

CCJ "disappointed" with GoB's handling of FPIC



Virtual Compliance Hearing in the Maya Leaders Alliance v the Attorney General of Belize

by **Kory Leslie (Freelance Writer)**

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Nov. 30, 2022
On Tuesday of this week, the Caribbean Court of Justice, at a compliance hearing that was held to

track the progress of the implementation of Maya communal land rights, in line with a 2015 court ruling, has described the government's

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End of the road for Waterloo cruise project?

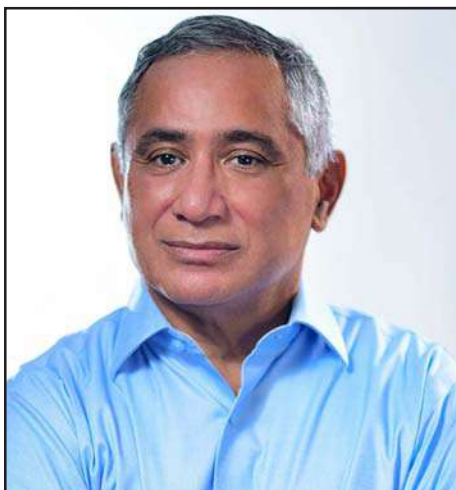
Following a second rejection of Waterloo's proposed cruise terminal project by the NEAC, many are expecting a lawsuit from the Ashcroft Alliance against the government of Belize, in line with threats previously made by Waterloo's chairman, Lord Michael Ashcroft. No indication of a legal proceeding has yet surfaced.



Lord Michael Ashcroft

by **Marco Lopez**

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Dec. 1, 2022
When asked by reporters if he expects any litigation to follow the NEAC's second rejection a week ago



Prime Minister John Briceño

of Waterloo's cruise port project, Prime Minister John Briceño said that Lord Michael Ashcroft and the other principals of Waterloo Investment

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Royal Caribbean makes deal with Port of Magical Belize

A letter from Royal Caribbean Group to David Gegg, CEO of Portico Enterprises Ltd., indicates that the company has chosen to enter a business arrangement with the developers of Port of Magical Belize rather than the Stake Bank developers of Port Coral or Waterloo Holdings Ltd.

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According to a letter leaked to 7News by government sources, the Royal Caribbean Group (RGC) has indicated its intention to enter a business arrangement with Portico Enterprises Ltd., the developer of



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Retired public officers seek payout from 27-year-old trust

by **Kory Leslie (Freelance Writer)**

BELIZE CITY, Mon. Nov. 28, 2022

Retired public workers who had endured a wage and increment freeze between 1995 and 1997 and who were compensated by the government with shares in what was then Belize Telecommunications Ltd., are lamenting the fact that they still haven't received the dividends from those shares, which were placed in a trust, and they are intent on receiving a payout from that fund, which reportedly now totals a whopping \$8 million.

The Manuel Esquivel administration, during the 1995-1997 period, had implemented the freeze on the salaries of all teachers and public officers—a move which reportedly saved the then

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Guats bex after submission of Honduras' claim to the ICJ

by **Marco Lopez**

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The Guatemalan Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in response to Belize's submission of Honduras' claim to the Sapodilla Cayes to the International Court of Justice for adjudication, issued a strongly worded press release this week that described the move—which the government of Belize believes is necessary to ensure that the ICJ can issue a complete and decisive ruling—as "deplorable". Ensclosed in the wording of that press release was also what some Belizeans have interpreted to be a veiled threat—a pledge by the Guatemalan government to act in its "best interests".

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UDP Demands Evidence of Saldivar's "corruption" from U.S.



John Saldivar's press conference

by Kory Leslie (Freelance Writer)

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On Friday, December 2, former Belmopan area representative and Minister of National Security, John Saldivar, who just about two weeks ago was designated as "significantly corrupt" by the US Department of State after an announcement by the US Secretary of State Anthony Blinken, is scheduled to appear before a UDP Special Committee that has been set up to review the allegations against him. The review is being carried out in an effort to afford Saldivar what the UDP leader, Hon Moses "Shyne" Barrow has referred to as due process. In what seems to some to be an attempt to give the committee process a semblance of an impartial judicial proceeding to

determine Saldivar's innocence or guilt, the UDP is now asking the US Department of State to hand over any evidence of its claims against Saldivar—a request to which, many say, the United States is unlikely to respond.

UDP chairman Michael Peyrefitte, who sent the written request to the US on behalf of the party, told the media during a Zoom press conference this week, "We have a member of our party who is looking to enter into a convention to represent our party and a designation is given like the one that was given not only against him but his wife, his children, a minor child, everybody except the dog and so we want to see what evidence they are depending on or what evidence they use to come to that decision so that the UDP may look at that evidence and come to our own decision, so we just wanted to know what they had because they didn't present any information. They didn't say that he was invited or charged or anything of that sort so we want to see what evidence they have so that we as an organization can assess that

evidence and think of a way forward,"

He went on to state, "We're saying, show us the statements even that were made against this person. Give it to the local police department. Give it to the DPP. Have them institute charges. And then that would possibly have a huge effect on our position that we would take as a party. But when you just say 'we're designating you' and give no evidence we have a right to ask what that evidence is. You have to understand, you know. There has not been a request for extradition you know. There has not been an indictment in the U.S. you know. He has not been charged with nor legally accused of anything."

Peyrefitte did note, however, that the way the public perceives the matter could have political implications and that the party will have to take this into account when deciding to whether to allow Saldivar to represent the UDP. "The goal will be to make a recommendation that we believe is in the best interest of the UDP. You have to balance perception with fairness as well. So there will be deliberations, there will be a discussion on the matter and everybody who will be sitting in that room will have the best interest of the UDP at heart and we have to take everything into consideration before we make a recommendation," he said.

As reported, Saldivar, who the US State Department accuses of being involved in "significant corruption while serving in his public position as a Belizean minister" was quick to refer to his designation as "baseless", and "malicious" in posts on his Facebook page and addressed the nation last Thursday in a press conference to declare his innocence and reaffirm his intentions to seek to seek to serve as UDP standard bearer in the Belmopan constituency by participating in an upcoming Belmopan convention.

Peyrefitte also commented that while Saldivar conceded to committing an "error" by utilizing a Coast Guard vessel to take convicted US fraudster Lev

Dermen on a trip for personal purposes (something Peyrefitte himself views as an "abuse"), he does not see this as sufficient to impose such a designation on his colleague.

Peyrefitte also seemingly used the designation imposed on Saldivar to raise questions about the conduct of those who are a part of the current administration—issuing what almost seemed to be a warning to the current members of the PUP government:

"When you behave in a certain way in office, there will be a day of reckoning you know. And you have to understand that how you comport yourself when you're in office is very important because things may come against you that may be fair or unfair. But you have to be very careful that you go out of your way to not just do the right thing but to also seem to do the right thing. If you notice, you don't see the PUP celebrating this at all because they may very well know that their own day of reckoning may soon come given their performance and their behavior over the first two years of being in government," he said.

Saldivar in his press conference seemed to suggest something similar by referencing previous bribery allegations that had been made against the now Prime Minister Briceño during his tenure as the Minister of Natural Resources. Upon his return from Venezuela on Monday, Hon. Briceño was asked about those allegations, which he immediately denounced:

"As to the issue of the so-called bribe, let's start with the obvious. Don't you think that if the Barrow administration felt that there was some sort of bribery, they would not have taken me to court a long time ago? They were in government for thirteen years. They had thirteen years to levy charges against me, and they did not, because they know it is a stupid thing," he said.

The UDP Special Committee is expected to make a decision by December 9.

\$5 minimum wage by New Year

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Dec. 1, 2022

In exactly one month, the minimum wage will be increased from \$3.30 to \$5.00 an hour. Prime Minister John Briceño confirmed this earlier this week when asked by a local media about the timeline for the implementation of the increase.

The last time the minimum wage was increased was in May 2012, over 10 years ago. A Minimum Wage Task Force was set up in March of this year, and in July, government, with the assistance of a consultancy agency, PPF Capital Belize Limited, began consultations with stakeholders on the implementation of the \$5-dollar minimum wage.

A few days ago, the Minister of Labor, Hon. Oscar Requena, announced that those consultations were completed, and that a final report, entitled the "Plan for the Gradual Implementation of the Five-Dollar Minimum Wage" had been submitted. Minister Requena further announced last week that on January 1, New Year's Day, the new minimum wage will come into effect.

Concerns about possible layoffs and the raising of prices of goods and services by businesses to meet the additional salary expense have been raised by the Belize Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI). The BCCI has stated that it supports the increase in the minimum wage, but has suggested a phased approach to the increase in order to give businesses time to prepare for, and possibly avert, any financial fallout.

"We aren't advocating for an overnight shift from \$3:30 to \$5.00, definitely not, but we feel that there can be a middle ground where there are the increases that can be planned for and then of course over a reasonable period of time that we do



Minimum wage increase

get to that five-dollar price point or salary range," the president of BCCI, Marcello Blake, said during an interview in July.

At the time, he stated that a formula to calculate and adjust the minimum wage gradually would be more feasible, to ensure that businesses have time to plan for the changes, and that employees currently collecting wages in the \$5-an-hour range be given a proportionate salary increase as well.

The report from PPF Capital is set to be presented to the Cabinet for any final modifications or tweaks. During last week's interview, Minister Requena said that they have worked closely with stakeholders, including the BCCI, and are convinced that they have to increase the minimum wage at this time, given the increased cost of living and the reality of inflation.

"So, we will continue the discussion. I am certain that at the end of the day cooler heads will prevail, and we want to be fair. We want to ensure the wealth distribution ends up in an equitable manner so that all Belizeans can benefit," Hon. Requena said.

Law enforcement officers receive cybersecurity training

by Kory Leslie (Freelance Writer)

BELIZE CITY, Mon. Nov. 28, 2022

Since the passing of the Cyber Crime Bill in November 2020, The Minister of Home Affairs, Hon. Kareem Musa, has been exploring ways of strengthening the government's National Cyber Security Strategy 2020-2023. In September, Hon. Musa publicly stated that GoB is focused on three key areas in the implementation of their strategy: the development of a national legal framework to address cybersecurity; developing capacity for incident response and infrastructure protection; and putting in place mechanisms to support education and awareness.

This week, further progress was made in achieving these objectives when 99 police officers convened at the National Police Training Academy on Monday to participate in a two-day capacity-building symposium. At the symposium, which was funded by the United Nations Office

on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the officers, along with personnel from the Magistracy, and the office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, received training in Cybercrime for First Responders and Digital Forensic Analytics.

Topics covered during the program included virtual platforms, digital evidence concepts, proper management of a chain of custody, forensic extraction from mobile devices, and data extraction from computers, etc.

The symposium concluded on Tuesday with the participants presenting a report as well as a court defense simulation. There was also a visit to the Police Department's forensic lab. During a press briefing held on Monday, Commissioner of Police Chester Williams stated that cybercrime has been a challenge for Belize's police force, especially where bullying is concerned. During the briefing, the Commissioner

Belize City Council Receives Half Million Grant from Japan

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Dec. 1, 2022

In a ceremony held at City Hall on Wednesday, November 30, 2022, the Belize City Council and the Embassy of Japan in Belize officially signed a grant contract worth \$534,100.00 BZD. This grant falls under the Government of Japan's Grassroots Human Security Project, which allows developing countries to apply for grant assistance to be allocated to projects that promote economic and social development at the grassroots level. The program welcomes project applications that

address challenges in multiple areas such as agriculture, health, environment, sanitation and more. In March 2022, the Belize City Council submitted their application for funding to purchase two new garbage compactor trucks. The signatories on this grant contract are Mayor Bernard Wagner of Belize City and H.E. Ambassador Kazuhiro Iryu of the Embassy of Japan here in Belize.

According to Mayor Bernard Wagner, with this grant, the council's fleet of compactors will now increase from three to five, and this purchase should notably improve garbage collection. Mayor Wagner also noted that the procurement of these trucks are even more vital due to the impact of Hurricane Lisa on Belize City after it made landfall on November 2, 2022.



Japan recently held celebrations in October of this year in honor of the 40th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Belize and Japan, and Ambassador Iryu made note of this celebration in his address at a handing-over ceremony and expressed his wishes to continue nurturing the relationship with Belize on behalf of the Japanese

government.

Other municipalities which have previously benefited from the Government of Japan's Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Project include the Corozal Town Council, Punta Gorda Town Council, Orange Walk Town Council and the San Ignacio and Santa Elena Town Council.

Retired teacher, 80, spared prison sentence for drug charges

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Dec. 1, 2022

Brenda Vasquez, 80, a retired teacher, appeared in the Magistrate's Court in Belize City on Wednesday, November 30, along with her son, Giovanni Vasquez, 42, and grandson, Kristian Young, 29, where they were found guilty of drug offenses due to the discovery of marijuana in their home. However, the family will not be serving any time in jail.

According to reports, three persons were present in Brenda Vasquez's home on Lauren Burgess Crescent in the Belama area in October 2020 when police raided the residence and discovered parcels of weed inside a box of Fruit Loops cereal as well as a box of Lucky Charms cereal, in which there were also several blocks of weed brownies.



Kristian Young



Giovanni Vasquez

When the trio appeared in court, Senior Magistrate Baja Shoman found them guilty of possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply, but their attorney, Mansel Thurton, expressed annoyance about the verdict and was cautioned by Senior Magistrate Shoman

about his tone.

Brenda Vasquez pleaded to Senior Magistrate Shoman for leniency in consideration of her age and heart condition and said that she would like to spend the rest of her life in peace. Her son and grandson also pleaded for



Brenda Vasquez

leniency, as it is their first conviction, and begged for a fine instead of being incarcerated.

After hearing the family's plea, Senior Magistrate Shoman sentenced the three to a fine of \$3,315 each, which must be paid on February 28, April 30, and May 30 of next year. Otherwise, the family members will have to serve 6 months in prison.

World AIDS Day

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Dec. 1, 2022

On Thursday, December 1, Belize joined the international community in observing World AIDS Day. This year's theme is "#Equalize".

An estimated 3,500 persons are living with HIV in Belize, while 38.4 million persons are living with HIV globally.

In an interview with *Krem News* this week, Enrique Romero, chairman of the National AIDS Commission (NAC), stated that much progress has been made since the virus was first discovered in the 1980s.

"Tremendous progress has been made globally. Even in our small and beautiful country of Belize, we have

made some steps, people would call them baby steps but nevertheless, they are steps in the right direction. Before my time, I understand that people were taking about 6 or 7 pills a day for HIV; now it's down to one, and Belize is one of the countries that are transitioning to a new medication that is proven, scientifically proven, very important, in reducing the quantity of the virus in your system," said Romero.

He added, "... I saw on the TV the other day, American news, that there is now an injection for HIV. You take one month, you skip a month, and take it the other month, so we have had advances, hopefully, that will be in Belize sometime."

Romero encouraged Belizeans to be

more tolerant and to look out for each other in order to end HIV/AIDS by 2030.

"Belizeans are known to be tolerable people. Belizeans are known to be respectful people, loving people, and look out for our people, but somewhere down the road in the past few years we have lost some of our essences, so it is just a matter of us regaining that essence, that core, that makes us who we are as Belizeans. We're loving people, tolerant, so we need to regain that essence and look out for our brothers and sisters, and that's the comprehensive holistic approach that needs to be taken for us to end AIDS," he said.



Romero noted that the NAC has introduced HIV self-testing to eliminate the stigma of going to a health facility to do a test.

8 years later, duo convicted of teen student's murder

Clement Bol, Jr. and Ashley Meighan have been convicted for the 2014 murder of Chryslin Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Dec. 1, 2022

The duo accused of killing 16-year-old Chryslin Gladden have both been found guilty of the 2014 crime, and are awaiting sentencing, which is scheduled for January 30, 2023. The two persons convicted of the crime—Clement Bol, Jr., and Ashley Meighan, who was a teen at the time of the incident, have both been on remand in prison for eight years after being arrested and charged for the brutal stabbing murder of young Gladden, who was a recent graduate of Wesley College high school when she was killed.

Her body was found beside a grave in the Lord Ridge Cemetery on Saturday, August 2, 2014, lifeless and with multiple stab wounds. Besides her, a 10-inch blade believed to be the murder weapon was reportedly found.

In August, 2014, when Bol, who was 23-years old at the time, and Meighan were charged, Roberto Novelo, a police sergeant who briefed reporters about the arrests, had said that the motive for the murder of Gladden “was jealousy and hatred.” Reportedly, there had been a number of run-ins between the promising teenager and Meighan, who had been one of her classmates at Wesley College.

It had been reported that surveillance camera footage showed the two teenage girls walking on Central American Boulevard on the night before Gladden’s body was found. (Gladden had not returned to her Neal Pen Road home after that walk.)

Early the following morning,



Chryslin Gladden, deceased

Gladden’s body was discovered. The brutal stabbing which caused her death was reportedly witnessed by one man, who claimed that he had been in an intoxicated state when he saw the grisly events unfold. He said he saw a car park by the cemetery, and that two young women exited the vehicle. Shortly after, he said, there was an argument between the young woman and a man, who then stabbed Gladden in her back and proceeded to stab her again after she screamed. The witness said that the man then dragged her into the cemetery and continued stabbing her. Following the murder, the man reportedly wiped the bloody knife, but while he was doing so, the knife fell, and he was unable to find it, since it was dark.

Police found the knife the following morning.

According to a 2014 AMANDALA article, Gladden was “an only child of her mother and the honor student had just gotten money from her mother that same Friday to register for classes at the University of Belize.”

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approach to the rollout of a Free, Prior, Informed Consent (FOIC) protocol which would govern the implementation of those rights to be “disappointing”.

In January of this year, the Government of Belize had announced via a Cabinet brief the approval of a Free, Prior Informed Consent (FPIC) protocol, which it said, would “guide consultations with Maya communities, whether by government or private entities, in keeping with government’s commitment to the implementation of the 2015 Consent Order of the Caribbean Court of Justice”. However, what it did not mention is that the other key party in the implementation process—the representatives of the Maya community, had not approved that protocol and, in fact, claimed that they were not fully consulted about it. In an exclusive interview in January with AMANDALA, Cristina Coc, spokesperson for the Toledo Alcaldes Association (TAA) and Maya Leaders Alliance (MLA), had stated that the Maya communities rejected the Government’s proposed FPIC protocol. Nonetheless the document was sent to the Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ), without seemingly having the consent of those groups.

“The protocol was sent out to the Caribbean Court of Justice by way of a surprise to us. We have not seen this protocol; it has not been consulted with us, and it certainly does not carry our consent as the appellants to the CCJ consent order,” Coc had said. Coc had further noted that although they had not had a chance to thoroughly look at the revised version of the FPIC protocol, they had already spotted wording that was cause for concern.

“Just on the surface, we immediately flag that the Government is calling it a consultation protocol, and even in the body and language of the protocol, it continues to use this ambiguous term of consultation rather than consent, which is what is ultimately the safeguard,” she had said. She had also stated, according to an AMANDALA article dated Thursday, January 27, 2022, that “The protocol does not meet the requirements of the CCJ’s 2015 order, since the court at the last compliance hearing made it clear to the government that meaningful and timely consultations were to be carried out with the appellants, the MLA and TAA.” That article further noted that “Agreeing on the FPIC Protocol is necessary for establishing a Consent Order which would govern the use of the natural resources in Maya communal territory and future interactions between the Maya leadership and the GoB. The CCJ has been mediating the implementation of the land rights since 2015 but continue to receive complaints from the Maya representatives that the Briceño administration has been neglecting due process and opted to proceed with implementation without buy-in from their indigenous counterparts.”

When the government and the Maya representatives were back before the court at a compliance hearing in early May, however, the acrimony in the relations between the two was clear—prompting presiding judge Justice Wit

to state, “I think all present would agree that we have to lower the temperature maybe and get back to a more practical working relationship between the parties, because that relationship has to be maintained whether some like it or not.”

Lead counsel for the government at that compliance hearing, Andrew Marshalleck, had even stated, “We need to get back to rebuilding the relationship and reestablishing if possible the trust and confidence in each other in pursuing the steps that need to be taken to achieve the objectives that we all agree must be achieved.”

Justice Wit had, in response, expressed the faintest hope that increased cooperation between the Maya reps and the government was possible. “Yes, well, you never know, miracles do happen ... and it should not really be a miracle ... but we will see how things goes,” Justice Wit had said.

But at the most recent compliance hearing, it was clear that there had not been the type of cooperation that the judge was hoping for—something that the court referred to at that hearing as a disappointment. Specifically, the court became aware that the government commenced a process of implementation of the FPIC without sending the final version of that document to the Maya reps.

The current CCJ president, Justice Adrian Saunders, asked Marshalleck, “Were the Appellants sent an English language version - the final copy?”. To this, Marshalleck responded, “With the new title? I don’t think so”. This prompted Justice Saunders to state, “Mr. Marshalleck, I don’t know. I don’t quite understand how this process evolving. Because all of this, you know, that is being done arises not out of the Government’s own deliberate desire to do what it thinks best for Belize and its people. It arises out of litigation. And it arises out of litigation where the parties consented to an order. Now, this is a very novel, awkward kind of order because it is one where one side of the litigation has the responsibility of implementing that order. But, they have to implement it in good faith and in a spirit that respects the fact that the implementation emerges out of a consent order, where there are litigants on the other side. I am disappointed to hear that the FPIC Protocol, which is an important aspect of implementing that consent order, could be finalized by one party and be implemented, and the other party has not seen the final version. That is very disappointing.”

On Wednesday, a joint statement issued by the Maya Leaders Alliance, the Julian Cho Society and the Toledo Alcaldes Association on Wednesday further pointed out that the CCJ had to remind Senior Counsel Andrew Marshalleck and members of the Attorney General’s Office that “the international community is keeping its gaze on Belize as it implements the novel Consent Order agreed to by the Parties.”

The statement goes on to assert that if the government continues to exclude the Maya from the implementation process, they risk going against the ruling of Hon. Dr. Abdulai Conteh who, in his 2010 judgement in the case of Maya

Integrity Commission sworn in with little fanfare

BELMOPAN, Thurs. Dec. 1, 2022

The majority of the newly appointed members of the Integrity Commission were officially sworn in on Monday of this week by Governor General H.E. Dame Froyla Tzalam. Another member took their oath on Wednesday, November 30—officially starting the 2-year tenure of this Integrity Commission.

The commission, established under the Prevention of Corruption in Public Life Act, is now fully operational. Prior to this swearing-in, some concerns had arisen over a lack of funding for the commission to execute its responsibility as mandated under the legislation which



Andrea McSweeney McKoy, Chairperson of Integrity Commission; Dame Froyla Tzalam, Governor General

governs it—which could result in a commission with “no teeth”.

This commission was first appointed in May of this year and includes chairperson Andrea McSweeney McKoy and members, George Swift, Zçe Roberson-Zetina, Ricardo Moguel, Katherine Meighan, Payal Ghanwani, and Jaraad Ysaguirre —seven members in total.

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An intentional act or an accident on our western border?

On November 26, a Belize Defence Force soldier stationed at the Valentin Conservation Post along the Belize/Guatemala western border was shot in the buttocks by an unknown person. There is some speculation that the shot came from the Guatemala side of the border, but thus far, maybe because the wound to the soldier isn't life-threatening, and Guatemala's claim to Belize's territory has reached the International Court of Justice (ICJ) for resolution, it hasn't caused a ripple in the relations between Belize and Guatemala. It is likely that if a Guatemalan soldier had been shot in the rear end, and it was suspected that the shot came from the Belize side of the border, the temperature would have been considerable.

Reporting on the shooting, Commissioner of Police, Chester Williams, said we know that the shot didn't come from the stock issued to our soldiers because all their ammunition had been accounted for. Commissioner Williams said that the slug is an important key to their investigation, and after a surgical procedure on the soldier is done to extract it, it will be sent to the National Forensic Science Service for ballistic testing, where the type of bullet, the type of gun it was fired from, the direction from which the bullet that hit the soldier came, and other things will be determined.

Any news of violence at the western border sets off alarm bells, primarily because of the Guatemalan claim to our territory. As noted, that claim is now before the ICJ, where Belize has, some say incredibly, for as long as the matter is before the court, "on paper" given up its sovereignty. Some would say the noble interest of peace justifies our agreeing to settle the matter there.

A number of incidents on the western border have been extremely

confrontational. Ambassador James S. Murphy wrote in his book, *A Compendium of Relevant Documents – The Guatemalan Claim to Belize*, that the year 2000 was a particularly bad one for Belize-Guatemala relations. A Guatemalan national was shot and killed in January that year, when a BDF patrol returned fire on attackers, and in February, in what Murphy describes as the most serious violation of Belizean sovereignty, "a twenty-five member GAF [Guatemalan Armed Forces] patrol entered Belize, kidnapped a four-member joint BDF/Police patrol near San Vicente Village, Toledo, marched our security officers across the border into Guatemala, and then charged them with illegal entry." Also, in May that year a 25-member GAF patrol "entered Belize and approached two villages in the Toledo District."

Later that year, in November, Belize and Guatemala, under the guidance of the Organization of American States (OAS), accepted the recommendation of the "Facilitators" — Sir Shridath Ramphal and Mr. Paul Reichler — that a temporary regime be created on the western border, as a buffer between the two countries. Murphy said this regime, called the Adjacency Zone, is "comprised of

territory lying within one kilometer east and one kilometer west of what the Agreement called the Adjacency Line, actually the existing land border between the two countries."

The most contentious incident since then occurred in 2016 when a 13-year-old boy was unfortunately shot and killed. BDF soldiers, who along with a conservation group had been investigating an illegal land clearing, returned fire when that group came under attack around nightfall. The boy's body was found when they were leaving the area. Guatemala's president, Jimmy Morales, described the incident as cowardly and Guatemalan troops amassed in the area. Belize's Prime Minister, Dean Barrow, told the world that Belize has a long history as a peace-loving nation, and the GOB expressed its regret over the incident and turned to the OAS to conduct an investigation.

Some illegal land clearings in our territory are directly related to the relentless drugs war that was created by the Americans to stop the flow of South American cocaine, and marijuana into their country. This war has caused a lot of carnage, and created many millionaire drug dealers. Aggressive, enormously rich drug barons, unable to deposit their millions directly into the banking system, cut down virgin forest in Guatemala's Petén Department, and cross the border into Belize and cut down virgin forest which protects critical watersheds in the Chiquibul and Columbia Reserves, to make pastures to graze their cattle. These operators run afoul of our conservation group, Friends for Conservation and Development (FCD), who, along with our security personnel, fight to protect our resources.

Until the US "allows" for the legalization of these natural hallucinogens, and addresses their problem through education and regulation, as all countries should, the turmoil will remain in our region.

Landless Guatemalans are also responsible for some illegal cutting down of forest in Belize. Guatemala has always been controlled by the rich, and a bloody civil war that lasted nearly 40 years didn't end with the masses, mainly indigenous groups, gaining a greater share in that country. The possibilities look ripe to landless Guatemalans when they gaze across the border at the lush Chiquibul and Columbia forests. They have frequent run-ins with the FCD and our security personnel who try to prevent poaching of our prime flora and fauna, and the cutting down of forest to establish farms.

The tension was raised a notch when the Guatemalan Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in a November 19 release, condemned Belize's recent application to take Honduras' claim to the Sapodilla cays to the ICJ. Senator Michael Peyrefitte (UDP) told *KREM News* that Belize has every right to exercise its legal options, and that what Guatemala properly should do is "withdraw" their "unfounded claim."

The comments from Guatemala might have been just gamesmanship. When Guatemala cited delays caused by the Covid-19 pandemic and asked for a 12-month extension to submit its Memorial to the ICJ, Belize's Ministry of Foreign Affairs objected and suggested that 2 months would be sufficient for them. In the end the ICJ settled on a 6-month extension.

The present government in Guatemala has not been as belligerent as previous ones, maybe because the claim is before the ICJ, but Guatemala is known to be a bully when dealing with the much smaller Belize. The shooting coming on the heels of the abrasive comments from Guatemala has caused Belizeans to wonder if the shot could have been fired maliciously by the GAF. In September Wil Maheia's Belize Territorial Volunteers planted two Belizean flags on our Sarstoon Island, and the GAF removed them. The flags have since been returned.

To date, we don't know what happened on the border on Saturday. Was some careless person cleaning their gun and it went off and hit our soldier? Did someone shoot at an animal in the bush, missed, and the errant bullet hit our soldier? Were unscrupulous parties trying to scare off our security agents so they can have a free run on our land? Did the bullet come from the gun of a member of the GAF? Was the shooting an accident, or intentional?



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District for the year 2023 under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

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LIQUOR LICENCE NOTICE: Notice is hereby given that **Cecilia Joseph** is applying for a Publican Special License to be operated Clouds Restaurant and Bar, Caye Caulker Village, Belize District, under the Intoxicating Liquors Act, Revised Edition of 2000.

LIQUOR LICENCE NOTICE: Notice is hereby given that **Jian Qiang Li** is applying for a Restaurant License to be operated at Panda's Restaurant, Caye Caulker, Belize District, under the Intoxicating Liquors Act, Revised Edition of 2000.

BCCI voted in favor of Waterloo



BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Dec. 1, 2022

In an email sent out today, the Belize Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) stated that they voted in favor of the Waterloo Cruise Port and Cargo Expansion project during the National Environmental Appraisal Committee meeting that was held last week.

Referring to reports that the NEAC had voted unanimously against the project, the BCCI stated, "... we wish to clarify that the BCCI voted in favor of the project, which meant that NEAC's decision was not unanimous." They noted that the BCCI representative was not able to attend the meeting, and as a result, the vote by the BCCI did not take into account any of the "technical or scientific comments from other NEAC members", which were shared during the November 24 meeting.

BCCI has indicated that it is in favor of the expansion and improvement of the port.

“Tour-isms” Profile Please...

Some Belizean adventures are quietly waiting to happen while others are already developed and thriving. Discovery and wonder can happen from end to end of this country. From the Bay of Corozal in the north to Punta Gorda’s(PG) indented coastline shared in the Gulf of Honduras, there are old and emerging travel experiences. Some hotels, tours, and annual events are household names, as others are known only within their community tourism bandwidth. Marketing and messaging are key components for building exposure, for selling rooms and for booking tours. Travelers will not visit, and adventures cannot happen unless people know that they exist. To help hotels and tour operators build more exposure in the local and international markets, the BTB has partnered with the BTIA to create the Profile Builder 101 workshops. The workshops focus on helping hotels and tour operators increase their digital reach, improve traffic to their websites, strengthen their competitive advantage, and advertise promotional deals in an efficient way. The focus is to get operators to create and build inventory on two websites: www.travelbelize.org and www.belizeantraveller.org. The websites are managed by the BTB which allows for free marketing to those who sign on. The websites are trusted sources with an already expansive viewership. The BTB and BTIA travel roadshow aims to help hotels and tour operators expose and outline their offerings. The tour started south in Punta Gorda Town and has since made its way upward to Placencia, Hopkins, and to San Ignacio in the West.

Punta Gorda and the entire Toledo District has a lot to profile. Everything seems bigger in PG. Looking into the Gulf of Honduras, where there are no islands ahead, the water seems to go on and on. The sea looks bigger. In the nighttime, with the sky seemingly blacker, the stars appear to be just a little closer. The grass looks greener, the air fresher, the fry jacks a bit fluffier, and perhaps even the birds chirp louder. Punta Gorda is both homey and mysterious. The group of hotel owners and tour operators who gathered for the travel tour’s first session, were attentive, interested, and direct. After their presentations, BTB representatives got to work with helping the attendees set up their website profiles. Executive Director of the BTIA, Linette Canto was also in attendance to reinvigorate membership in her organization. The drive to PG, from Belize City, takes approximately four hours. Hopefully, with the help of the Profile Builder 101 training workshops, more local and international travelers will make the trip to the south to discover, and make popular, the adventures that await there.

Two profiles for two audiences. The travelbelize.org website targets the international markets while belizeantraveller.org focuses on the local and Diaspora niches. Hoteliers and tour operators can upload pictures, post their deals, and create a digital space for themselves that helps their competitive edge. While some businesses and places are already better known, this initiative offers travelers more options when choosing their adventures and destination. Places that may otherwise remain obscure from their travel plans. To highlight the incentive of the roadshow, this week we choose “colloquialism”. Each district, town, and community have a local and unique appeal. Each hotel and tour have their own colloquial style. This -ism speaks to the subtle nuances in scenery, experience, and even the Creole language that one hears depending on the district they are in. The BTB and the BTIA are excited to have hotels and tour operators build their profile, improve their competitive edge, and reach a wider audience.

See you next week.
The Belize Tourism Board



In Loving Memory

MRS. BURNICE GOMEZ BRYANT

MR. GEORGE RANDOLPH BRYANT SR.

Sunrise: March 21, 1923	Sunrise: June 22, 1915
Sunset: November 15, 2016	Sunset: May 17, 2004

We awake each morning to start a new day
But the pain of losing you never goes away.
We go about the things we have to do
And as the hours pass we think of you.
We want to call you just to hear your voice
Then we remember that we have no choice
For you are not there and now our hearts cry
Just to see you again and to tell you goodbye.

Sadly missed by children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great grandchildren and other relatives and friends.

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To report a claim:

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Call/What’s App: 613-0693/0645

Email : icb@icbinsurance.com

Claim forms are available on icbinsurance.com.

We are aware that this is your time of need and will do our best to efficiently serve you.

May God bless you and your family and keep you safe.



¿Un acto intencional o un accidente en nuestra frontera occidental?

El 26 de noviembre, un soldado de la Fuerza de Defensa de Belize estacionado en el Puesto de Conservación Valentin a lo largo de la frontera occidental entre Belize y Guatemala recibió un disparo en el trasero por parte de una persona desconocida. Existe cierta especulación de que el disparo provino del lado guatemalteco de la frontera, pero hasta ahora, tal vez porque la herida del soldado no pone en peligro su vida, y el reclamo de Guatemala sobre el territorio de Belize llegó a la Corte Internacional de Justicia (CIJ) para resolución, no ha causado una onda en las relaciones entre Belize y Guatemala. Es probable que si un soldado guatemalteco hubiera recibido un disparo en la parte trasera y se sospechara que el disparo provino del lado de la frontera de Belize, la temperatura habría sido considerable.

Al informar sobre el tiroteo, el Comisionado de Policía, Chester Williams, dijo que saben que el disparo no provino de las existencias entregadas a nuestros soldados porque se habían contabilizado todas sus municiones. El Comisionado Williams dijo que la bala es una clave importante para su investigación, y luego de que se realice un procedimiento quirúrgico en el soldado para extraerla, se enviará al Servicio Nacional de Ciencias Forenses para pruebas balísticas, donde se determinará el tipo de bala, el tipo de arma desde donde se disparó, la dirección de donde vino la bala que golpeó al soldado, entre otras cosas.

Cualquier noticia de violencia en la frontera occidental enciende las alarmas, principalmente por el reclamo guatemalteco sobre nuestro territorio. Como se señaló, ese reclamo se encuentra ahora ante la CIJ, donde Belize, según algunos, increíblemente ha renunciado “en papel” a su soberanía, mientras el asunto esté ante la corte. Algunos dirían que el noble interés de la paz justifica que aceptemos resolver el asunto allí.

Varios incidentes en la frontera occidental han sido extremadamente conflictivos. El Embajador James S. Murphy escribió en su libro, *A Compendium of Relevant Documents – The Guatemalan Claim to Belize*, que el año 2000 fue particularmente malo para las relaciones Belize-Guatemala. Un ciudadano guatemalteco fue muerto a tiros en enero de ese año, cuando una patrulla de la BDF devolvió fuego a los atacantes, y en febrero, en lo que Murphy describe como la violación más grave de la soberanía de Belize, “una patrulla de veinticinco miembros de las Fuerzas Armadas de Guatemala (GAF por sus siglas en inglés) ingresó a Belize, secuestró una patrulla conjunta de cuatro miembros de la BDF y la policía cerca de la aldea de San Vicente, Toledo, hizo marchar a nuestros oficiales de seguridad a través de la frontera hacia Guatemala y luego los acusó de entrada ilegal”. Además, en mayo de ese año, una patrulla de la GAF de 25 miembros “ingresó a Belize y se acercó a dos aldeas en el distrito de Toledo”.

Más tarde ese año, en noviembre, Belize y Guatemala, bajo la guía de la Organización de los Estados Americanos (OEA), aceptaron la recomendación de los “Facilitadores” — Sir Shridath Ramphal y el Sr. Paul Reichler — de que se creara un régimen temporal en la frontera occidental, como amortiguador entre los dos países. Murphy dijo que este régimen, llamado Zona de Adyacencia, está “compuesto por territorio que se encuentra dentro de un kilómetro al este y un kilómetro al oeste de lo que el Acuerdo llamó Línea de Adyacencia, en realidad la frontera terrestre existente entre los dos países”.

El incidente más polémico desde entonces ocurrió en 2016 cuando, lamentablemente, un niño de 13 años fue muerto a tiros. Los soldados de la BDF, que junto con un grupo de conservación habían estado investigando un desmonte ilegal de tierras, respondieron al fuego cuando ese grupo fue atacado al anochecer. El cuerpo del niño fue encontrado cuando salían de la zona. El presidente de Guatemala, Jimmy Morales, describió el incidente como cobarde y las tropas guatemaltecas se acumularon en la zona. El Primer Ministro de Belize, Dean Barrow, le dijo al mundo que Belize tiene una larga historia como nación amante de la paz, y el Gobierno expresó su pesar por el incidente y recurrió a la OEA para realizar una investigación.

Algunos desmontes ilegales en nuestro territorio están directamente relacionados con la incesante guerra contra las drogas creada por los estadounidenses para detener el flujo de cocaína y marihuana sudamericana hacia su país. Esta guerra ha causado mucha carnicería y ha creado muchos traficantes de drogas millonarios. Los agresivos y enormemente ricos barones de la droga, incapaces de depositar sus millones directamente en el sistema

bancario, talan la selva virgen en el departamento de Petén en Guatemala, y cruzan la frontera hacia Belize y talan la selva virgen que protege las críticas cuencas hidrográficas en las Reservas de Chiquibul y Columbia, para hacer pastos para pastar sus ganados. Estos operadores entran en conflicto con nuestro grupo de conservación, Amigos para la Conservación y el Desarrollo (FCD por sus siglas en inglés), quienes, junto con nuestro personal de seguridad, luchan para proteger nuestros recursos.

Hasta que Estados Unidos “permita” la legalización de estos alucinógenos naturales y aborde su problema a través de la educación y la regulación, como deberían hacer todos los países, la agitación seguirá en nuestra región.

Los guatemaltecos sin tierra también son responsables de la tala ilegal de bosques en Belize. Guatemala siempre ha estado controlada por los ricos, y una sangrienta guerra civil que duró casi 40 años no terminó con las masas, principalmente grupos indígenas, ganando una mayor participación en ese país. Las posibilidades parecen perfectas para los guatemaltecos sin tierra cuando miran al otro lado de la frontera hacia los exuberantes bosques de Chiquibul y Columbia. Tienen roces frecuentes con la FCD y nuestro personal de seguridad que tratan de evitar la caza furtiva de nuestra excelente flora y fauna, y la tala de bosques para establecer fincas.

La tensión aumentó un poco cuando el Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores de Guatemala, en un comunicado del 19 de noviembre, condenó la reciente aplicación de Belize para llevar el reclamo de Honduras a los Cayos Sapotillos ante la CIJ. El senador Michael Peyrefitte (UDP) dijo a *KREM News* que Belize tiene todo el derecho de ejercer sus opciones legales y que lo que Guatemala debería hacer es “retirar” su “reclamo infundado”.

Los comentarios de Guatemala podrían haber sido solo juegos. Cuando Guatemala citó retrasos causados por la pandemia de Covid-19 y solicitó una prórroga de 12 meses para presentar su Memoria ante la CIJ, el Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores de Belize objetó y sugirió que 2 meses serían suficientes para ellos. Al final, la CIJ decidió una prórroga de 6 meses.

El gobierno actual de Guatemala no ha sido tan beligerante como los anteriores, tal vez porque el reclamo está ante la CIJ, pero Guatemala es conocido por ser un matón cuando se trata de Belize, que es mucho más pequeño. El tiroteo que se produjo inmediatamente después de los comentarios abrasivos de Guatemala ha hecho que los beliceños se pregunten si la GAF podría haber disparado maliciosamente. En septiembre, los Voluntarios Territoriales de Belize de Wil Maheia plantaron dos banderas beliceñas en nuestra isla Sarstún y la GAF las retiró. Desde entonces, las banderas han sido devueltas.

Hasta la fecha, no sabemos qué pasó en la frontera el sábado. ¿Estaba una persona descuidada limpiando su arma y disparó y golpeó a nuestro soldado? ¿Alguien disparó a un animal en el monte, no le dio a su blanco y la bala errante golpeó a nuestro soldado? ¿Estaban intereses sin escrúpulos tratando de asustar a nuestros agentes de seguridad para que pudieran tener una carrera libre en nuestra tierra? ¿La bala provino del arma de un miembro de la GAF? ¿Fue el tiroteo un accidente o fue intencional?

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, December 4, 2022 **Time:** 10:30 a.m. to noon

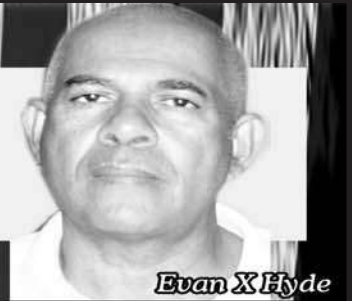
Guest: Bredah Kofi Mawuli Klu/ Jurisconsult & Activist.



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Sunday Review will be repeated at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 4, 2022

From the Publisher



Evan X Hyde

The case of the missing businessman, Owen Tucker, intrigued me, despite my semi-retirement from case research. It was a routine “missing person” announcement in the media early last week, but after a couple days it seemed to me that I knew this name. I did not recognize the 66-year-old person in the photograph, but the name seemed somehow familiar.

Our newspaper has a brilliant lady (computer specialist) who works with us who lives in Biscayne, the area from which Mr. Tucker had disappeared.

I believe it was on Saturday afternoon that I got Deshawn’s cell number from Jacinta, the business manager, and called Deshawn, who began to fill in some of the vacant spaces in the story.

By then, it seemed to me that Owen Tucker was a person who had attended Wesley College in the mid/late 1970s and had won a Belize Open Scholarship. But, he had been abroad

for many years, and I couldn’t find anyone to confirm my speculations.

Now, I no longer research stories at our newspaper. But, here was a Belizean who had made a major investment in the Crocland project which had been a Luke Espot concept during the days in the early years of this century when Michael Ashcroft was pouring money on him like crazy, and the daring Luke had bought the Port of Belize, begun the Crocland project and begun building the Renaissance Towers mega hotel. Spectacular stuff, by Belizean standards.

The Owen Tucker investment in Crocland indicated that he was moving in the big leagues of business. How does a man who is so big disappear from the same area, Biscayne, where his major business investment is located?

On Monday this week, I made contact with a source who directed me to a fairly close Owen Tucker relative, who is himself a business powerhouse in Belize. His company secretary gave

me a cell number, whereupon I made contact with said relative, and introduced myself.

The conversation was not extended, because I did not want to involve him in this affair which was beginning to appear completely tragic. I wanted him to confirm the Wesley College and Open Scholarship aspects of the Tucker biography, and he did. Owen Tucker had discussed his Crocland investment with his relative, but they had not been in contact for three weeks before Owen’s disappearance.

Now this is a story for our local journalists to dig into deeper. For me, what angers me is how a Belizean who brings money from abroad to invest in his native land is murdered so brutally. I didn’t know Mr. Tucker personally, but remember him as a quiet, respectful young man.

A couple weeks ago, I wrote that I don’t recognize this Belize of 2022. This incident is a warning to Belizeans who decide to return home after a long while abroad. This place is out of control. One of the reasons for The Jewel being out of control is that big-time business people in the “legitimate” circles are in contact with the most violent “shatazz” in the streets.

I am reminded of the Therese Blake

murder near her home in the exclusive Barracks area. The millionaire heiress daughter of the business magnate, James Blake, Therese was shot and killed in her own vehicle two decades or so ago. As I remember it, this sensational murder was never solved. Of course, this is how it is with the vast majority of murders in Belize.

Belize is a country which began living a lie after political independence in 1981 and after the first change of government in 1984. Mr. Price was not a saint. There were people close to him who had gangster tendencies, but I don’t believe things were out of control, not the way they are now. Mr. Price had the personal power to keep things Belizean under relative control.

To me, insanity began when Belize began selling passports and opening our society to total strangers, massively wealthy strangers, and so on and so forth. Some Belizean attorneys got very rich off this exercise, but various, traditional aspects of our society began to unravel.

Owen Tucker returned to a Belize where life is cheap. This was not The Jewel he left after winning the Open Scholarship. It is terrible what was done to him. And for what? A small business dispute?

FROM THE PUBLISHER en Español

El caso del empresario desaparecido, Owen Tucker, me intrigó, a pesar de mi retiro parcial de la investigación de casos. Fue un anuncio rutinario de “persona desaparecida” en los medios a principios de la semana pasada, pero después de un par de días me pareció que conocía ese nombre. No reconocí a la persona de 66 años de la fotografía, pero el nombre me resultó familiar.

Nuestro periódico tiene una dama brillante (especialista en computación) que trabaja con nosotros y que vive en Biscayne, el área de donde desapareció el Sr. Tucker.

Creo que fue el sábado por la tarde cuando obtuve el número de celular de Deshawn de parte de Jacinta, la gerente comercial, y llamé a Deshawn, quien comenzó a llenar algunos de los espacios vacíos en la historia.

Para entonces, me parecía que Owen Tucker era una persona que había asistido al Colegio Wesley a mediados o finales de la década de 1970 y había ganado una Beca Abierta de Belize. Pero él había estado en el extranjero durante muchos años y no pude encontrar a nadie que confirmara mis especulaciones.

Ahora, ya no investigo historias en nuestro periódico. Pero, aquí estaba un beliceño que había hecho una gran inversión en el proyecto Crocland, que había sido un concepto de Luke Espot durante los primeros años de este siglo, cuando Michael Ashcroft estaba invirtiendo dinero en él como loco, y el atrevido Luke había comprado Port of Belize, comenzó el proyecto Crocland y comenzó la construcción del mega hotel Renaissance Towers. Cosas espectaculares, para los estándares de Belize.

La inversión de Owen Tucker en Crocland indicó que se estaba moviendo en las grandes ligas de los negocios. ¿Cómo un hombre tan grande desaparece de la misma zona, Biscayne, donde se encuentra su principal inversión empresarial?

El lunes de esta semana, me puse en contacto con una fuente que me dirigió a un pariente bastante cercano de Owen Tucker, quien también es una potencia empresarial en Belize. La secretaria de su compañía me dio un número de celular, después de lo cual me puse en contacto con dicho pariente y me presenté.

La conversación no se alargó, porque no quería involucrarlo en este asunto que comenzaba a parecerme completamente trágico. Quería que confirmara los aspectos del Colegio Wesley y la beca abierta de la biografía de Tucker, y lo hizo. Owen Tucker había discutido su inversión en Crocland con su pariente, pero no habían estado en contacto durante tres semanas antes de la desaparición de Owen.

Ahora bien, esta es una historia para que nuestros periodistas locales profundicen. Para mí, lo que me enoja es cómo un beliceño que trae dinero del extranjero para invertir en su tierra natal es asesinado de manera tan brutal. No conocí al Sr. Tucker personalmente, pero lo recuerdo como un joven tranquilo y respetuoso.

Hace un par de semanas escribí que no reconozco este Belize de 2022. Este incidente es una advertencia para los beliceños que deciden regresar a casa después de un largo tiempo en el extranjero. Este lugar está fuera de



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Public Notice Update

Extension of Date for Submission of Comments of EIA report for MDL Investments LTD.

“For the Construction and Operation of a Tourism Resort Facility at Deadman Caye Group- Turneffe Atoll”

Belmopan, Belize. November 25, 2022. The Department of the Environment (DOE), within the Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management hereby informs the General Public that the date for the submission of written comments on the review of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report for MDL Investments LTD. for the construction and operation of a tourism resort at Deadman Caye Group, Turneffe Atoll has been extended to December 8th, 2022.

The EIA report continues to be available for review by the general public and is available on the DOE’s website at link: <https://doe.gov.bz/environmental-clearance/>. Members of the public can place their written comments in the Public Comment Box at the DOE’s Office and/or can submit written comments using the below URL or via post mail or emailing the provided contact information below:

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The United States of Gun – The Story Never Ends

by Wallace Ford

Literally a week does not go by without another mass killing in the United States. Recently, the death toll has been increasing like the scoreboard for some insane video game, with mass killings every few days. And there is no end, indeed not even respite, in sight.

It is ironic that in a country that claims some kind of exceptionalism that the carnage continues unabated. The gun lobby and the gun manufacturers literally insure with their massive political donations and 24-7 propaganda machine that there will always be a critical mass of lawmakers in virtually every state and always in the Congress that will block any meaningful changes in the laws in the near, and sadly, bloody future.

With a Supreme Court that has now established a new and lethal interpretation of the Second Amendment which will very likely result

in opening the remaining floodgates that will result in a virtual tsunami of guns and consequent deaths. And the irony is that the Second Amendment literally says nothing about the right of individuals to own guns, to wit:

A well-regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed. (emphasis added)

Even a casual visitor to the pages of the Constitution with only a gossamer thread of knowledge about American history will know that the Second Amendment was the reflection of the very real memory of the British colonial power dismantling state militias that were key to the American Resistance in 1775 and onwards. There is literally no indication in the writings of Madison, Hamilton, Franklin and any of the other key framers of the Constitution that the Second Amendment was intended to mean that

every person had a constitutional right to own a gun.

Even granting that the Constitution has been reinterpreted to reflect the times, the reality is that well over 60 percent of the American population, when asked, favors some kind of gun control laws, rules and regulations. Yet we are supposed to believe that this so-called inalienable right is worth the lives of tens of thousands of men women and children who die from guns.

In this country guns are the leading cause of death *among children* (emphasis added). There is no so-called developed nation on the planet that would find that such a statistic as acceptable. Yet in this so-called exceptional country the proponents of gun carnage will send their crocodile tears and empty thoughts and their profane prayers to the survivors and this daily deluge of blood.

Almost exactly ten years ago, a 20-year old by the name of Adam Lanza

killed his mother and then went to the Sandy Hook Elementary School where he shot and killed 26 people, including 20 children between the ages of 6 and 7 years of age with an AR-15 style automatic rifle. And then he shot himself in the head.

Reports of the carnage were too awful to photograph. Let it suffice to say that the carnage was so complete that parents of the children were only able to identify their sons and daughters by the clothing that they had been wearing when they left for school or, in some truly horrific cases, only by DNA evidence.

It was said at the time that, if this country could not do something about gun violence and mass shootings after Sandy Hook, it never would. And then... in the last ten years this country has done nothing of substance.

If, ten years after Sandy Hook and after ten years of more dead men, women and children this country cannot seriously address the issue of gun violence, then it is quite possible that this country will shoot itself to death in some kind of demented suicide pact.

This country has more guns than people. And if this killing continues unabated, there will continue to be fewer people than guns.

There is no rational interpretation of the Second Amendment that justifies any American should be forced to live in the United States of Gun in order to satisfy the insatiable greed of gun manufacturers and those men and women who foresee an apocalypse where only having a gun will save you.

Clearly, this story never ends.

See article online at : <https://thewallaceford.com/2022/11/28/the-United-states-of-gun-the-story-never-ends/>

Duhende on the prowl

(The following story was first published on page 7 of THE BELIZE BILLBOARD in its October 30, 1949 issue.)

HUAMIL, Hill Bank (by Agent-Correspondent)

One evening late last week, 13-year-old Alexander (Lacelle) Vacaro, who was on the way to help his stepfather, Mr. Nicholas Gomez, at the milpa, saw a very short man with long red hair, and a big hat. The little man was sitting on a railroad bridge not fifteen yards away. Snakes coiled and uncoiled themselves on the little man's back.

When Lacelle saw this, he felt himself staggering, and he began to feel heavy. Luckily for him, he remembered some advice his aged grandfather had once given him—to walk backwards. This he did, and came home staggering.

His mother, on seeing the condition of her son, ran up to him and asked him what was the matter with him.

"Mama," he said, and fell to the ground in a faint. After fifteen minutes of working over her son, Mrs. Vacaro managed to revive him.

"Mama," he cried, "Tata Duhende ... I saw him coming behind me ..."



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D-Line's scintillating chilena

by Colin Hyde

Hey, the World Cup is on. It happens every four years, and every time I am reminded of our greats in the period when I was a child. This WC is the most controversial one ever, and how the US and Iran clashed in a do-or-die match to decide who would move on to the knockout round, well that couldn't be scripted. No, I don't agree with cynics who I expect are saying that for losing, all the Iranian players will get green cards to the land of milk and honey within the next few years. The US is boring, but if it's about money, I would have put mine on them over Iran in Qatar.

A fan of Pelé linked me to the Richarlison goal for Brazil that has everyone talking. Nice, very nice. It earned its place to be talked about, quite rare indeed, a shot that demands quite a skill set and presence of mind. *The Business Standard* called it a bicycle kick, and the title of its article discussing that goal is, "A bicycle kick goal in World Cup: A feat that Pelé couldn't but Richarlison could achieve." But it wasn't the true bicycle kick, not the true chilena.

In the article, the *Standard* said Pelé wrote in his autobiography, "I have just three-four of my 1,283 goals with a bicycle kick. It's difficult, and my greatest regret is that I have never scored a bicycle kick goal in a World

Cup." The *Standard* says a bicycle kick goal is "as rare as it gets," and it "combines spontaneity and science, art and acrobatics, physicality and elasticity." Yap, it does. The *Standard* says one Sandip G, writing about the bicycle kick in a recent *Times of India* report, said: "It is like a bullet fired from the paintbrush of an artist, designed in the needle of a geometrician's compass, requiring a dancer's feet, a bullfighter's physicality, a poet's imagination and a gambler's enterprise for the perfect execution."

Richarlison's goal was the much-easier-to-pull-off scissors kick. Ah, I've seen a picture of Pelé pulling off a true chilena. I saw D-Line pull off one too. It's no ordinary feat.

Hey, some of this story might be old news from this corner, but I'm certain there are some snippets here that I haven't related before. In the mid to late 1960s, Landivar, Independence, and BEC were the big Belize City teams. There were tournaments that included the top teams from the districts, and some not so tops. I saw Queen's Park Rangers. Salada Eleven wasn't so good. I loved the flamboyant Columbus and the delightfully named Rummy Martinez of La Victoria. The brother might have been named Romel, so *drink a rum on a Krismos maanin* might have had nothing to do with his colorful moniker.

Big Fred Martinez was a fearsome

striker from San Joaquin, and the midfield of that club featured the elegant Malanga; their tireless and acrobatic full back, P&G, and their lockdown stopper, hmm, can't remember his name today. I didn't like Maya Ortega of Avengers because Cayo-ans and Independence haters said he was better than my heroes, Di Mohga and Big Mole.

Peeta of R-A-C became an immortal, my hero forever, when he stopped Keith Gardiner's penalty in injury time to preserve a 2-1 victory over the hated Landivar. But I wasn't pleased with his team's leader, D-Line, when the following week he led R-A-C out of the MCC Grounds at halftime after a disputed call. I held my seat behind the southern goal for some time, hoping R-A-C would return to the field, until the word came that they were well on their way to the Hummingbird in their truck.

I worked hard to earn my 10 cents, the fare for the games on the weekend. From midday on Saturday I was a perfectly behaved boy, and on Sunday mornings I put on my dress pants and shirt, and shoes, and went to mass, all just so my mother didn't ground me on Sunday afternoon.

D-Line wasn't thinking of little ball hounds who lived for Sunday afternoons at the MCC when he pulled his team. Worse was to come the following season. That year, Landivar,

the richest club in Belize, loaded up like the daam Yankees and Dodgers. In those days players were lucky to get an orange at half time. I learned that after games Salva Habet, Landivar's owner, took his players to a club and treated them to fried chicken, a "whole" half bird. In the 1960s chicken was expensive, a Sunday dish only, definitely so in the city. Madaz, a "whole" half chicken!

With the Gardiner brothers, Keith and Charlie, and Angus, Landivar was already a super team, but they went on a raid that gutted their closest rivals, Independence and BEC. Those bohgaz, they plundered Koako, Baba, and Gyas from Independence. They snatched, more likely bought, the flamboyant goalkeeper, Bowza, from BEC, and that club's midfield general, Mimi. They had Kalibuhm on their right wing, but I believe they'd recruited him from the year before. And they went to Stann Creek and stole D-Line from R-A-C.

That season was no contest. No, no team in this country, maybe no team in the world could have matched Landivar that year. But ball hounds, they never give up. Sometimes lee man do fall big tree. So, when BEC played them, I was on the bench behind the southern goal, praying for a miracle. BEC always gave Landivar trouble, but not this time.

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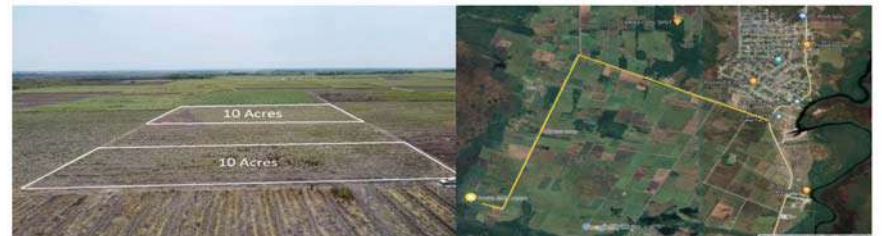
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BY ORDER of the Mortgagees, Messrs. National Bank of Belize Limited (NBB), Licensed Auctioneer Jonathan Mulligan, will be selling by way of Public Auction, the following properties:

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BLOCK 17
PARCEL 1



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PRESS PREDICTIONS

The sports psychic speaks

BOLEDO

“Press” Predictions: 79-91-01
Boledo stats thru 2nd Dec. 2022

In Boledo news, 26 finally played after 1 year, 10 months. 25 and 12 played before the Christmas. These are my lucky numbers for this week: 79-91-01-82-36-14. These are my lucky Jackpot numbers: 2831-6710-5894. These are my lucky PICK-3 numbers: 962-103-485-707-563. Get ready, Belize! Some dinero will be coming our way. Then 47 refuses to play from the 22nd of April last year; that’s over 1 year 7 months 1 week and 3 days now. 00 just joined the crowd last week Thursday the 24th of November. 94 will complete 1 year on the 6th of December; 18 will complete 1 year on the 29th of December. 3 of those 4 numbers will be out before the year is over. Doubles production is very high. The nineties series is due on a Sunday; from the 27th of February a nineties series number has not played. 99 was the last number to play. Remember to read your Psalms: 72-63-91. Good luck to all buyers! Next week, more stats.

LOCAL FOOTBALL

Altitude FC will be the new champions

Local football finals results and prediction

In local football action, the finals got started in Cayo. Verdes FC, the 3-times defending champion, drew 1 goal apiece with Altitude FC, the leaders of the regular season. Verdes FC has not lost to Altitude FC in 7 straight games. This Saturday night, Mango Creek will be very crazy. The crowd will make a



Andres Orozco

lot of noise from the beginning to the end of the game. This game will have a very massive turnout. The Altitude FC team is very hungry and they are pretty young. Andres Orozco will score in the final. Jardell Muschamp will play a very good game. Dalton Eiley is still the best defender in the country; he deserves the award again. Ashley Torres has the most experience on the team. Enuff respect to their coach Wilmer Garcia, and Zerrick Torres. There will be some entertainment by Supa G and a top band in Youth

Connection. Next week, the results and the finals MVP Award.

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Draymond Green will get traded this season

NBA results, prediction and updates

In NBA action, the Phoenix Suns are the leaders of the West. Devin Booker and Chris Paul need their ring; they are playing



Draymond Green

very well. The Utah Jazz with Jordan Clarkson has one of the best starts in franchise history. The Denver Nuggets with 2-time MVP Nikola Jokic needs to stay healthy if they want to be a real contender. The LA Lakers have won 2 straight games. They beat the San Antonio Spurs on the road to win their first road game. LeBron James is back in the lineup. Anthony Davis is putting up some big numbers right now; he had 38 points 21 rebounds 5 steals and also 5 blocked shots against the Spurs at home. The Golden State Warriors are struggling. Steph Curry and Draymond Green are not seeing eye to eye right now. Jordan Poole and Green had a punching match. The Milwaukee Bucks have lost 4 of their last 7 games. The East is not so competitive as the West. Next week, more stats.

World Cup FOOTBALL

Spain loaded up Costa Rica 7-nil
World Cup 2022 in Qatar results, predictions

In World Cup action in Qatar 2022 results and some predictions, Ecuador



by Gilroy “Press” Cadogan

beat Qatar, the host, 2-nil in the opener. Then on Monday there were 4 games: England crushed Iran, 6 goals to 2; Raheem Sterling scored twice alongside Harry Kane, their captain and best penalty kicker. Spain loaded up Costa Rica, 7 goals to



Harry Kane



Cristiano Ronaldo

nil. France, the defending champion, beat Australia, 4 goals to 1, after trailing 1-nil. France looks very impressive. There are some upsets already. Saudi Arabia surprised Argentina, 2 goals to 1. Argentina is the favorite, rated at number-1 going into this World Cup in Qatar. Then Japan shocked Germany, 2 goals to 1, after trailing 1-nil at the half. Croatia and Morocco drew nil-nil. Mexico and Poland also drew nil-nil. Netherlands beat Senegal 2-nil; they looked very good. USA drew with England, nil-nil. Brazil beat Serbia. Cristiano Ronaldo’s Portugal will advance to the next round easily. Next week, more results.

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control. Una de las razones por las que La Joya está fuera de control es que los grandes empresarios de los círculos “legítimos” están en contacto con los “matones” más violentos de las calles.

Me acuerdo del asesinato de Therese Blake cerca de su casa en la zona exclusiva de Barracks. Therese, la heredera millonaria, hija del magnate de los negocios, James Blake, fue asesinada a tiros en su propio vehículo hace aproximadamente dos décadas. Tal como lo recuerdo, este sensacional asesinato nunca se resolvió. Por supuesto, así es con la gran mayoría de los asesinatos en Belize.

Belize es un país que comenzó a vivir una mentira después de la independencia política en 1981 y después del primer cambio de gobierno en 1984. El Sr. Price

no era un santo. Había gente cercana a él que tenía tendencias gánsteres, pero no creo que las cosas estuvieran fuera de control, no como están ahora. El Sr. Price tenía el poder personal para mantener los asuntos de Belize bajo un control relativo.

Para mí, la locura comenzó cuando Belize comenzó a vender pasaportes y abrió nuestra sociedad a totales extraños, extraños enormemente ricos, etc. Algunos abogados beliceños se enriquecieron mucho con este ejercicio, pero varios aspectos tradicionales de nuestra sociedad comenzaron a desmoronarse.

Owen Tucker regresó a un Belize donde la vida es barata. Esta no era La Joya que dejó después de ganar la Beca Abierta. Es terrible lo que le hicieron. ¿Y para qué? ¿Una pequeña disputa de negocios?



Shortened Office Days for the Holidays:

Offices Close	Offices Re-open
Friday, December 23, 2022—1:00 PM	Tuesday, December 27, 2022
Friday, December 30, 2022—1:00 PM	Tuesday, January 3, 2023

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Have a safe and blessed holidays!



PUBLIC AUCTION SALE- PROPERTIES

Belmopan, Teakettle Village; Cayo District

BY ORDER of the Mortgagees Messrs. Heritage Bank Limited, Licensed Auctioneers Kevin A. Castillo and Christiana R. Castillo are selling ONLINE via belizepropertyauctions.com the following properties. Sales currently running and will expire on Monday 5th December 2022 at the times listed on the website.

1. Parcel No. 2362 situate between Hibiscus & Poinsettia Streets, (near U.S. Embassy) Belmopan, Cayo District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Belmopan	20	2362

(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	BLOCK	PARCEL
Society Hall	24	3893

(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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Paraiso Village, Corozal District; Belize City, Belize District

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1. Parcels No. 2268 near Paraiso Village, Corozal District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Corozal North	1	2268

(Being a concrete bungalow dwelling house [Approx 1025 sq. ft.] containing: 3 Bedrooms + 1 Bathroom + Living/Dining/Kitchen + Carport/Garage + Storage Room and Lot [6,098 sq. ft. or .14 Acre] situate near the Village of Paraiso, Corozal District, the freehold property of Mr. Aaron Navarro)

2. No. 17 Zietown Street, Loyola, Belize City:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Albert/Mesop	45	885

(Being a two-storey concrete house [2068 sq. ft.] containing: Ground Floor – 5 individual rental rooms + 2 bathrooms + small kitchen; First Floor – 3 Bedrooms + 1 Bathroom + Living/Dining/kitchen TOGETHER with lot [433.164 S.M.] situate at No. 17 Zietown Street, Belize City, the freehold property of Mr. Douglas Carr & Mrs. Angie Carr)

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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:

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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:

1. Senior Procurement Officer
Belize Social Investment Fund
3rd Floor
#1902 Constitution Drive
Belmopan
BELIZE
Tel. (501) 822-0239;
Fax. (501) 822-0279
Email: submissions@sifbelize.org

2. Procurement Officer
Caribbean Development Bank
P.O. Box 408
Wilkey
St. Michael
BARBADOS, W.I.
Tel. (246) 539-1600
Email: procurement@caribank.org
cc: omar.bispat@caribank.org

No plans for seismic testing YET, says PM



Prime Minister John Briceño

without the prior approval of the public—despite a moratorium against offshore exploration in Belize.

Such a course of action by GoB, however, would have to be presented to, and approved by, the National Assembly before the commencement of any such undertaking.

PM Briceño says that no such confirmation was given and that no plan for seismic testing has even reached Cabinet, but when asked if such plans might perhaps be in the pipeline, he said that it would have to be “addressed sooner or later.”

Shortly after Oceana’s press conference, at which Chanona announced the petition drive and revealed that the current administration may want to engage in offshore oil exploration, the government issued a press release which stated that the administration simply wants to be able to identify and quantify what natural resources, such as oil or natural gas, might be lying below the seabed in the outer bands (beyond the reef) of our exclusive economic zones for the purposes of leveraging/negotiation.

When interviewed recently, PM Briceño said, “I’m saying from our perspective, what is it that we want to do, if we get to the point where there could be potentially oil in our exclusive economic zone, again not by the Barrier

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Nov. 30, 2022
 Oceana Belize is currently collecting the signatures of Belizeans as part of an effort to trigger a referendum on whether or not the government should seek input from the public before issuing approval for any type of offshore exploration. The environmental organization, which is dedicated to preserving the marine environment, is, in essence, seeking to oblige the government to carry out a referendum if they desire to conduct any offshore activity.

Vice President of Oceana Belize, Janelle Chanona, explained to the media a few weeks ago at a press conference that in a September 9 conversation she had with the Prime Minister, Hon. John Briceño, he allegedly confirmed his administration’s desire to proceed with seismic testing in Belizean waters

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Anglican Diocese of Belize

VACANCIES

The Anglican Management is seeking qualified persons to fill teaching positions in primary schools in Belize effective January 1st 2023.

Applicants should be i) committed to the well-being of children and to their education ii) spiritually grounded and willing to support the principles and practices of the Anglican Church. Academic and professional qualifications must be consistent with the standards of the Ministry of Education.

Teaching positions are available in the Belize and Cayo Districts. Special Education Teaching position available in the Stann Creek District

Application forms are available from the Diocesan Office located at 25 A Southern Foreshore in Belize City or may be requested by email at bzediocese@btl.net. Completed forms must be submitted with all required documentation (two recommendations, original transcript, certified copies of: a valid license to teach, a valid police record, social security card, birth certificate, medical report, highest academic certificates/degrees) to:

General Manager
P.O. Box 535
Anglican Diocesan Office
25 A Southern Foreshore, Belize City

Deadline: December 15th, 2022



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By order of the Municipal Court, certified and licensed Auctioneer Troy Gabb Sr. will sell the following property:
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#21 Los Lagos | Belize District | Tel: 610-2725
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Russians at the border

I was reading an article in the NYT highlighting the fact that Russians fleeing the war, and who end up at the southern borders, are being detained in immigration prisons. They interviewed many of these detainees, who expected to be greeted with open arms, maybe have jobs waiting for them, a car, a house, a great salary, you know, the American dream? After all, they're white, not from some third world country; preference should be a given, was expected, in fact!

I became very upset as I read this article, upset because of the hundreds of thousands from Haiti, Venezuela, Nicaragua, Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, who are languishing in these detention centers, for months, sometimes for years before they get a hearing! Some were separated from their little children, when a different, less humane administration was in charge. The fact that these Russians made it all the way to the southern border meant that they had to travel across the world to get there. They could have asked for asylum in any of the dozens of countries they passed through on their way. But everyone has figured out that if you are not black or brown it's much easier to get into the United States, no follow-up required. Listening to some of those detained, you could read in their statements how surprised they were at this roadblock to their access to "paradise?" 'This shouldn't be happening to us, who after all, were escaping Putin and his rogue regime.'

Well, my Russian friends, get in line like everyone else! No preferential treatment for you. And since you are Johnny-come-lately's, you should expect to spend a very long time waiting to be processed, like everyone else is. There are people ahead of you who are suffering much more than you can ever begin to imagine. The Haitians, the Venezuelans, for example, who have lost all hope, no food, no jobs, no justice, no future! They have to be considered before anyone else, but will they be?

Running away from a war you oppose is not the same as escaping from a hell with no hope. You all allowed the Russian regime to get where it is, and now, because you might be drafted or because your lifestyle has been transformed by sanctions, you decide to leave and expect what? From whom? Just get in line. You will probably be admitted in, but it should be in the order of urgency, not because of your color or where you come from.

Giving these newcomers a pass would just demonstrate how unjust the immigration system is, even while it's being administered by Democrats! It should not be a question of your geographic origins, but again, the validity and urgency of your claim. Wait your damn turn and stfu!

Glen

IDB

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.

Call us at:
202-4477

Institutionalized Corruption



by Clinton Canul Luna

~Any person who was not born in Belize but who carries a Belizean passport and abuses the rights of natives for no reason or does any act against the state or nation that affects Belizeans, their passport shall be canceled and they shall be deported from the country, IF, you believe that Belize is an independent and sovereign nation.~

on the reform of the Belizean constitution. We are even left speechless by so much knowledge; they really are connoisseurs of it all. There is no one who can win against them. I don't know what so many connoisseurs are doing here in Belize; those people should be leaders of the world, since they know everything. If you ask them about medicines, they know it all; if you ask them about cancer, they know it all; if you ask them about current modern technology, they know it all; if you ask them about the depth of the sea and what lies below, they know that too. If you ask them if they can create, invent life, they know it all. They leave us with our mouths open, so much knowledge. All that knowledge going to waste here in Belize.

they are at the service of the most powerful country in the world, the most corrupt, but at the same time the saint. Yes, the little saint continues to give boats to fight against drug trafficking, the same drug that their country needs, since it is the biggest market throughout the world. They spend billions and billions of dollars on wars in other parts of the world when in their own country there are people who don't have enough to eat, there are people who are mentally ill; they walk around like zombies who don't know what they are doing or what they are looking for, they live on the streets, they go through the garbage looking for something to eat, or maybe they are looking for gold, who knows, or maybe they think they are looking for

How precious it is to listen to the great connoisseurs of it all, when they are interviewed or when they give their speech

precious stones in Africa. Yes, they are all sick. I don't understand how it is that Washington is spending so many billions of dollars on killing people, or for another madman to be killing them, and they can't fix their own problems in their country.

Nothing can get into the United States if the government doesn't want to, so how do drugs get in? We have to ask those questions, because the information does not exist. How do drugs enter the United States? So that the people who need it can consume it, because the United States, what is known, cannot live one day without drugs. Those people would go crazy. There would be a most horrible revolution if those people did not have their drugs. So, why so many wars? What are they speaking about so much? 40 years in the fight against drugs when they themselves need it there. Who puts it there? Who brings the drug into the United States? Who distributes the drug there? It is to think. However, this article is not about the drugs that enter the United States. It is about our great intellectuals, those connoisseurs of it all, who want to reform the Constitution. They look for so many things; they give all sorts of explanations; they give precious words when it is so easy. Let there be no more corruption in Belize, period. 41 years of corruption in the two political parties; each one that enters is a monarchy. Let us stop playing the fool. That is the system that exists here, that is the system that must be broken so that low-income people, the poor, can have enough to eat, can have a good roof over their heads, and can have medicines for health, not for a privileged few who can pay to be taken in a private plane to X country to see specialists with the people's money. Those are thieves. That is the institutionalized corruption that must be stopped. So much talk of a reform of the Constitution, and for what? What you have to stop is to have so much of a monarchy; each political party that comes into power is a monarchy and uses the money as it pleases. OH, I was also forgetting about the loans they make and apart from the donations that other countries give to eradicate poverty. Let's see what they are going to do now with the donations that they may receive for Hurricane Lisa that hit Belize City on November 2, 2022. Fortunately, it was not a Category 5 hurricane. Who in their right mind would think of building a construction over mud? The base is between 30 to 80 feet of mud. Who in their right mind can think of building in a place that is below water level and is in the heart of cyclones? What smart minds; wow, they really are smart. Could you imagine what would happen to Belize City if a Category 5 hurricane hit it during this epoch of climate change?

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.

SCHEDULE

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.



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

fincasolan@gmail.com
 November 26, 2022
 Finca Solana
 Corozal Town

TO GOB: PUT IN PLACE LANGUAGE/CULTURE CURRICULUM FOR ALL ETHNIC GROUPS



by *Wellington C. Ramos*

Adjunct Professor of History and Political Science

It is to the advantage of all governments in this world to have a language and culture curriculum for all the ethnic groups in their countries. This will help the ethnic groups to know more about each other's cultures, to foster mutual respect and understanding among themselves as

citizens of their nation states. Especially countries like Belize that were colonized by Great Britain and other European colonizers which took away their rights as citizens to speak their languages and practice their culture. It can also help to build the country's nationalism and to reduce prejudice and racism. Racism exists in Belize just as it does in many other countries in this world. Many of our Belizean people do not want to accept this fact, which we experience in our daily lives in our country.

We the Garifuna people are among the 400 million people on this earth who speak one of the 6,000 indigenous languages that exist. Most of us are struggling to preserve our languages that we have been speaking for centuries before the Europeans came to our lands and established their colonial rule. They then passed decrees and laws forbidding us from speaking our native language and practicing our culture.

This is what the French and the British did to us in our native land, "Yurumein," now known as St. Vincent and the Grenadines, up until the war ended in 1796. About 5,000 of our people were removed from our mainland island and taken to one of our other islands, Balliceaux, where we were tortured, imprisoned, killed, and some of our people were buried there.

In 1797, about 2,500 of our people who survived the torturing, inhumane treatment and conditions they endured at Balliceaux, were packed up like cargoes and taken to the island of Roatan in the country of Honduras, where they were dumped on April 12, 1797. At the time our people arrived in Roatan, our language was already mixed with French. Now that we were brought to Roatan, our language was influenced by the British and the Spanish. Both the British and the Spanish did not want us to intermingle with the other ethnic

groups in their colonies, so they isolated us from them.

The British hated us because of the fight we waged against them, to protect our nation and to avoid being their slaves. They also did not want to run the risk of our people assisting the slaves in Saint Vincent, the neighboring islands, Belize, Nicaragua and their colonies to rebel against them for their freedom. This was also the same for the Maya and other indigenous people in Central America who were victims of Spanish colonization and genocide.

Like the French and the British, the Spanish established their language as the official language for all their colonies. The Indians fought to retain their land and preserve their language and culture by running away from them. Yet, the Spanish pursued them and killed all those who resisted their rule. When the French, British, Spanish, and the other European colonial countries made their languages the official languages for their colonies, they did this with the intent to eradicate all the other languages that were spoken in their occupied territories. Why? Because they knew that the language of an ethnic group is the essence of their culture.

Once the native languages were removed by them, they were in a better position to control and subjugate the people. We the Garifuna people, because of our isolation from the other ethnic groups in these countries, were able to speak and maintain our language. As time went by, these countries decided to set up an educational system where everybody must go to school and learn only their languages. In schools located in Honduras, Nicaragua, and Guatemala, all the various ethnic groups were learning how to read, write and speak Spanish, and in Belize and parts of Nicaragua, English.

They introduced new languages to the Garifuna people in these territories for their economic, political, and social survival. As a result of this, Garifuna people focused on learning how to speak, write, and read these languages while some of them were neglecting their own Garifuna language. Most Garifuna people cannot write or read the words in their native language, because there were no native schools in most of their communities that taught them how to read and write Garifuna. Under international law, it is the responsibility of all governments to facilitate, accommodate, and assist the indigenous people like the Garifuna to preserve their language and culture.

UNESCO and other international organizations have been providing funds to most countries for this purpose. Most countries have signed on to these international agreements, including St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Honduras, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Belize, and the United States. Yet, they have no program in place for the Garifuna language and culture to be taught in their schools. This is the same for the other ethnic groups in Belize.

In order for we the Garifuna people to learn how to speak, write, read and



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
Housing Execution Unit
Ministry of Infrastructure Development & Housing
Power Lane
Belmopan
Cayo District
BELIZE, C. A

Tel: +501-828-6027

Email: manuelita.tot@midh.gov.bz

2. Attention: Mr. Colin Escalante

Project Engineer
Housing Execution Unit
Ministry of Infrastructure Development & Housing
Power Lane
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Cayo District
BELIZE, C. A

Tel: +501-828-6023

Email: colin.escalante@midh.gov.bz



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.**

Proposals shall be submitted by email, in pdf format, to the email address below, no later than **10:00 am local time on Monday 19 December 2022.** The e-mail subject line should state, "**TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL PROPOSALS FOR THE PEER DESIGN REVIEW OF SECTION VI OF THE GEORGE PRICE UPGRADING HIGHWAY PROJECT**" and the body of the email must state the name and address of the applicant. The Proposals will be deemed to have been received at the time they are received by the receiving office in the address below. The burden of proving receipt of the email will be on the applicant and will not be met solely by a read receipt or sent items report generated by the applicant's computer.

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.

1. **Attention: Mr. Evondale Moody**
Engineering Coordinator
Project Execution Unit
Ministry of Infrastructure Development
and Housing
Belmopan
BELIZE, C.A.
Tel: +501-828-5220
Email: peu@midh.gov.bz



Digi's Relief and Rebuilding Efforts

in the Afthermath of Hurricane Lisa



In the aftermath of Hurricane Lisa's landfall on 2 November 2022, Digi's restoration efforts ensured the swift return of connectivity. OurNational Telecom initiated its plan of action to support the communities in the Belize District which included:

- Continued daily manning of our Emergency Operations Center with Digi personnel on duty on site commencing prestrike, throughout and post impact of the hurricane
- The provision of a FREE 3-day plan with 680MB for all active prepaid customers countrywide
- Welcoming residents to our DigiStores in Belize City to charge their devices for free
- Extending our charging campaign across the Belize district for residents to charge their devices with our on-the-go mobile charging stations

Digi's Relief and Rebuilding Efforts Cont'd
in the Aftermath of Hurricane Lisa



- Ensuring that our customers' accounts were also fully charged up by offering a double up offer in each visited location
- Partnering with the National Emergency Management Organization by donating care packages for impacted families in Belize City
- Staff of Digi, volunteered to deliver care packages to impacted communities in rural Belize
- Distributing warm meals to first responders and volunteers participating in the Belize City Recovery Clean Up Campaign in partnership with the Belize City Council

In addition, as a display of goodwill to all DigiNet customers whose services remained offline throughout the restoration process because of Hurricane Lisa, Digi will offer discounts of up to 50% from their November bill.

Our National Telecom's relief and rebuilding initiatives are fueled by our ever-growing commitment to support and empowering communities, especially during challenging times. We continue to do our part to support Belizeans to forward to welcoming the season of giving this December.



TO GOB: PUT IN PLACE LANGUAGE/CULTURE..

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analyze our Garifuna language in the countries where we live, we must do the following things:

- Continue to speak and teach our language to our children at home
- Open schools in all of our communities to teach our people how to speak, write, read and analyze our Garifuna language
- Bring a case against the governments in all the countries where we live who signed Treaties, Conventions, ILO-169, and other international agreements to teach our language in schools
- Interact with Garifuna people who live in other communities and countries to conduct language workshops and symposiums
- Establish an International Garifuna Language Institute (IGLI) with representatives from all the countries where we live to be responsible for the preservation, promotion, and protection of our language and culture.

This organization should be under the jurisdiction of the Garifuna Nation and it is a necessary body to preserve our language and culture, introduce new words, deal with all aspects of the language, and gain worldwide recognition. Once we establish the IGLI, the members of this organization will be able to do a thorough evaluation of the current state of our language and culture, make recommendations on how to improve, preserve, and protect it. In my research, the late Vilma Roches-Joseph, a Garifuna scholar who did extensive research on our language, said that most of our people do not want to speak our language because of shame and low self-esteem.

I also think that we should include the following among the reasons our native language was not spoken to us in our homes: acculturation with other ethnic groups; peer pressure in the communities where some of us live; absence of persons to speak the language with regularly; resentment from other Garifuna people like ourselves who know how to speak the language; while some of us do not understand the value and benefits of our rich history, language and culture. We know the obstacles we face with our history, culture, and language; now is the time for us to come together and correct the injustice.

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Reef. Then we can take that and leverage it and go to the other countries or to these international NGOs and say ‘okay, we will leave it there but pay us for it so that we can use that money,’ PM Briceño said.

Oceana’s Vice President has suggested, however, that seismic and sonar testing are a clear indication of the intention on the part of GoB to engage in offshore oil exploitation, and as one Oceana article that was published earlier this year points out, “Where they drill, they spill.”

PM Briceño said that if Oceana Belize successfully gathers the number of signatures to trigger a referendum, his administration would be able to “take a look”, but he said that it is the Cabinet that would make that decision.

Teen charged for friend’s death in RTA

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Nov. 30, 2022

William Faux, 19, a resident of Ladyville, Belize District, was charged in the Magistrate Court in Belize City on Tuesday with multiple offenses in connection with the death of his best friend, Daniel Thompson, 19, who was riding on a motorcycle when he was hit by Faux’s car between Miles 12 and 13 on the Philip Goldson Highway on October 14.

The incident occurred at around 1:00 in the morning, after what was reportedly a night of socializing/partying by the two young men, who had seemingly arranged to head to another destination, with Thompson, a Ladyville resident, driving



Daniel Thompson, deceased

there on his motorcycle while Faux followed closely behind in his car. They were reportedly en route north on the Philip Goldson Highway, toward the Burrell Boom junction, when Thompson’s motorbike, which reportedly was missing its tail lights, was hit by Faux’s Dodge Challenger, which caused Thompson to be flung several feet away from the highway. He died not long after of the injuries he sustained.

Faux was charged on Tuesday, November 29, with manslaughter by negligence, causing death by careless conduct, and driving a motor vehicle without due care and attention. He was granted bail in the sum of \$10,000 and is scheduled to reappear in court on January 30 of next year.



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The US Government-funded Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) has selected Belize as one of only two countries in the world for a five-year government to government grant to fund a program aimed at reducing poverty and stimulating economic growth.

The Government of Belize (GOB) through the Ministry of Finance, Economic Development, and Investment, have contracted a team of individual consultants to form a Compact Development Team in Belize that will work together with a U.S.-based MCC Team to conduct a diagnosis of the constraints to economic growth, prepare concept notes, develop project proposals, and plan for project implementation.

The Belize Compact Development Team will be led by a National Coordinator who will manage the team, engage key stakeholders across all sectors, and bear responsibility for the overall performance and work quality of the team. The Public Outreach and Stakeholder Engagement Specialist will be a member of this team and will be working closely with the MCC GSI team lead assigned to the Belize country team.

Vacant Post

1. Public Outreach and Stakeholder Engagement Specialist

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.

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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.

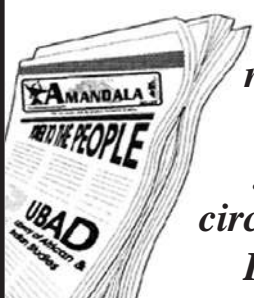
Subsequently the top 3 applicants for the post will be interviewed.

Deadline for application is **16 December at 4:00pm**. Application can be sent via email to: econdev@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 12 December 2022. Responses will be provided within three days.

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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

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEES

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

The Bank thus hereby gives notice of its intention to exercise its power of sale under subject to a Deed of Mortgage between Scotia Bank (Belize) Ltd (hereinafter called "The Bank") and Nohe Lima of 10.5 Miles Stann Creek Valley Road, Pomona Village, Stann Creek District (hereinafter called "the Borrower") which was filed at the Land Titles Unit in Belmopan City in being Instrument: LTU-201302082 dated November 8, 2013. The Bank will at the expiration of two months from the date of the first publication of this notice sell the property of the Mortgagors described in the SCHEDULES hereto.

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

THE SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO AS

ALL THAT piece or parcel of land being Lot No. 5A comprising 696.567 square metres situate in Pomona Village, North of the Stann Creek Valley Road, near Mile 10, Stann Creek District, bounded and described as shown by Plan No. 239 of 2013 attached to Minister's Fiat Grant No. 239 of 2013 and also delineated on Entry No. 7205 Register 4, TOGETHER with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon.

Dated the 17th November 2022

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

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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**



KREM Television Program Guide

Shoa Wiself, Si Wiself, Bee Wiself!!!

Questions or comments may be forwarded via email to

Phone: 202-5848 kremtelevision@yahoo.com

Friday, December 2 to Thursday, December 8, 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. Movie: Just Wright
- 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: An Indigenous Perspective on Humanity's Survival on Earth - Jupta Itoewaki
- 7:30 p.m. **Navel String Connections (repeat)**
- 9:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**

SATURDAY

- 9:00 a.m. Movie: Love and Basketball
- 11:04 a.m. Hon. Minister Louis Farrakhan - Belize Sociopolitical Challenges on Krem TV WUB Show
- 12:00 p.m. Movie: Love Jones
- 1:48 p.m. Documentary: Belgium's Dark Past In The Congo
- 2:23 p.m. Movie: Nope
- 4:34 p.m. Documentary: What Caused The Partition Of Africa
- 5:57 p.m. Movie: Waiting to Exhale
- 7:00 p.m. Music Videos

SUNDAY

- 10:30 a.m. **Sunday Review (LIVE)**
- 12:00 p.m. Movie: Minions & More
- 12:48 p.m. Documentary: Robert Miller Presentation - International Seminar on the Doctrine of Discovery
- 1:53 p.m. Movie: Sylvie's Love
- 5:19 p.m. Documentary: Afro Indians - Forgotten Africans
- 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: Better Mus' Come
- 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: Muammar Gaddafi - Quaddafi Biography
- 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: Shazam
- 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: Ras Indio
- 9:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**

WEDNESDAY

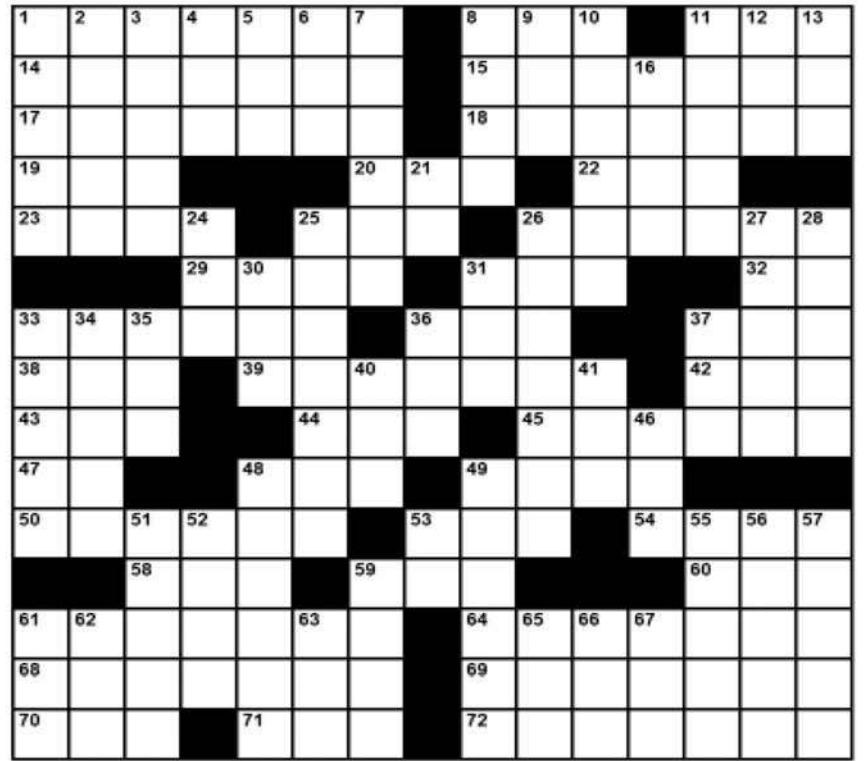
- 6:30 a.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (LIVE)**
- 9:00 a.m. **Morning Stew (LIVE)**
- 12:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**
- 1:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 2:00 p.m. Documentary: The True Story of Che
- 3:30 p.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (repeat)**
- 6:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (LIVE)**
- 7:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 8:00 p.m. Belizean Legend: Albert Pyrefiette
- 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: The Photograph
- 3:30 p.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (repeat)**
- 6:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (LIVE)**
- 7:00 p.m. Documentary: The Environmental Disaster that is Fuelled by Used Clothes and Fast Fashion - Foreign Correspondent
- 7:30 p.m. **Navel String Connections (LIVE)**
- 9:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**



Daily Printable Puzzle - 11-30-2022



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Across

- 1. Informant
- 8. Beer barrel
- 11. A relative
- 14. Corsage favorites
- 15. Reply to a bad choice
- 17. Refueling break
- 18. In progress
- 19. Like mindedness
- 20. Big argument
- 22. Bobby of the NHL
- 23. Anatomical network
- 25. An evergreen
- 26. Frat applicant
- 29. Clumsy boor
- 31. A rel.
- 32. Atop
- 33. Andes beasts
- 36. Common verb
- 37. Mouthful for Bossy
- 38. Atom fragment
- 39. Tidal wave
- 42. Big flap
- 43. Eviscerate
- 44. Be a snoop
- 45. Delivery person, once
- 47. Quick greeting
- 48. 2,000 pounds
- 49. Barley product
- 50. Popular pullover
- 53. Asphalt
- 54. From the top
- 58. Adorer's poetry
- 59. Beholden letters
- 60. According to
- 61. Putty, e.g.
- 64. Intermix
- 68. Doctrine doubter
- 69. Sea surge running with the wind
- 70. Antiquity
- 71. Librarian's order
- 72. Outwits

Down

- 1. Sleepiness
- 2. Group of three
- 3. Choral ensemble
- 4. Mild interjections
- 5. A bit sloshed
- 6. Artificial language
- 7. Lively with
- 8. Feel certain
- 9. Still, in verse
- 10. Ladies man
- 11. Baseball's hot corner
- 12. Brooding individual
- 13. Dyne-centimeter
- 16. Made haste
- 21. If not
- 24. Blighted tree
- 25. Worrier
- 26. Chief
- 27. Dutch cheese center
- 28. Not sideways
- 30. Bran bit
- 31. Bandeau, for short
- 33. Candle emission
- 34. Name of 18 French kings
- 35. Aardvark fodder
- 36. Even the slightest
- 37. Car shaft
- 40. Cineraria
- 41. Arctic surface
- 46. Historic time
- 48. Picks up the tab
- 49. Small ornament
- 51. Secret cache
- 52. Between chores
- 53. Gift tag word
- 55. Rock bottom
- 56. Omit a vowel
- 57. Abates
- 59. Craving
- 61. Common pronoun
- 62. Adult elver
- 63. U.S. med. research ctr.
- 65. Romanian money
- 66. Common Market abbr.
- 67. Last degree

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 - 11-24-2022 - Answers



Number of burglaries is up!



Chester Williams, Commissioner of Police

by Charles Gladden

BELMOPAN, Thurs. Dec. 1, 2022

At a recent press conference, the Commissioner of Police, Chester Williams, acknowledged that, despite what is appearing to be a decrease in the number of murders in 2022 compared to last year, there has been a considerable uptick in the number of burglaries.

Williams made reference to data from the Belize Crime Observatory, which indicates that the number of murders at the end of October this year was 7% lower than the tally of murders at the same time last year, but that the number of burglaries has so far increased by 12% compared to last year's numbers—with the number of burglaries in 2022 already exceeding the total number of burglaries last year.

"Burglaries are killing us. Unfortunately, it has my stats looking bad, but at the end of the day, to prevent burglaries requires more than the police. Many of these burglaries are a result of carelessness on the part of homeowners, and so homeowners need to do more in terms of securing their property, and their homes when they leave. Neighbors need to do more in terms of looking out for each other. You find that sometimes a neighbor leaves, and the other neighbors don't know, and so when you see light on and things happening at the house, they think the neighbor is there..." said Williams.

Williams said that, with the Christmas holidays approaching, there will be an increased police presence as part of what he referred to as a burglary campaign.

"What we will do for the Christmas season is to do a burglary campaign. We'll create some fliers and we'll have our community policing officers, and even when we do our weekly meet and greet, go out and issue these fliers and talk to people and see how best they can help to secure their properties. And I have also directed the commanders to go on the talk shows in their respective areas and give tips about how people can do to prevent burglaries and to secure their homes, so we'll see how that goes. That is a contributing factor and that's the reason why people should try and do more to protect their properties and avert these burglaries from occurring," he said.

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VACANCY

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

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:
Advanced university degree (Master's Degree or equivalent degree) in Social Protection, Social Sciences, Demography/ Population Studies, Public/Social Policy, or Public Sector Management, with five (5) years' experience in any one or combination of the following areas: Social protection analysis; social protection management; public/social policy; demography/population studies; preparation of economic and socio-economic plans and related policy formulation and implementation; socio-demographic development planning; and other related areas.

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

Email Subject Line: "Application for Manager, Policy and Affiliate Relations"

APPLICATION DEADLINE: December 15th, 2022

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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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From The Publisher

Reproduced from page 9 of the Tuesday, November 29, 2022, #3606 issue of Amandala

In September, the Guatemalans disrespected Belizeans when their soldiers uprooted Belizean flags from the Sarstoon River island and took the flags to Guatemala City.

A few days ago, the Guatemalans again disrespected Belizeans when they described Belize's recent approach to the International Court of Justice (ICJ) to turn back Honduras' claim to the Sapodilla Cayes as "deplorable." "Deplorable," because Guatemala says the Sapodilla Cayes are theirs, even though the cayes have never been recognized as such by the regional or international community.

A few years ago, then Guatemalan president, Jimmy Morales, massed troops on Guatemala's border with Belize because he claimed to believe that a Guatemalan youth trespassing in Belize had been murdered by Belizean soldiers. These were a frightening few days for Belizeans.

What we are about today is establishing a pattern, a pattern where the militarily superior Guatemalans speak and behave disrespectfully to Belizeans about our 8,867 square miles of Jewel.

Now Russia's invasion of and war with Ukraine has proved that the technology of modern military equipment can enable a smaller, weaker nation to neutralize the size advantage of a larger one.

But in order for such modern military

technology to have an effect, the smaller nation must have fighting morale, which Ukraine has demonstrated that it does. This is not the case with Belize, where most citizens, it seems to me, still have a mental dependency on the British where any Guatemalan emergency is concerned.

There is an old cliché which says that you cannot have your cake and eat it too. Belizeans who have migrated to the United States believe they still have a vital stake in Belize, the nation-state. I agree, but successive Belizean governments have indicated that they do not hold the Belizean diaspora in high regard where the ICJ and the Belizean constitution are concerned.

The new Belize government elected two years ago has done a lot of talking about changing "competencies" and other technical matters in education, but there has been almost nothing said by their spokesmen about African and Mayan history.

Well, the truth of the matter is that the Maya are the best jungle fighters in Belize's little army, and the fearless Garifuna (of African origin) comprise probably the largest percentage of that army.

The truth about Maya history in this region is important if one wishes to expose the injustice and cruelty of the military/corporate oligarchy in Guatemala. There was a very bloody

civil war fought in Guatemala between 1960 and 1996, and while there were ideological issues involved, the ethnic issue was large. Guatemala is a racist nation, and the large, probably majority, Maya population is considered and treated as inferior.

We come now, in this brief essay, to the so-called Creole population of Belize, a population which features many spokesmen who refuse to consider themselves African, as such. What is the reality? British pirates and business investors brought our African ancestors here in chains for a specific purpose from the seventeenth to the nineteenth centuries: our ancestors worked the forests here, the British made a lot of money, and our women and children had to dump our waste into open sewers in Belize Town.

There were rebellions by our ancestors in 1894, 1919, 1934, and 1950, and after we achieved self-government in 1964, we believed that we were about to inherit these 8,867 from the British enslavers and

colonizers. In 1964, we Belizeans knew almost nothing about something called "corporations." And we knew next to nothing about the international Cold War, a fight for ideological control of the post-colonial world.

The Creoles, by 1964, had developed a superiority complex with respect to the Maya and the Garinagu. This was a complex which was created and nurtured by the British. That is why I have said that you must read Peter Ashdown's essay on "Creole Historiography" in order to understand what has gone on here since 1964.

I hope that Audrey Matura's new organization will encourage discourse and debate about some of these issues which the academics controlled by the Roman and Anglican churches pretend do not exist. In a way, I don't blame the present academics for being scared: the Roman and Anglican Churches are used to maintain European supremacy by the neoliberal corporations.

'Nuff said.

From The Publisher en Español

Reproducido de la página 9 del martes 29 de noviembre de 2022, número 3606 de Amandala

En septiembre, los guatemaltecos faltaron el respeto a los beliceños cuando sus soldados arrancaron banderas beliceñas de la isla del río Sarstún y las llevaron a la Ciudad de Guatemala.

Hace unos días, los guatemaltecos volvieron a faltarle el respeto a los beliceños cuando describieron el reciente acercamiento de Belize a la Corte Internacional de Justicia (CIJ) para revertir el reclamo de Honduras sobre los Cayos Sapotillos como "deplorable". "Deplorable", porque Guatemala dice que los Cayos Sapotillos son suyos, a pesar de que los cayos nunca han sido reconocidos como tales por la comunidad regional o internacional.

Hace unos años, el entonces presidente de Guatemala, Jimmy Morales, reunió tropas en la frontera de Guatemala con Belize porque afirmó creer que un joven guatemalteco que se encontraba ilegalmente en territorio beliceño había sido asesinado por soldados beliceños. Estos fueron unos días aterradores para los beliceños.

De lo que tratamos hoy es establecer un patrón, un patrón en el que los guatemaltecos militarmente superiores hablan y se comportan de manera irrespetuosa con los beliceños sobre nuestras 8,867 millas cuadradas de la Joya.

Ahora, la invasión de Rusia y la guerra con Ucrania han demostrado que la tecnología del equipo militar moderno puede permitir que una nación más pequeña y más débil neutralice la ventaja de tamaño de una más grande.

Pero para que esa tecnología militar moderna tenga efecto, la nación más pequeña debe tener una moral de lucha, y Ucrania ha demostrado que la tiene. Este no es el caso de Belize, donde la

mayoría de los ciudadanos, me parece, todavía tienen una dependencia mental de los británicos en lo que respecta a cualquier emergencia guatemalteca.

Hay un viejo cliché que dice que no puedes tener tu pastel y comértelo también. Los beliceños que han emigrado a los Estados Unidos creen que todavía tienen un interés vital en Belize, el estado-nación. Estoy de acuerdo, pero los sucesivos gobiernos beliceños han indicado que no tienen en alta estima a la diáspora de Belize en lo que respecta a la CIJ y la constitución de Belize.

El nuevo Gobierno de Belize elegido hace dos años ha hablado mucho sobre el cambio de "competencias" y otros asuntos técnicos en la educación, pero sus voceros no han dicho casi nada sobre la historia africana y maya.

Bueno, la verdad del asunto es que los mayas son los mejores luchadores de la jungla en el pequeño ejército de Belize, y los intrépidos garífunas (de origen africano) constituyen probablemente el mayor porcentaje de ese ejército.

La verdad sobre la historia maya en esta región es importante si uno desea exponer la injusticia y la crueldad de la oligarquía militar/corporativa en Guatemala. Hubo una guerra civil muy sangrienta en Guatemala entre 1960 y 1996, y aunque hubo cuestiones ideológicas involucradas, la cuestión étnica fue grande. Guatemala es una nación racista, y la gran población maya, probablemente la mayoría, es considerada y tratada como inferior.

Llegamos ahora, en este breve ensayo, a la llamada población criolla de Belize, una población que cuenta con muchos voceros que se niegan a considerarse

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CCJ “disappointed” with GoB’s handling of FPIC

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communal land rights, ordered that a reconciliation process be put in place as soon as possible.

The spokesperson for those groups further noted to *7News*, “The document is, as far as our views go—that document is still being negotiated. As you heard, even the court expresses its disappointment in saying that how can party finalize an FPIC Protocol—something so important to the implementation of their order. How can one party implement this FPIC Protocol without the other party even seeing the last or the final version? We should learn—all of us, Belizeans, Maya people in Toledo. The only reason we still enjoy the use and enjoyment of our lands is that we have struggled for the recognition and respect of our rights. And so, we rely on the wisdom of the Caribbean Court of Justice. I heard the President resoundingly say yesterday that we must be reminded that this desire to - this

implementation of the consent order did not arise out of a pure desire of the Government to do good for its people. In fact, it arose out of litigation. We had to fight for it. We had to struggle for it. And so, it reminded the Government that there are litigants on the other side, that you cannot be doing this unilaterally, that we, as Maya people, have a stake in how this consent order is implemented, and that the court itself has an interest in how its order is implemented.”

Upon his return from Venezuela earlier this week, Prime Minister Briceño briefly mentioned the FPIC Protocol in relation to potential oil exploration in Toledo during a media briefing. PM Briceño said that the Commissioner of Indigenous Peoples’ Affairs, Gregory Ch’oc, has been consulting the residents in the area to get their views on potential seismic testing in the area:

“I had a meeting two Fridays ago in the Toledo District where I met 60 acaldes and chairpersons. None of them were talking that they were against oil

exploration – not a single one of them. Now, the Commissioner is going his job. The Commissioner - since they’re going to have under the FPIC they’re going from village to village to meet with the villagers to inform them on what’s going on and try to see whether they will get the support or not. He’s just there as the witness, he’s not there to encourage them one way or the other. I can tell you that several villages have informed me that they have signed a petition. They have signed that they want the seismic test to commence because they believe that by doing that, they can again create jobs for them,” he said.

Christina Coc, however, has challenged that assertion by the PM.

“... As far as I’m concerned, the meeting that happened in Toledo - while I was not there in person, members of my team and the Toledo Alcaldes Association were present. At no point was US Capital’s development discussed at this meeting. Yes, there was a meeting, and there was an audience

with leaders of many villages, but at no point. So, how would the communities have yes, I am for US Capital, or no, I’m not for US Capital? How would they have said that? And to simplify it to that point, the Maya people have never been against development. We have always been protecting the communities against exploitation. So, you can’t just ask, do you want oil exploration or not, right? We want to be able to explore, through a free prior informed consent process, what will result. If we end up with at a consent agreement that upholds the conditions that the communities set, that upholds the standards that the communities set, and upholds the benefit-sharing and compensation, that the communities desire, then the communities are at liberty to give their free prior informed consent, right? But, you can’t just go and tell the community, [whether] you want US Capital or not. That is not the consent process. That is not due process,” she told a *7News* reporter.



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:

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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.

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Headquarters Office, City of Belmopan

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3. Copy of most recent qualification
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SUBMISSION

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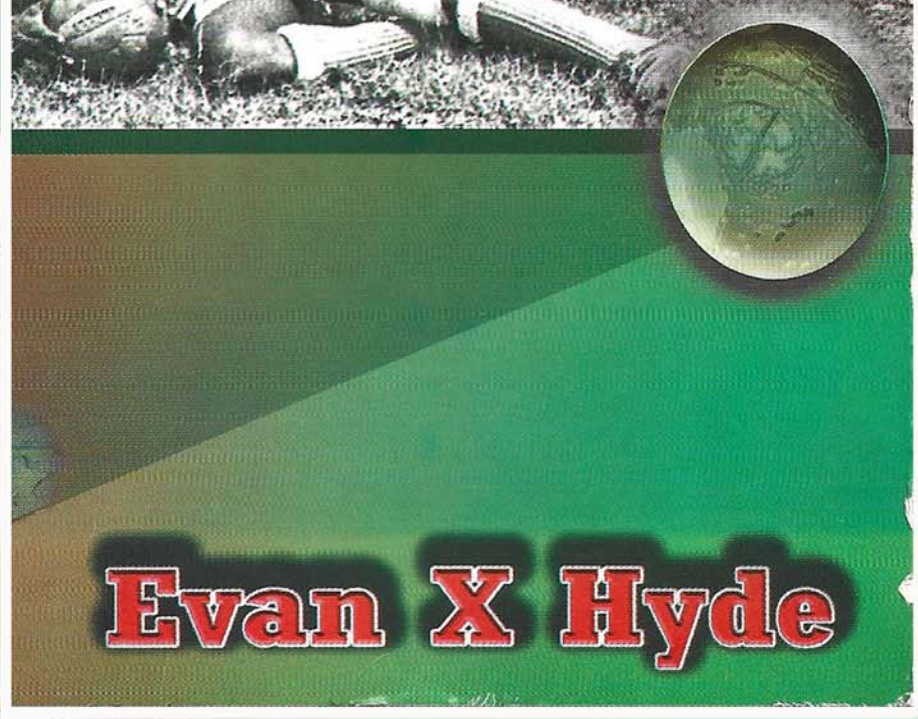
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Ludwig Lightburn after he defeated New Orleans' Ralph Dupas, the no. 2 lightweight contender in the world, at New York City's Madison Square Garden in 1955. This was Lightburn's first nationally televised fight in the U.S. It was also seen in Mexico and Canada, and broadcast worldwide on shortwave radio. (The ring announcer is Johnny Addie.)

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New activist group, MAT, formed by Audrey Matura

The new group, the brainchild of activist attorney Audrey Matura, brings together influential members of the community focused on “removing the shackles of the PUDP”

by Marco Lopez

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Nov. 30, 2022

A group of about one hundred Belizean citizens living both within the country and overseas have formed a pressure group named “*Moving Ahead Together*”, which was officially launched in Belize City on Saturday, November 26, at the first meeting held by the group. It is an initiative that was organized by firebrand attorney activist Audrey Matura. Matura stated during an interview before the opening ceremony of the group’s launch that she got the idea to form the group while personally reflecting on this year’s Emancipation Day, and when she put out a call for members in a Facebook post, over 100 persons reached out to express interest.

“It’s not people I’ve met, I’ve known; we are meeting here for the first time,” she said. The band of Belizeans from various

sections of the community and diaspora have together outlined one objective of their organization: improving the quality of life of Belizean citizens, which, in their view, will require “removing the shackles” of the so-called PUDP.

“It’s about unity. I know there are enough Belizeans who are of like minds, and the other message would be to remove the shackles of the PUDP that you are used to, remove the shackles where your leaders control you. You actually have the power and you don’t know it,” Matura said.

The keynote speaker at the event was the president of the Belize National Teachers Union, Senator Elena Smith, who chronicled how her life of



Group photo of MAT members at the official launch



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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activism has resulted in victimization from the highest levels. She urged members to prepare themselves for the persecution that will come.

“If you’re not prepared for the pushback, then you are going to fall aside, and when we have these movements, we don’t want people who are going to be starting and stopping halfway because they get frightened, they get scared, you know. Somebody threatens them, somebody begins to bully them. You have to have that courage to understand that, listen, this is a part of this journey, and if I will take this journey seriously, I must understand that it comes with those things,” Senator Smith noted.

Four guest speakers delivered remarks during the meeting: Nigel Petillo, a well-known land activist; Cristina Coc of the Maya Leaders Alliance; Louis Wade, Jr.; and attorney Richard “Dickie” Bradley.

Matura indicated that the MAT will serve as a support group for other movements with which they are aligned, and their next endeavor will be to recruit members from home and abroad. She said that every member is required to recruit two other persons and is also asked to fundraise on behalf of the movement.

She also said that members of the organization contributed \$100 each, and additionally a small businessman made a contribution of \$250 and the United States section of the group donated \$800, which covered the remainder of the group’s initial expenses.

“We don’t want to take money from big donors. We want small people to donate and fundraisers,” Matura said.

Besides fundraising and recruiting, Matura expects to engage in a country tour with the help of the executive members located in the various districts. The goal is to visit all villages in the country by next year, to hear from the people in their communities.

“I know how to network and to align myself with groups that are already in existence so that I channel through them. I’m not inventing the wheel. I’m just taking the message, and I’m taking the message in English and in Spanish,” Matura said.

Matura added that eventually, she will travel abroad to meet with the diaspora.

“This is full movement,” she said, and when asked if the MAT may possibly evolve into a political party, she simply said, “if it is to be, it will be.”

Tender Note

Date: December 2nd, 2022

Taiwan Technical Mission is now opening a bid of flight tickets procurement from travel agencies.

Requirement for bidding:

- Flight tickets from Belize to Saint Kitts and Nevis
- Round trip for two travellers
- Dates: December 7th-9th, 2022
- Transit hotel fees included

1. Closing Date: December 6th, 2022 - 5:00 p.m.
2. Bid will be opened at the Taiwan Technical Mission Office on December 6th, 2022 at 6:00 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:

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Taiwan Technical Mission
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africanos, como tal. ¿Cuál es la realidad? Los piratas británicos y los inversores comerciales trajeron aquí encadenados a nuestros antepasados ??africanos con un propósito específico desde el siglo XVII hasta el XIX: nuestros antepasados ??trabajaron los bosques aquí, los británicos ganaron mucho dinero y nuestras mujeres y niños tuvieron que arrojar nuestros desechos en alcantarillas abiertas en el Municipio de Belize.

Hubo rebeliones de nuestros antepasados ??en 1894, 1919, 1934 y 1950, y después de que logramos el autogobierno en 1964, creímos que estábamos a punto de heredar estas 8.867 de los esclavizadores y colonizadores británicos. En 1964, los beliceños no sabíamos casi nada acerca de algo llamado "corporaciones". Y no sabíamos casi nada sobre la Guerra Fría internacional, una lucha por el control ideológico del mundo poscolonial.

Los criollos, para 1964, habían desarrollado un complejo de superioridad con respecto a los mayas y los garinagu. Este fue un complejo que fue creado y alimentado por los británicos. Por eso he dicho que hay que leer el ensayo de Peter Ashdown sobre "Historiografía criolla" para entender lo que ha pasado aquí desde 1964.

Espero que la nueva organización de Audrey Matura aliente el discurso y el debate sobre algunos de estos temas que los académicos controlados por las iglesias romana y anglicana pretenden que no existen. En cierto modo, no culpo a los académicos actuales por estar asustados: las iglesias romana y anglicana son utilizadas para mantener la supremacía europea por parte de las corporaciones neoliberales.

No hace falta decir más.

D-Line's scintillating chilena

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It was a total rout. I think it was in this game that the classy Baba struck a goal that you haven't seen anywhere. The great goals are created in a blink, from out of the corner of the eye. From 35 yards out, midway between the middle of the field and the west touch line, Baba saw, and he popped the ball in the air, just enough ahead of him to create some space between him and the defender dogging him. When the ball came down, he slapped it, hard, with just enough arc to get over the goalkeeper's reaching fingertips, and enough sink to dip under the V, where it hit flat against the inner part of the upright and dropped into the back of the goal.

Landivar would roll to a 5-nil victory over its once worthy rival. It was a trouncing. Why

Mimi rubbed his former teammates' noses in it, I don't know. Koako played him a square pass through the middle and he pinned the ball between his heels, rolled over with it between his legs by the hapless opponent charging hard to foil him, and sent a perfect pass through the ravaged B-E-C defense line, where one of his teammates put the ball in the back of the net.

It was 5-nil, late evening, and Landivar was making BEC look silly. All of them were showing off for the ladies, and all the non-Landivar fans, and those of us who hated them, were praying for the long whistle to blow and bring a merciful end to the slaughter, when Kalibuhm, from the right side, centered across the edge of the box, 18 yards out, to change the flow of play to the left side. The pass wasn't for D-Line, it was well over his head, but he sprang up, and at the height of his jump he somersaulted. His legs were directly overhead, pointing to the heavens, his back to the ground, when he struck the ball with his right boot.

The ball rocketed toward the goal. Merciful God, it crashed on the cross bar and ricocheted unto the field where, fortunately, just before an onrushing Landivar forward could slam it in a B-E-C defender was able to clear it, thus preventing another goal, saving that ignominious 5 from becoming 6, the ultimate humiliation.

VACANCY



NOTICE

Operations Manager

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons to fill the following post in the Operations Department. In the Port's continued effort to promote diversity both males/females, able/ differently abled are encouraged to apply for the available post.

Reports to: Chief Executive Officer

Summary of Responsibilities: Lead the Operations Department to achieve the best possible level of service to our Customers, at the lowest possible cost, whilst ensuring zero harm. Inspire and motivate all Supervisors, Clerks and Operators and other Operations Staff to continuously improve safety standards and productivity, through the application of lean processes, complimented by the relevant application of technology. Lead change initiatives to achieve these macro-level goals. Establish and maintain excellent working relationships with all other heads of department, collaborating within the leadership team to ensure the optimal holistic contribution to the continued success of the company.

Job Responsibilities:

- Attract, develop, grow and retain the best talents and fill the leadership pipeline.
- Organize, balance and schedule workloads within the department.
- Prioritize, delegate, and set performance objective, and develop visual management systems.
- Follow-up on performance, provide quality feedback, and objectively appraise differentiated performance levels.
- Empower and inspire to achieve high levels of motivation and employee engagement.
- Ensure zero harm, improve safe working processes within the full Operational area of the facility.
- Provide timely reports for all accidents and disciplinary incidents.
- Understand Customer requirements and drive the department to achieve these on a consistent basis.
- Track and manage variable expenditure to avoid all cost waste and reduce costs to the bare minimum.
- Continuously lean, streamline, and improve processes.
- Leverage relevant technology to automate processes.
- Collaborate with the Technical department to ensure that the optimal quantity of equipment is available for deployment.
- Work closely with the Accounting department to ensure that all services are precisely and expeditiously billed to the Customers.
- Coordinate just-in-time berthing of all vessels with the Marine department.
- Maintain high levels of data quality for Operational information and reports provided to other functions.
- Represent the company towards Unions, Customers, Regulators and Authorities.
- Provide inputs into budgetary processes.
- Take ownership in ambiguous situations.

Job Qualifications/Requirement:

- Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, Supply Chain Management, Port Management or other related field (Master's degree would be an asset)
- 3-5 years' exemplary leadership experience of diverse teams
- Minimum 3-5 years' experience in supervising or managing logistics operations or other similar fields

Required Skills, Knowledge and Characteristics: To be selected applicants must possess the following important characteristics:

- Emotional intelligence
- Innovative and creative
- Complex problem-solving
- Critical and analytical thinking
- High cognitive ability
- Technology cognizance
- Persistence, resilience, stress tolerance, flexibility and adaptability
- Assertive and decisive
- Visionary and inspiring
- Coaching and mentoring
- High integrity

Compensation Package: Will be commensurate (in accordance with the Company's Salary Structure).

To apply: Provide updated resume, cover letter (addressed to Human Resource Manager), copy of valid social security card, valid police report, name and phone number of two (2) previous employers.

Email to:

jobapplications@portofbelize.com

Closing date for receipt of applications is Friday, December 09, 2022.



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.
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- 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

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Social Investment Fund Vacancy Technical Officer- Civil Engineer

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

Reports To:

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

Direct Reports: None

Job Overview:

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

Responsibilities and Duties:

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

Qualifications:

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

General Knowledge:

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

Salary: Negotiable based on experience and qualifications.

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

Applications should be addressed to:

Senior Procurement Officer Social Investment Fund
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Buena Vista Village, Corozal District; August Pine Ridge, San Lazaro Village, Carmelita Village, Orange Walk District; Vista Del Mar, Belize District; Belmopan, Frank's Eddy Agricultural Area, Cayo District; Boom Creek Road, Toledo District

BY ORDER of the Mortgagees Messrs. Development Finance Corporation, Licensed Auctioneers Kevin A. Castillo and Christiana R. Castillo are selling ONLINE via belizepropertyauctions.com the following properties. Sales currently running until **31st December 2022**. Public Auction Sales will expire fortnightly on the dates and times listed on the website until these properties are sold.

A: COROZAL DISTRICT:

1. 0.72 ACRES Buena Vista Village, Corozal District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Buena Vista Village	1	86/1

(Being 0.72 acres of vacant property planted with a variety of fruit trees + Palmetto house, situate just off the Phillip Goldson Highway, Buena Vista Village, Corozal District, the leasehold property of Mr. Crisanto Cristino Ewan surety for Mr. Valerio Rene Lopez)

D: CAYO DISTRICT:

1. 0.50 ACRES Belmopan, Cayo District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Mount Pleasant	20	807

(Being 0.50 Acres of vacant land, situate in the outskirts of the City of Belmopan, Cayo District, the freehold property of Ms. Barry A. Espat)

B: ORANGE WALK DISTRICT:

1. Parcel No. 732/1 August Pine Ridge, Orange Walk District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
August Pine Ridge	9	732/1

(Being a wooden bungalow dwelling house containing: 2 Bedrooms + 1 Bathroom + Living/Dining/Kitchen and Lot [2,620.5 S.M.] situate in Orange Walk District, the leasehold property of Mr. Glenford Rowley)

2. Parcel No. 333/1 San Lazaro Village, Orange Walk District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
San Lazaro	4	333/1

(Being a two story concrete dwelling house containing- Ground Floor: 2 Bedrooms + 1 Bathroom + Living/Dining/Kitchen + Office + Laundry: Second Floor - 4 Bedrooms + 1 Bathroom + Living/Dining/Kitchen + 2 verandas and Lot [1,367.188 S.M.] situate in San Lazaro Village, Orange Walk District, the leasehold property of Mr. Pablo Tun Surety for Mr. Roger Pablo Tun & Mr. Pablo Tun)

3. 20 ACRES Carmelita Village, Orange Walk District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Carmelita	4	1364

(Being 20 Acres of vacant land, situate Carmelita Village, Orange Walk District, the freehold property of Ms. Marsha Canton surety for Mr. Stanley Garbutt)

C: BELIZE DISTRICT:

1. Parcel Nos. 302, 303 & 304 Scissors Tail Street, Ladyville, Belize District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCELS
Vista Del Mar	16	302, 303 & 304

(Being a residential concrete Apartment Building [2,469.16 S.Y.] containing: 14 Apartments: Ten (1 Bedroom + 1 Bathroom + Living/Dining/Kitchen + Porch) & Four (2 Bedrooms + 1 Bathroom + Living/Dining/Kitchen + Porch) + Laundry room [22.5'x 40'] TOGETHER with Parcels [2,089.62 S. M.] situate on Scissors Tail Street, Ladyville, Belize District, the freehold property of Mr. Kevin Enriquez & Ms. Andrea Enriquez surety for Messrs. ANKA LTD.)

2. 7.79 ACRES Mountain View Area, Belmopan, Cayo District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Belmopan	20	7731

(Being a recreational facility containing: 3 Food court + POOL + JACUZZI + external showers + Palapa + Restroom and Lot situate Mountain View Area, City of Belmopan, Cayo District, the freehold property of Miguel Ernesto Elena-Fuentes.)

3. 24.95 Acres Frank's Eddy Agricultural Area, Cayo District:



All that piece or parcel of land containing 24.95 Acres situate in the Frank's Eddy Agricultural Area, Cayo District and held under a Deed of Conveyance. (Being 24.95 Acres of vacant land, situate in the Frank's Eddy Agricultural Area, Cayo District, the freehold property of Mr. Deon Dale Pascascio A.K.A Messrs. PasguHal Eco-Lodge)

E: TOLEDO DISTRICT:

1. 310.34 Acres along the North Side of Boom Creek Road, Toledo District:



All that piece or parcel of land being 310.34 Acres situate along the North Side of Boom Creek Road, Toledo District held under a Minister's Fiat Grant. (Being a well develop FARM LAND for cattle with 80% Pasture + water bodies + fully fenced ranch situated 4 miles from Punta Gorda Town along the Boom Creek Road, Toledo District, the freehold property of Mr. Santos Aparicio Alegria surety for Mr. Santos Aparicio Alegria & Mr. Yencer Dany Alegria.)

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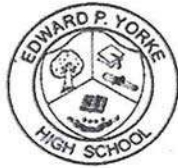
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Letters of application accompanied by a resume, references, copies of qualifications, and police record must reach the Secretary of the Board of Management, Edward P. Yorke High School P.O Box 471, Belize City, Belize by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, December 09, 2022.

Blue Economy Ministry hosts Climate Resilience Forum

by Kory Leslie (Freelance Writer)

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Dec. 1, 2022
The Ministry of Blue Economy and Civil Aviation has partnered with the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization and the Green Climate Fund to organize the 2022 Blue Economy Climate Resilience Forum, which is being held on December 1st and 2nd at the Civic Center. The event is taking place on the heels of COP 27, which was held in Egypt early last month and will focus on topics such as Marine Spatial Plan & The Blue Economy, The Role of Vulnerable Groups in the Blue Economy, and Blue Economy & Climate Resilience Nexus.

Day one featured a series of informational sessions which included panel discussions, presentations and conversations between experts and the audience in attendance. Day two will take on a more informal atmosphere and will feature an information booth, entertainment, and the sale of seafood and other local goods made from marine products.

The Chief Executive Officer of the Ministry of the Blue Economy, Kennedy Carrillo, met with the media on the first day of the event to discuss how impactful the event and the blue economy overall can be for all Belizeans:

"We have a large expanse of blue from the Corozal Bay all the way down to the Sapodilla Cayes. We have our territorial waters, and we even have our EEZ Zones, where we know that there is so much capacity for economic growth and investments. And so, we want to make sure that every single Belizean has an opportunity. And that is our role as a ministry. Because it's easy to get the large lobster producers and exporters involved. It's easy to get people who want to get involved in sea-cucumber and in exporting crab claws and so on. But what about the young people? What about the women? The children in the small communities? The coastal communities that have such an intimate relationship with the sea? How can they take advantage, but also have the necessary support? So when we speak right now about the MSME's, that's a big thing right now. Blue Economy is an integral part of this, because we want to make sure that these incentives will also be able to reach the small fisherman in Seine Bight. It will be able to reach the young people in Hopkins that want to get into jewelry making. It will reach the women in Monkey River that want to do something about their situation as well," Carrillo said.

CEO Carrillo also discussed the importance of building Belize's resilience to climate change and noted that the country is ranked at number eight out of over one hundred countries that are most vulnerable to the effects of climate change.

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Privassion Creek, Mountain Pine Ridge, Cayo District

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11.90 ACRES along Privassion Creek, Mountain Pine Ridge, Cayo District:



ALL THAT piece or parcel being **11.90 Acres** of land (Minister's Fiat Grant No. 1135 of 2000) along Privassion Creek, Mountain Pine Ridge Area Cayo District TOGETHER with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon. (Being 11.90 acres of land situate along Privassion Creek, Mountain Pine Ridge, Cayo District, the freehold property of Messrs. Robert's Grove Limited)

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Corozal Town, Corozal District

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Parcel No. 809 6th Street South, Corozal Town, Corozal District:



REGISTRATION SECTION
Corozal Central

BLOCK
9

PARCEL
809

(Being a concrete bungalow structure [25 ft. X 50 ft.] and lot [527.5 S. Y.] situate on 6th Street South, Corozal Town, Corozal District, the freehold property of Mr. Ricardo Gomez)

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1991	Michael Lewis (first) Ernest Meighan (second)	(Ladies)	Lori Harkey (first)
1992	Francisco Flores (first) Fitzgerald Joseph (second)		Shalini Zabaneh (second) Carlos Hernandez (first)
1993	Derrick Mahler (first) Orlando Chavarria (second)	(Ladies)	Carlos Manuel Hernandez (second) Shalini Zabaneh (first)
1994	Douglas Lamb (first) Ronald Sutherland (second)		Anthea Sutherland (second) Marco Salas (first)
1995	Robert Mariano (first) Gustavo Carillo (second)	(Ladies)	Juan Rojas (second) Shalini Zabaneh (first)
1996	Nigel Matus (first) Ian Smith (second)		Patricia Chavarria (second) Geovanni Choto (first)
1997	Fred Usher (first) Michael Lewis (second)	(Ladies)	Byron Pope (second) Kaya Cattouse (first)
1998	Francisco Flores (first) James Frampton (second)		Shalini Zabaneh (second) David Henderson (first)
1999	Ernest Meighan (first) Skip Spangenburg (second)	(Ladies)	Gregory Lovell (second) Shalini Zabaneh (first)
2000	Ariel Rosado (first) Quinton Hamilton (second)		Patricia Chavarria (second) Byron Pope (first)
2001	Miguel Perez (first) Shane Vasquez (second)	(Ladies)	Carlos Lopez (second) Shalini Zabaneh (first)
	(Ladies) Karen Rosito (First)		Gabrielle Lovell (second)
2002	Amlitia Knowles (second) Barney Brown (first)		Hector Rangel (first) David Santos (second)
	(Ladies) Ann Marie Bennett (first)	(Ladies)	Alicia Thompson (first) Kaya Cattouse (second)
2003	Douglas Lamb (first) Frank Cannon (second)		Joel Adan Borland (first) Gregory Lovell (second)
	(Ladies) Fiona Humes Gonzalez (First)	(Ladies)	Alicia Thompson (first) Kaya Cattouse (second)
2004	Marlon Castillo (first) Mateo Cruz (second)		Ron Vasquez (first) Brandon Cattouse (second)
	(Ladies) Fiona Humes-Gonzalez (first)	(Ladies)	Alicia Thompson (first) Kaya Cattouse (second)
2005	Claudett Maheia (second) Michael Lewis (first)		Giovanni Lovell (first) John DeLong (second)
	(Ladies) Marinette Flowers (first)	(Ladies)	Alicia Thompson (first) Kaya Cattouse (second)
2006	Shane Vasquez (second) Marlon Castillo (second)		John DeLong (First) Clayton Travis (Second)
	(Ladies) Alicia Thompson (first)	(Ladies)	Kaya Cattouse (First) Nicole Gallego (Second)
2007	Marinette Flowers (second) Shane Vasquez (first)		Oscar Quiroz, Jr. (First) Joslyn Chavarria, Jr. (Second)
	(Ladies) Marlon Castillo (second)	(Ladies)	Alicia Thompson (First) Nicole Gallego (Second)
2008	Gina Lovell (first) Shalini Zabaneh (second)		NO RACE (DUE TO COVID)
	(Ladies) Neo German Camacho Villegas (first)		Brandon Cattouse (first)
2009	Edward Reyes (second) Shalini Zabaneh (first)		Derrick Chavarria (second)
	(Ladies) Shalini Zabaneh (second)	(Ladies)	Gabrielle Gabourel (first) Kaya Cattouse (second)
	Marlon Castillo (first) Gregory Lovell (second)		



Mr. Belize Bodybuilding Championship 2022 official results



Mr. Belize 2022 – Clayton Greenidge

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Nov. 30, 2022
 The Belize Body Building & Fitness Federation (BBBFF) held its annual Mr. Belize competition on Saturday, November 26, 2022 at the Ramada Belize City, Princess Hotel – Queen’s Room.

Eleven athletes graced the stage competing in the categories of: Novice, Bikini Fitness, Men’s Physique, and Open Bodybuilding.

Competing for the title of Mr. Belize 2022 were the athletes in the category of Open Bodybuilding.

The BBBFF takes this opportunity to congratulate the winners and wish them much success in their sporting journey.

Clayton Greenidge, 3X Mr. Belize, successfully defended his title, and he is the overall winner of the title, Mr. Belize 2022.

Below are the results of the above mentioned categories (In the 3-athlete pictures, 1st Place is in center, 2nd Place is on the right, and 3rd Place is on the left):

Novice: 1st Place – Jose Gregorio De La Fuente.

Bikini Fitness: 1st Place – Shanice Montero.

Men’s Physique: 1st Place – Mark Alford; 2nd Eric Vasquez; 3rd Darwin Leslie.

Open Bodybuilding: 1st Place – Clayton Greenidge; 2nd Godfrey Alford; 3rd Abu Sesay.



In the pictures below, the athletes are, left to right: Novice 1st Place, Jose Gregorio De La Fuente; Bikini Fitness 1st Place, Shanice Montero; Men’s Physique - 3rd place, Darwin Leslie; 1st Place, Mark Alford; and 2nd Place, Eric Vasquez; and Open Bodybuilding - 3rd Place, Abu Sesay; 1st Place, Clayton Greenidge; and 2nd Place, Godfrey Alford.

This event was possible through the support of our Platinum & Main Sponsors: Blackbird Caye Resort and Fort Point Security. A big Thank You to our special guest, Diana Valeria Valadez Garcia, nine (9)-year-old Multi-National Champion in Mexico and Sub-Champion of the Central and Caribbean in the category of Children Fitness; and our International Judge, Ms. Alma Inocencio Reyes from Mexico, whose technical expertise enhanced the quality of judging at the BBBFF event. A special mention and thank you goes out to Jamiah Lodge, a ten (10)-year-old who wrote and delivered the opening prayer, and to the talented saxophonist, Allan Di Real McCoy.

We also would like to acknowledge the support and contributions of Neal & Gordon’s Gym, ILS Phoenix Foundation, Ms. World Elise G. Vernon, National Sports Council, Belize Olympic and Commonwealth Games Association, Omar Habet from Habet & Habet, Ashantie Blair Ladyville

FFB purchases land for expansion project

by Charles Gladden

BELMOPAN, Thurs. Dec. 1, 2022

On Wednesday, November 30, the Football Federation of Belize (FFB) signed off on the purchase of 19.3 acres of land that will be used to expand the FFB Headquarters in Belmopan. The land, which was bought from Belmopan’s Reconstruction and Development branch at a price of \$903,000, consists of two parcels of land behind the FFB headquarters. The purchase was covered by the FIFA Forward Fund.

“We realized that we didn’t have the back portion of the land under any proper documented lease, and that is when FFB said, ‘You need to have a proper title for the land in order for you to continue the investment. We cannot continue investing in a property which is not secured’, and the discussion started with RECONDEV, and it took a while but we are here today and we are happy,” said president of the FFB, Sergio Chuc.

“... We would have preferred to build two complete synthetic pitches in Orange Walk, one down south or in the city, but we have to secure the property, and today I want to give my thanks on behalf of the federation to



(l-r): Brian Mira, chairman of RECONDEV and Sergio Chuc, president of FFB

RECONDEV, who gave us the kind consideration of giving us a steep discount on the cost of the land,” he added.

Brian Mira, chairman of RECONDEV, explained, “We got together with the Minister of Sports, with the area representative of Belmopan, because it is a competing interest because Belmopan is in need of land for its citizens, but at the same time, there was a unique opportunity for FFB to own the land around the stadium, which puts them on a unique footing for the future... the money, I know you want to spend it on football stuff, but it is also going to be put to very good use. We have been working in Belmopan doing infrastructure, supporting other social programs in Belmopan. Be assured that the money will be put to very good use.”

NAWL nears semifinals; results from Group A Week 5 and Group B Week 4 games

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Dec. 1, 2022

The Football Federation of Belize (FFB) sanctioned National Amateur Women’s League (NAWL) continued its 2022 Closing Season with two Group-B Week-4 games and one Group-A Week-5 game on Saturday, November 26. All three games kicked off at 3:00 p.m. at different venues across the country.

In the Group A game at the FFB Stadium, featuring two Independence based teams, it was Sagitun Girlz shutting out Rumberas, 5-0, with goals coming from Pauline Linarez (8’ & 38’), Iamara Baptist (21’), Olivia Dacosta (43’) and Aaliyah Godoy (80’).

The Group B game at the Carl Ramos Stadium in Dangriga saw the visiting Guardian FC from Belize City coming away with a 4-3 victory over Wagiya SC. For Guardian FC, Shanay Nasario (33’) opened the scoring and Gianni Gomez followed with a hat trick (42’, 47’ & 53’); while Wagiya got a goal each from Kishawn Guzman (35’), Jewel Tablada (83’) and Tenecia Zuniga (90+’).

The other Group B match was at the Marion Jones Sports Complex in Belize City, where it was scoreless in the first half, but in second half the visitors, Cayo Dreamers claimed the 2-0 win over Millenium Fusion with a goal apiece from Jahmiah Arnold (51’ PK) and Tory Ramirez (74’).

Leading goal scorer in Group B is Gianni Gomez of Guardian FC with 7 goals, and in Group A, Jurshia Zuniga of Sagitun Girlz leads with 4 goals.

With only 3 teams remaining in Group A (Jewel Fury withdrew early), the teams are playing a double round-robin home-and-away in the qualifying phase, which will be completed this Sunday. After that, the top two ranking clubs will move on to the knockout championship final.

The 5 teams in Group B are playing a single round-robin qualifying phase, with the top 4 teams moving on to knockout phase semifinals, and then it will be the knockout championship finals.

Two Group B games are scheduled for today,

NAWL Closing Season 2022-2023								
Standings at Saturday, November 26, 2022								
Group A - Week 5	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Diff	Pts
Sagitun Girlz	4	4	0	0	14	2	12	12
Verdes Rebels	3	1	0	2	4	6	-2	3
Rumberas	3	0	0	3	2	12	-10	0
Group B - Week 4	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Diff	Pts
Guardian FC	3	3	0	0	14	4	10	9
Napoles FC	3	2	1	0	7	1	8	7
Cayo Dreamers	4	2	1	1	6	5	1	7
Millenium Fusion	3	0	0	3	1	10	-9	0
Wagiya SC	3	0	0	3	3	14	-11	0



Belize's Pok-ta-Pok/Ulama team wins gold in Mexico

by Charles Gladden

PLAYA DEL CARMEN, Mexico, Wed. Nov. 30, 2022

Over the weekend, a national Pok-ta-Pok/Ulama team consisting of seven players from Yo Creek, Orange Walk District; Ladyville, Belize



Team Belize in Mexico

District; and San Pedro Town, Ambergris Caye, competed in the 7th Mesoamerican Ball Game Championships in Playa del Carmen, Mexico and won gold medals.

The team, which was sent to the tournament by the Belize Hipball Association, competed in the game, Ulama, which is a ball game played in Mexico, and is derived from the Aztec version of the Mayan ballgame, Pok-ta-Pok, which is considered one of the oldest played sports in the world and the oldest known game using a rubber ball. According to an article about the sport on hobbylark.com, "The objective of the game was to get a ball through a narrow stone hoop placed on the court wall, often as high up as 20 feet from the ground. Players were not allowed to use their hands or feet—only their head, shoulders, elbows, wrists, and hips."

The Belize team was defeated in their first match, which was played against Mexico, but redeemed themselves in a

second match against the USA, which ended in a draw. On the following day, Belize was scheduled to play against Guatemala; however, Guatemala wasn't present for the tournament, thus giving Belize the victory. The Belize team then won a tie-breaking match against the USA. In the finals, Belize was victorious against Mexico, defeating them 11-10.

"It feels great. I know Belize has been in other competitions they have won also, but in this association, this is the first time. We already experienced winning in the next tournament, when we participated, and it's been a while. We felt great. I'm proud to represent Belize," said Eric Cal, president of the Belize Hipball Association.

Cal said that the Mexican team has been invited to play a friendly game in a national tournament in Belize, which is tentatively scheduled for December.

The team has been practicing Ulama since 2017 and has participated in the tournament twice before winning gold.

Mid-South and Cayo sweep semifinals of National U13 Girls Elite Championship

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Nov. 30, 2022

After both recording shutout victories last week in Leg 1 of the home-and-away semifinals in the Football Federation of Belize's (FFB) National U13 Girls Elite Championship 2022, the Mid-South and Cayo U13 Girls teams again scored victories this past weekend in Leg 2 of their semifinals against Belmopan U13 and Corozal U13, respectively.

On November 19 (Garifuna Settlement Day) in Leg 1 of the semifinals, Mid-South won at home, 2-0, over Belmopan at the M.A. Stadium in Independence; while Cayo was on the road, defeating Corozal, 3-0, at the Andres Campos Center in Corozal.

This past Saturday, November 26, both Mid-South and Cayo were victorious again.

With kickoff time at 1:30 p.m. at the Norman Broaster Stadium, home standing Cayo gained a convincing 5-2 win over visiting Corozal, for an aggregate 8-2 semifinal series victory. Shaking the net for Cayo were Marley Garcia (7'), Jahxann Waight (15' & 51') and Aneek Meza (20'

& 47'); while both Corozal goals were by Danna Hall (30' & 36').

Starting a half hour later at 2:00 p.m. at the Isidoro Beaton Stadium in Belmopan, it was the visiting Mid-South coming away with a 2-1 victory over Belmopan after trailing early in the game. Adali Miranda (18') had given Belmopan the early lead, but Mid-South rebounded with two goals from Amara Coe (40' & 46') to secure the 2-1 win and aggregate score of 4-1 in the semifinal series.

With all roads leading to the M.A. Stadium in Independence this Saturday for the final game in the Premier League of Belize (PLB) 2022-2023 Opening Season Championship, the National U13 Girls Elite Championship will take a pause until next weekend, when the championship finals will take place at the FFB Stadium in Belmopan.

National U13 Girls Elite Finals schedule: Saturday, December 10, FFB Stadium

9:30 a.m. – (3rd Place) Corozal U13 Girls vs Belmopan U13 Girls

11:00 a.m. – (Championship) Cayo U13 Girls vs Mid-South U13 Girls

Beach Soccer championship this Saturday in Hopkins

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Nov. 30, 2022

Knockout semifinals were held on Saturday, November 26, in Hopkins Village for the Travel Belize Beach Soccer Cup 2022 competition, and the stage is now set for the championship finals which will also take place in Hopkins this coming Saturday, December 3.

The tournament, which was sponsored by the Football Federation of Belize in collaboration with the Belize Tourism Board, kicked off on October 8 in Hopkins with 6 teams participating, namely Corozal FC (Corozal), BDFA City Rookies (Belize City), Hopkins Ibayani (Hopkins), Griga United (Dangriga), Cayo Selection (Cayo) and Christ Warriors Seine Bight (Seine Bight). The 6 teams played a single round-robin regular tournament, travelling to different venues weekly, including Placencia, Seine Bight and Hopkins, after which the top 4 teams advanced to the knockout semifinals this past weekend.

In the first semifinal on Saturday in

Hopkins, Griga United prevailed, 3-2, over Christ Warriors Seine Bight. Evan Mariano (16' & 30') scored 2 and Daijon Daniels (45+3') got the other goal for Griga, while both Seine Bight goals were by Jaheim Mena (11' & 32').

The other semifinal saw Hopkins Ibayani crush Corozal FC, 5-1, behind 2 goals from Wayne Ford (12' & 25') and 1 each from Isanie Valentine (28'), Deshann Nunez (30') and James Martinez (33'); while Corozal's only goal was by Devaney Tillett (17').

The Travel Belize Beach Soccer Cup 2022 winds up where it started in Hopkins this Saturday, where the 3rd Place match will be followed by the championship final.

Travel Belize Beach Soccer Finals schedule:

Saturday, December 3, Hopkins
1:00 p.m. – (3rd Place) Christ Warriors Seine Bight vs Corozal FC
2:30 p.m. – (1st Place) Hopkins Ibayani vs Griga United

Week 4 scores in Orange Walk 1st Division football

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

ORANGE WALK TOWN, Tues. Nov. 29, 2022

The Orange Walk Football Association (OWFA) 1st Division Amateur 2022-2023 Opening Season tournament continued over the weekend with Week 4 games at the Louisiana Football Field. Two games were played on Saturday night, November 26, and five on Sunday, November 27.

Saturday, November 26 results

In the opening game at 7:00 p.m., Trinidad shut out Guinea Grass Lazio, 3-0, with goals from Enrique Cecena (19') and Adair Duran (45' & 47').

And in the nightcap, Progresso and Louisiana FC played to a 1-1 draw. Oswaldo Dominguez's auto goal (74' AG) gave opponents, Louisiana, a 1-nil lead, but his teammate Tivi Ramos (87') got the equalizer for Progresso.

Sunday, November 27 results

Game 1 at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday was another draw game, this time 2-2 between Palmar and San Felipe, as Jose Casanova (15' & 74') struck twice for Palmar, and Alden Itzab (61' & 72') did the same for San Felipe.

In game 2 at 11:00 a.m., San Antonio dropped San Jose, 6-2, with goals coming from Axel Alamilla (13' & 35'), Amilcar Alamilla (17'), Liam Reyes (52' & 46') and Brandon Amaya (88'); while Erick Osorio (61' & 70') netted both goals for San Jose.

Game 3 at 1:00 p.m. saw San Jose Pumas with the 4-2 win over Red Devils, with Michael Rivas (10', 45', 68' & 92') scoring all 4 goals for Pumas; while Red Devils got a goal each from Bryton Puck (30') and Carlos Salazar (87').

Game 4 at 3:00 p.m. was a burning 1-nil affair in injury time, as the only goal by Darel Corado (91') gave Guinea Grass the 1-0 victory over Mi Gente.

And in the nightcap game 5 at 5:00 p.m., Charlies Cave Tubing crushed San Francisco, 4-1, with goals from Diego Chan (45' & 80'), Doroteo Arjona (71') and Brian Cartaquena (86'), after San Francisco had taken an early lead with a goal from Johanne Romero (3')

Upcoming Week 5 games at Louisiana Field:

Saturday, December 3

7:00 p.m. - San Felipe FC vs Mi Gente FC

9:00 p.m. - Charlies Cave Tubing vs San Jose Pumas FC

Sunday, December 4

9:00 a.m. - Louisiana FC vs San Francisco FC

11:00 a.m. - Caribbean Rum Boyz FC vs Guinea Grass FC

1:00 p.m. - Palmar FC vs Sinbad FC

3:00 p.m. - Guinea Grass Lazio FC vs Red Devils FC

5:00 p.m. - Trinidad FC vs Progresso FC

OWFA 1st Division Amateur Tournament 2022								
Week 4 Standings at Sunday, November 27, 2022								
GROUP A TEAMS	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Diff	Pts
San Antonio	4	4	0	0	14	6	8	12
Caribbean Rum Boyz	3	3	0	0	12	4	8	9
Palmar	4	1	2	1	5	7	-2	5
San Jose	4	1	1	2	8	13	-5	4
Guinea Grass	3	1	0	2	4	6	-2	3
San Felipe	3	0	1	2	4	8	-4	1
Mi Gente	3	0	0	3	2	5	-3	0
GROUP B TEAMS	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Diff	Pts
San Jose Pumas	4	4	0	0	22	6	16	12
Progresso	4	3	1	0	16	3	13	10
Charlies Cave Tubing	4	3	0	1	13	4	9	9
Trinidad	4	2	1	1	12	14	-2	7
Louisiana	4	1	2	1	7	9	-2	5
Red Devils	4	1	0	3	4	10	-6	3
San Francisco	4	0	0	4	3	14	-11	0
Guinea Grass Lazio	4	0	0	4	0	17	-17	0

(Our apologies for errors in standings headline last week.)

End of the road for Waterloo cruise project?

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Holdings Limited have the option of taking the National Environmental Appraisal Committee (NEAC) or any department of the government to court if they so choose.

While Minister of Sustainable Development, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management, Hon. Orlando Habet, confirmed to KREM News the NEAC's decision to deny approval of Waterloo's project, there has as yet been no official announcement by the NEAC or the Department of the Environment of the decision. Neither has there been a government press release or any other comment by a member of Cabinet on the matter. Hon. Habet himself has, since the KREM News interview, been evasive about the issue when questioned by other media outlets.

Much controversy surrounded Waterloo's second project proposal submission, after the public became aware of a strongly worded letter from Ashcroft to Prime Minister Briceño (sent in January of this year) in which he warned the government of a possible arbitration proceeding due to what he (Ashcroft) alleged was a violation of the 1982 UK Belize Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement treaty signed between the UK and Belize. In the letter, Ashcroft stated that he and the UK shareholders of Waterloo had already invested more than 5 million dollars in the project and were thus entitled to compensation under the 1982 agreement. The letter then advised GoB to "amicably settle the above dispute" within three months from the date of the letter or "the investors will be entitled to submit this dispute to international arbitration." Following the surfacing of the letter in August, the AMANDALA had stated that it appeared "to be a more aggressive tactic aimed at wresting approval of Waterloo's proposed cruise terminal from GoB" and that it "entered the public domain just days before the scheduled public consultation on the new ESIA for the project" took place.

Waterloo has invoked this treaty several times, as far back as 2009. A December 2009 AMANDALA article reported that, in 2009, "By way of formal notice to Prime Minister Dean Barrow and Attorney General Wilfred Elrington, Dunkeld International Investment Limited (a Turks and Caicos company affiliated with British tycoon Michael Ashcroft) ... indicated that it [was] invoking foreign arbitration for damages and losses of at least BZ\$200 million and up to \$400 million, following the nationalization of Belize Telemedia Limited (BTL) in August. The notice of arbitration makes reference to a treaty Belize signed with the UK back in 1982, with a 1985 amendment signed by Barrow, as Minister of Foreign Affairs, extending the treaty to the British territory of the Turks and Caicos." Most recently, in connection with the rejection of the Waterloo cruise terminal proposal late last year, Ashcroft stated in his January letter to the Briceño administration that investors in the Waterloo Cruise Port

and Cargo Expansion project would be forced to invoke the treaty if, essentially, Waterloo's appeal for reconsideration of its proposal did not lead to project approval by the NEAC.

Instead of the appeal, however, a new ESIA (Environmental and Social Impact Assessment) for the project was submitted, and after two public consultations, and various purported amendments to the proposal, the NEAC ultimately rejected the project a second time.

But according to PM Briceño, while his administration might not be able to grant approval of Waterloo's proposed construction of a cruise terminal, his government is still very much in support of an expansion of the cargo capacity at the Port of Belize Ltd., which would be an enhancement of the primary function of that facility, and the importance of such an improvement at what is currently the major port in the economic hub of Belize cannot be overstated. For his part, the PM expressed his belief that the much-needed repairs and development of the cargo capacity at the Port of Belize are long overdue.

He then commented on the port's 20-year status as an operation under receivership, and pointed out that this arrangement should not continue to be in place much longer.

"The port is under receivership, and that is something now that has to be addressed shortly. The receivership, or the bank, or whosoever has the receivership, has to decide what they're going to do. The Port of Belize cannot stay in perpetuity on the receivership, and it is more than—the time has way passed for them to start the development or to repair or modernize the port. That is a must for this country, and the receivership or the people that are responsible for the port under the receivership will have to make up their mind if they either want to develop the port or get people who are prepared to develop the container port," he said.

When asked in a 2021 interview if his company would upgrade the bulk storage facility and container port if his cruise terminal proposal was not approved, however, Ashcroft had said a clear "No".

"That will not happen, because for the bulk handling you need dredging too, so you would have the same issue, so Waterloo has made it abundantly clear that there is not one without the other. So, it's not the end of the world for me," Ashcroft had said.

He made these comments following the first rejection of Waterloo's project proposal by the NEAC late last year. He had stated at the time that they would go through the process and "if it happens it happens."

"Putting something of this size together takes a lot of work and sadly, I'm 75, so for me to really make sure—because I won't enter into any project that can't be completed, so whether it happens, time will tell," he had said.

Whether this second denial by the NEAC is the end of the road for the Waterloo project, or Ashcroft will subject the country to a new round of costly litigation, is yet to be seen.

Retired public officers seek payout from 27-year-old trust

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GOB \$7 million in expenses. Esquivel later compensated those hundreds of workers by allotting them 450,000 shares of BTL. The dividends generated by those shares, however, were placed in the control of the Public Sector Workers Trust—a source of frustration for those workers, many of whom are now retired, who claim they have still not received a payout. More than twenty years later in 2017, hundreds of the public workers who were affected, banded together to sue the leadership of the Public Sector Workers Trust (PSWT), who they said had failed to provide them their compensation.

As litigation took its course, the judiciary ordered that a new trust deed be created and that there be consultation between the GOB and the retired public workers to ensure that only those who were working for the government during the period of the pay freeze were compensated. The dividends which had matured to a sum of \$8 million were to be used to finance projects that would benefit the designated public workers. (The workers had failed, however, to get the Court to order a direct payout of the funds.)

The Public Sector Workers Trust is claiming that since then it has headed initiatives aimed at bettering the lives of the assigned beneficiaries, such as their recent Food Assistance Project which seeks to provide groceries and food supplies at a maximum value of \$150 to all beneficiaries of the fund. However, the 5,887 retired public officers who are entitled to these benefits are not satisfied.

On Monday, a relatively new advocacy group called the Association of Beneficiaries and Retired Public Officers (ABRPO) called upon the government via press release to take decisive action against the failure to issue a payout of the funds to the public workers. In their release, ABRPO, which was reportedly established in 2019, stated that the Supreme Court ruling of 2017 which indicated that the dividends were to be used to alleviate the hardships caused by the 1995-97 salary/increment freeze has yet to be honored. ABRPO asserts that instead, a "protracted state of litigation, failed mediation, and managerial inertia ensued."

The association also claims that the trust is being used for other purposes that do not serve the beneficiaries. A statement from the association asserts that "At this time, twenty-seven years later, some \$8 million has accrued by way of BTL dividend payments, deposited into the

account of an agreed Public Sector Workers' Trust Fund established in 2014 for which the Unions were the responsible Settlor. Beneficiaries of the Trust became concerned about decisions taken by the Board of Trustees of the PSWT, directed by the Unions, which engaged in spending that did not benefit those public sector workers who were entitled to do so."

Further, the ABRPO stated that due to a failed attempt to have the 2017 ruling varied to allow a payout of funds to beneficiaries (and) the funding of projects, and the replacement of the Board of Trustees of the PSWT to obtain better representation for beneficiaries, the situation has worsened. An appeal was submitted; however the Association feels it has been "confounded because the written judgment may not have been signed off on by the presiding judge who has since demitted office, and because of the unavailability of a transcript."

The impasse has apparently resulted in a number of retired workers who were to have benefited from the fund passing away before receiving the benefits to which they were entitled, which makes the matter time-sensitive. The association's press release stated, "ABRPO has written the Prime Minister and the Attorney General requesting the government's intervention. A growing number of beneficiaries are passing away without the benefit of their entitlement. It has drawn attention to the abject incompetence and failure of the PSWT Board of Trustees to ensure that beneficiaries' needs are satisfactorily attended to."

In closing, the ABRPO, which is headed by president Hubert Enriquez, also expressed their support of the call by public sector workers for the early restoration of their increments and compensation for monetary loss caused by the GOB's 2020 salary increment freeze.

7News stated in its newscast last night that Dr. Philip Castillo, one of the trustees of the Public Sector Workers Trust, has refuted some of the claims made by the ABRPO and stated that "the Trust was sued - not once - but twice and that the second lawsuit is still awaiting a full hearing before the Court of Appeal. He asserted that the Association is attempting to challenge the outcomes of one of the court cases and that if they wanted to do that, they needed to file an appeal against the judgment."

According to 7News, Castillo also claimed that "the Trust has been engaging in a health project to look after the medical needs of those retired beneficiaries."

NAWL nears semifinals; results from Group A Week 5 and Group B Week 4 games

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action on Sunday.

Upcoming NAWL Groups A & B schedule:

Thursday, December 1, Group B

6:00 p.m. – Wagiya SC vs Millenium Fusion – Carl Ramos Stadium

6:00 p.m. – Napoles FC vs Guardian FC – Isidoro Beaton Stadium

Sunday, December 4, Group A

4:00 p.m. – Rumberas vs Verdes Rebels – M.A. Stadium in Independence

According to FFB communications director Ms. Yashmin Juan, the NAWL Group B semifinals will also take place on Sunday, December 4, but we have not yet been informed of the time and venue for those Group B knockout semifinals.

Thursday, to complete their qualifying phase; and the top 4 teams will then square off in semifinal

Guats bex after submission of Honduras' claim to the ICJ

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They are claiming that the application was deliberately submitted just days before the December 8, 2022 deadline for the submission of their final Reply in the Guatemalan claim brought against Belize. Notably, Belize's counter-memorial was submitted to the ICJ in early June of this year, within the timeline set out by the court for the review of Guatemala's claim. Guatemala, as just mentioned, was scheduled to submit its reply on December 8, 2022, and Belize's rejoinder would then have been submitted on June 8, 2023.

On June 24 of this year, time limits were fixed by the ICJ for the submission of Guatemala's Reply and Belize's Rejoinder, the last written submission expected to be handed to the justices of the ICJ before oral hearings.

The Guatemalan Foreign Affairs Ministry claims that their reply to the Counter-Memorial submitted by Belize in a few days would constitute the last procedural act in the written phase of the process on their part, suggesting that Belize's late inclusion of Honduras' claim in the adjudication process somehow blindsided them.

"Belize agreed with Guatemala to take to the International Court of Justice the case of the Territorial, Insular and Maritime Claim of Guatemala (Guatemala/Belize), which began on June 7, 2019. Said case includes the question of the sovereignty of the Zapotillos Cays," the release states.

It adds, "Belize's action is particularly deplorable because it was carried out a few days from December 8, 2022, the date set by the Court for Guatemala [to] present its Reply in this case."

It could be said, however, that Honduras' claim and its relevance to the ICJ adjudication of the Guatemalan claim, was an unresolved matter that was hidden in plain sight. Since 1982, Honduras has maintained a claim to the Sapodilla Caye Range (a cluster of islands located about 40 miles offshore of Punta Gorda in the Toledo District that is said to be "home to the most concentrated area of beaches in all of Belize") in Article 10 of its Constitution.

And according to what Foreign Affairs Minister Eamon Courtenay stated in the Senate in late October, it became a matter of urgency to address that claim, since its exclusion from the adjudication process could derail the country's entire quest to settle once and for all the questions surrounding its sovereignty over the 8,867 square miles that are known to be Belizean territory.

"We have been advised by international lawyers that the position of the current case brought by Guatemala against Belize may not result in a final settlement as required and requested by the Belizean people because the Honduran constitution claims sovereignty over the Sapodilla Cayes," he had explained to the Senate.

He went on to state during the October 2022 Senate hearing, "Once the ICJ becomes aware of a claim by Honduras to the Sapodillas, there is a significant risk that the court would not delimit the Maritime Areas that appertain to the Sapodillas, thereby leaving unresolved a large part of our maritime entitlement. Indeed the ICJ may decide not to pronounce sovereignty over the Sapodillas as well, even as Belize and Guatemala. This would mean that sovereignty over a very important part of our sovereign domain, the Sapodillas and the Maritime Areas pertaining to it would remain unresolved. In light of all the circumstances, and based on legal advice from our international lawyers, Madam President, Belize seeks to accede to the Pact of Bogota, a Treaty to which Honduras is a party."

Belize had thus fast-tracked its signing of the Pact of Bogotá in October of this year to bring the proceeding properly before the ICJ. The treaty, also known as the American Treaty on Pacific Settlement, compels nations of Latin America to resolve disputes peacefully, first exhausting dispute resolution options regionally before going to the United Nations and seeking to have the case heard at the ICJ.

"We were advised that if we join the Pact of Bogota and commence a claim against Honduras and bring that to the ICJ, then we can say, the Guatemala v Belize and Belize v Honduras cases are related because of this overlap of the claim of sovereignty, resolve it once and for all,"

Courtenay had explained.

He had also noted, "If we don't bring Honduras into the court, our advice is that it is likely that we will have to commence yet another case, suing Guatemala and Honduras to resolve sovereignty over the Sapodillas."

It is a move, however, to which the Guatemalan government has strongly objected. The press release issued by the Guatemalan Ministry of Foreign Affairs this week states, "The Government of Guatemala reaffirms that the aforementioned keys belong to Guatemala and that the action of the Government of Belize in no way affects Guatemalan sovereignty over them."

Belize's application, however, asserts that the Sapodillas, which are part of a range that consists of 14 islands, including Hunting Caye, Tom Owens Caye, and Lime Caye, as well as a 39,000-acre section of the barrier reef, have always been a part of its territory, and it was not until independence in 1981 that the claim of Honduras first

Royal Caribbean makes deal with Port of Magical Belize

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Port of Magical Belize, rather than the two other companies that have had plans to develop cruise terminals in the Belize District—Stake Bank Enterprises Ltd. and Waterloo Holdings Ltd.

That major cruise line has reportedly stated that the Port of Magical Belize project "encompasses the adequate environmental and operational criteria" required by the company and that a subsequent Memorandum of Understanding that will lay out the terms of partnership between the two entities is soon to be signed by the companies.

At this juncture, as three companies (Portico, Waterloo and Stake Bank) jostle for a spot in the cruise terminal sector within a limited geographical space in the Belize District (with indications from the Government of Belize that it might not be feasible to have three cruise terminals in the area), the selection of Port of Magical Belize by the Royal Caribbean Group, could be crucial, perhaps even decisive, in determining which cruise terminal projects can succeed. Recently, reports surfaced of the National Environmental Appraisal Committee's denial of Waterloo's proposal for the development of a cruise port at the Port of Belize Limited compound for a second time. While there is no indication at this time whether the company will continue to pursue approval of its project, the Royal Caribbean Group has stated in their letter that their ships would not be docking at any Waterloo cruise terminal, nor at Stake Bank's Port Coral development, the construction of which is already at an advanced stage.

"RCG commits that Magical Belize will be the exclusive development

project and port of entry for RCG amongst Waterloo and Port Coral," the letter states.

That company, whose passengers are currently tendered to the Fort Street Tourism Village (49% of which is owned by RCG), states that it will continue to honor its fiduciary responsibility to the FSTV until the concession is no longer valid or the tourism village is no longer a port of entry. At that point, its ships would start berthing at the Port of Magical Belize, which is to be located near Northern Lagoon in the southern part of the Belize District and is to be built at a cost of USD 355 million.

Royal Caribbean and the other major cruise lines have indicated the need for cruise destinations to provide shoreside berthing capabilities for its large Oasis-class vessels, in line with an upgrade within the cruise industry. Those massive ships cannot berth at the Fort Street Tourism Village. The process of tendering passengers from sea to the mainland is to be phased out totally by 2025, which is the year in which the construction of Port of Magical Belize is reportedly scheduled to reach completion.

RCG has stated that they will now manage the project development along with the principals of Portico. The project will, according to its developers, create around 5,000 jobs.

7News is claiming that the Port of Magical Belize's "lead developer David Gegg has navigated between two governments, first getting an MOU from the UDP in 2017, and then an EIA approved under the PUP in 2021... the project also got a 'Definitive Agreement' under the UDP, signed one month before the election in October of 2020."

Law enforcement officers receive cybersecurity training

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mentioned that his department in the past has been unable to effectively address reports of cybercrimes on social media and other platforms – a task that should now be easier following the symposium:

"if you were to see someone bullying you on social media, and you go to the police, for the most part the police will tell you, 'we can't do anything', when in fact the legislation is there and they can do something. So even within the department itself, we're doing a lot of sensitizations in bringing our officers up to speed in letting them understand the law itself and what their powers are under the law so that we will be able to address the issues of people where

appeared in their constitution.

"It was only in 1981, with the independence of Belize from the United Kingdom imminent, that Honduras first made a claim to the Sapodilla Cayes. It did so in a note to the British Ambassador to Honduras, reserving the right to have recourse to all means established by international law to 'make Honduran sovereignty prevail'. The United Kingdom rejected the

cybercrime is concerned. Once the complaint is made, then the police station – the officer who would be dealing with the complaint – would make a request to the Cybercrime Unit here in Belmopan, and the Cybercrime Unit here is going to ensure that they notify Facebook to preserve the information as well as to – and it will be preserved so that when we get a court order they will have it – and once that is done then we also download what we can download from the site itself that will serve as evidence, but we also ask people when they come to bring along a copy of the post that they find to be offensive to them," Williams said.

Officers from all districts in the country participated in the symposium.

Honduran claim and made clear that it had no doubt concerning the sovereignty of the United Kingdom over the Sapodilla Cayes. Honduras nonetheless maintained its claim in further exchanges with the United Kingdom," Belize's claim submitted to the ICJ states.

The Honduran Constitution names the Sapodilla Cayes as a part of its maritime territory.

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