp at 673-7798 or visit its office at #5620 Meighan Avenue to obtain the required official form. Having obtained the official form, the beneficiary then visits the supermarket of his/her choice where he/she is entitled to a total of \$150.00 worth of groceries and food items excluding alcohol and cigarette products.

This project is to be extended countrywide including the Cayes and the PSWT is in the process of negotiating with and signing MOUs with supermarkets in the other district locations.

Finally, the PSWT wishes to remind its beneficiaries countrywide the Health Project remains ongoing and a total of 18 MOUs have been signed with health service providers in all six districts. Beneficiaries who have not yet accessed the health project can do so by contacting the offices of the PSWT to start the process.

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Caribbean International Brewery seeks...

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the Attorney General's agents, and by extension the sitting magistrate, SC Smith, noted that the judicial review is directed against the decision made by the adjudicator and not the person herself.

"Our position on that is in judicial review proceedings, where decisions of any tribunal are challenged, it's the decision, it's not the magistrate personally," he said. He went on to state, "It's not the magistrate in her personal decision. It's a decision that one is dealing with. So, questions of bias based on family connection, based on interest don't arise. There are established grounds for actual bias and the appearance of bias. In this case, the magistrate is not personally involved."

Barrow is doubtful that a judicial review decision will be handed down before the decision of the sitting magistrate in the lower court, and, as mentioned, has opted not to "waste time" waiting for the magistrate's decision. Magistrate Rogers made mention of the series of applications being brought by Barrow and commented that they have been an obstruction that have delayed the handing down of a final decision on the substantive matter. Barrow has said that they will now rely solely upon the judicial review going forward and will submit no more applications as a part of the lower court proceeding.

UDP convenes Special Committee to review allegations...

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last week designated as “significantly corrupt” by the US State Department (USSD), and he and his immediate family are now barred from entering the United States. The reason for the designation, according to a written statement issued a day after US Secretary of State Anthony Blinken announced the designation, is the US government’s belief that Saldívar “accepted bribes in exchange for improperly facilitating the acquisition of Belizean immigration documents” and “interfered in public processes for personal gain”. Those claims, according to Barrow, will be reviewed by a committee that will include the chairman of the party, Michael Peyrefitte; and the chairpersons of the UDP’s ethics committee (Aldo Salazar), rules committee (Ashton McKenzie), and nominations committee, as well as the party’s legal advisor, which prior to the announcement of the formation of the Special Committee was attorney Estevan Perrera.

Barrow reportedly informed his executive of the formation of the committee via a text message which stated that it was a “Special Committee to allow for due process and swift conclusion of the matter considering...the extremely serious allegations being made by our greatest bilateral partner.” He had further noted in his message to the UDP executive, “it is not just legal innocence or guilt. We are a mass Party and we must take into consideration public sentiments as relates to key issues such as corruption, personal misconduct and any other actions that exposes the UDP institution to a breach of public trust and lack of confidence which will have damning ramifications...in the next General Elections.”

Notably, however, Perrera sent a text message to a local television station (Channel 7) shortly after an announcement of the formation of the committee was made on that station’s morning show, to indicate that he would not be sitting on that body. According to *7News*, he stated in that message, “The US State Department made a decision, and that fact remains. I am not going to be a part of a committee that will speak against or possibly challenge that decision whether directly or indirectly.” The response by the UDP leader to Perrera’s stance was swift. According to *7News*’ Jules Vasquez, just a few minutes after Perrera announced that he would not be serving as legal advisor, Barrow “sent out [a] party notice” of the removal of Perrera from that post.

When questioned about that prompt move, Barrow, who has referred to Perrera’s decision to avoid what Vasquez referred to as running “afoul of the State Department” as “selfish”, told local media, “He’s no longer the legal advisor because you don’t have an option in a matter like this. This is not about Steve Perrera, this is about the institution of the UDP, and when you take on the responsibility of being the legal advisor, that is a hefty burden to carry, so when the burden becomes overwhelming you don’t say ‘I di take this off, unu deh pan unu own’.”

“We are a sovereign nation; we are the constitutional Opposition, and no personal consideration should be made when dealing with such a weighty matter. We

have to deal with it. That is what transparent good governance is; we just don’t say yea or nay; we deliberate, we consider,” Barrow went on to say.

He added, “The fact that he does not want to face this serious matter is unacceptable to me.”

The Special Committee was officially convened on Tuesday, November 22. By next Friday, December 2, that committee will hear testimony from Saldívar.

“This is not an occasion of legal guilt or innocence; that is one of the considerations. What we have to consider is what is in the best interest of the party, what is in the best interest of public confidence, and if someone is being accused or in the proximity of corruption repeatedly will not render public confidence, that is something that we have to look at. You can’t expect that a designation will be made and I will say ‘okay, that’s it. Off with his head’,” Barrow remarked.

Whether or not Saldívar will remain a viable candidate for the UDP’s Belmopan division following the decision of the Special Committee is still uncertain.

“Whether or not these accusations, these allegations, that have dogged him, since he was a minister, since he was expelled from the Cabinet, since he had to resign as party leader. If now, with a designation from the (US) Secretary of State, have we reached that point — that enough is enough, is a very valid question, that I don’t want to prejudice the deliberation of the Special Committee, but that is the question that they will have to ask themselves,” Barrow said.

In his latest social media post, Saldívar wrote, “Just because the mighty United States has said what it has said does not make it the truth, does not mean it should not be tested in a court of law. They are humans just like us. They are not infallible. They are gullible, they can be wrong, and they have been wrong before, sometimes intentionally so. Someone could have lied to them. Someone has lied to them. Their evidence must be tested in a court of law. Anything else would be unfair and unjust and a dangerous precedent to set for our young and fragile democracy.”

Reports are that he has activated his political machinery to begin campaigning in Belmopan as scheduled. And on Thursday afternoon, he maintained his innocence throughout an hour-long press conference, during which he called the US State Department’s designation of him an attempt to thwart his political career.

“Whether it be on behalf of the United States government, or whether it be on behalf of the Belize government, or whether it be on behalf of the enemies within my own party, I cannot tell you,” he said.

During the press conference, Saldívar also said that he is planning to have his attorney write to the media to warn them against repeating any allegations that cannot be proven in a court of law, adding that he intends to take legal action against any media house that does so.

“Let me state, therefore, for the record, as I have stated many times: I am innocent of any allegations that have been made against me. At no time have I participated in any corruption at the Immigration Department while I was the minister or even before or after,” he stated.

Mental Health Association: Don’t blame cops for Francis Ramos’ death

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earlier. Later, in 2021, Ramos was charged with aggravated assault upon a police officer after charging at that officer with a machete. During that incident, he was subdued with a shot to the leg.

Ramos’ final encounter with the police would take place on the morning of Wednesday, November 23, 2022. Police officers had arrived in the downtown area of Belize City in search of Ramos in response to complaints that he had been brandishing a butcher knife at pedestrians. At around 10:00 a.m., they cornered him on the Swing Bridge. Amateur footage of what transpired moments after that has already been circulating across the internet. In that footage, at least eight police officers can be seen surrounding Ramos, three of them standing on the guard rails above him, two behind him, and two more—one in civilian clothing—directly in front of him.

The officers reportedly ordered Ramos to put the knife down several times, but he refused to comply. Shortly after, three warning shots were fired. Those shots brought the hustle and bustle of one of Belize’s busiest areas to a halt, but they did nothing to deter Ramos. Minutes later, he charged at the officers, knife in hand, arms swinging. The officer in civilian clothing fired one shot, hitting Ramos in the leg, and then another, which hit him in the other leg. But Ramos continued charging forward, and that was when a final, fatal shot was fired.

In response to the incident, Commissioner of Police Chester Williams held a press conference at which he defended the actions of the officers. Some members of the public have criticized the police for firing shots in such a heavily traversed area. And other members of the public have questioned whether Ramos’ life could have been somehow spared. The Commissioner, however, maintains that the officers handled the situation as best as they could have.

“If you were in that position, what would you have done? I am not, or I was not, on the bridge to say what I would have done, but certainly, anybody in their right mind is not going to try and aggress an alleged madman with a knife ... what would have happened if one of the officers jumped from off the railing of the bridge to where the individual was? It would take one simple move and he would stab and kill the police. Police officers are humans,” Commissioner Williams said.

According to the Commissioner, the police did what could have been done, given the circumstances, and the

department has since ordered both a criminal and an internal investigation. When the investigation is completed, the file will be sent to the Director of Public Prosecution’s office for the DPP to determine if she is satisfied that the police had acted in self-defense

Minister of Home Affairs, Hon. Kareem Musa, also spoke on the matter, extending condolences to the family of Ramos. He called the incident an unfortunate one that resulted from very difficult circumstances.

“I’m sure none of those officers woke up this morning and said, ‘You know what, I want to go and shoot someone on Swing Bridge today.’ That’s not what they want to do, but in the circumstances, to protect their own lives and the lives of others, they were forced to do that,” he said.

The Mental Health Association (MHA) has stated that Wednesday’s incident is not an isolated one, and, in fact, there have been far too many that were similar in nature. To lessen such occurrences, the association says that, rather than finding someone to blame, there needs to be proactive solutions that identify those at risk of becoming a danger and those that find treatment regimens to avert future tragedies.

“It is unfair to blame families when there are inadequate resources for them to turn to. There is nowhere that can temporarily house someone who is becoming violent and is resistant to taking medication,” the association’s statement says.

It further notes that the police should not be blamed either.

“As the law currently stands, they cannot detain someone who has not committed a crime, although there is a strong probability that they might do so in the future. Changing the law would require a space to keep such persons. Neither the psychiatric unit at Palm Centre nor at the prison have the personnel or physical resources,” the statement continues.

The MHA is advocating for the establishment of a Psychiatric Forensic Unit in Belize, one that is supported by a “robust legal framework” that will safeguard the rights of individuals and the public. The association has also called for specialized training of police officers to work with mental health professionals to diffuse dangerous situations when they arise. They have stated that they are ready to work with the Ministries of Health, Human Development, and National Security to address the situation by finding funds for a psychiatric unit and the accompanying legislation.

businessman on a boat ride to visit installations of the Coast Guard,” he stated.

According to the former Belmopan area representative, no mention was made of the “tranches” of cash he received from Lev Dermen in the US State Department’s designation, and this, he feels, exonerates him of any wrongdoing in regard to the campaign contributions he received from the convicted US fraudster.

“I have never used my office for personal gain,” Saldívar said.

Saldívar said that his attorney has written to the United States Embassy, the Government of Belize, and the US State Department on his behalf, inquiring about the evidence that was used against him.

“There is a talk—because I know you will ask—about a boat ride on the Coast Guard boat, and I would like, if you will permit me, to dismiss that out of hand. Because I cannot for the life of me see how the United States government would want to declare me the first designation in this country because I took a

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