

Mysterious murder in Willows Bank

"I know what happens my people know too they will kill me soon too."

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Jan. 24, 2024

On Tuesday night, January 23, the body of a woman was found just a short distance from a bloody scene at her home in Willows Bank, while her toddler was found alone in a puddle in her yard. Police have detained one man — the woman's common-law husband — in connection with her mysterious death, although some reports are indicating that he came across the gruesome scene upon arriving home.

It is being reported that the body of Margaret Ann Cleland, 30,

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Home of the victim



Crown closes case in Selgado trial



Oscar Selgado

by Roy Davis (freelance reporter)

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Jan. 25, 2024

On Tuesday, January 23, the Crown, represented by the Director of Public Prosecution, Cheryl-Lynn Vidal, closed its case against attorney Oscar Selgado after having called three witnesses: Commissioner of Police, Chester Williams; former Assistant Superintendent of Police, Wilfredo Ferrufino; and Senior Magistrate, Tricia

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GoB officials to consult directly with Maya villagers

TAA says 34 villages have rejected draft Maya Communal Land Policy, accusing GoB of wanting to fence them in with new proposal



Jose Tush, elder of Mabil Ha Village tears up copy of GoB's latest draft Maya Customary Land Policy

TOLEDO DISTRICT, Thurs. Jan. 25, 2024

Surrounded by leaders of two other Maya villages who came together to record their rejection of the Government's latest draft Maya

Customary Land Policy, Mabil Ha Village elder, Jose Tush is seen tearing up a copy of the document, saying it is of no use to them. He emphatically

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Third Senate hearing postponed



Senator Janelle Chanona, Chairperson of Senate Special Select Committee

Former UDP Ministers, Erwin Contreras and Hugo Patt, were present for the Senate Special Select Committee hearing on Wednesday, but the meeting was postponed until February 14 since a quorum was not reached.

by Marco Lopez

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Jan. 25, 2024

The third session of the Senate Special Select Committee that is probing

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Woman Coast Guard on trial for attempted murder

Woman Coast Guard, Keyren Lavaun Tzib, 32, is on trial for the attempted murder of a fellow Coast Guard, 37-year-old Kurt Hyde, which occurred on April 6, 2015!



Keyren Lavaun Tzib

“ This morning Justice Candace Nanton rejected Tzib’s attorney’s no case submission, and she has been called to answer to the charge of attempted murder”

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Jan. 25, 2024

Tonight, 32-year-old Woman Coast Guard, Keyren Lavaun Tzib, accused of trying to kill her former Coast Guard colleague, 37-year-old Kurt Hyde, a resident of Ontario Village, Cayo District, on April 6, 2015, almost 9 years ago, is preparing to present her defense tomorrow morning for firing an M-4 Carbine rifle, the bullet from which allegedly hit Hyde in the head.

After so many years of waiting, Tzib’s trial for attempted murder kicked off last week Wednesday, January 17, before Justice Candace Nanton in the High Court, and is soon coming to an end.

The Crown closed its case around 10:39 this morning.

The Crown’s case is that at around 9:30 a.m., the team of Coast Guard officers, including Hyde, the Boat Captain among as many as 15 others on board the vessel, had left the San Pedro Coast Guard office heading to Belize City when, according to 3 of the Crown witnesses, Tzib, from the back of the vessel, behind Hyde, with the M-4 Carbine in her hand, fired a single shot which caught Hyde.

The Crown’s three witnesses are

Noel Lanza, a BDF; Delon Castro, a boat captain for Belize Port Authority; and Tyrone Young, a Coast Guard who is now deceased.

From their testimony in court, Lanza said that in a state of readiness he saw Tzib stand up, take aim, and fire a shot.

According to Lanza, he grabbed the gun from Tzib, disarmed it, dislodged the magazine, then cleared the gun and kept Tzib there in custody.

Castro, in his testimony, said when he saw that happen he intervened by pushing down the gun after Tzib had fired the shot.

According to Castro, when he hit the gun, it was in a raising position, and that’s when Lanza grabbed hold of the gun.

Young’s statement, which was read out in court as evidence, corroborated what Castro and Lanza said. In Young’s statement, he outlined the seating of the vessel.

A total of 16 persons were on board, said Young’s statement, and it gave the court an idea of where individuals were sitting prior to the shooting.

Young also said in his statement that Tzib pointed the gun towards the front of the boat, then he heard a loud bang.

Tzib’s attorney, Darrell Bradley made a no case submission, but the judge, Madam Candace Nanton, rejected the defense’s no case submission and adjourned for tomorrow morning at 9:00, for the defense to present their case.

In attorney Bradley’s no case submission, he submitted to the court that the crown had not proved the charge of attempted murder against Tzib, and that the gun had been discharged or fired by accident.

With that said, Bradley asked Justice Nanton to stop the trial at this junction because of the tenuous nature of the evidence. He cited the Galbraith test, which says if the evidence of the prosecution taken at its highest could not reasonably persuade a jury so that they are sure that the defendant is guilty of the crime she is charged with, then the judge or court should stop the case.

But Justice Nanton did not agree with attorney Bradley, and so called Tzib to answer to the charge.

Tzib is expected to give a dock

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BSI Commission of Inquiry set to begin as sugar shortage ends

by Kristen Ku

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Jan. 25, 2024

The Belizean Cabinet, influenced by the demands of the Belize Sugar Cane Farmers Association (BSCFA), decided in March 2023 to initiate a Commission of Inquiry into the sugar industry with the aim to scrutinize and improve processes across the sugar production chain.

This decision was never brought to fruition. Consequently, it became an addendum to the commercial agreement between Belize Sugar Industries (BSI) and BSCFA, signed on January 8, 2024, which called for such an investigation. The commission, however, is yet to be established, with work scheduled to commence the week of February 5th.

Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Jose Abelardo Mai disclosed on January 19 that, while no official appointments had been made, the formation of the commission was in progress. The proposed team includes international experts from Mauritius, and at the request of BSI, two additional members are to be nominated.

“We have names for people from Mauritius, but I think ASR, through our Attorney General’s office, has said that they want to add two more people to that cocktail of experts,” Mai stated.

In an update on January 24, Minister Mai stated that BSI had nominated two individuals for the commission and the terms of reference were being finalized.

“Yesterday we sat down again, my team, and we just finalized the terms of reference. We have not removed anything from the terms of reference. BSI had some addendums that they wanted to do, which we saw it would strengthen the terms of reference, so we have included those, but nothing has been removed So, the terms of reference is now stronger and it’s more holistic, and I believe that it will serve all parties involved well,” Mai affirmed.

This inquiry comes at the tail end of a significant sugar shortage in Belize, which has been ongoing since the latter half of 2023. The shortage was caused by an



Hon. Jose Abelardo Mai, Minister of Agriculture

unauthorized cross-border trade into neighboring countries of Mexico and Guatemala after their sugar prices spiked to BZ \$2.50 a pound. The shortage prompted BSI to begin importing sugar from the U.S., which led to a price hike in locally retailed sugar.

William Neal, BSI’s Communications & Government Affairs Officer, confirmed a week ago that over half of the 250 metric tonnes imported in December 2023 had already been distributed. As of January 10, a 50-pound bag of white sugar was priced at \$59.26, wholesale price, and around \$1.50 to \$1.60 per pound, retail price, significantly higher than the controlled price of \$0.75 per pound.

In response to the crisis, the Santander Sugar Group from the Cayo District had offered to supply brown and white sugar, appealing to the government for a quota to supply the local market, although at a price above the controlled rate. However, under its Designated Processing Zone license, the Group was restricted to exporting its sugar production.

Meanwhile, on January 18, BSI confirmed that the 2023/2024 sugar crop season was underway. Following this, the Cabinet announced “that as of 25th January 2024, local plantation white sugar will start to be sold,” indicating an end to the local sugar shortage and a return to the regular controlled price nationwide.



Sugar mill in the North

and began to push open the door, then entered the home, whereupon a struggle developed between him and Heisey. Conorquie was disarmed, but he quickly grabbed a knife, which Heisey was also able to wrest away. During the struggle, however, Conorquie had bitten Heisey on both thumbs.

The struggle ended when several persons who heard the commotion came to assist Heisey and subdued Conorquie

until police arrived at the scene. They later discovered that the firearm that he had brandished was simply a plastic toy gun.

Conorquie was arrested and charged with the crime of aggravated burglary and one count of wounding. Yesterday, he was arraigned in the Orange Walk Magistrate Court and pleaded guilty to the charges, after which he was sentenced to 10 years in prison.

Burglar to serve 10 years in prison

by Charles Gladden

ORANGE WALK, Thurs. Jan. 25, 2024

A man who attempted to burglarize a home on Tuesday, January 23, in the Orange Walk District was yesterday sentenced to ten years in prison.

According to police, around 5:00 a.m. on the day of the incident, Jared Kendrick Heisey, 21, of Carmelita Village, Orange Walk District, was awakened by the sound of his dogs barking, and when he looked outside, he saw Mark Conorquie, also known as “Kitos” – whom the victim has known

for over a year – inside his fenced yard, standing about fifteen yards away from him.

Heisey reportedly yelled at Conorquie to go away, and Conorquie then jumped over the fence and fled. About 40 minutes later, however, Heisey exited his home through the front door and saw Conorquie once more inside his yard, but approximately six feet away with an object that resembled a firearm in his hand, which he pointed at Heisey before shouting, “I have a gun.” Heisey then ran inside in fear for his life.

However, Conorquie followed him

New evidence delays rape case against attorney—DPP Vidal

by Kristen Ku

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Jan. 24, 2024

It has been two weeks since allegations surfaced of the rape of two women by a prominent attorney affiliated with the United Democratic Party (UDP), yet charges have so far not been brought against the accused individual.

The case was forwarded to the Director of Public Prosecution (DPP), Cheryl-Lyn Vidal, but the apparent delay in the issuance of a directive from her office for charges to be brought against the attorney has sparked speculations about the reason for the seeming hesitation—with some members of the public suggesting that the attorney’s connections to the judiciary or even his status as a lawyer were influencing the process.

On Tuesday of this week, however, the Commissioner of Police, Chester Williams, commented on the ongoing investigation. “The file is still with the Director of Public Prosecution. She had requested the police to do some further work. That work is being done, and once those are completed, they will be sent back to her; and hopefully, we get a final determination from the DPP in respect to that matter,” he stated.

“I know that the police had reported that they had sent the statement to the DPP. I think at the time what they did not say was that when those statements were sent, it was made very clear that other evidence was forthcoming. We have been receiving additional evidence. Just today, I received additional evidence. So, I cannot make a decision until I have everything before me. It is not the ordinary case, where it would have been possible just on the statements that were provided on the onset to make a determination,” DPP Vidal subsequently explained in an interview.

The attorney was accused by two women of raping them while they were unconscious on January 11, and a formal police complaint was filed two days after the alleged incident.

The attorney had voluntarily gone to the police station to be interviewed after the accusations were made, and shortly after that, the UDP issued a statement in which it acknowledged the accused individual’s position in the party and condemned any form of violence against women, while pleading for a fair investigation.

One of the alleged victims, a Belize Coast Guard member, recounted that the incident took place at the attorney’s home



Director of Public Prosecution, Cheryl-Lyn Vidal

in Belize City. She claimed that, after meeting him at the Thirsty Thursday nightclub and accepting a ride home, she lost consciousness after having a drink at the home and subsequently found herself naked in bed with the attorney. The second woman similarly alleged being raped while unconscious.

Meanwhile, a video which was posted on the Hot Off The Press (HOTP) news blog and which exposed the women’s faces (purportedly the two who said they were raped) while they were in the nightclub that night, along with an article on the web page that spoke in a disparaging way about the women, have added to the controversy—particularly due to the fact that the news blog is linked to attorney Orson Elrington and known for its pro-UDP stance.

Although the appearance of these media pieces might not directly impact the case, it has forged a negative perception of the accused. The video appears to be an attempt to salvage the accused attorney’s name while victim-shaming the women.

Hon. Moses “Shyne” Barrow, the Leader of the Opposition, expressed his views on the matter, particularly the content published by HOTP.

“I don’t believe in re-victimizing anyone. We have to have a balance as to the freedom of the press, the freedom of this media entity, and whether it is a certified media entity. If you feel it is victim-shaming, I could see how you arrived at that position. I would not have wanted that to be a story they did. I don’t think it is helpful to the accused. I think, there are many people that share your opinion that it is victim shaming. So, I believe it is regrettable,” he told reporters.

900+ illegal guns destroyed



Hon. Kareem Musa assists with the destruction of guns

by Charles Gladden

BELMOPAN, Tues. Jan. 23, 2024

On Monday, January 22, the Police Department began to destroy a large number of illegal firearms that it had been storing after confiscating those weapons from civilians or removing them from public spaces where they were stashed. It is an undertaking that is being carried out with the collaboration of CARICOM IMPACS and Mines Advisory Group (MAG) with funding from the British High Commission.

“The reason for that is because we are trying to avoid these weapons being diverted or moved from secure state stores towards criminal networks and gangs. In other words, we are contributing towards reducing armed violence by ensuring that these weapons, that are no longer serviceable and that are obsolete, are destroyed,” said Nikita Mohammed, Regional Program Manager for MAG.

Callixtus Joseph, Strategy Coordinator for CARICOM IMPACS, explained to reporters that the program is being carried out throughout the Caribbean, and while some might believe that all that is required is to disassemble the weapon and store it in another location, that is not the case. Joseph noted that each weapon has a unique serial number, which can be used to identify that weapon and could cause major issues in the justice system.

“As you saw today, the destruction of some 923 very deadly weapons that we certainly would not want to get out into the hands of the wrong people, and so this is a [crucial] exercise,” said

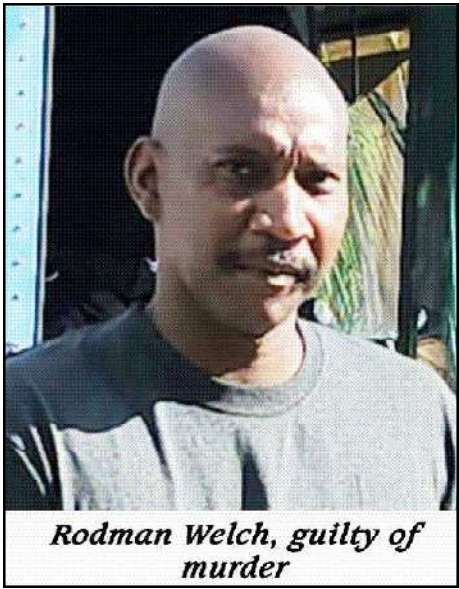
Minister of Home Affairs, Hon. Kareem Musa. He further mentioned, “There are thousands that enter our country illegally, whether it is through our ports, whether it’s through our very porous and illegal border crossings; it’s [effortless] to come across the border. Most of the time the origin is the United States, and they make their way down through Mexico, through Guatemala, and like I said, across our illegal crossings into the country; so, there are thousands, and each year hundreds of them are recovered off the streets by our Police Department.”

Bart Jones, Deputy Commissioner of Police, who was present at the weapons destruction, spoke to local reporters and noted that a number of years have passed since the last gun destruction exercise was carried out by the department.

“It has been, I think, a couple of years that [it was] last done, but nothing to this size. Many of the firearms now are some that by international conventions are deemed unsafe for civilian use; so, certainly, we cannot have police officers with these rifles on the streets, so we just decided to destroy them. No use in having firearms there. We’re not using them; and then in a lot of cases, it lessens the instances or potential for firearms ending up in the hands of criminals, or having unintended explosions,” he said.

All weapons are scheduled to be disposed of by Wednesday of this week. The exercise is being carried out by 23 members of the Belize Police Department, the Belize Defence Force, and the Coast Guard, along with the Customs Department.

Stevedore found guilty of murder



Rodman Welch, guilty of murder

by Roy Davis (freelance reporter)

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Jan. 25, 2024

Rodman Welch, 37, a stevedore who was charged with the murder of Shakeem Philip Dennison, was found guilty of the charge in a judgement that was handed down today by Justice Nigel Pilgrim.

The case was adjourned until March 26 for Welch, a father of four, to submit a plea for mitigation.

Dennison was shot and killed at about 5:00 p.m. on October 12, 2020, while he was on Yabra Basketball Court, located next to Yabra Football Field. His assailant rode up behind him on a motorcycle and shot him twice in the back of his head.

The Crown, represented by Crown Counsel Riis Cattouse, used 15 witnesses, 10 of them agreed witnesses, to prove the case for the Crown. One of the agreed witnesses, Rupert Lopez, said in his statement, which was read in court, that the person who was at the Chinese shop near to the basketball court was Welch. But he couldn’t tell if the shooter on the motorcycle was Welch because the shooter wore a mask.

Welch gave a caution statement to the police in which he said that he was shot twice, first in 2012 and second in 2019, and he did the same thing to the person who shot him, and that it was a case of self defence. He said that he was shot in his hand in 2012, and in 2019 he was

shot in his face while he was working as a security guard at Excelsior High School. A *voire dire* was held to determine the admissibility of the statement, and during it Welch testified that the police threatened him to give the statement. He said that the police told him that his children would go missing if he did not give the statement. However, at end of the *voire dire*, Justice Pilgrim ruled that the statement was admissible because he believed that Welch gave the statement voluntarily.

After the Crown closed its case, Welch’s attorneys Orson “OJ” Elrington and his father, Senior Counsel Hubert

Guatemala's Attorney General refuses to resign

by Kristen Ku

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Jan. 25, 2024
Tensions are escalating within the Guatemalan government headed by newly inaugurated President Bernardo Arévalo, due to the refusal of the Guatemalan attorney general, Consuelo Porras, who has opposed Arevalo's presidency, to resign.

Barely a week after Arévalo's inauguration on January 15, amid multiple challenges to his presidency, the conflict has intensified.

Porras, alongside Senior Prosecutor Rafael Curruchiche and Judge Fredy Orellana, had previously attempted to undermine Arévalo by discrediting his party, Movimiento Semilla (the Seed Movement).

Porras' office aggressively pursued investigations against Arévalo, his vice president, and their party, including officials involved in the elections—going as far as issuing numerous arrest warrants, raiding party offices, and seizing electoral records and ballots.

The anti-corruption stance of Arévalo, a former lawmaker, diplomat, and sociologist who emerged victorious in the August 2023 elections, put him at odds with prosecutors accused of corruption and aligned with the nation's elite.

Efforts to revoke Arévalo's immunity, despite strong international support, were unsuccessful. It is believed that Porras' last effort to disrupt the inauguration ceremony involved a nine-hour delay due to congressional disputes.

It was therefore no surprise that Arévalo, three days after his inauguration, sent Porras a letter requesting a meeting to seek her resignation.

Porras, however, publicly refused both the meeting and resignation in a video message published by her office, and has insisted on completing her four-year constitutional mandate.

"I am not going to resign," she said in the video. "You (President Arévalo) as the maximum authority of the nation must



Consuelo Porras, Guatemalan Attorney General



Bernardo Arévalo, new Guatemalan president

respect what the (Constitution) and the country's laws establish."

She threatened legal action to block any attempts to oust her, citing the autonomy of her office.

Appointed in 2018 by then-President Jimmy Morales and reappointed in 2022 by Alejandro Giammattei, Porras has faced U.S. sanctions for impeding corruption inquiries and engaging in actions that have been deemed a threat to democracy.

In response to her defiance, Arévalo summoned her to a mandatory Cabinet meeting on January 22. He stated at a press conference that her absence would constitute a "breach of duty."

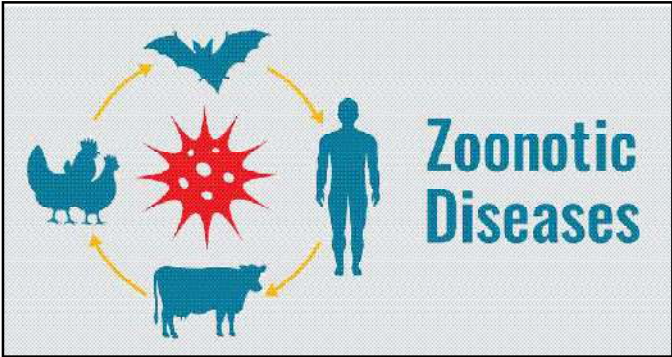
Arévalo intends to query Porras on several matters, including COVID-19 vaccine purchases and alleged bribery in the previous administration.

BAHA ramps up fight against Zoonotic diseases

by Kristen Ku

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Jan. 25, 2024

The Belize Agricultural Health Authority (BAHA) has announced an escalation in its monitoring efforts for animal diseases that



could affect humans and the economy. This increased vigilance comes amidst growing concerns about zoonotic diseases – illnesses transmitted from animals or insects to humans – within the Central American and Caribbean regions.

Zoonotic diseases, also known as zoonoses, vary in severity, ranging from minor illnesses to potentially fatal conditions. These diseases can be caused by various pathogens including viruses, bacteria, fungi, and parasites.

Some of the most severe zoonotic diseases, such as dengue fever, Lyme

disease, and malaria, are transmitted by mosquitos and ticks. Transmission of zoonotic diseases can occur through airborne pathogens, and also through consumption of contaminated meat or produce, direct contact with infected animals, or contact with contaminated surfaces. Some other feared zoonotic diseases include bird flu, rabies, Ebola, and Hepatitis E.

While zoonotic diseases are a global concern, developed countries, including the United States, have implemented

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BAPDA calls for termination of cops who mocked mentally ill man

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Jan. 24, 2024
The Belize Assembly of Persons with Diverse Abilities (BAPDA) is outraged by a video which shows several police officers poking fun at a mentally challenged man inside a police station, and is calling for the termination of those police officers.

In the amateur video, which has been circulated widely via social media, the victim, a mentally challenged man, can be seen inside a police station, wearing several layers of clothing and being instructed by the spectating police officers to remove that clothing—which he does, layer by layer. In the video, those officers are heard laughing and hurling homosexual slurs at the man.

"I wonder what goes through the minds of some police officers, honestly. I reach a point at times where I just try to answer for the stupidity that they do, and it is rather frustrating," said Commissioner of Police, Chester Williams. "As police officers, we must ensure that we uphold the rights and dignity of every person, regardless of who they are; and when we have police officers take advantage of a person with diverse disabilities, it does not look good," he continued.

BAPDA president, K. Raymark Theus also described to *Amandala* his reaction on seeing the video.

"I got pissed! That is something that should have never come out of the police station. They are to protect and serve. They don't go out there and gather stuff on their phones and put it out there for public consumption; which means now, there is no confidentiality in anything, because that should've been confidentially at the station," he said.

Theus noted that he did not know why that individual had been at the police



Clip of mentally challenged man taking off his clothes

station and whether he committed a crime, but that the officers' actions can in no case be justified. He also commented that the level of confidence in the police has been reduced, as it has become a practice for officers to share videos of civilians within a group. Those videos are often leaked into the public domain.

"By putting it out there in the group, you're inviting trouble [because] you don't know who shared it and with whom. Certain things must be kept confidential at all times, and this is a matter that should have been kept confidential," he said.

BAPDA is calling for those officers involved to be terminated.

"They need to be dealt with, not with a reprimand, because reprimands don't

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Barber freed second time of murder charge

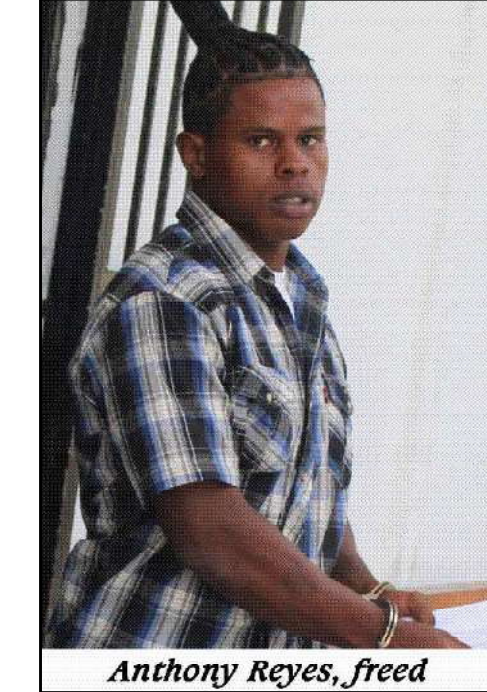
by Roy Davis (freelance reporter)

BELIZE CITY, Tues. Jan. 23, 2024
For the second time in less than 3 years, Anthony Reyes, 25, has been freed of a charge of murder of the same victim—Emerson Anderson.

After being out on bail of \$25,000, Reyes appeared today before Justice Candace Nanton in court, where Senior Crown Counsel Sheneiza Smith, who represented the Crown, entered a nolle prosequi, indicating that the Crown would not proceed to trial. As a result, Justice Nanton told Reyes that he was free to go, and he walked out of the courtroom.

Anderson, 44, was shot and killed on March 28, 2018. He was with a group of friends on Ebony Street when a lone gunman appeared and opened fire. Only Anderson was hit.

On April 2, 2018, Reyes, a barber of Ebony Street, was arraigned on a charge of murder in connection with the shooting. Then on January 30, 2020, a nolle prosequi was entered, freeing Reyes of the murder charge. In 2021, however, he was rearrested and charged with murder.



Anthony Reyes, freed

According to a report, the reason for the second nolle prosequi was the discovery of video footage which revealed that the police had charged the wrong person.

Reyes was represented by attorney Leeroy Banner.



Government's million \$ question – pump money in, or step away

During the recent standoff between the largest cane farmer association, BSCFA, and BSI, which is majority-owned by the giant American company, American Sugar Refining, Inc. (ASR), BSI's Director of Finance, Shawn Chavarria reminded the government that sugar is the only big agro-industry in the country that is in full sail at this time. Belizeans know the importance of the sugar industry, and every ear was tuned in to the meetings until there was a truce and the milling season got underway in full.

The agreement is only for two years. If the parties can't find consensus on some critical differences during that time, they might lock horns again. While all were happy to see everyone at work, moving in the same direction in the industry, some questioned how the difference was resolved, particularly the usage of public funds to get farmers to sign the agreement. But, if any sin was there, it is venial. Governments all over the world use public funds and special legislation to support private businesses when they are in distress because, while the profits from private businesses go into the pockets of the shareholders, when they fail countries suffer economic collapse.

Last week, Agriculture Minister, Hon. Jose Mai shared with the nation the state of the other two backbone agro-industries, bananas and citrus. The report on the former wasn't the best, and the latter, citrus, things are going so poorly in that industry that the Minister suggested that abandoned orchards might best be planted out with oil palms, a tree that has never been grown commercially in Belize. Farmed shrimp isn't even being mentioned these days, the heyday of that industry, which was brief, ending over a decade and a half ago.

All governments wrestle to find solutions when industries are struggling.

When the problem is extremely difficult to surmount, governments have to decide if they should pump in more money, or step away. No private entity takes off without major support from government, and when private businesses encounter difficult times, government has to decide on the extent of the support it will give.

Bigga circus than this kom an brok up da Belize. In the last century, our first banana industry, our first coconut industry, a farmed shrimp industry, a cacao industry that was heavily dependent on pesticides and chemical fertilizers, were major industries that experienced collapse; and minor industries such as cohune oil extraction, pine resin extraction, trawling for marine shrimp, and papaya production had to close shop.

Our present banana industry started in South Stann Creek in the 1970s with the introduction of *Grand Nain* (a variety of banana from the subgroup called *Cavendish*) which was tolerant to the Panama Disease that forced farmers to give up their *Gros Michel* plantations in the 1930s. Minister Mai pointed to climate change factors and the high price of imported chemical fertilizer as causes for the severely reduced

production. *Grand Nain* is a very productive but fragile banana. Unfavorable weather and reduced fertilization of the fields (because of the price) led to an increase in leaf spot disease (Sigatoka), which led to the decrease in the production of marketable fruits. Fortunately, the price of imported chemical fertilizers is decreasing, but it will still take some effort, major financing over some months, to get the banana fields producing at old levels.

Banana growers could do with some luck. A deadly new strain of Panama Disease, Tropical Race 4 (Panama Disease TR4), was detected in Columbia in 2019, and this fungus could wipe out plantations in Belize if it reaches our soils. In 2023, QUT—Queensland University of Technology in Australia—announced that it had produced a genetically modified (GM) Cavendish banana that “had proven to be highly resistant to Panama Disease TR4”. But not everyone will be excited about eating a GM banana.

We don't only depend on bananas for critical foreign exchange. Bananas are particularly nutritious, affordable on the local market, and the industry played a critical role in helping us through the Covid-19 pandemic.

Worldwide, the citrus industry has been in decline going on two decades because of the disease called Citrus Greening. Data from the Statistical Institute of Belize show that in 2013 Belize earned \$114 million from citrus exports, and in 2022 that had fallen to \$39 million. The number of bearing citrus trees in Florida is 50% of what it was in 2004, largely because farmers have cut down trees because of the disease. Some large farmers in Belize and a group from Jamaica have expressed interest in planting bamboo in the Stann Creek District, some of it on lands that once produced the best oranges and grapefruits in the world. And now Minister Mai is talking about oil palm.

Across the globe, some citrus farmers are holding on, and what is emerging is that hardy citrus is becoming a crop only for the biggest farmers, those ones who can afford the chemical inputs and practices that are now necessary to get sustainable production. Successive governments have pumped money into citrus, and maybe we need to pump in more. Bailout funds could help both small and big farmers stay in the industry. Citrus has been vital to our economy for over six decades. We are dependent on the foreign exchange the industry brings in, and citrus fruits are essential for our health.

Industries rise and fall, come and go, and the task is for the government to know when to hold on, and when to let go. History suggests that our governments have been too eager to give up on such industries. According to a 2008 *7News* report, Williamson Industries, the clothes-making factory which shuttered that year, had 700 employees at its peak. According to the *Amandala*, the company's demise in Belize came about not because our workers weren't producing quality clothing, but because the company had found workers in other countries who were willing to work for less pay. Textbook economists might argue that the story there is simple market reality. But could our government have found creative ways to keep the workers happy and so keep those jobs here?

In the early part of this century the farmed shrimp industry, led by Nova Shrimp Farm in Ladyville, had risen to the status of number one as a foreign exchange earner. The dream of one of the industry's earliest investors, Keith Jackson, an American, that shrimp become as common as chicken on tables on Sunday, seemed to be on the verge of being realized. But in the midst of Nova's expansion, a virus was introduced to the ponds and, simultaneous with plummeting production, the industry was faced with depressed prices.

The government of the day didn't support Nova in its distress, even though the company hired up to a thousand workers at peak time and had shown such great promise. Some experts in the industry insist the farm, with its semi-intensive production system, could have survived.

And where are the children of the workers who lost their jobs when the government decided to let Williamson Industries and Nova Shrimp collapse? It is our great fortune that another boom industry, the call centers—Business Process Outsourcing (BPO)—was about to explode in Belize. But there are not enough call center jobs to absorb the blows if the government left the citrus and banana industries to fail.



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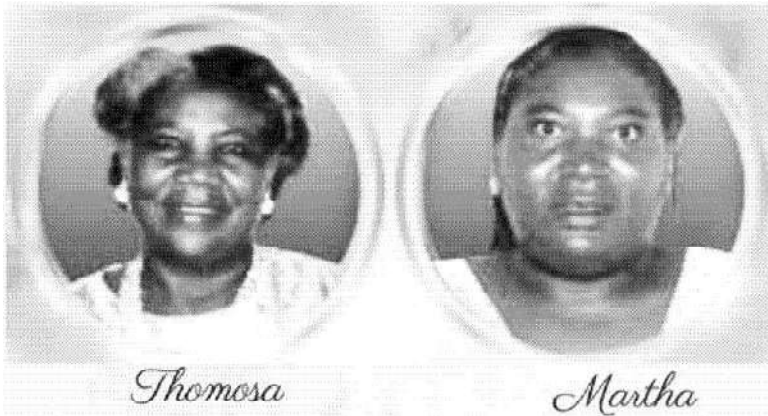
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Thomasa Marin, nee Nunez and Martha Alvarez



Thomasa 1936-2000
Martha 1960-2000

We had a wonderful mother, aunt, sister, cousin and friend
One who never really grew old
Her smile was made of sunshine
And her heart was solid gold.



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INTERNAL / EXTERNAL VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Title of Post	MIRPS Liaison Assistant	Category/grade	LICA-4
Post Number	21019476	Type of contract	UNOPS
Location	Belmopan, Belize	Date of Issue	23 January 2024
Effective date of assignment	1 March 2024	Closing Date	1 February 2024

PROFESSIONAL REQUIREMENT:

Responsibility

Under the direct supervision of the Senior Legal Officer, MIRPS Focal Point at the Refugees Department, in close coordination with the Director of the Refugees Department in Belize the MIRPS Liaison Assistant will support in the activities listed below:

1. Prepare written documentation related to the MIRPS.

2. Development of a broad network of stakeholders and possible donors, following the GRF pledges 2023.

3. Provide secretariat support to the implementation of the MIRPS Pro-Tempore Presidency work plan.

4. Support in organizing meetings in coordination with the MIRPS Technical Secretariat.

5. In coordination with the MIRPS Technical Secretariat, draft and dissemination of minutes, agreements, and other relevant documents related to the MIRPS Platform.

6. Draft of inputs for press releases, reports, and other communications activities within the MIRPS. As well as prepare the draft of the final report of the Pro-Tempore Presidency to be delivered at the end of the term.

7. Support in organizing workshops, meetings, and videoconferences with the MIRPS Technical Secretariat and other national and regional stakeholders, to advance the work of the MIRPS Pro-Tempore Presidency and to prepare minutes of the activities as requested.

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La pregunta del millón del gobierno: inyectar dinero o alejarse

Durante el reciente enfrentamiento entre la mayor asociación de productores de caña, BSCFA, y BSI, cuya propiedad mayoritaria es la gigante estadounidense American Sugar Refining, Inc. (ASR), el Director de Finanzas de BSI, Shawn Chavarría, recordó al gobierno que el azúcar es la única gran agroindustria del país que se encuentra en pleno apogeo en estos momentos. Los beliceños conocen la importancia de la industria azucarera y todos los oídos estuvieron atentos a las reuniones hasta que hubo una tregua y la temporada de molienda comenzó en pleno.

El acuerdo es sólo por dos años. Si las partes no pueden encontrar consenso sobre algunas diferencias críticas durante ese tiempo, podrían volver a enfrentarse. Si bien todos estaban felices de ver a todos trabajando, avanzando en la misma dirección en la industria, algunos cuestionaron cómo se resolvió la diferencia, particularmente el uso de fondos públicos para lograr que los agricultores firmaran el acuerdo. Pero si hubo algún pecado, es venial. Los gobiernos de todo el mundo utilizan fondos públicos y legislación especial para apoyar a las empresas privadas cuando están en dificultades porque, mientras las ganancias de las empresas privadas van a los bolsillos de los accionistas, cuando fracasan los países sufren un colapso económico.

La semana pasada, el Ministro de Agricultura, el Hon. José Mai compartió con la nación el estado de las otras dos agroindustrias principales, el banano y los cítricos. El informe sobre el primero no fue el mejor, y sobre el segundo, los cítricos, las cosas van tan mal en esa industria que el Ministro sugirió que sería mejor plantar palmas aceiteras en los huertos abandonados, un árbol que nunca se ha cultivado comercialmente en Belize. El camarón cultivado ni siquiera se menciona en estos días, el apogeo de esa industria, que fue breve, habiendo terminado hace más de una década y media.

Todos los gobiernos luchan por encontrar soluciones cuando las industrias tienen dificultades. Cuando el problema es extremadamente difícil de superar, los gobiernos tienen que decidir si deben inyectar más dinero o retirarse. Ninguna entidad privada despega sin un importante apoyo del gobierno, y cuando las empresas privadas enfrentan tiempos difíciles, el gobierno tiene que decidir el alcance del apoyo que brindará.

Circos más grande que este vienen y se quiebran en Belize. En el siglo pasado, nuestra primera industria bananera, nuestra primera industria del coco, una industria de cultivo de camarones, una industria del cacao que dependía en gran medida de pesticidas y fertilizantes químicos, fueron industrias importantes que experimentaron un colapso; e industrias menores como la extracción de aceite de corozo, la extracción de resina de pino, la pesca de camarón marino y la producción de papaya tuvieron que cerrar.

Nuestra industria bananera actual comenzó en el sur de Stann Creek en la década de 1970 con la introducción del *Grand Nain* (una variedad de banano del subgrupo llamado *Cavendish*) que era tolerante al Mal de Panamá que obligó a los agricultores a abandonar sus plantaciones de Gros Michel en la década de 1930. El Ministro Mai señaló los factores del cambio climático y el alto precio de los fertilizantes químicos importados como causas de la grave reducción de la producción. *Grand Nain* es un plátano muy productivo pero frágil. El clima desfavorable y la reducción de la fertilización de los campos (debido al precio) provocaron un aumento de la enfermedad de la mancha foliar (*Sigatoka*), lo que provocó una disminución en la producción de frutas comercializables. Afortunadamente, el precio de los fertilizantes químicos importados está bajando, pero aún será necesario un esfuerzo, una importante financiación durante algunos meses, para que los campos de bananos produzcan a los niveles anteriores.

A los productores de bananos les vendría bien algo de suerte. En 2019 se detectó en Colombia una nueva cepa mortal del Mal de Panamá, la Raza Tropical 4 (Enfermedad de Panamá TR4), y este hongo podría acabar con las plantaciones en Belize si llega a nuestros suelos. En 2023, la Universidad Tecnológica de Queensland en Australia (QUT en inglés) anunció que había producido un plátano *Cavendish* genéticamente modificado (GM) que “había demostrado ser altamente resistente al Mal de Panamá TR4”. Pero no a todo el mundo le entusiasmará comer un banano transgénico.

No dependemos sólo de los bananos para obtener divisas críticas. Los bananos son particularmente nutritivos y asequibles en el mercado local, y la industria jugó un papel fundamental para ayudarnos a superar la pandemia de Covid-19.

A nivel mundial, la industria de los cítricos ha estado en declive durante dos décadas debido a la enfermedad llamada Citrus Greening. Datos del

Instituto de Estadística de Belize muestran que en 2013 Belize ganó 114 millones de dólares por las exportaciones de cítricos, y en 2022 esa cifra había caído a 39 millones de dólares. La cantidad de árboles de cítricos en producción en Florida es el 50% de lo que era en 2004, en gran parte porque los agricultores han talado árboles debido a la enfermedad. Algunos grandes agricultores de Belize y un grupo de Jamaica han expresado interés en plantar bambú en el distrito de Stann Creek, parte de ello en tierras que alguna vez produjeron las mejores naranjas y toronjas del mundo. Y ahora el Ministro Mai habla de la palma aceitera.

En todo el mundo, algunos agricultores de cítricos están resistiendo, y lo que está surgiendo es que los cítricos resistentes se están convirtiendo en un cultivo sólo para los agricultores más grandes, aquellos que pueden permitirse los insumos químicos y las prácticas que ahora son necesarias para lograr una producción sostenible. Sucesivos gobiernos han invertido dinero en los cítricos, y tal vez necesitemos invertir más. Los fondos de rescate podrían ayudar tanto a los pequeños como a los grandes agricultores a permanecer en la industria. Los cítricos han sido vitales para nuestra economía durante más de seis décadas. Dependemos de las divisas que aporta la industria y los cítricos son esenciales para nuestra salud.

Las industrias suben y bajan, van y vienen, y la tarea del gobierno es saber cuándo resistir y cuándo dejar ir. La historia sugiere que nuestros gobiernos han sido demasiado ansiosos por renunciar a tales industrias. Según un informe de *7News* de 2008, Williamson Industries, la fábrica de ropa que cerró ese año, tenía 700 empleados en su punto máximo. Según *Amandala*, la desaparición de la empresa en Belize no se debió a que nuestros trabajadores no estuvieran produciendo ropa de calidad, sino a que la empresa había encontrado trabajadores en otros países que estaban dispuestos a trabajar por menos salario. Los economistas textuales podrían argumentar que la historia allí es una simple realidad del mercado. Pero, ¿podría nuestro gobierno haber encontrado formas creativas de mantener contentos a los trabajadores y así mantener esos empleos aquí?

A principios de este siglo, la industria del cultivo de camarón, liderada por Nova Shrimp Farm en Ladyville, había alcanzado el estatus de número uno como fuente de divisas. El sueño de uno de los primeros inversores de la industria, el estadounidense Keith Jackson, de que los camarones se volvieran tan comunes como el pollo en las mesas los domingos, parecía estar a punto de hacerse realidad. Pero en medio de la expansión de Nova, se introdujo un virus en los estanques y, simultáneamente con la caída de la producción, la industria enfrentó precios bajos.

El gobierno de turno no apoyó a Nova en sus dificultades, a pesar de que la empresa contrató hasta mil trabajadores en el momento pico y había demostrado ser muy prometedora. Algunos expertos del sector insisten en que la granja, con su sistema de producción semiintensivo, podría haber sobrevivido.

¿Y dónde están los hijos de los trabajadores que perdieron sus empleos cuando el gobierno decidió dejar que Williamson Industries y Nova Shrimp colapsaran? Es una gran suerte para nosotros que otra industria en auge, los centros de llamadas, la subcontratación de procesos empresariales (SPE), estuviera a punto de explotar en Belize. Pero no hay suficientes puestos de trabajo en los centros de llamadas para absorber los golpes si el gobierno dejara que las industrias de cítricos y banano fracasaran.

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Sunday Review

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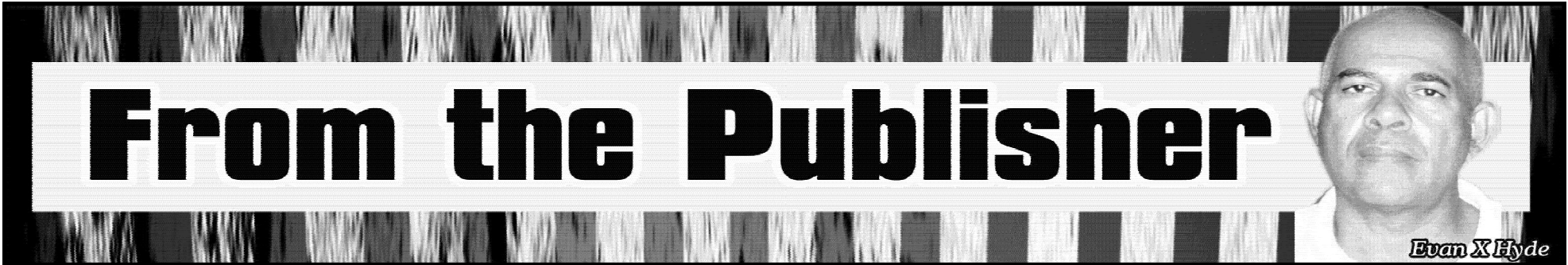
Host: YaYa Marin Coleman

Date: Sunday, January 28, 2024

Time: 10:30 a.m. to noon

Guest: Sista Sharnell Harris pictured her with her Dad Steven Harris

Sunday Review will be repeated at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 28, 2024



Nelson Reed opines that there were four definable areas in the Yucatan of 1847 - with distinct economic, political and social problems. These were Merida and the northwest; Campeche; the frontier; and Valladolid.

Merida was the center of the Yucatecan Ladino world. Campeche was the second city of the peninsula and the only Yucatan port until Merida developed Sisal in 1811.

Neither Campeche nor Sisal (both on the western coast of the Yucatan) was a natural port; tenders were necessary for oceangoing vessels, and “there was no protection from the dreaded *norte*, which brought fierce storms from the north.”

When Mexico became independent in 1821, Yucatan chose the federalist as opposed to the centralist philosophy of government, “a choice that drew on its experience as a separate entity under the Spanish Crown. Federalism became synonymous with liberalism rather than centralist-conservatism.”

Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna, a liberal hero and at first a federalist in favor of states’ rights, changed sides after a term as president taught him that

Mexico was a collection of weakly joined anarchic states and would need firm handling to become a nation. Beginning in 1835, his congress began to pressure Yucatan. “National troops were sent to garrison Yucatan and paid with state money, while Yucatecans were sent overseas to fight rebellion in distant Texas—a serious matter for the soldiers involved, for there was no provision for their return upon discharge. And those Texans were fellow liberals.”

In May of 1838, Santiago Iman, a captain in the Yucatan state militia, began a federalist revolt at Tizimin against centralist Mexico City. Defeated in the first skirmish, he received reinforcements when men of his former battalion seized the ship that was taking them to Texas and forced the captain to put them ashore. Iman was defeated in a second battle, however, and forced into hiding, whereupon a desperate idea occurred to him. The Indios had long been forbidden to bear arms, but had recently been forced to serve in the militia. Many of the Indios had shotguns; all of them carried machetes, and they were many in number. Iman recruited thousands of Indios with various promises and took

Valladolid, whereupon the whole of Yucatan came to his assistance and drove the national Mexican troops from their last stronghold of Campeche in June of 1840. Yucatan declared independence.

Mexico City declared Yucatan ships outside the law and closed mainland Mexican ports, such as Vera Cruz, to them. The Yucatecans retaliated by hiring three ships from the Texas navy to guard the sea lanes between Vera Cruz and Yucatan.

Santa Anna returned to power in 1843 after being defeated and captured by the Texans. Santa Anna sent an ultimatum and an army to Yucatan, where Yucatecans were flocking to arms to defend the peninsula. Yucatan raised an army of 6,000 men, mostly among the Indios, who were promised land and, for the second time, a reduction of their church taxes. Among those Indios was a Maya named Cecilio Chi, chief of the village of Tepich, and a sergeant named Manuel Antonio Ay, both without arms except machetes.


Then the central government of Mexico City sent reinforcements by sea. “The Mexicans had overwhelming naval

superiority—three steamers and four brigantines. Two of the Mexican steamers were the *Montezuma* and the *Guadalupe*, ironclad paddle wheelers equipped with the latest pivot guns bought from England. These ironclads were manned by British sailors and commanded by British officers on leave from the Royal Navy.”


In response, the Yucatecans turned to Texas to rehire the Texan navy. This is a whole story in itself, involving a Texan Commodore named Edwin Moore, who disobeyed orders from Texas president Sam Houston to return to Texas, and instead sailed south to Merida and Campeche.

In my Tuesday column this week, I told you that the pre-Caste War story and the situation in Mexico before the 1847 war were complex. If you really want to understand the pre-Caste War situation in Yucatan and Mexico, not to mention Texas, then you have to read Nelson Reed’s book, although, since Reed’s first edition in 1963, many, many papers and books have been written about the Caste War. I must point out

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Wesley College



VACANCY FOR ACADEMIC VICE PRINCIPAL

The Board of Management of Wesley College invites applications for the post of ACADEMIC VICE PRINCIPAL.

Academic Qualifications:

- Master’s Degree in Educational Leadership or its equivalent
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- Minimum of five (5) years of experience in administration
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Chairman, Wesley College Board of Management
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- Birth Certificate/Passport (*Certified copy*)
- Medical Certificate (*Original*)
- Police Record (*Original*)
- Two recent character references
- Marriage Certificate (*Where applicable*)
- Work permit (*Where applicable*)

Application Deadline: February 9th, 2024

All documents must be certified and any documents in a foreign language must be accompanied by an official English translation. Only applicants who qualify will be invited for an interview. Interested candidates should submit application packages to:

Chairman, Wesley College Board of Management
c/o Methodist District Office
75 Albert Street, Belize City
BELIZE



GEORGETOWN TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL GEORGETOWN VILLAGE STANN CREEK DISTRICT

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

2 English Teachers – Permanent


Qualifications for the teaching positions: Preferably a Bachelor’s Degree in Education or the subject area. Interested persons in possession of an Associate’s Degree may also apply.

Interested persons are asked to submit Letter of Application, complete with Résumé, Transcripts, Valid Teacher’s License, Police Record, Medical Certificate and Two Letters of Recommendation.

Pay Scale will be in accordance with the scales approved by the Ministry of Education.

Applicants are asked to submit applications by January 31, 2024 to the:

**Secretary
Board of Governors
Georgetown Technical High School
P.O. Box 235
Dangriga Town**



Wesley College

The Board of Management of Wesley College invites applications from highly motivated and dedicated individuals with good communication and interpersonal skills to fill the following vacancies.

- **1 Belizean Studies Teacher – Fulltime**

Applicants must be organized, creative, punctual, positive, and mature, self-motivated, a good team member, excellent role model, willing to work as a homeroom teacher, willing to work after school and participate in co-curricular activities. He/she must be familiar with the subject content and the CSEC syllabus, be able to teach on line if the need arise, willing to collaborate and work in a Methodist environment.

Qualifications:
Teaching: Preferred: Bachelor Degree in Education (in specified field) and must possess a Full License to Teach. Teaching experience would be an asset.


Remuneration: In accordance with the Government of Belize pay scale. Prospective applicants must submit the following:

- Cover letter with resume
- Valid Teacher’s license
- Qualifications (*Original transcripts*)
- Social Security card (*Certified copy*)
- Birth Certificate/Passport (*Certified copy*)
- Medical Certificate (*Original*)
- Police Record (*Original*)
- Two recent character references
- Marriage Certificate (*Where applicable*)
- Work permit (*Where applicable*)

Application Deadline: February 9th, 2024

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Chairman, Wesley College Board of Management
c/o Methodist District Office
75 Albert Street, Belize City
BELIZE



Vacancy at Julian Cho Technical High School

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

- **1 Spanish/Integrated Science Teacher- Temporary (February 1st to June 1st, 2024)**
- **1 Physics Teacher – Full time**

Qualification for Teacher:

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

Application package must include:

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

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

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

Application packages must be addressed to:

Secretary
Board of Governors
Julian Cho Technical High School
P.O Box 171
Toledo District
Belize, Central America

ELECTRONIC PACKAGES CAN ALSO BE EMAILED TO:

ictbs.secretary2@yahoo.com
principaljctech@gmail.com

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

Deadline for applications is Monday, January 29, 2024.

“Voting” for Wagner a third time

by Colin Hyde

Before these municipal elections get too heated, let me declare my vote and get back into my corner. Ordinarily, no village council chairman, city/town council mayor, or prime minister would get my vote three times. We would have to be shaat-a talent fu troo for me to throw my vote that way. My 2-votes-and-out system doesn’t apply for councilors and area reps, because they are but aspirants fighting for the crown.

No, ordinarily I’m not with third terms for leaders. If Barrow wasn’t so consumed with a third term, he wouldn’t have gone and locked up in a room in Miami and rushed a bad deal for BTL. But these past few years have not been usual. Anyone who says otherwise is living off accumulated fat, has one of the few businesses that did better because of the pandemic, or they are, sorry, not in love with honesty.

In this story on Yahoo, by Dylan Croll, “Restaurant owners say price hikes, labor costs and other woes made for a rough 2023”, the gentleman’s not speaking about Belize, but some of the problems restaurateurs in the US have been facing since the pandemic are not so different from ours. One of them in particular, inflation, has hit outdoor eateries in Belize very hard too. Navigating through Covid, the pandemic and its aftermath, has not been a stroll.

No, these past few years haven’t been ordinary times. The fact that the UDP had out-PUPped the PUP in the way they ran things, had corralled every public asset and put it to work to secure their government during Wagner’s first term is not an excuse we’ll grant Wagner. But Covid, don’t ever ignore or forget the impact of Covid. Bernard faced down Covid in his first term and he faced down Covid in his second term.

I noticed Bernard long before he entered politics. He was big in community service, especially in

organizing our youth in sports. I don’t have any questions for anyone who “uses” community service as a platform for a personal goal – don’t look gift horses in the mouth – but I have the red carpet for those who do it just for love.

Now, I said the UDP had really out-PUPped the PUP in their manipulation of our system. The PUP played dohti; the UDP was dohti rotten stink. One of Bernard’s in-laws is a big PUP, and from time to time another of his in-laws has reasons for wanting a sitting government to go. Because of how the UDP had manipulated the system, the in-laws needed the perfect candidate to run against the UDP in the critical 2018 Belize City Council elections. I think they had to lean heavy on Bernard to get him.

Belize City will decide in March. From my vantage point, from the outside – I’m not eligible to vote in City/Town Council elections – I think Bernard has been great. Because of Covid, which he had to battle for three years, from 2020 to 2022, a third term could be his first like the ones enjoyed by his predecessors.

Hmm, I see the UDP running a campaign ad in which the PM says he had to bail out the Belize City Council with \$100,000. I expect that from time to time central governments throw some chum to municipal governments, just as central governments in Belize always look to Taiwan when they hit tough spots. That challenge by a young man in his party, I guess that might be the impatience of youth who are DNA politicians. I can’t comment further on those matters, because I don’t know the innards of these parties.

Whoa, I can see why party animals on both sides of the PUDP would closely watch Bernard. I told you already that there is room for only one saint in the PUP, and the name is Price. And the UDP has become a Barrow show.

Okay, before I dip my finger in the ink, yes, I’m an in-law of Bernard too. But if anyone thinks any relative or friend of mine gets my vote to run the people’s business because of that connection, well, they haven’t been reading me these past 20 years. Only if you sink to the depths and cherry-pick you could pin that “bias tail” on this donkey.

An absolutely frivolous attempt to recall

The PUP should go to the House and make sense of this recall law that was one of three reforms introduced by the UDP in their 13 years. The UDP became kruid, but they have never been schupid. The law clearly was aimed at giving space to constituents who believe their representative was treasonous or daam corrupt. This recall based on an accusation of NEGLECT, I say please don’t waste the GG’s time.

So, Mr. Martinez has presented sufficient signatures. Some people tell me he was a good representative. I haven’t looked at his record, but if this recall is indicative of his level of thinking, in line with this same frivolous spirit, a recall should have been brought against him for not being area rep material. But, of course we know this gentleman is messing around. Some source said his timing is brilliant, to coincide with the municipal elections, so we don’t have to expend too much money setting up the process. So then, we can’t talk about the cost. But we can talk about making us a joke internationally. We wouldn’t want Jamaica to know that these are the kinds of games we play here. They would say ‘that’s why that country, our poor Caribbean brother, da shish on the world stage in football’.

The petition is nonsense, and it is dangerous to our democracy. It’s not that the people who signed the petition are frivolous or badminded. They mightn’t have considered the potential damage to our governance. Leaders shouldn’t always make popular decisions. A political leader should

always make the right decision, and if it happens to be popular, bully. There’s no chicken or egg question here. The right thing trumps the popular thing every day of the week.

A representative isn’t elected for a day or a week or a month. In our system they get up to 5 years. Politicians who experienced 20% popularity midterm have won elections with 60% of the votes at the end of their term. At the end of the term, the people vote. Look, I don’t need to belabor this.

I don’t know who all want Usher out. If his own party wants him off the scene, the best they can do is challenge him when we are coming up on a next general election. The government must go to the House and put some polish on this law. The 20% of Belizeans who are die-hard UDP will howl, but the 20% die-hard PUPs and the 60% in the middle will say ‘good work’ if the government called a House Meeting and passed an amendment to rubbish that petition. I say, o-w-t, out wid that!

Is Delroy being paid by both sides?

These days you can’t turn on Channel 5 or Channel 7 without running into a political ad mouthed and sometimes conceived by Brother Delroy Cuthkelvin. We know the brother was under contract to Lord Ashcroft, because Channel 7 proprietor J Vasquez said he saw the checks; and the UDP is his home party, the breast he drank from for 13 whopping years. But Delroy featuring on PUP ads, wi haffu aks, da weh dis?

I bet the Channel 5 and Channel 7 proprietors must be experiencing jealousy, with Delroy having more of a presence on their media than they themselves do. What is it about this man? Doesn’t the PUP have their very own Vaughan Gill to run their propaganda? Faiya, this Delroy C, his party is out in the cold, but he is experiencing no lean. He must be like dehn local laaya, those bogaz who feed from two sides.



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DRINKS
Piña Colada, Ice Cream, Bubble Tea, Frozen Drinks, Pink Lemonade, Hawaiian Ice, Frozen Coffee, Soft Drinks

GAMES
Tombola, Dunk Tank, Mechanical Bull, Bean Bag Toss, Marble Game, Dice & Paddle, Plinko & More

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Saturday, 10 February 2024
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Deadline for applications: February 9, 2024

Parts Counter Clerk

Requirements:

- 3 years experience in Auto-Parts
- Bilingual
- Age 20-30
- Computer literate
- minimum Highschool diploma; preferably Associates Degree
- Great customer service skills
- Willing to work flexible hours
- great teamwork, and self-motivated
- Salary negotiable

Accounts Clerk/Cashier

Requirements:

- 3 years experience in Accounting & Taxes
- Bilingual
- Computer literate
- Associated Degree in Accounting or Business Administration
- Great customer service skills
- Willing to work flexible hours
- great teamwork, and self-motivated
- Salary negotiable

Apply In-Person or Via Email

Send Resume to Truck Parts of Belize
attention: Manager

2.5 miles Philip Goldson Highway, Belize City, Belize

truckparts@btl.net

223-1540

PRESS PREDICTIONS

The sports psychic speaks

BOLEDO

“Press” Predictions, 64-07-68
Boledo Stats thru 26th Jan. to 2nd Feb. 2024

In Boledo news, 4 of my new numbers played already: 47-79-06 & 25. The new system is much fairer than before. These are my lucky numbers for this week: 07-68-64-61-63 & 88. These are my lucky Jackpot numbers: 5710-9862-8615. Get ready, Belize! Some mucho dinero will be coming our way any time now. There are only 22 numbers left from since the Boledo was stopped for 7 months and 3 days: 01-03-07-15-27-30-31-38-39-52-59-60-61-65-71-78-80-81-88-89-94 & 99. You all can form some beautiful Jackpots out of those hard numbers; 88 & 99 are the only 2 doubles that are left. There are only 1 set of back and front number that are left: 03-30. More people are winning right now than before. They weigh all of the balls every night consistently. Next week, more lucky numbers and more stats.

LOCAL FOOTBALL

The league has real parity right now

Local football results and predictions

In local football action, in Week 2 games results, Benque United beat the Police United team, 2 goals to one in Benque. They have the best fan base right now, alongside those Mango Creek fans in Independence. Verdes FC also has a very good fan base alongside Port Layola FC and the Progreso FC team in beautiful Orange Walk. The PLB has real parity; any team can beat anyone



Andres “JR” Makin, Jr.

on a given day. Port Layola FC crushed Wagiya FC, 5 goals to 2. Then on Saturday night, Verdes FC edged Altitude FC, 1-nil, in Mango Creek; they have acquired 2 more foreigners from Argentina. Then Benque United FC edged the Police Benque United, 1-nil; Andres “J.R.” Makin, Jr. converted the only penalty of the game. Bandits Sports upset Progreso FC of Orange Walk, 2 goals to 1. This is the overall standings for Concacaf: Verdes FC leads with 35 points, Port Layola FC have 30 points, Benque United at 28 points, Altitude FC at 26. Next week, more stats.

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

The West is very competitive right now

NBA results and predictions

In NBA action, the Minnesota Timberwolves and Karl Anthony Towns still have the best record in the West at 31-12. They will be the team to beat down the stretch, alongside the Los



by Gilroy “Press” Cadogan

Angeles Clippers and their top 4-headed monsters in Kawhi Leonard, James Harden, Paul George and Russell Westbrook. They will be seeded in the top 3 in the West and be the most dangerous team in the playoffs. They have not won anything yet. Kawhi



Zion Williamson

Leonard wanted to become the 4th player to win with 3 different franchises; LeBron James, Danny Green and Robert Horry did that already. The New Orleans Pelicans and Zion Williamson are at the fifth spot in the West. They will be very dangerous in the playoffs. The Utah Jazz is the hottest team right now; they have won 8 of their last 10 games. The Cleveland Cavaliers are also rolling right now in the East at the fourth spot. Next week, more stats.

DOMINOES

University Jones clipped Third World by some small change

Dominoes at Brown’s Yard - results

In dominoes action at Brown’s yard, this was the most entertaining game and most exciting game ever at this venue.

Third World had a 690-points plus lead on the University Jones Team at the half. Albert Cassasola and Maggie rallied alongside former 1986 Cross Country champ, Matthew Smiling and “Demus”, the top security. Enuff



David “Caliba” Jones

respect to Mr. Aword Hulse, the best dominoes player in the country, and David “Caliba” Jones, the owner of the Jones team. They were up on the Third World team and thought they were winners already, but got beat by some 59 points. Enuff respect to WPC Sexy Shermquie and her mommy, Sheryl, and Journey, “Sonno” and Wellington “Schooners” Hall, one of Belize Duurly’s top strikers of all time. Next week, more stats about Dirty Rebels.

Bowen Bowen

We're Hiring!

Head Distiller

Ladyville, Belize District

The position is to:

- Oversee all aspects of the distilling process from production start to end.
- Monitor quality control throughout the production process.
- Be responsible for the maintenance of distilling equipment.
- Maintain compliance with all relevant regulations.

The position requirements are:

- Bachelor Degree in Chemistry, Food Science, Brewing and Distilling or other related field
- Experience in craft distilling or related field, with a proven track record of producing high quality spirits
- Strong knowledge of the science of distillation
- Familiarity with distillery equipment and maintenance

Application Deadline: February 02, 2024

Shortlisted applicants will be contacted for interviews. If you are not contacted within three (3) weeks after the application deadline, we welcome your application for any other vacancy.

Join our Bowen & Bowen Family of 1,200+ who are united in Pursuing Excellence for a Stronger Belize.

Apply: bowen.bz

A citizen's plea to police

Belize City resident seeks peace after decade-long harassment by neighbors



Christopher Lamb in front of his home in Lake Independence area

by Kristen Ku

BELIZE CITY, Tues. Jan. 23, 2024

Christopher Lamb, 75, of the Lake Independence area, visited *Amandala's* office today, January 23, in a desperate attempt to seek public awareness of, and police intervention in, what he describes as an ongoing nightmare of harassment at his residence.

According to Lamb, for years he has been experiencing harassment by his neighbor, a female, and her 5 children, in addition to other acquaintances of hers. He said that they not only verbally abuse him, but also throw human feces into his yard to the point that it becomes unbearable.

"I have a neighbor, and every time she cusses me out—'old, crazy, and stupid,'" he lamented.

Lamb, who lives alone, told us, as he struggled to hold back his tears, "Every day, it's a quarrel. If they don't throw s#!t, they try and burn my name. I'm in my bed and my head is hurting me. I can't live good. If I go eat, there is s#!t; if I wake up, there is s#!t. Everything they do is spiteful, to make me fight them so I could go to jail."

Various attempts to report the matter to the police have failed, and Lamb is claiming that it is because a number of the officers are either friends or relatives of his neighbor.

"I go to report to the police station; when I look, it's the brother of the family; when

I look, it's a sister of the family; and when I look, it's the uncle of the family; and every day I have to deal with these people," he said.

Lamb is claiming that his life has also been threatened.

According to Lamb, the family which is harassing him not only sells drugs, but is affiliated with a well-known gang in the area, which he wishes not to engage with. Instead, he said, he wants to live in peace. "I want betterment, and I want peace. I can't live with stress. I work hard—I clean yards, paint houses, I do everything. I am self-employed," he said.

He said that today he made his 5th attempt to report his situation at the police station on Racoon Street.

When we visited his home today, we observed that his yard was barricaded with tarps and littered with feces and broken bottles. We also visited the police station, where we confirmed that his case was legitimate, and that a follow-up report was in the process.

In 2014, Lamb reported similar incidents to *Amandala*, involving gang-related harassment and criminal activity in his area.

Lamb, then 63, had indicated that feces was frequently thrown into his yard, and he also described a life-threatening encounter with an armed assailant wielding machetes.

A pioneer of the area (Christopher Lamb Street is named after him), Lamb says he has made repeated appeals to the police for increased patrols and visibility to help secure a peaceful living environment, but with the ongoing abuse

he feels a growing sense of defeat.

(AMANDALA Ed. Note: Our reporter's visit to the scene has confirmed that Mr. Lamb is not deranged or lying. No less than the Commissioner of Police has lamented the existence of a few "rogue cops" within his department. Unfortunately, if this oft-repeated plea for help continues to be unresolved by the Police Department, the public will be inclined to believe that some police officers are in cahoots with the drug-dealing gangs, and the whole department could be smeared by any unfortunate "incident" involving Mr. Lamb. See the *Amandala* 2014 online story, "Christopher Lamb 'under pressure' for stand against crime and drugs".)



Feces and pint bottles thrown in Lamb's yard

QSI



QSI INTERNATIONAL
SCHOOL OF BELIZE

<https://belize.qsi.org>

QSI International School of Belize is currently accepting applications for teaching positions for Grades 3 - Secondary.

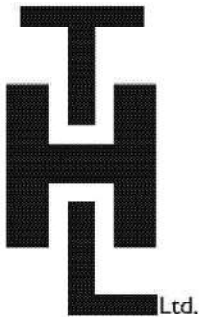
Minimum Requirements:

- Bachelor's Degree in Education
- U.S. and Belize Teacher Certification
- 2 years teaching experience

Qualified applicants may submit their Cover Letter & CV to belize@qsi.org.

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Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons to fill the position of

JOB TITLE: ASSISTANT MANAGER - ACCOUNTS

ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS TO: ACCOUNTANT

Duties and Responsibilities

- 1. Supervision of the Accounting Department Support Employees, including conducting monthly meetings with the team for assessment of their progress and workload.
- 2. Consistently monitor Tracking Systems
- 3. Management of Fixed Assets
- 4. Review and approve all Petty Cash Replenishment Requests.
- 5. Review:
 - a. All Requisition made in SAP
 - b. Accounts Receivable Reports
 - c. All Expenses Account for proper entry at month-end.
 - d. Compliance Cash Report.
- 6. Reconcile issued Purchase Orders against invoices and ensure vendor statements are reconciling with internal records.
- 7. Ensure that:
 - a. Accounts Payable Accounts are current.
 - b. Tax Payable Accounts are current.
 - c. Other Payables and Other Claims Payable Accounts are current.
 - d. Social Security Payable Account is current.
 - e. Medical, Pension and Salaries Payable Accounts are current.
- 8. Prepare:
 - a. Journal Entries for Monthly Closing.
 - b. Investment Report and reconcile with Atlantic Bank.
 - c. Employees' premium payments (salary deduction) bi-monthly.
 - d. Prepare Bank Reconciliation
 - e. Profit & Loss for Branches and Agents
 - f. Department Expense Reports
 - g. Invoice (MIRO) in SAP
 - h. ERM Reports
 - i. Internal Audit Reports
 - j. Financial Reports in the absence of the Accountant.
- 9. Balance Production Report to Gross Premium Income in SAP on a monthly basis including Cancellations, Premium Tax and Business Tax.
- 10. Upload Collection and Production in SAP.

Work Experience & Qualifications

This post requires an individual who hold himself/herself to the highest standards and have a strong desire for personal growth and professional success. The individual should display initiative, diligence, self-confidence, and outgoing personalities.

- Minimum - Bachelor's Degree in Accounting with at a minimum of two years proven working experience in a supervisor role.
- Excellent knowledge of management methods and techniques, audit requirements, and procedures.
- Experience in providing customer service and support.
- Highly analytical with strong attention to detail, Strong work ethic
- Familiarity with SAP ERP in Financial Accounting would be an asset
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- Brilliant oral and written communication skills
- Professional demeanor both on the phone and in person
- Proficiency is required in Microsoft Excel and Microsoft Word
- Bilingual in English and Spanish
- Valid driver's license and willingness to drive oneself.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ONLINE APPLICATIONS IS WEDNESDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2024

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST INCLUDE:

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

SEND APPLICATIONS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO: our website at: <https://aicbelize.com/employment-application>

Note: Incomplete applications will not be considered. Only short-listed applicants will be contacted for interviews. We thank you for your application.



Vacancy Announcement

United States Peace Corps in Belize

Position Title: Language and Cultural Facilitator (LCF)

Basic Function of the Position

The Language and Cultural Facilitator (LCF) is an integral part of Peace Corps Belize's Pre-Service Training (PST) team, responsible for language and cross-cultural instruction to new Peace Corps Trainees. The LCF plans and delivers daily language lessons; provides cross-cultural and project specific instruction to Trainees; and documents each Trainees' progress on language acquisition.

Required knowledge, skills & abilities:

- Associate degree in a field related to the position: Primary Education, English, General Studies, Biology, Mathematics or Science
- A minimum of one (1) year of teaching experience.
- Advanced level skills in speaking, reading, and writing Spanish or Native fluency in Kriol.
- Available to work 40 hours per week from April 2nd, start date, to July 19th, end date.
- If not from the training community, willing to be on duty in training community from May 13th – July 8th.
- Computer proficiency in Microsoft Office; online programs such as Canva or other media to create lessons, audios, and resources.
- Basic knowledge of using Moodle, Google meet, Microsoft teams, Zoom and other online platforms, etc.
- Able to pass a U.S. Embassy background security investigation.
- A citizen of Belize or has current valid authorization to work in Belize.

Compensation and duration:

- Compensation range starts at \$130.00 to \$150.00 per day, based on experience and qualifications.
- The anticipated contract will be for a base period of 4 months, commencing on April 2nd to July 19th, 2024.
- This contract is contingent on reference checks and background check.
- This is a short-term 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 address each of the required minimum qualifications outlined in the Vacancy Announcement above and submit the following. Failure to provide a complete application package will disqualify applicants from consideration.

- 1. Current resume and cover letter.
- 2. Provide contact information of three references, one reference must be from a current or previous employer. (Email and telephone number)
- 3. A copy of a recent police record is required.
- 4. State specific language position that you would like to apply for, Spanish or Kriol in the subject line of the email (e.g. LCF Smith – Kriol).
- 5. Include the minimum requirements highlighted in the knowledge, skills, and abilities section.
- 6. Indicate whether you have served Peace Corps as a Trainee or Volunteer (including Response), or a Staff member (USDH, PSC, or FSN), and if so, identify the position location, position type, title, and starting and ending date.
- 7. All documents must be in English.

Application Deadline is January 29th, 2024.

Applications will be accepted until position is filled.

Additional Information:

- For a complete scope of work, 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 Belizean citizens at the time of application.
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- One or more positions may be filled from this announcement.
- Only those invited to an interview will be contacted.
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- 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.

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From the Publisher

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that where you see quotation marks in this column, this means these are Nelson Reed’s words. Let me continue.

In skirmishes between Mexican soldiers and Yucatecan troops near Merida, more than one hundred men were killed or wounded on each side. The Yucatecans, under the command, of Colonel Sebastian Lopez de Ilergo, a Meridano, were considered the victors, and Ilergo was promoted to general.

In April of 1843, the Texan sloops, *Austin* and *Wharton*, appeared with thirty-three medium-range cannons between them, to strengthen Yucatan. But the *Guadalupe*, featuring well-trained English gunners, was the world’s first ironclad steam-driven warship. “It had only four guns, but they were two times and four times heavier and had a much longer range than the weapons of their adversaries.” The *Montezuma* was of wooden construction, but had eight modern cannons. “There were four

other Mexican sailing ships with a total of thirty-six guns, but the steamers were the heart of the matter and could be expected to reduce the Texan ships to burning, sinking hulks before they got within range to reply.”

But the battle went in the Texans’/Yucatecans’ favor. On the *Guadalupe*, forty-seven were killed and sixty-four were wounded. On the *Montezuma*, forty were killed and wounded. Among the Texans/Yucatecans, five were killed, twenty-two wounded. The invasion of Yucatan was over.

“Following the Mexican-American War, and with a stronger sense of nationality, a remembrance of Yucatecans hiring Texans to fight Mexicans might not have been politically correct. For the Yucatecans of that time, revolting Federalists in alliance with another revolting federalist state was proper and the money well invested.”

But the Yucatecan leaders had to realize that independence was not practical. Plus, there was the problem

of what to do about the land promised to the Indio volunteers. So many had enlisted that it was considered impossible to reward them all.

“His Serene Highness Lopez de Santa Anna had signed the treaty of reincorporation in December 1843. But the treaty terms and the defeat of his army and navy galled him, and two months later he reneged, banning the entry of all products of Yucatan to Mexican ports.” Then he appointed a governor.

Well, what happened then? There was protest in Yucatan, then a declaration of independence by the Merida garrison, and the election of Miguel Barbachano as provisional governor.

The Mexican-American War began in 1846. Santa Anna, overthrown and exiled that year, ended up promising Yucatan its full rights as listed in the 1843 treaty. Barbechano chose to believe Santa Anna.

But, intimidated by the Texas navy, Campeche revolted against Mexico. The

Campechanos marched towards Merida. In January of 1847, troops which featured the Indios defeated the Barbachanista militia, a second victory of Maya Indians against whites.

Around the same time, a Barbachano unit murdered the leaders of the Maya of Tabi. Maya troops under Colonel Antonio Trujeque, hearing of the murders, stormed Valladolid three days after the executions, and a slaughter of the inhabitants resulted. It was very, very bad. Bonifacio Novelo led a lynch mob to the suburb of Sisal. “A paralyzed curate was macheted in his hammock; upper-class girls were stripped and raped before their helpless relatives, then tied spread-eagled to the grillwork of windows and mutilated.”

“Violent emotions cloud the facts. Even cannibalism was included in the charges. The sack continued for six days, during which at least eighty-five civilians were murdered.”

This would be described as the beginning of the Caste War.



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THE JOB

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EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE

- 1. A Bachelor’s Degree Agricultural Economics, Agriculture or related field.
- 2. At least three (3) years’ experience in the appraisal, implementation and management of loans. Experience in developmental loans/projects would be an advantage.

REQUIRED SKILLS & ABILITIES

- Superior communication skills – ability to receive and convey written and verbal information effectively with customers and employees at all levels.
- Customer service-oriented - must be able to display positive attitudes and behaviors, which demonstrate an awareness and willingness to respond to and meet customer’s needs, requirements and expectations.
- Ability to interpret and analyze financial data to originate sound loans as well as to maintain a performing portfolio.
- Proficient in MS Word, Excel and Outlook; and familiar with new channels used for mass communication.
- Ability to focus on the details and apply critical thinking techniques.
- Ability and willingness to travel frequently, as required. This requires the possession of a privately owned motor vehicle and valid driver’s license.
- Understanding DFC’s role as a development bank and its mandate to shape Belize’s economic and social landscape.
- High ethical standards and uncompromising sense of integrity.
- Working knowledge of Spanish would be an asset.

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- 2. Achieve monthly targets relating to loan approvals, disbursements, portfolio quality and growth.
- 3. Conduct property valuations for properties offered as loan collateral.
- 4. Ensure that properties held as collateral are adequately insured.
- 5. Ensure customer satisfaction through regular and timely engagement.
- 6. When necessary and justifiable, initiate appropriate loan servicing actions / recommendations in relation to individual borrowers.
- 7. Actively promote the Corporation’s financial services.

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Chat TOURISM

Our City by the Sea



Do you ever wonder what the Old Capital must look like to visitors? What do they think about when they see Belize City for the first time? The city has a mix of modern buildings and old colonial houses tossed together across a landscape that includes palm trees, mangroves, canals, marshy areas, and concrete streets and bridges that stretch over rivers that flow into the waters of the Caribbean Sea. Sitting or walking, this city can easily feel more like an island getaway than a metropolis. It must be very interesting for first time visitors to walk past the old St. John’s Cathedral, stroll behind the compound at the House of Culture, and then down the famous Albert Street only to cross the oldest swing bridge in all of Central America. By the way, did you know the first bridge that connected the North and South side was called The Grand Belize Bridge and was partially funded by King George III in 1818? For visitors who are mostly used to seeing sky scrapers or steely glass buildings, Belize City’s wooden colonial structures, open breezy streets, and its low sun-kissed skyline must inspire all sorts of feelings. There is beauty in all aspects of our little city by the sea. For the benefit of Belizeans and all the visitors who get to look at its splendour, it is important that we continue to improve it. But how do we make the city better and the experience of it more beautiful?

One way to do it would be through a collaborative project that uses culture and creativity to complement the city’s natural and infrastructural appeal. Last week the Minister of Tourism and Diaspora Relations (MTDR), Hon. Anthony Mahler formally inaugurated the Fort George Artisan Alley. As days often are in Belize, it was sunny and bright as the Minister spoke of his vision for the city to invited guests, the media, and the eighteen artisans whose businesses and crafts lined both sides of the alley. This alley is one piece of a larger plan to beautify the city. It is not just a matter of adding new buildings and a fresh coat of paint. It is a matter of fostering sustainable economic development by investing in Belizean people, Belizean artistry, and Belizean culture. The minister emphasized that “when small businesses succeed, we all succeed”. This sort of investment is crucial for the cruise tourism industry. Travellers disembark at the Fort Street Tourism Village (FSTV) for their day of adventure and that journey begins when they step onto the streets of the city. Across from the ally is the Fort Street mural that was completed in 2022. The paintings and images depict “Belizeanhood”. The bright images spread across the wall like a story about our diversity. What the story tells anyone, local or visitor, is that our diverse people and cultures are testament to our true beauty.

The MTDR has similar plans for the sea front and sea wall overlooking the Baron Bliss Lighthouse. Bit by bit the city’s streets, walls, and alleys will tell the story of Belizean entrepreneurship, artistry, and diversity. Belize City has long been the country’s hub for infrastructural and business development. These and future projects will ensure that the Old Capital continue to participate in our tourism industry by improving its own tourism experience. Beautifying the city means investing in collaborations, in people, in small businesses, and in local artistry. We may not know what visitors think of when they see our city by the sea, but we can ensure that what they do see is a reflection of all us.

Chat again later.

Jasmine Anderson

For the Belize Tourism Board



Hodder Education, a leading publisher of primary and secondary resources for Caribbean schools, is looking to recruit an enthusiastic, self-motivated individual to join the Caribbean Sales Team as the new **Sales and Marketing Consultant** based in Belize.

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- Established relationships with decision-makers and educators in primary and secondary schools is a distinct plus.
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Deadline for applications is Friday, February 2, 2024

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From The Publisher

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In his book, *The Caste War of Yucatan* (first published in 1963), author Nelson Reed warns readers that the shooting does not begin until the third chapter, because he has to set the stage for the action with a description of the worlds which clashed in the war — the Ladino world and the Mazehual world.

Today, scholars insist that the Caste War, which began in 1847, was not a race war, as it had been depicted in years bygone. I don’t know about that, because the matter of the Caste War, the matter of mid-nineteenth century Mexico itself, these matters are so complex. In trying to give you a sense of the situation, I read Reed’s first chapter, on the Ladino world, several times. I didn’t want merely to quote his thoughts, but it was very difficult work; trust me.

Before I quote Reed on Yucatan’s sociology, I want to discuss Mexico’s

geography. Mexico is at its widest where its northern border meets the border of the United States, at the Rio Grande. This border runs all the way west from California to Texas, America’s largest state. Many, many of us Belizeans have entered the U.S. through Mexico’s Tijuana border, where the American city equivalent in California is San Isidro. We had travelled by bus from Chetumal to Vera Cruz to Mexico City to Tijuana.

In the old days in the 1950s and before, however, when we left Chetumal, we Belizeans had to go all the way up to Merida, in the northwest of Yucatan, before coming back down to the southeast of Yucatan in order to travel to Vera Cruz through Villahermosa and cities like that. Sometime in the 1960s, however, the Mexican government built a highway from Chetumal through Escarcega which spared us Belizeans the great problem of having to

go all the way up to Merida, when it was really to America that we wanted to go.

Another thing. In the old days, before the war between the United States and Mexico began in 1846, Texas belonged to Mexico. (It had previously belonged to Spain, Mexico’s colonial master.) Roads were primitive in the nineteenth century, and you can see on a map that Texas would be much closer to Yucatan by sea, than Yucatan would be to the capital of Mexico City by road. Yucatan, like Texas, had an independent streak from way back.

Here is what Reed says of the social makeup of the Yucatan: “Under the Spanish Crown, Yucatecan society had been dominated by men of Spanish birth. The royal captain general, his lieutenant, and the bishop all came from the mother country—along with most of the higher judges, officials, and many officers. After them in status came the Creoles, people

of supposedly pure white birth but born in the New World. Next stood the mestizos, far down the ladder, of mixed white and Indian blood, and a few mulattos of white and Negro blood. The Pardos, of Negro and Indian blood, came from several hundred ex-slaves in neighboring Tabasco, as well as a group who survived a shipwreck and formed a village in north central Yucatan, but they were never important in number. At the bottom of the ladder were the Indios.”



Mexico became an even more complex place after independence in 1821. A number of white Americans had drifted south into Texas by the time the short-term Mexican president, Vicente Guerrero, declared slavery illegal in 1829 in Mexico, but pressure from the Texans forced him to exempt Texas from the anti-slavery decree. The key thing to note here, historically speaking, is that Guerrero, Mexico’s only president of African descent, who was deposed and shot by firing squad in 1831, had been supported by the General Santa Anna, whose history in Mexican politics and wars is simply incredible.

In the American propaganda movies about Texas and the Alamo which we watched as children growing up in British Honduras, the hero was, of course, Davy Crockett. Santa Anna, leading the Mexican side, was depicted as a buffoon, a weirdo, a coward, and anything else negative you would like to describe him as.

But you can’t understand the background to the Caste War without having an idea of how incredible Santa Anna was. According to Enrique Krauze, Lucas Alaman wrote as follows: “The history of Mexico since 1822, might accurately be called the history of Santa Anna’s revolutions ... His name plays the major role in all the political events of the country and its destiny has become intertwined with him.”

Krauze himself wrote of Santa Anna as follows on pg. 135 of *Mexico: Biography of Power*: “If Iturbide’s empire had been the dramatic enactment of a tragedy, Santa Anna’s eleven presidencies might be compared to the less distinguished genre of operetta, in which he played several roles. One of them was ‘the conspirator.’ Sometimes, a strident ‘pronouncement’ was enough to topple a government. On other occasions, he would incite the rebels in secret, and when he realized that the government had more soldiers than he did, he would change sides and boldly join the peacemakers. But afterwards he would always retire with his profits in monies, power and prestige to Manga de Claro, his luxurious hacienda in the state of Veracruz. Smothered in the admiration of his public and feigning the most bucolic of lives, ‘concerned only with his crops and his livestock,’ Santa Anna would wait for the next call of destiny, which never failed to come and nearly always worked out to his advantage.”

In this column, then, you should have gotten an idea of the furors and uproars in Mexico City, the capital; the independence and ambitions of Yucatan, led by Merida and Campeche; and, finally, the role of Texas in between Mexico City and Yucatan. At the bottom of all this ferment in 1847 were the oppressed Indios. The Caste War was their fight for human rights.



INVITATION TO BID

Institution: MINISTRY OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE, AND DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT, GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE.

Tender: CONSULTANCY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNICIAN, NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CHEMICALS AND WASTE CONVENTION, DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

Deadline: January 31, 2024

The **Government of Belize (GOB)** acting through the **Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change, and Disaster Risk Management through the Department of the Environment** is inviting qualified individuals to apply for the position of an **Environmental Technician** to support the Chemicals Management Unit toward the “**National implementation of the chemicals and waste conventions**”

Below details few of the roles and responsibilities to be assigned to the Environmental Technician

1. Assist in performing duties as secretariat of the Integrated Chemicals Management Regulatory Body/ Authority in carrying out its mandate.
2. Assist in preparing annual work plan and budget for the management of the Chemicals Management Unit.
3. Assist in administer all licencing requirements respective to chemicals management.
4. Assist in the maintenance of all national registries (PCB, BAHA, DOE, MOHW) relating to chemicals management.
5. Coordinate the exchange of information related to chemicals and hazardous waste between different ministries and stakeholders.
6. Assist in coordinating the harmonization of policies and position of Belize in the field of chemicals and waste in relation to the MEAs (BRSM) and regional and international initiatives.
7. Assist in coordinating and facilitating training along with other stakeholders in chemicals waste management.
8. Receive report of accidents/incidents involving chemicals and review/make recommendations as required.
9. Recommend measures for maintenance and improvement of chemical safety and environmental risk management.

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San Pedro, Ambergris Caye, Belize District

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Parcel No. 2609 San Pedro Ambergris Caye, Belize District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
San Pedro	7	2609
The freehold property of Mr. John Greif IV.		

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DPP: shooting of Trevor Brown was self-defence



Trevor Brown, deceased

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Jan. 24, 2024



The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) has ruled that the fatal shooting of Trevor Brown, 28, who was gunned down in the parking lot of Thirsty Thursday nightclub over New Year’s Eve weekend, was an act of self-defense.

On the night of the incident, which was captured by surveillance cameras, Brown had exited the establishment along with several other persons inside a vehicle. Several men had been standing outside the establishment, but when Brown’s vehicle seemed to have hit a truck, two of the men went to inspect the truck, while others went to speak with Brown. When Brown once more started to drive toward the exit, he almost hit two of the men. At that point, he exited his vehicle and walked over to the men. He then pulled out a firearm and there was an apparent exchange of gunfire. An individual could then be seen in a crouching position near the vehicle. That person fired multiple gunshots at him, killing him at the scene, after which the other men fled along with the shooter.

The DPP’s Office justified its ruling by stating that it was a retaliatory gunshot that killed Brown, who was wounded in his back.

Commissioner of Police, Chester Williams, in support of the ruling, stated, “The law does [allow one] to make a preemptive strike.” He went on to point out, “I noticed that many people are saying that it was the other young man who fired first, but if you see a man coming towards you with a gun in his hand, in a rage, are you going to wait for him to shoot you before you shoot back? You might not have that chance. So, the law [gives] you that opportunity to make a preemptive strike ... we can only be guided by the facts as we see them, and the video footage and the statements were sent to the DPP office, and the DPP office made that determination.”

After those comments were made, Brown’s mother, Cheryl Brown, expressed strong objection to the ruling when she spoke to reporters. Brown said that a misunderstanding occurred between her son and the two men inside the establishment, and he defused the situation by going out of the establishment; however, she said, his aggressors followed him and fired a



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3. Liaise between the authority and its individual institutional members and stakeholders.
4. Prepare annual work plan and budget for the management of the Chemicals Management Unit.
5. Administer all licencing requirements respective to chemicals management.
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Consejo Village, Corozal District; Chan Pine Ridge Village, Orange Walk District; Belmopan, Cayo District; Burrell Boom Village, Belize District; Pomona Village,

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1. Parcel No. 514 Consejo Village, Corozal District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Consejo Village	1	514

The freehold property of Ms. Lisa Miranda.

2. Parcel No. 32/1 Chan Pine Ridge Village, Orange Walk District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Chan Pine Ridge	4	32/1
The leasehold property of Mr. German Tzul.		

3. Parcel No. 4631 Leigh Richardson Street, Belmopan, Cayo District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Belmopan	20	4361
The freehold property of Mr. Charles and Ms. Angelia Kerr.		

4. Parcel No. 1095 Mcville Rd., Queen Square West, Belize City:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Queen Square West	45	1095
The freehold property of Mr. Deon Longworth.		

5. Southside of Burrell Boom- Mussel Creek Road, Burrell Boom Village, Belize District:



ALL THAT piece or parcel of land situated in the Mussel Creek Road area, Belize District being a portion of Grant No. 3 of 1911 and situated along a road reserve on the Western boundary of Grant No. 3 of 1911 and containing 0.68 acres and more particularly described as follows: Commencing from point on the western boundary of Grant No 3 of 1911 and which point is at a distance of 424.39 feet and on a bearing of S 42° 27' W from a found concrete pillar at the Northwest corner of Grant No. 3 of 1981 thence S 42° 27' W for a distance of 192.53 feet to a point thence East for a distance of 258.75 feet to another point thence N 19° 07' 45" E for a distance of 131.81 feet to another point thence N 84° 06' 25" W for a distance of 172.59 feet back to the point of commencement TOGETHER with all buildings and erection standing and being thereon. (Being a vacant lot situate on the Camp Oakley Road near the Mussel Creek Road, the freehold property of Mr. Anselm V. Gillett Jr.)

6. Mussel Creek Road, Burrell Boom Village, Belize District:



ALL THAT piece or parcel of land situated at Burrell Boom Pineridge and bounded on the North where it measures 80 feet or thereabout by Mussel Creek Road and on the South where it measures 80 feet or thereabout by the property of Inese Smith and on the East where it measures 262 feet or thereabout by the property of Dalton Gillett and on the West where it measures 100 feet or thereabout by the property of Alison Gillett and where it measures 162 feet by the property of Crecencia Wilson TOGETHER with all buildings and erection standing and being thereon. (Being a round concrete residential dwelling house situate opposite the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in the Village of Burrell Boom, the freehold property of Mr. Anselm V. Gillett Jr.)

7. Lot No. 162 Pomona Village, Stann Creek District:



ALL THAT piece or parcel of land situated in Pomona Village, Stann Creek District, the said piece, or parcel of land comprising 767.842 Square Meters being described as Lot 162 as shown on Entry 5828 Register No. 2 recorded at the Lands and Surveys Department in Belmopan City TOGETHER with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon. The freehold property of Mr. Manuel Esquivel.

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF BELIZE, A.D. 2023
(DIVORCE)

ACTION NO. 254

(NANCY JEANNE HINES BAILEY PETITIONER
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(CLIFTON ALBERT BAILEY RESPONDENT

TO: CLIFTON ALBERT BAILEY

TAKE NOTICE that an action has been commenced against you in the High Court of Belize, Action No. 254 of 2023, by Nancy Jeanne Hines Bailey of Gales Point, Manatee, Stann Creek District, Belize, in which the Petitioner has applied for dissolution of her marriage and for any other Order the Honorable Court deems just.

And that it has been ordered that service of the Divorce Petition in the said action on you be effected by this advertisement. If you desire to defend the said action you must within twenty-eight (28) days from date of publication of this advertisement, inclusive of the day of such publication, enter an appearance at the office of the High Court of Belize. In default of such, the High Court may pronounce such order(s) in your absence.

Dated 12th day of January, 2024

Samira Musa Pott & Co.
Attorneys-at-Law for the Petitioner
Suite 308, Marina Towers
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Belize City, Belize

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CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM
NO. 2 OF 2024

MY REF: STAFF/GEN/6/04/24 (15)

FROM: Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of the Public Service, Constitutional and Political Reform and Religious Affairs

TO: Office of the Governor General, Chief Justice, Auditor General, Solicitor General, Financial Secretary, Cabinet Secretary, Chief Executive Officers and Heads of Department

SUBJECT: VACANCY NOTICE – ONE (1) POST RURAL WATER SERVICES MANAGER – RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, MINISTRY OF RURAL TRANSFORMATION, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, LABOUR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

DATE: 17th January 2024

Applications are invited from suitably qualified applicants to fill one (1) post of **Rural Water Services Manager**, Rural Development Department, Ministry of Rural Transformation, Community Development, Labour and Local Government.

BASIC PURPOSE OF POSITION:

The Rural Water Services Manager is responsible for coordinating and liaising with the water boards for the control, management, and operations of rural potable water systems. The Rural Officers to ensure efficiency, sound financial management and quality customer service.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Production: provides technical oversight in meeting water quality regulations and consumption demands by working with the Rural Community Development Officers to:

- 1. Assess production and consumption levels on a monthly basis and/or as the need arises.
- 2. Assess production inputs: chemicals, electricity, etc. monthly and/or as the need arises.
- 3. Assess water quality parameters monthly and/or as the need arises.
- 4. Review and evaluate work methods and procedures of water boards.
- 5. Ensure water boards effectively maintains their water systems operations.

Operations: oversees and supports the operations of the Rural Water Systems country wide by working with the Rural Community Development Officers to:

- 6. Ensure water boards maintain adequate water supply and delivery of water, meeting all quality standards (quality, quantity, security, and pressure).
- 7. Ensure water boards maintain the integrity of the water disinfection process and the water transmission and distribution systems including storage tanks and pumping stations.
- 8. Work with the Coordinator Rural Water Sanitation and Supply Unit in coordinating emergency water distribution activities to communities.
- 9. Work with the Rural Development team in the development and implementation of strategies and plans to ensure all major water production, treatment, storage, and distribution systems, equipment and facilities are operable during peak periods.
- 10. Monitor revenue and expenditure of water boards to ensure sustainable financial management.
- 11. Ensure that water expansion projects meet the required standards in respect of distribution network design by water boards.

General: Participates in the development of the department’s annual capital expenditure and operations budget including:

- 12. Forecasting funds needed for equipment and materials for the department’s capital expenditure and operations for rural water systems.
- 13. Preparation of project cost estimates and analysis for procurement of equipment, materials, tools and supplies for proposed project initiatives.
- 14. Monitoring of approved expenditure and budgetary adjustments within the stipulated timeframes against goals and objectives for projects.
- 15. Appraising the Coordinator Rural Development on any budgetary changes.
- 16. Lead the review and updating of financial regulations for water boards.

Report: Prepare and present information by means of monthly, quarterly, and annual work plans, reports and budgets which require the following:

- 17. Review of all the districts’ daily and monthly reports and taking immediate corrective actions where and when necessary.
- 18. Preparing monthly management, comprehensive and KPI reports.

- 19. Preparing special requested and incidental reports.
- 20. Ensuring water boards submit timely financial reports to the Ministry.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Be in possession of a Bachelor’s Degree in Business Management, Administration, Accounting, Finance, Economics, Sustainable Development or related field.

Minimum of five (5) years’ experience in business management, water management, construction or project management or equivalent experience.

KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS:

Language skills:

- 1. Fluent in English. Working knowledge of Spanish will be an asset
- 2. Ability to read and interpret documents such as safety rules, operating and maintenance instructions and procedures manuals.
- 3. Ability to write reports and correspondences
- 4. Ability to speak effectively in large group settings

Reasoning Ability:

- 1. Must be able to understand and prepare technical and policy briefs.
- 2. Ability to solve practical problems and deal with a variety of concrete variables in situations where only limited standardization exists.
- 3. Critical thinker.
- 4. Ability to define problems, collect data, establish facts, and draw valid conclusions

Computer Skills:

- 1. Must have the ability to use Microsoft Office Excel, Word, Power Point and Office Project.
- 2. Ability to use AutoCAD, GIS and GPS Navigation Devices.

Driving Skills:

Valid Driver’s License for manual transmission.

Working Conditions: Available to work after normal working hours, on weekends and/or on Public and Bank holidays.


REPORTING RESPONSIBILITY:

The Rural Water Services Manager reports to the Coordinator Rural Development, Ministry of Rural Transformation, Community Development, Labour and Local Government.

SALARY:

Government of Belize Pay Scale 16 of \$30,171 x 1,310 - \$55,061 per annum.

Interested persons in possession of the required qualification and who have the aptitude for the posts are asked to submit their complete application package, at least two references and a valid police report through the Job Search and Employment Application Website <https://www.publicservice.gov.bz/> or directly at <https://jobs.publicservice.gov.bz/> no later than **31st January, 2024**.


ROLANDO ZETINA (MR.)
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
c: Chief Information Officer, CITO
President, PSU
President, APSSM
GEN/4/01/01

Belize advocates for Taiwan’s inclusion in the upcoming World Health Assembly

by *Kristen Ku*

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Jan. 24, 2024

The Government of Belize (GoB), through the Ministry of Health & Wellness (MOHW), has declared its support for the Republic of China (Taiwan) to participate in the upcoming 77th World Health Assembly (WHA) in Geneva, Switzerland.

The WHA, the decision-making body of the World Health Organization (WHO), gathers delegations from almost 200 WHO Member States to shape health policies, appoint the Director-General, oversee financial matters, and review the program budget.



77th World Health Assembly held in Geneva, Switzerland

In addressing their public support for Taiwan’s participation, the Minister of Health and Wellness, Hon. Kevin Bernard noted the diplomatic aspect of this support.

“It’s a matter of diplomacy and supporting our ally country in making the plea that Taiwan should be invited to participate in all events held by the WHO and other UN

Agencies,” he stated.

Taiwan has been a vital player in Belize’s health sector, aiding in emergency response, controlling non-communicable diseases (NCDs), upgrading health electronic systems, and enhancing overall health system capacity.

“We would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to Hon. Kevin Emmanuel Bernard, Minister of Health and Wellness of Belize, and the Government of Belize for the unwavering support for Taiwan’s participation in the World Health Assembly (WHA). Taiwan remains committed to collaborating with Belize in public health to enhance the well-being of people in Belize,” stated the Republic of China (Taiwan) via their social media page.

Belize’s support for Taiwan’s participation is seen as crucial. In light of Taiwan’s proven track record in healthcare, especially evident in its pandemic response a few years ago. Belize is arguing that Taiwan’s experiences and knowledge could greatly contribute to global health discussions and emergency preparedness.

“Let us show the true meaning of the mission of WHO, which is to promote health, keep the world safe, and serve the vulnerable with measurable impact for people at the country level,” the MOHW stated in a press release dated Friday, January 19.

The upcoming WHA, scheduled from May 27 to June 1, 2024, will be a platform for member states to debate and decide on pressing global health issues.

ABANDONED PROPERTY COMPLIANCE NOTICE 2023 FOR ACCOUNTS WITHOUT MOVEMENT FOR 10 YEARS AND OVER

In accordance with the Domestic and Financial Institutions Act 2012, Part XII 121 (5), HERITAGE BANK LIMITED, with its registered office at #106 Princess Margaret Drive, Belize City, Belize C.A., will transfer balances and properties held in the names listed below into the custody of the Central Bank of Belize. We urge you to contact our nearest branch no later than March 25th 2024.

<u>CUSTOMER NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Tuxin Li	2.5 Miles Northern Highway, Belize City, Belize C.A.
Cobras Social Cultural Sporting Association	P.O Box 1733
Cheng Zhu	28 Baymen Avenue P.O. Box 1377 Belize City, Belize
Jui Chi Tsai	P1837 Chancellor St. West Landivar Area, Belize City
Barbara Bardalez	#173 Main Street, Independence Village, Stann Creek District, Belize
Elena Estrada	Independence Village, Stann Creek District, Belize
Jasper Lawrence	Columbia Ext. Stann Creek District, Belize
Gregory Faull	Lot #24 Mata Grande, San Pedro Town, Belize

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gunshot at him while Brown was inside his vehicle.

“If you do something to my son, he’ll come back and do something to you right away,” Brown’s mother said.

She also claimed that the person who fired the fatal shot had, after the shooting, gone to his home in the St. Martin De Porres area to change his clothes and then went to the Queen Street Police Station. She believes that the person who took her son’s life is connected to a prominent local family, and that this influenced the DPP’s ruling.

“We don’t want street justice; we want justice from the system. If the lawyer has to go get the video from inside Thirsty [Thursday] from what transpired inside until that very moment, then so be it. We have to get some kind of justice some way or the other,” said Cheryl Brown.

“... You know long me and my family members are trying to get to Chester [Williams], and he doesn’t answer his phone for anything ... All I want is answers ... If it was the other way around, my son would’ve already been arrested and go to prison. Look at it as if it was the other way around—a poor man killed a person in high society child,” she stated.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Lodgement of an EIA Report and Public Consultation
For
AMAYA DEVELOPMENT BELIZE LLC & THE MW COLLECTIVE LLC
“CRAWL CAVE ECOTOURISM AND RESIDENTIAL
DEVELOPMENT”
Crawl Caye, Stann Creek District, Belize

The General Public is hereby advised that the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report for Amaya Development Belize LLC & The MW Collective LLC, a proposed ecotourism and residential development, located on Crawl Caye, Stann Creek District, has been submitted to the Department of the Environment (DOE). The EIA report was prepared by Nextera Environmental and Engineering Consultants with local and international scientific support. The EIA report will be reviewed by The National Environmental Appraisal Committee (NEAC), before a final decision is taken on the proposed development.

The General Public is hereby informed that the EIA report will be available for public review starting January 15th 2024; Mondays to Fridays during normal working hours (8:00 am to 5:00 pm) at the following locations: Hopkins Village Council Office; Seine Bight Village Council Office, Independence Village Council Office and Placencia Village Council Office and at the office of the DOE in Belmopan. The EIA report is also available on the DOE’s webpage <http://doe.gov.bz/environmental-clearance>.

The public is invited to submit comments, objections, representations, questions, or queries to the DOE via emails: eiaunit@environment.gov.bz/envirodept@environment.gov.bz by February 13, 2024. Additionally, it is possible for the public to submit their comments in writing, to the DOE at 7552 Hummingbird Highway, Belmopan City, or Tel.: 822-2548 / 2819; comments can also be sent through the public form link which will be provided through our website and Facebook pages.

Kindly be informed that a hybrid public consultation on the findings of the EIA will be held on February 8, 2024, commencing at 6:30 pm at the Seine Bight Community Center, Placencia Road, Belize. An on line link will be provided prior to the date of the public consultation. The public is invited to participate in person or virtually in this consultation to make comments, ask questions, seek clarification, express concerns, or issues, or make objections or representations to the DOE related to the possible effects of the proposed project activity on the environment.

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEES

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

The Bank thus hereby gives notice of its intention to exercise its power of sale under A Deed of Mortgage between Scotia Bank (Belize) of the one part and Denvor Deon Delbert Fairweather (hereinafter called “the Mortgagor”) of the second part which was filed at the Land Titles Unit in Belmopan City on the 10th Day of April 2018 Instrument: LTU-201801319. 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

ALL THAT LEASEHOLD INTEREST IN ALL THAT piece or parcel of land being Lot No. 192 situate IN Hattievillle Village, Belize District and bounded as follows:- On the Northeast for 74.99 feet by a street; On the Southeast for 99.99 feet by Lot No. 193; On the Southwest for 74.99 feet by Lot No. 201; On the Northwest for 99.99 feet by Lot No. 191, containing 833.33 square yards of land as shown on Entry No. 2299, Register No. 12 at the Office of the Commissioner of Lands and Surveys TOGETHER with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon.

Dated the 10th January, 2023

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



Ministry of Human Development, Families
and Indigenous Peoples’ Affairs

Vacancy Advertisement

Date: January 24, 2024

VACANCY NOTICE – DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF INDIGENOUS
PEOPLES’ AFFAIRS, MINISTRY OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT,
FAMILIES AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES’ AFFAIRS

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons to fill one (1) post of Director at the Office of Indigenous Peoples’ Affairs, Ministry of Human Development, Families, and Indigenous Peoples’ Affairs.

1. PURPOSE OF POSITION:
To provide oversight of the Office of Indigenous Peoples’ Affairs and support the Minister and Chief Executive Officer in the coordination and implementation of GOB Plans and programs relating to the recognition and protection of rights of indigenous peoples in Belize.

2. ANALYSIS OF POSITION
- A. Essential Duties and Responsibilities
- SUPPORTS the strategic direction and leadership in the Ministry of Indigenous Peoples’ Affairs to fulfil Belize’s international and national obligations and commitments to its Indigenous Peoples.
 - SPEARHEADS the engagements with Indigenous Peoples, organizations, groups and communities/village.
 - COLLABORATES with and provide guidance to other Government Ministries, Departments on the development of policies and programmes that support the recognition and protection of rights of indigenous peoples in Belize in order to meet their social, cultural and economic needs.
 - COLLABORATES with and provide guidance to private sector and civil society organizations on matters pertaining to recognition and protection of rights of indigenous peoples in Belize in order to meet their social, cultural and economic needs.
 - ADVISES on the development and implement key actions to further the implementation of UNDRIP within the framework of the Constitution and laws of Belize.
 - COORDINATES the development of legislation and administrative mechanism and other measures to safeguard Maya customary land tenure in accordance with the 2015 Consent Order of the Caribbean Court of Justice.
 - ADVOCATES for the rights of Indigenous Peoples and present the views of Indigenous Peoples to government ministries/departments, private sector, civil society organizations and the wider Belizean public.
 - LEADS the development and implementation of the Government of Belize’s strategic Indigenous affairs agenda, drawing on the views and aspirations of indigenous Peoples of Belize.
 - PROMOTES respect and understanding of Indigenous Peoples rights among the broader Belizean society.
 - PARTICIPATES and represent the Government of Belize at international and national fora to share Belize’s partnership experience with its Indigenous Peoples.
 - PREPARES monthly and annual reports of the Office of Indigenous Peoples’ Affairs.
 - Undertake the administrative and financial management of the Office of the Indigenous Peoples’ Affairs in Toledo.
 - DEPUTIZES for the Chief Executive Officer as required.
 - PERFORMS other related duties as assigned

B. Qualification and experience required.

Master’s Degree in sustainable development, international relations, anthropology, or related field with at least five (5) years’ experience relevant to the position.

Working knowledge of land tenure and indigenous issues in Belize and internationally and public policy development and implementation.

Sound understanding of the cultural and socioeconomic issues of the region, basic understanding of the Maya Land Rights and ...

3. COMPETENCIES/SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE
- (a) Work Environment:
Ability to work in a high paced, tense environment, ability to work with diverse and large groups of people in the community and stakeholders.
- (b) Technical:
Keen observation skills and vigilance, program planning, strong communication skills, conflict management, time management, public relations skills, listening skills, understanding of adolescent behavior, adolescent anti-social behavior, children in conflict with the law, and core correctional practice.
- (c) Behavioral:
Effective and interactive communication, flexibility, developing others, initiative, network building, organizational commitment, reputable individual with self-confidence, self-control, team leadership, and teamwork.

5. REPORTING RESPONSIBILITY
1st Reporting Officer – Chief Executive Officer

6. SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITY OF THIS POSITION
2 Technical Officers
2 Clerks
1 Cleaner
1 Driver

7. SPECIAL WORK CONDITIONS:
- a) Working after normal working hours, weekends, public & bank holidays, and on-call
 - b) Responsive to call-backs and irregular schedules
 - c) Working in tense and sometimes sensitive situations
 - d) Be prepared to travel to perform work assignments.

8. SALARY
Salary will be commensurate based on qualification and experience.

9. APPLICATION PROCEDURE
Qualified and interested persons must submit a complete application package which should include a letter of application, resume and academic qualifications to the Ministry of Human Development, Families and Indigenous Peoples’ Affairs located at the Ground Floor, West Block Building, City of Belmopan, or via email at senior.secretary@humandev.gov.bz no later than Friday, February 9, 2024.



The unbiased media

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Mon. Jan. 22, 2024

The commercial media arena in little Belize is relatively large, with newspapers, television stations, and recently a host of social news media, all competing for the attention of the public and the advertising dollar. Understandably, with our small population, the competition is fierce, especially since Covid-19 and the explosion of various social media news outlets which entered the commercial advertisement field, when businesses were struggling to survive and cutting costs in their advertisement budget. Time marches on, and the suggestion is that we all just have to move with the times: newspapers used to be the only means of quick mass communication, then radio, then television, and now “social media” of various sorts have been added to the mix.

In Belize, newspapers are operating with a much-reduced budget, at a time when the advertisement dollar is shrinking and hard copy readership has also been reduced, as more and more people are satisfied with getting their news from the major television and radio stations or the many “instant” news outlets on social media. Fair enough, but in this world of competition, situations arise that point to the possibility of the playing field being not quite level, and to the

detriment of the listening and viewing public. The recent 7News revelations associating the ownership/influence of a particular social media news outlet with a prominent person who has been questioned by police in regard to a matter whose principals were blatantly exposed on that said social media outlet, comes to mind. Was the particular news media in this case being used for a personal vendetta?

The idea of an unbiased media is one which is very debatable in Belize; in fact, certain newspapers are publicly acknowledged to be the mouthpieces of particular political parties – the party organ, they are called. And that is accepted as no big thing. Everyone knows that *The Belize Times* is the newspaper of the PUP; and *The Guardian* is for the UDP. *The Reporter* is generally considered independent, but with a known bias, from its founding, towards the business class.

And the *Amandala*, an independent voice, has from time to time thrown its support behind one or the other party, or even a single political candidate at times; but no political party or group can claim that they “own” *Amandala*, which means “Power to the People”. The newspapers have their owners, and so do the radio and television stations, which have to gain a license to operate from the Broadcasting Authority of Belize.

We know for a fact, from our experience here at *Amandala*, that by law a copy of the newspaper, signed by the publisher, must be submitted to the authorities every week. The owners/publishers of the newspapers, radio and television stations are liable, under the libel laws of Belize, for any matter released to the public that violates those laws. This newspaper, and others also in Belize, has been sued many thousands of dollars under these laws that are very restrictive on the media in regard to what is considered defamatory to any individual. In competition for the advertisement dollar, the commercial news media – newspapers, radio and television – thus have to walk a thin line. The public often laments the scarcity of good investigative reporting in Belizean news media, but everything comes at a cost, and as we repeat, the advertisement dollar, upon which these media depend to pay operating costs, including employees, is limited and shrinking.

What 7News owner Jules Vasquez revealed in an editorial comment on his television station last Friday, is something that should be of concern to all Belizeans, and particularly, the Broadcasting Authority of Belize, whose oversight authority may not be as robust as it could be over this relatively new phenomenon called “social media”. When we talk about the instant social media news outlets, that anyone can access by cell phone, the major ones that come to mind are “Breaking Belize News”, “Hot Off The Press”, “Belize News Network” and “Belize Live News”. There may be others. In every issue of every newspaper published in Belize, the reader can find in a prominent place the names of the publisher, editor, etc. as well as the names of reporters who write articles in the paper. Because of the problem of anonymity of callers to the radio/television talk shows, who might put the station at risk by defamatory



MINISTRY OF HEALTH & WELLNESS INVITATION TO BID

SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF LABORATORY SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT 2024-2025

The Ministry of Health & Wellness hereby invites eligible and qualified bidders to submit sealed bids for **Supply and Delivery of Laboratory Supplies & Equipment** for the period **July 2024 to March 2025**.

All interested bidders are asked to contact the Secretary in the Office of the Chief Executive Officer at the address below for the **complete set of bidding documents**. Bidders must meet the minimum requirements as indicated in the **Instruction to Bidders**. A **fee of \$200.00** made payable to the **Government Treasury utilizing Fees for Bidding Documents - 18017/11617/130/24** is required for the acquisition of the Tender Package. The **receipt must be presented** to the secretary at the point of collecting the Package.

The Tender Package must be collected from the Chief Executive Officer’s (CEO) Secretary at the address provided below during normal working hours **commencing on Monday, January 29, 2024 and concluding on Friday, February 2, 2024**. All tender submissions must be returned to the address below no later than **10:00 a.m. on Friday March 1st, 2024**. Late bids will be rejected. All bids shall be accompanied by a **Bid Securing Declaration** as specified in the Instructions to Bidders.

A pre-tender meeting will be held on **Friday, February 9, 2024** at a time and place to be confirmed in writing to interested bidders.

Bidders must be prepared to submit relevant samples of goods offered **immediately** upon request.

The address referred to above is:

Chief Executive Officer
Ministry of Health and Wellness
2nd Floor, East Block Building
City of Belmopan
Belize, C.A. Tel: 501-822-2325
Email: ceosecretary@health.gov.bz

Per: ^{17/11} **PAYAL GHANWANI**
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FROM THE PUBLISHER
en Español

Santa Anna regresó al poder en 1843 después de ser derrotado y capturado por los tejanos. Santa Anna envió un ultimátum y un ejército a Yucatán, donde los yucatecos acudían en masa a las armas para defender la península. Yucatán reunió

Pero la batalla fue a favor de los texanos/yucatecos. En el Guadalupe murieron cuarenta y siete personas y sesenta y cuatro resultaron heridos. En el Montezuma hubo cuarenta muertos y

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statements, program hosts are quick to advise callers not to call the names of individuals about whom they may be making controversial statements. But, who knows the names of the owners/editors of these various social media news outlets? Jules has his sources, and he stated categorically on Friday that a prominent attorney, whose name has been associated with a rape allegation by two women, is a prominent person in the Hot Off The Press news outlet, which released some very derogatory material about the said two women.

Aside from whatever self-serving motive was behind the Hot Off The Press release concerning the two women, another concern for us in the news business is that the public has a right to know who are the owners of every news media outlet that accepts advertisement dollars from the business community, who are liable to pay taxes to the national treasury. Who owns “Hot Off The Press”, “Belize Live News”, “Breaking Belize News” and “Belize News Network”? In this small country, where sometimes it seems like everything is politics, the public has a right to know who is giving them the news, so that people can have an opportunity to consider the possibility of any bias that may be involved. Moreover, if some news media are paying taxes and others are not, then we are not all competing on a level playing field.

Everybody seems to be jumping onto social media; and that is fine. To each his own. Even the Ministry of Sports is pursuing cost savings by designing a special app to share all their sporting competition news with the public on social media. Newspaper space costs money — for paper, ink, film, media workers, etc., so space is limited for what we can cover in our sports section. Even the multi-million-dollar FFB has chosen Facebook, rather than invest a penny for advertisement in the newspaper sports pages. And that is fine too. With Jah’s blessing, we will survive. You know where we stand, and where we have always stood, since 1969. *Amandala* means, Power to the People!

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Vacancy Announcement

Announcement Number: 535-24-002

United States Peace Corps in Belize

Position Title: Small Project Assistance (SPA) Grant Coordinator
Position Type: Part-time / 20 hours per week

Position Duration: April 2024 – March 2025, with potential for annual extension

Opening Date: January 17, 2024
Closing Date: January 31, 2024

Basic Functions of the Position:

The SPA Grant Coordinator will coordinate administration of grant projects funded under Peace Corps Belize’s United States Agency for International Development (USAID) SPA program. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 (October 2023 – September 2024), Peace Corps Belize launched its new USAID SPA program, which will fund design and implementation of trainings on Project Design and Management and Organizational Development; administration of a small grants program; and grant monitoring and evaluation activities. Grants will be implemented by Peace Corps Volunteers and their work, school or community counterparts.

The SPA Grant Coordinator will report to the Director of Programming and Training and receive technical direction from the Programming & Training Specialist. The successful candidate will coordinate the full grantmaking cycle, from training potential grantees, to promoting grant opportunities, creating grant-writing resources, directing the grant application review and award process, conducting oversight visits, and promoting high quality grant reporting to the donor organization. Please be sure to [address each area of the required minimum qualifications section](#) in your application (see requirements below). Applications that do not address all areas **cannot be considered**. Please be sure to include **all** required documents with your application.

Required Minimum Qualifications

- Successful completion of a bachelor’s degree in business administration or a related field of study; or a minimum of five years of experience in grants management, project management or monitoring and evaluation.
- One to three years of experience in monitoring and evaluation and/or grants management or project management.
- Proficient in MS Office: Word, Excel, and PowerPoint.
- Able to pass a U.S. Embassy background security investigation. A copy of a recent police record is required.
- Possess a valid driver’s license and clean driving record. A copy of your driver’s license is required.
- A citizen of Belize or has current, valid authorization to work in Belize.

Knowledge Skills and Abilities

- Ability to meet deadlines, meticulous work habits, attention to detail and a high level of integrity and honesty.
- Excellent customer service orientation, organizational skills, and writing skills.
- Ability to work with staff in all units in a cooperative, team-oriented and collaborative manner.
- Ability to travel across Belize up to 20% of the time.
- Must actively participate in Peace Corps Belize staff meetings, trainings, and activities.
- Comfort working in intercultural environment (with diverse staff, Volunteer and counterpart community).
- Demonstrated capacity to design and/or facilitate trainings or large group meetings preferred.
- Demonstrated English proficiency, both written and oral.
- Spanish language proficiency is desired, but not required.

Compensation and Duration

- Base compensation range for this part-time position starts at BZ\$ 17,772.00 plus benefits.
- The anticipated contract will be for a base period, with up to four 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 part-time position requiring a minimum working schedule of 20 hours per week or 40 hours every two weeks. Office hours will be set in consultation with the SPA Grant Coordinator’s supervisor.
- The duty station is located at the 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 and cover letter.
2. The name, title, email and phone number for three references. References can include current or previous employer or University faculty/Professors (one reference **must** be from a current or previous employer).
3. A copy of driver’s license is required.
4. A copy of a recent police record is required.
5. Copy of a degree from a professional school or University
6. All documents must be in English.
7. Address each of the **required minimum qualifications** outlined in the Vacancy Announcement above. Failure to provide a complete application package will **disqualify** applicants from consideration.

Application Deadline is January 31, 2024. 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** be a citizen of Belize **or** has current, valid authorization to work in 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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For additional general information regarding the Peace Corps, please visit our website at: www.peacecorps.gov

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

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Belize:
February 2024

INSURANCE ACT
Act No. 30 of 2023

In accordance with Section 239 of the Insurance Act, Act No. 30 of 2023, the General Public is hereby notified that **only the following persons have been provided with an Insurance Licence to carry on insurance business in Belize during the year 2024.** All licensees mentioned herein have been provided with an **Insurance License Certificate.** In addition to the licence certificate, individual insurance intermediaries were issued an Insurance Intermediary Card, which must be produced upon simple demand by any member of the public.

Only Licence Certificates for the Year 2024 are valid. Persons conducting insurance business without a valid insurance license are in contravention of the Insurance Act and should be reported immediately to the Office of the Supervisor of Insurance and Private Pensions at #2 Toucan Avenue, Belmopan, Belize or by calling at 501-822-3808 or through email to: osipp@mof.gov.bz

Updates on licensing status can be found at <https://osipp.gov.bz>

A. INSURANCE COMPANIES LICENSED AS CATEGORY 1 UNDER PART III

These companies can only conduct business within Belize.

1. Atlantic Insurance Company Limited
2. Blue Creek Insurance Company Limited
3. CG United Insurance Limited
4. GK Life Insurance Caribbean Limited
5. Guardian General Insurance Limited
6. Home Protector Insurance Company Limited
7. Holy Redeemer Credit Union (Conditional Licence)
8. Insurance Corporation of Belize Limited
9. RF&G Insurance Company Limited
10. RF&G Life Insurance Company Limited
11. Sagicor Life Inc.
12. Lloyd's (Conditional Licence)

B. INSURANCE COMPANIES LICENSED UNDER CATEGORY 2 UNDER PART III

These companies can only conduct business from within Belize.

1. Karlsberg International Insurance Corporation Limited

C. CORPORATE INSURANCE AGENTS LICENSED UNDER PART IX

These companies can conduct business in Belize on behalf of insurance companies licensed under Category 1 and to which they have an agency agreement accepted by the Supervisor of Insurance.

Special Notice on Banks and other Financial Institutions acting as agents of Insurance Companies

No Bank or Bank Official shall exercise any undue pressure or influence in any manner whatsoever upon a borrower to place insurance in any particular insurance company for the security of the Bank. All clients of Financial Institutions have a choice of insurer and should not be obligated to insure with a particular insurer only because the financial institution is providing such person with insurance premium financing or a loan. Clients of a financial institution feeling forced into placing insurance with a company against his/her will should notify the Supervisor of Insurance immediately. A complaint form can also be found at <https://osipp.gov.bz>.

Atlantic Insurance Company Limited

Santiago Castillo Limited Westrac Limited Atlantic Bank Limited

CG United Insurance Limited

Belize Insurance Center (Insurance Agent) Ltd

GK Life Insurance Caribbean Limited

Belize Bank Limited

Guardian General Insurance Limited

Simpson's Insurance Agency Ltd

RF&G Insurance Company Limited

Blue Creek Credit Union Limited Belize Bank Limited
Belize Credit Union League Limited La Inmaculada Credit Union Limited

Sagicor Life Inc.

Belize Insurance Center (Insurance Agent) Ltd.
Simpson's Insurance Agency Limited

D. INDIVIDUAL INSURANCE AGENTS UNDER PART IX

These individuals can conduct business in Belize on behalf of insurance companies licensed under Category 1 and to which they have an agency agreement accepted by the Supervisor of Insurance.

Atlantic Insurance Company Limited

Anna Dyck Esteban Cano
Marisa Graniel Phillip Gallaty Jr.

CG United Insurance Limited

Marsha Gill

Guardian General Insurance Limited

Amy Forte	Candice Meighan	Carol Panton
Dawn Henry	Derick Perera	Karen Gill
Naomi Anderson	Nikita Smith	Olga Herrera
Rodney Card	Ryan Simpson	Saira Manzanero
Tessa Usher	Vikky Murga	

Home Protector Insurance Company Limited

Aeesha Bradley	Amareli Patt	Ariel Aguilar
Blanca Flowers	Dean Dennis Flowers	Florence Williams
Guillermo Medina	Harry Moreno	Ian Chi
Jose Izaguirre	Joyce Longworth	Julio Blanco
Lecimarco Luna	Lilia Marin	Lorena Guzman
Melonie Woodye	Raul Gilharry	Rianna Bush
Rosalyn Tzib	Sheena Rodriguez	Steven Cal
Thalia Avilez	Tsung Chang Wu	

Insurance Corporation of Belize Limited

Maretha McCulloch Nestor Hernandez
Hiram Ochaeta Maria Hek

RF&G Insurance Company Limited

April Echeverria	Ena Martinez	Farrah Marchand
Isabell Bardalez	Jairo Vasquez	John Friessen
Julien Ferguson	Marlon Kuylen	Neville Forrester
Roselia Zabaneh	Sandra Johnson	
Mirror Enterprises Ltd (Jorge Espejo Sr.)		
L3G's & Associates (Yadira & Fatima Chi)		

RF&G Life Insurance Company Limited

Cristiani Vargas	Daphne McFadzean	Deon Robinson
Dishon Smith	Ena Martinez	Ermelinda Mahitani
Immanuel Westby	Magdalene Okondo	Guerra
Marsha White	Mayeli Hoy	Melissa Skeen
Ricardo Magana	Sasha Reneau	Shantel Lofter

Sagicor Life Inc.

Adrian Gongora	Amy Forte	Candice Meighan
Carol Panton	Dawn Henry	Derick Perera
Karen Gill	Marlene Forrester	Marsha Gill
Olga Herera	Rodney Card	Rubertha Wiltshire
Ryan Simpson	Saira Manzanero	Shawn Smith
Simiona Nicholas	Stephen Bermudez	Tessa Usher
Vikky Murga	Yaennis Escalona	Zeidie Thompson

D. INDIVIDUAL INSURANCE SUB-AGENTS LICENSED UNDER PART IX

These individuals can conduct business on behalf of the Corporate Insurance Agents and to which they have an agency agreement accepted by the Supervisor of Insurance.

Belize Insurance Center (Insurance Agent) Limited

Andrea Corredor Marta Castillo

Simpson's Insurance Agency Limited

Linda Caldera

E. BROKERS LICENSED UNDER PART IX

These companies can conduct business with licensed insurance companies on behalf of persons seeking their services.

BROKER

1. Diversified Life Solutions Brokers Limited
2. McClean Insurance Brokers & Risk Solutions Limited

G. INSURANCE MANAGERS LICENSED UNDER Part VII

These companies are representatives of the companies licensed under Category 2.

1. Georgetown (Insurance Principal Representative) Services Limited

NOTIFICATIONS TO THE SUPERVISOR OF INSURANCE

Notifications to the Supervisor can be made via email to osipp@mof.gov.bz, or by post at #2 Toucan Avenue, Belmopan.

Complaint Forms are also available at <https://osipp.gov.bz> for anyone wishing to file a complaint against any of the licensee in respect to their conduct of insurance business.

(Alma D. Gomez)
Supervisor of Insurance

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

IE University expands its Young Talented Leaders Scholarships Program to Belize

MADRID, Spain, Thurs. Jan. 25, 2024

IE Foundation, the foundation of the prestigious Spanish university IE UNIVERSITY, announced the launch of the Young Talented Leaders Scholarships Program for Central America with the objective of empowering the best university talent from Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Panama, prioritizing low-income students, to facilitate their professional training with Master's studies at IE University, and with the objective of building bridges between Central America and Spain.

This scholarship program seeks to support young Central American residents in Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, or Panama who have completed their undergraduate studies and wish to continue their professional training with Master's programs. Special priority will be given to candidates with limited financial resources, offering two scholarships for 100% of the tuition, including living expenses depending on the economic needs of the candidates.

Candidates must demonstrate academic excellence, leadership skills, entrepreneurial spirit, proactivity in their community, commitment to making a positive social impact in their country once they have completed their training. As part of IE University's rigorous selection process, a very high or bilingual level of English is essential, as the programs for which the two scholarships are offered (Master in International Development, Master in International Relations and Master in Applied Economics) are taught in English.

In addition, the recipients of the Young Talented Leaders Scholarships for Central America will become part of the IE Foundation Fellows program, which consists of a prestigious group of current and former students with extraordinary academic profiles who have received a scholarship to study at IE University. Candidates must demonstrate academic excellence, leadership skills, entrepreneurial spirit, proactivity in their community, commitment to making a positive social impact in their country once they have completed their training.

This scholarship program has been made possible thanks to a donation from IE alumni and is also supported by the IE Foundation. Its main mission is to contribute to developing the full human and professional potential of Central America and to develop socially responsible leaders who have the skills and knowledge necessary to make a positive impact, as well as to innovate and promote new ideas in multicultural environments.

With an entrepreneurial character and humanistic spirit, IE University, thanks to a technology-based learning environment, is committed to training leaders who seek to influence the world through innovation and a global perspective. The institution has more than 500 professors who teach bachelor's, master's, doctoral and executive education programs to students in 140 countries and has been recognized as one of the best in Europe by rankings such as the Financial Times, as well as standing out in fields such as management, business, politics, technology, entrepreneurship, sustainability, diversity and humanities.

Complete information about the scholarships at <https://www.ie.edu/ie-foundation/talent/scholarships/corporate-scholarships/>



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MANAGER

THE JOB

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EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE

1. A Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, Risk Management, Finance or related field.
2. At least three to five years of managerial experience in enterprise risk management or credit risk, preferably in a financial institution.
3. Experience in loan underwriting/credit appraisal.
4. Financial Risk Management/Operational Risk Certification would be an asset.

FUNCTION-SPECIFIC COMPETENCIES

- Demonstrated leadership capabilities, including identifying needs, developing action plans, providing training needs, and identifying deliverables.
- Knowledge of DFC's role as a development bank and its contribution to national economic development.
- Knowledge and understanding on the fundamentals of Enterprise Risk Management.
- Strong understanding of the anatomy of Operational and IT risks.

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- Strong analytical, negotiation and decision-making skills.
- Proficient in MS Office.
- Able to maintain a high level of confidentiality and ethical behaviour.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE:

1. Assist in the establishment and continuous improvement of the ERM Framework, processes, and efforts across the organization.
2. Manage the relationship and interfaces with multiple functional units by acting as a liaison with Senior Management and Risk Owners.
3. Prepare, develop and deliver training and communication strategies to promote risk awareness and establish a healthy risk culture.
4. Reviews, monitors and reports on risk assessments, risk metrics (KRIs), risk events, loss events, and other risk-related activities and provides recommendations and guidance where necessary.
5. Assist the Lending Operations team to ensure that credit risk indicators and early warning signs of credit delinquency are monitored proactively, and that recommendations for actions to be taken to remedy the situation are made and acted upon.
6. Assists in the proactive identification of emerging risks, develop and implement risk mitigation strategies and action plans.
7. Check for credit viability on requests for loan rescheduling and evaluate various adjustments or exception documents.
8. Support the Lending Operations team to maintain bad debt and bad debt recovery exposures to within acceptable risk appetite levels.
9. Support the Lending Operations team, in negotiating work out plans and strategies for delinquent customers.
10. Contribute to the People Operations functions of the Corporation by always leading by example and fostering a high-performance company culture that emphasizes customer focus, quality, continuous improvement and learning.
11. Inspires and fosters team commitment, spirit, pride, and trust. Facilitates cooperation and motivates team members to accomplish corporate goals and objectives.
12. Maintains professional and technical knowledge by attending educational workshops, reviewing professional publications, establishing personal networks, benchmarking best practices and participate in professional societies.

STATION

Belmopan

ACT NOW

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

The successful candidate will be required to provide a Police Report as part of the Background Check.

SUBMISSION

Submit application with reference Application for Vacancy:

ENTERPRISE RISK MANAGER

to:

Manager,
People Operations
Development Finance Corporation
P. O. Box 40 | Belmopan | Belize, C.A.

IMPORTANT:
Submit application in **One PDF File** by email to:
careers@dfcbelize.org

DEADLINE:
February 6, 2024

SHARING

A Digital Copy of this Career Notice can be downloaded from DFC's website at:
www.dfcbelize.org

or also accessed from DFC's Facebook page at:
www.facebook.com/DFCBelize

Family desperate for release of Moises Perez's body from morgue

by Kristen Ku

BELMOPAN, Tues. Jan. 23, 2024

Over ten days have passed since a tragic traffic accident on the Hummingbird Highway that claimed the life of 38-year-old Moises Perez, and his family is desperately pleading for the release of his body from the morgue.

Moises Perez, a father of three and a respected church member, was involved in a collision near Mile 53 in the early hours of Sunday, January 14. According to reports, he was on his way back from Bella Vista Village with a pastor when the tragedy took place.

But his family's grief is heightened by the fact that they have not been able to retrieve his body.

"The reason why we are here is because we are fighting to take out my brother from the morgue," Miley Pérez, Moises's sister, stated. "We already went through so much pain. We got 10 days today that we are fighting to take out my brother from the morgue. We have been up and down since day one. The day the accident happened, I was there, and until now, I'm still there. We want to know why it is that they don't want to give us our brother," she went on to say.

The incident occurred when a Nissan pickup, driven by Elifara Vasquez, 31, with Moises Perez as a passenger, collided with a Ford F-150 driven by Omar Cawich, 44, who had driven onto the road near a junction.

According to ACP Romero, Cawich has been arrested and charged with manslaughter by negligence, causing death by careless conduct, and driving without due care and attention.

Delia Perez, Moises's wife, also shared her frustration, stating, "Today will mark



Moises Perez, deceased

10 days. I don't think it's fair, because it's not an animal that is there; he's a human being just like us. We have been there constantly waiting to get his body, so I don't know why they're making it difficult."

The family has been in a state of limbo, with authorities reportedly passing responsibility between the police and the hospital. "We know his death was an accident. It is a situation for the police; that's why we go to the police; and they are saying that they're waiting on a call from the doctor," Delia added.

Miley Pérez will remember her brother as a kind and devoted family man, "He's a nice guy. A churchman [who] dedicated himself to his family. He left three children and a wife."

(AMANDALA Ed. Note: On Wednesday, January 24, we reached out to the Western Regional Hospital morgue, where the body was held, and were informed that the body had been released to the family early that morning. Morgue assistant, Dwayne Anderson said he had explained to the Perez family that due to multiple death cases, Perez's body had been placed in a list to be delivered by turn.)

From the Publisher an Español

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heridos. Entre los texanos/yucatecos, cinco murieron y veintidós resultaron heridos. La invasión de Yucatán había terminado.

"Después de la guerra entre México y Estados Unidos, y con un sentido de nacionalidad más fuerte, recordar a los yucatecos contratando a texanos para luchar contra los mexicanos podría no haber sido políticamente correcto. Para los yucatecos de esa época, los federalistas rebeldes en alianza con otro estado federalista rebelde era apropiado y el dinero bien invertido."

Pero los líderes yucatecos tuvieron que darse cuenta de que la independencia no era práctica. Además, estaba el problema de qué hacer con la tierra prometida a los voluntarios indios. Se habían alistado tantos que se consideró imposible recompensarlos a todos.

"Su Alteza Serenísima López de Santa Anna había firmado el tratado de reincorporación en diciembre de 1843. Pero los términos del tratado y la derrota de su ejército y marina lo irritaron, y dos meses después renegó, prohibiendo la entrada de todos los productos de Yucatán a puertos mexicanos." Luego nombró un gobernador.

Bueno, ¿qué pasó entonces? Hubo protestas en Yucatán, luego una declaración de independencia por parte de la guarnición de Mérida y la elección de Miguel Barbachano como gobernador provisional.

La guerra entre México y Estados Unidos comenzó en 1846. Santa Anna, derrocada y exiliado ese año, terminó prometiendo a Yucatán todos sus derechos enumerados en el tratado de 1843. Barbechano optó por creerle a Santa Anna.

Pero, intimidados por la marina de Texas, Campeche se rebeló contra México. Los campechanos marcharon hacia Mérida.

En enero de 1847, las tropas integradas por los indios derrotaron a la milicia barbachanista, una segunda victoria de los indios mayas contra los blancos.

Por la misma época, una unidad de Barbachano asesinó a los líderes de los mayas de Tabi. Las tropas mayas al mando del coronel Antonio Trujeque, al enterarse de los asesinatos, asaltaron Valladolid tres días después de las ejecuciones y se produjo una masacre de los habitantes. Fue muy, muy malo. Bonifacio Novelo encabezó un linchamiento al suburbio de Sisal. "Un cura paralítico fue macheteado en su hamaca; chicas de clase alta fueron desnudadas y violadas ante sus familiares indefensos, luego atadas con los brazos abiertos a las rejas de las ventanas y mutiladas".

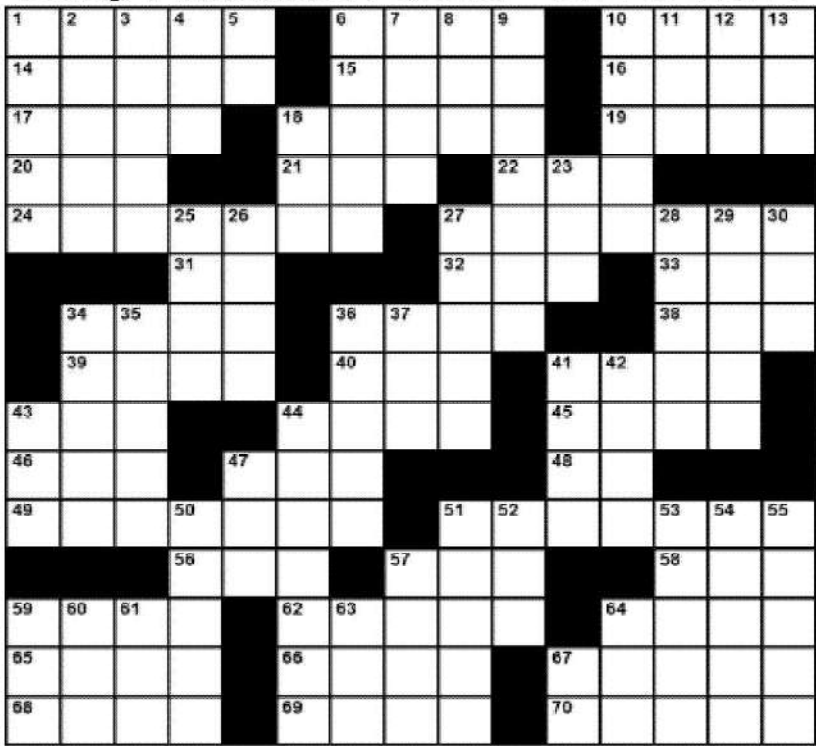
"Emociones violentas nublan los hechos. Incluso se incluyó canibalismo en los cargos. El saqueo continuó durante seis días, durante los cuales al menos ochenta y cinco civiles fueron asesinados".

Esto se describiría como el comienzo de la Guerra de Castas.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

NEW PUZZLE

Daily Printable Puzzle - 01-25-2024



Across

- Au revoir
- Related by blood
- Get a glimpse of
- Prickly pods
- Computer menu choice
- British withholding tax
- Forest ox
- Hang downward
- Gulf sultanate
- Addition column
- Bran base
- Far from strict
- Concentrated extract
- Ranging
- Live
- Be a stage star
- Deposit
- Crying sounds
- Detective's find
- Bratty kid
- Classroom sound
- Actor Linden
- Highland hillside
- Asian gazelle
- Littlest of the litter
- Fish resembling a roach
- Aquatic zoo
- Brooding individual
- Atop
- NBC mascot
- At the same time
- Romanian money
- Addressee
- Cassowary kin
- Indian sage
- Belle or Bart
- At some other time
- Bit for Fermi
- Ages upon ages
- Mickey's mutt
- Fathomless
- Item in a roundup
- Norwegian dramatist

Down

- Cut down
- Coastal sights
- Golf bag collection
- Historic time
- You and I
- Emanation
- Gordian baffle
- Artificial language
- It's like home
- Kind of glue
- Actor Shepard
- Rangoon monetary unit
- Far Eastern money
- AMA type
- Actor Carney
- Back flows
- Avian retreat
- Safe
- Epic of Troy
- Dubbed
- Rip off
- Future fern
- Honshu seaport
- Compact mass
- Computer network, abbr.
- It might be furrowed
- Ancient inscription
- Break in continuity
- Disqualified oneself
- Break up clods
- Bush bunches
- Equine
- Belonging to us
- Goddess of love
- Act the ham
- Talk at length
- Yin counterpart
- Roam about
- Comanche kin
- Baby fish
- Excessive
- Church vestment
- Letter before rho

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 - 01-18-2024 - Answers





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AGUIRRE ROBIN	CRISTO REY VILLAGE, CAYO DISTRICT
ALICIA B CAMBRANES T/A PLEASURES BO	#3 RODRIGUEZ STREET, SAN IGNACIO TOWN
ALLEN SIGOURNEY AFREIGKA	LIBERTAD, COROZAL DISTRICT
ALVARADO EVA	10 RACoon STREET, BELMOPAN
AM - BEL DUTY FREE LIMITED	INTERNATIONAL PLAZA, COROZAL FREE ZONE, COROZAL DISTRICT
AMARNANI PRIYA	VENEZUELA AREA, COROZAL TOWN
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ARIAS JESS	CARMEL CA 93922,USA
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AVILA FILOMENO	31 WESTERN HIGHWAY, SANTA ELENA TOWN
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BALDUCERO RODRIGUEZ	58 SAN LORENZO ROAD, ORANGE WALK TOWN
BARRERA GLENFORD	CAYE CAULKER VILLAGE, BELIZE
BARRY TYLER	49 BAYMEN & A STREET, BELIZE CITY, BELIZE DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A
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BELIZE GOLD EXPLORATION LTD	99 ALBERT STREET BELIZE CITY
BERNARD ALVA	27 SANTA BARBARA STREET, BELIZE CITY
BERRIE KAJAH	PLACENCIA VILLAGE, STANN CREEK DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
BERRIE KAZANDRA	PLACENCIA VILLAGE, STANN CREEK DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
BERTLEY VALERIE	3903 MERTFORD STREET, U.S.A
BLACK ROCK EXPEDITIONS LIMITED	NEGRO MAN ROAD, CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
BODDEN SHAHERA	72 A FABERS ROAD,BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
BOLON HERMINIA	5 1/2 MLS NORTHERN HWY, BELIZE DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A
BRADLEY BRUNO	6340 JASMIN STREET, BELIZE CITY, BELIZE DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A
BROLSMA LEON	2604 OTTER POINT ROAD, SOOKE BC V9Z 0J1, AUSTRALIA
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BUCKNOR PHILIP	746 KINGFISH AVENUE, VISTA DEL MAR LADYVILLE VILLAGE, BELIZE DISTRICT, BELIZE
BURT JAMES	ST.MARGARET VILLAGE, HUMMINGBIRD HIGHWAY, CAYO DISTRICT
BUSH ESTELLE	49 EVE STREET, BELIZE CITY, BELIZE DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A
BZE DUTY FREE AGENCIES	COROZAL FREE ZONE, COROZAL DISTRICT
CABRAL CARMEN	14 COR. ST. JUDE & MOPAN STREET, BELIZE CITY, BELIZE DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A
CAL GLEN	35A REGENT STREET, BELIZE CITY, BELIZE DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A
CALDERON MARIANO	PELICAN STREET, SAN PEDRO TOWN
CANSINO JAMIE	SAN ANDRES STREET, ORANGE WALK TOWN
CARACAS IMPORT/EXPORT	COROZAL FREE ZONE, COROZAL DISTRICT
CASTELLANOS SAGE	NEW AREA,BENQUE VIEJO TOWN, CAYO DISTRICT
CASTILLO ANGEL	95 GEORGE PRICE AVENUE, SANTA ELENA TOWN, CAYO DISTRICT
CASTILLO HOWARD	1 CEASAR RIDGE ROAD, BELIZE CITY, BELIZE DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A
CASTILLO JOE	RED CREEK VILLAGE, CAYO DISTRICT,BELIZE C.A
CASTILLO JOSE	86 GEORGE PRICE AVENUE, SANTA ELENA
CASTILLO VINI	ORCHID DRIVE, ORANGE WALK TOWN
CASTRO SONNIS	35 C STREET, KINGS PARK, BELIZE CITY, BELIZE DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A
CHANG YEN-JU	953 PINK'S ALLEY, BELIZE CITY, BELIZE DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A
CHAWLA MANISHA	16 ORANGE STREET, BELIZE CITY
CHEN SHAOLI	10 MILES NORTHERN HWY, BELIZE DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A
CHEN XIONGYUAN	184 NORTH FRONT STREET, BELIZE CITY
CHEN JIANXING	81 A NORTH FRONT STREET, BELIZE CITY
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CONANT AIDA	1490 WILLOW LEAVE DRIVE HEMET, CALIFORNIA, U. S. A.
CONSTRUCTURA PE	COROZAL FREE ZONE, COROZAL DISTRICT
CONTRERAS MAYELI	19 BLUEBIRD STREET, SAN IGNACIO TOWN, BELIZE C.A
CORREA NAIM	5TH AVENUE, COROZAL TOWN
COWO NOEL	2157 LOTTIE WRIGHT & MEIGHAN AVENUE, BELIZE CITY, BELIZE DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A
CROMBIE MARY	P.O.BOX 1027, BELIZE CITY, BELIZE DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A
CROSS JAMES	1087 SHADOW LAKEWOOD WATERFORT VERMOUNT, USA
DANIEL & PETER IWASKIEWYCH	DLP PLAZA, COROZAL FREE ZONE, COROZAL DISTRICT, BELIZE
DE LA ROSA NORA	103 FREETOWN ROAD, BELIZE CITY, BELIZE DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A
EL AZANKI MOUHIB	#3 3RD AVENUE, COROZAL TOWN
EL AZANKI OBADA JOMAA	C/O GEGG & SONS LIMITED, YASH PLAZA-CFZ, BELIZE
ENRIQUEZ YEFRY	ST. MARGARET'S VILLAGE
FAN NAN	1080 QUEEN HELMET AVE,CORAL GROVE, BELIZE CITY, BELIZE DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A
FEN WONG	34 SAN FRANCISCO STREET, ORANGE WALK TOWN
FLORES BERNADINA	COCONUT DRIVE, SAN PEDRO TOWN, A.C
FLOWERS OZRO	TIGER CREEK BURRELL BOOM
FORD VIOLET	900 ARCH ST-P.O BOX 1053, USA
FORMAN HELEN	110 DAWN ROAD LADYVILLE VILLAGE BELIZE C.A.
FORTUNE CHRISTOPHER	63 WINFERMERE COURT, LONDSDALE ROAD, LONDON SW13 PAR,UK
FRAZER JOSEPHINE	31 NURSE FINDLEY CRESCENT, BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
FRECKLETON CARMEN	15 PRINCESS DRIVE, SAN PEDRO TOWN, A.C
GABOUREL SANDRA	8349 ETIWANDA AVENUE, RANCHO CUCAMONGA CA 91739, USA
GALVEZ ROBERT	ROARING CREEK VILLAGE, CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A
GARCIA ALLISON	8 1/2 MLS NORTHERN HIGHWAY, BELIZE DISTRICT, BELIZE
GARRIDO WENDY	63 CEMETERY ROAD, BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.
GILL VENITTE E	LORDS BANK VILLAGE, BELIZE DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A
GOMEZ ROSSCELIN	7TH 'F' STREET KINGS PARK AREA, BELIZE CITY, BELIZE DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A
GONGRA KEVIN CARL	CRISTO REY VILLAGE, COROZAL DISTRICT
GOTOY CYNTHIA	1161 CONEY DRIVE,BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A,
GOUGH BRIAN	54 DALY ST, BELMOPAN
GREENWOOD JOAN	COR 7TH STREET & 4TH AVENUE, COROZAL TOWN
GRUPO SONG INTL	COROZAL FREE ZONE, COROZAL DISTRICT
GUERRA MICHELLE	12 CRISTO REY VILLAGE, SANTA ELENA TOWN, CAYO DISTRICT
GUEVARRA JASMINE	SAN PEDRITO AREA, SAN PEDRO TOWN, A.C
GUTIERREZ MACISHA	33 LORDS BANK VILLAGE, BELIZE DISTRICT, BELIZE
GUTIERREZ VICKY	39 MAHOGANY STREET, ORANGE WALK TOWN
GWINHAVEN ENTERPRISES LIMITED	SEAGRAPE DRIVE, SAN PEDRO TOWN, A.C
HARRIS MARLON	138 VERNON STREET, BELIZE CITY, BELIZE DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A
HEMMANS KAMAR	13 I STREET, KINGS PARK, BELIZE CITY, BELIZE DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A
HENWOOD WESLEY	P.O. BOX 283, BELIZE CITY
HERRERA BRENDA	6703 CLEGHORN STREET, BELIZE CITY, BELIZE DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A
HERRING TODD	N/A
ITZA ISAAC	SAN JOSE SUCCOTZ VILLAGE, CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A
JIGA PROPERTIES CORP	19800 MACARTHUR BLVD., SUITE 1100,IRVINE CA 92612 U.S.A.
JIN JACKIE	C JUAN JOSE SIORDIA 444, 20 DE NOVIEMBRE II, CHETUMAL QROO
JORDAN KEVIN	3223 TWIN CHURCH ROAD,TIMMONSVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA, 29161 USA
JUNG HO INTERNATIONAL	COROZAL FREE ZONE, COROZAL DISTRICT
KEME ALEC	6051 BROASTER AVENUE, BUTTONWOOD BAY, BELIZE CITY, BELIZE DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A
KU PABLO	116 MADISON AVENUE APT 14, PLANEFIELD, NJ 07060,U.S.A.
LANZA GIOVANNI	10 MLS NORTHERN HIGHWAY, LADYVILLE VILLAGE, BELIZE DISTRICT, BELIZE
LAURIANO REINA	DUNN ST, BELIZE CITY, BELIZE DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A
LEE YING-HSUEH	HALLS LAYOUT, COROZAL TOWN
LEMUS ALBERT	SEINE BIGHT VILLAGE, STANN CREEK DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
LESLIE OSWALD	6083 URBAN AVE. BUTTONWOOD BAY, BELIZE CITY, BELIZE DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A
LIANG YONGDE	124 FREETOWN ROAD, BELIZE CITY, BELIZE DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A



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NAME	ADDRESS
LIN KUO-CHEN	BELIZE STREET, BELMOPAN
LO KENNY	5 MITCHELL ESTATE, LADYVILLE
LOPEZ DIANA	UNITEDVILLE, CAYO DISTRICT
LYONS CECELIA	GENERAL DELIVERY, SAN IGNACIO POST OFFICE, CAYO DISTRICT
MARTINEZ LEONEL	ESPERANZA VILLAGE, CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A
MARTINEZ MADINA	#14 #8 KINGS PARK, BELIZE CITY
MAXBORO COMMUNITY COMMITTEE	16 MLS NORTHERN HIGHWAY, LADYVILLE, BELIZE DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A
MCFADZEAN TAUSHAUN	3370 NURSE FINLEY CRESCENT, BELIZE CITY, BELIZE
MCGREGOR AEDIN	NEW AREA SANTA ELENA TOWN, BELIZE C.A.
MCKESEY MICKEL	17 1/2 MLS. SANDHILL, BELIZE DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A
MCNEIL PHILIP	PLACENCIA VILLAGE, STANN CREEK
MICHELUS BRANDON	AVENIDA HICACO, CAYE CAULKER VILLAGE, BELIZE
MICHELUS LOGAN	AVENIDA HICACO, CAYE CAULKER VILLAGE, BELIZE
MILES TREVOR	#76 FREETOWN ROAD, BELIZE CITY, BELIZE DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A
MORENO MARIANITA	300 BELAMA PH. II, BELIZE CITY, BELIZE DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A
MORGAN BRIAN	141 NE 56TH ST., SEATTLE WA,USA
NAXON AGATA	P.O. BOX 49 SAN IGNACIO TOWN, CHIQUIBUL ST, SAN ANTONIO VILLAGE, CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A
NUNEZ JESUS	PESCADOR DRIVE, SAN PEDRO TOWN
OBRIEN PATRICK	AVENIDA MANGLE, CAYE CAULER VILLAGE, BELIZE
OLIVERA FATIMA	SAN JOSE SUCCOTZ, CAYO DISTRICT
OSH MULKAH AGRO PROCESSORS YOUTH CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LTD.	SAN ANTONIO VILLAGE, CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A
PALACIO JR. DANIEL	#8169 MAHOGANY EXT., BELIZE CITY, BELIZE, CENTRAL AMERICA
PALOMO SHALIMAR	916 N. ALVARADO STREET, LOS ANGELES, USA
PAPAS CO LTD	COROZAL FREE ZONE, COROZAL DISTRICT
PERERA EMORY	7B NEAL PEN ROAD, BELIZE CITY, BELIZE DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A
PEREZ ALFONSO	14 HOPKINS STREET, KINGS PARK, BELIZE CITY, BELIZE DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A
PEYREFITTE MICHAEL	5762 MEIGAN EVE AVE., BELIZE CITY, BELIZE DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A
PITTS AND ELRINGTON ESCROW	#4 CORNER 2ND & C STREET, BELIZE CITY, BELIZE DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A
PITTS LEONORA	11 B STREET KINGS PARK AREA, BELIZE CITY, BELIZE DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A
POTT AUDREY	P.O.BOX 118, SAN PEDROO TOWN, A.C
QUNITANILLA ERMINDO	TEAKETTLE VILLAGE, CAYO DISTRICT
RAMIREZ JR CARIM	24 5TH STREET SOUTH,COROZAL TOWN
RAMOS JOSE	SAN PEDRITO AREA, SAN PEDRO TOWN
RENEAU ANTHONY	21 IGUANA ST,BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A
REYNOLDS JEAN	CROOKED TREE VILLAGE BELIZE DISTRICT
RITCHIE CARL	BEACH FRONT COCONUT DRIVE, SAN PEDRO TOWN
RIVERS JOAN	30 RACECOURSE STREET, BELIZE CITY, BELIZE DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A
ROBATEAU JANINE	COR PUMA 2 MLS. PHILLIP GOLDSON HWY, BELIZE DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A
ROBATEAU MYIESHA	2 MLS. NORTHERN HIGHWAY, BELIZE DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A
ROBATEAU PHILLIPA	#30 MAHOGANY STREET, LAKE INDEPENDENCE, BELIZE CITY, BELIZE DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A
RONG XUEXING T/A XING STORE	#14 5TH AVENUE,COROZAL TOWN
ROSALES KAREN	ROARING CREEK VILLAGE, CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
RUIZ JOSE	BEACHFRONT SAN PEDRO TOWN, A.C
S&S ENTERPRISE	COROZAL FREE ZONE, COROZAL DISTRICT
SALAM FAKHRUL	5549 LESLIE STREET
SANAI SDA	COR. PEREZ & MAMIE RD., LADYVILLE VILLAGE, BELIZE DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A
SANDOVAL HERMAN	P.O BOX 427,BELIZE CITY, BELIZE
SANDY IMPORT/EXPORT	COROZAL FREE ZONE, COROZAL DISTRICT
SHAW MICHAEL	27 ASUNCION STREET, ORANGE WALK TOWN
SHAW SCOTT	MAYA BEACH AREA,C/O DIVING PELICAN, STANN CREEK DISTRICT
SHE HONG	16 MLS. NORTHERN HIGHWAY, BELIZE DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A
SMITH WILLIAM	#4, 8TH STREET NORTH, COROZAL TOWN
SOSA KAYLIN	SANTA FAMILIA VILLAGE
STELLA MARIS SCHOOL	PRINCESS MARGARET DRIVE. BELIZE CITY, BELIZE DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A
STEPHENSON ALVIN	WILLOWS BANK VILLAGE, BELIZE DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
SUPAUL REAJINE	58 KING STREET, BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.



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NAME	ADDRESS
TERRY NELSON	29 U ST NORTH WEST, WASHINGTON D.C., U.S.A.
TILLERIA LUIS	MARKET SQUARE, BELMOPAN
TOMES PATRICK	411 WALNUT STREET #8303, GREENCOVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, USA
TREJO AMRON	MARINA DRIVE, SAN PEDRO TOWN
TRI SISTERS COMPANY	COROZAL FREE ZONE, COROZAL DISTRICT
TURNER LOUIS	17 BERMUDA STREET, BELMOPAN
VALDEZ JR. ALFONSO	SAN JOSE SUCCOTZ, CAYO DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A
VALDIVIA COMPANY	COROZAL FREE ZONE, COROZAL DISTRICT
VASQUEZ CLARA	5581 PRINCESS MARGARET DRIVE, BELIZE CITY, BELIZE DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A
VEGA RANDY	HILLS OF PROMISE, BENQUE VIEJO TOWN, CAYO DISTRICT
VERNA HARRIS	5351 10A AVENUE, DELTA B.C, CANADA
VESTERGAARD EVA	166 NORTH FRONT STREET, SUITE #230, BELIZE CITY
VILLALTA ERIC	4 CRISTO REY ROAD, SANTA ELENA TOWN, CAYO DISTRICT
VILLEDA FREDDY	2B CINDERELLA STREET, ORANGE WALK TOWN
WAGNER MARIE	36 MAHOGANY STREET, BELIZE CITY, BELIZE DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A
WAGNER PHILLIP	9403 CUMBERBATCH STREET, BELIZE CITY, BELIZE DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A
WALLIS JAMES	7373 FM 549, HEATH TX 750.32 -0000
WENDY LESLIE T/A NASHLAH'S COSMET	#40 BENQUE VIEJO ROAD, SAN IGNACIO TOWN, CAYO DISTRICT
WEST ANDREA	6 DREAM LAKE ROAD, CROTON, NEW YORK, USA
WILLIAMS CHESTARN	55 38TH LESLIE STREET, KINGS PARK
WILLIAMS PARIS	5785 GOLDSON AVENUE, KINGS PARK
WILTSHIRE WILBERT	50 WESTERN HIGH WAY, SANTA ELENA TOWN, CAYO DISTRICT
YO CREEK DEVELOPMENT ASSOC(YCDA)	YO CREEK VILLAGE, ORANGE WALK DISTRICT
YOUNG DENESE	583 BELLA VISTA, BELIZE DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A
YUNQUE CONSTRUC	COROZAL FREE ZONE, COROZAL DISTRICT
ZEEBEN PRESTON	PLACENCIA VILLAGE, STANN CREEK DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A.
ZHU IVAN ZHOU	5420 WEST BELMOPAN, BELMOPAN
ZHU LI	5763 MEIGHAN AVENUE, BELIZE CITY, BELIZE DISTRICT, BELIZE C.A
ZHU SUTING	#3 PARK STREET, COROZAL TOWN



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LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE:
Notice is hereby given that **David P. Reimer** is applying for a Publican Special Liquor License to be operated at Warrie Head Ranch and Lodge, Mile 54 George Price Highway, Cayo District under the intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE:
Notice is hereby given that **Anderson Alford** is applying for a Shop Liquor License to be operated at Yohany's Mini Shop, the main side walk Placencia Village, Stann Creek District under the intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE:
Notice is hereby given that **Cilbia Marlenis Ramirez** is applying for a Shop Liquor License to be operated at HM Shop, Ontario Village, Cayo District under the intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE:
Notice is hereby given that **Lewey Brown** is applying for a Publican Special Liquor License to be operated at King Lewey's Island Resort, 10 Miles off the Coast of Placencia, Stann Creek District under the intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE:
Notice is hereby given that **Shellymae Shelmadine Augustine** is applying for a Restaurant Liquor License to be operated at Yereso Restaurant, 17 Miles Hattieville, Belize District under the intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE:
Notice is hereby given that **David William Craig and Judith A Munoz** are applying for a Restaurant Liquor License to be operated at One South Place Hotel/Meg's Corner, #1 South Street, Belize District under the intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

How Israel has repeatedly rejected Hamas truce offers

Story by
Zena Al Tahhan
www.msn.com,
Mon. Jan. 22,
2024
Ramallah, occupied West Bank
Israel and its Western allies have long dismissed the Gaza-based Palestinian armed group and political movement, Hamas, as illegitimate and have refused to engage with it, labelling it as a "terrorist organisation".



Smoke rises above Gaza amid continued Israeli air attacks
[File: Tyrone Siu/Reuters] © Provided by Al Jazeera

This narrative has become ever more apparent since October 7, when Hamas launched an attack just outside the besieged Gaza Strip on Israeli territory, killing some 1,140 people, Israeli officials said.

Israel launched a brutal military campaign on the Gaza Strip as Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who has equated Hamas with ISIL (ISIS) and Nazis, pledged to "eradicate" the Palestinian group in the wake of the October 7 attacks.

More than 25,000 Palestinians have been killed and 90 percent of Gaza's 2.3 million population has been displaced in one of the most violent military assaults in modern history, which many have labelled as "genocide". South Africa has taken Israel to the International Court of Justice (ICJ) on charges of genocide.

Since October 7, Israel has described Hamas as an existential threat. It has argued that it needs to destroy the group.

Yet, in 2017, Hamas revised its original 1988 charter to recognise, in effect, a two-state solution—and therefore the existence of Israel as a legitimate entity. This, even as Israel insists it can no longer allow Hamas to exist, and as Israeli politicians, led by Netanyahu, have ruled out a two-state solution.

On Sunday, Netanyahu rejected a Hamas proposal to end the war and release more than 100 captives held by the group, in exchange for a withdrawal of Israeli forces, the release of Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails and recognition of Hamas governance over Gaza.

A look into the history of Hamas—among Palestine's most popular resistance fronts—suggests that its political leadership has, over the years, proposed numerous long-term truces or ceasefires to Israel in exchange for the realisation of a sovereign independent Palestinian state.

Israel has rejected those offers, arguing that Hamas could not be trusted to adhere to any long-term ceasefire, and insisting that the proposals for short-term pauses in fighting were insincere and strategically aimed only at helping the armed movement regroup from losses.

Sunday was only the latest instance of Israel rebuffing those offers.

A timeline of Hamas truce proposals:

1988: Just one year after the group was founded, Hamas leader Mahmoud



MINISTRY OF HEALTH & WELLNESS

INVITATION TO BID

SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF PHARAMACEUTICALS AND RELATED MEDICAL SUPPLIES 2024-2025

The Ministry of Health & Wellness hereby invites eligible and qualified bidders to submit sealed bids for **Supply and Delivery of Pharmaceuticals and Related Medical Supplies** for the period **July 2024 to March 2025**.

All interested bidders are asked to contact the Secretary in the Office of the Chief Executive Officer at the address below for the **complete set of bidding documents**. Bidders must meet the minimum requirements as indicated in the **Instruction to Bidders**. A fee of **\$200.00** made payable to the **Government Treasury utilizing Fees for Bidding Documents - 18017/11617/130/24** is required for the acquisition of the Tender Package. The **receipt must be presented** to the secretary at the point of collecting the Package.

The Tender Package must be collected from the Chief Executive Officer's (CEO) Secretary at the address provided below during normal working hours **commencing on Monday, January 29, 2024 and concluding on Friday, February 2, 2024**. All tender submissions must be returned to the address below no later than **10:00 a.m. on Friday March 1st, 2024**. Late bids will be rejected. All bids shall be accompanied by a **Bid Securing Declaration** as specified in the Instructions to Bidders.

A pre-tender meeting will be held on **Friday, February 9, 2024** at a time and place to be confirmed in writing to interested bidders.

Bidders must be prepared to submit relevant samples of goods offered **immediately** upon request.

The address referred to above is:

Chief Executive Officer
Ministry of Health and Wellness
2nd Floor, East Block Building
City of Belmopan
Belize, C.A. Tel: 501-822-2325
Email: ceosecretary@health.gov.bz

Electing the Attorney General

The People’s Constitutional Commission (PCC) should consider electing Attorney Generals of Belize, rather than to keep appointing them.



by: Wellington C. Ramos

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Under the Constitution of Belize, the Prime Minister can appoint an elected representative or an unelected person to be the Attorney General of our country. Most of the unelected representatives that were appointed, were made senators so that they could be a part of the Prime Minister’s Cabinet because of the

importance of this powerful and significant portfolio.

Under this arrangement, the Attorney General is mostly loyal to the Prime Minister or President and their political parties who employed him or her. Yet, his or her duties in the Constitution makes him or her the Chief Law Enforcement Officer for the country to grant justice to all citizens. Also, to uphold the Constitution and to prosecute any citizen, including the Prime Minister, the President and members of the Cabinet, if they violate the Constitution and laws of the country.

He or she also serves at the pleasure of the Prime Minister or President, and can be asked to resign his or her office at any time. If the Prime Minister, President or members of their Cabinet break the law, it is

highly unlikely that the Attorney General will bring any charges against them for fear of losing his or her employment.

This [allows] the Prime Minister, the President or members of his or her Cabinet to break the laws, commit crimes and violate the Constitution at will. No Attorney General in Belize or most countries has ever brought criminal charges against the Prime Minister or President who employed them.

Instead, they choose to resign from office when they suspect that the Prime Minister, the President or members of the Cabinet are breaking the laws or violating the Constitution. It is for this reason I ask that we the people of Belize ask our People’s Constitutional Commission (PCC) to consider electing our Attorney Generals for a four-year term.

The two major political parties like the

system the way it is. Also, to have the National Assembly approve an annual budget for the office and have them be responsible for the management of our entire Judiciary System. This could be the gamechanger to end corruption in government, abuse of power and violation of our Constitution. If not, our Judiciary System will never be independent of the Prime Minister and his Executive Branch of our Government.

It is important to note that both methods have their own advantages and disadvantages, and the decision to elect or appoint the Attorney General should be made based on the specific needs and circumstances of each country. Below are the advantages and disadvantages of both proposed models

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Forklift Operator

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Qualification and Experience:


- High School diploma with a concentration in Industrial Mechanics or Electric.
- One year experience as Forklift Operator or in Industrial Operations
- Intermediate Spanish level
- Proven exemplary job records
- Belizean residency required
- Able to commence work.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Store finished products, raw materials, wrapping materials and spare parts for the production machinery.
- Distribute finished products, raw materials, spare parts and general materials.
- Verify the conditions of finished products, raw materials and spare parts.
- Make activities according to the guidelines according to quality, security and environment.

Address: Mile 34, George Price Highway, Cayo District, Belize

To apply send your resume showing your education and experience to hrprogresobz@cempro.com, as the email subject, place the name of the position you are applying to, before **February 09th, 2024**.



UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES (UNHCR)

INTERNAL / EXTERNAL VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Title of Post	MIRPS Communication Assistant	Category/grade	LICA-4
Post Number	21019475	Type of contract	UNOPS
Location	Belmopan, Belize	Date of Issue	23 January 2024
Effective date of assignment	1 March 2024	Closing Date	1 February 2024

PROFESSIONAL REQUIREMENT:

Responsibility
Under the direct supervision of the Senior Legal Officer, MIRPS Focal Point at the Refugees Department, in close coordination with the Director of the Refugees Department in Belize the MIRPS Communication Assistant will support in the activities listed below:

1. Prepare written documentation related to the MIRPS.
2. Development of a broad network of stakeholders and possible donors, following the GRF pledges 2023.
3. Provide secretariat support to the implementation of the MIRPS Pro-Tempore Presidency work plan.
4. Support in organizing meetings in coordination with the MIRPS Technical Secretariat.
5. In coordination with the MIRPS Technical Secretariat, draft and dissemination of minutes, agreements, and other relevant documents related to the MIRPS Platform.
6. Draft of inputs for press releases, reports, and other communications activities within the MIRPS. As well as prepare the draft of the final report of the Pro-Tempore Presidency to be delivered at the end of the term.
7. Support in organizing workshops, meetings, and videoconferences with the MIRPS Technical Secretariat and other national and regional stakeholders, to advance the work of the MIRPS Pro-Tempore Presidency and to prepare minutes of the activities as requested.
8. Follow-up on Administrative and Logistical arrangements to organise press briefings and other events, such as workshop and conferences.
9. Contribute to the production of information material for innovative public awareness campaigns and for the preparation of in-house bulletins, newsletters, and information kits by contributing to articles, reports and other information gathered from various sources; liaise with printers concerning brochures and publications published by the office.
10. Draft routine correspondence and texts for the office's website and maintain information databases.
11. Compile and distribute a daily news clipping service.
12. Distribute press statements and similar information to media, to other offices.
13. Maintain up-to-date filing system and appointments diary.
14. Plan and implement public information events and activities pertaining to MIRPS
15. Any additional tasks related to the MIRPS, as requested by the Refugees Department, the MIRPS team, and the Technical Secretariat

Essential Minimum Qualifications and Experience:

- Education: Completion of Secondary Education
- Minimum: 1-year relevant experience with a High School Diploma; or Bachelor or equivalent or higher.
- Completion of Secondary education with post-secondary training in International Relations, Journalism, Political Science, or related field.
- IT-Computer Literacy
- CL-Multi-stakeholder Communications with Partners, Government & Community
- CO-Drafting and Documentation

Submission of Applications:
NOTE: The complete vacancy is available at the following link: https://unhcr.wd3.myworkdayjobs.com/External/job/Belmopan-Belize/MIRPS-Communications-Assistant_JR2435602

UNHCR strongly encourages qualified female applicants for this position. UNHCR seeks to ensure that male and female employees are given equal career opportunities. UNHCR is committed to achieving workforce diversity in terms of gender, nationality, and culture. All applications will be treated with the strictest confidentiality.

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COUNTRYWIDE PUBLIC AUCTION SALES: PROPERTIES

Progreso Village, Consejo Road, Corozal Town, Corozal District; Guinea Grass Village, San Lazaro Village, San Estevan Village, August Pine Ridge, Orange Walk District; San Pedro, Ambergris Caye, Caye Caulker, Burrell Boom Village, Belize 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 March 2024. Public Auction Sales will expire fortnightly on the dates and times listed on the website until these properties are sold.

A: COROZAL DISTRICT:

1. Parcel No. 716 Progreso Village, Corozal District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Progreso	1	716
The freehold property of Ms. Marion Margaret Lamb surety for Norlan Absolon Lamb.		

2. Parcel No. 315/1 Progreso Village, Corozal District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Progreso	1	315/1
The leasehold property of Ms. Marion Margaret Lamb surety for Mr. Norlan Absolon Lamb.		

3. Parcel No. 899 Consejo Road, Finca Solana Area, Corozal Town, Corozal District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Consejo Road	1	899
The freehold property of Ms. Joanna Alexis Guerra.		

B: ORANGE WALK DISTRICT:

1. Parcel No. 158 Guinea Grass Village, Orange Walk District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Guinea Grass	4	158
The freehold property of Mr. Eloy Santos surety for Mr. Eloy Santos and Ms. Juana Santos.		

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



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
San Lazaro	4	333/1
The leasehold property of Mr. Pablo Tun Surety for Mr. Roger Pablo Tun & Mr. Pablo Tun.		

3. Parcel No. 603/1 San Estevan Village, Orange Walk District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
San Estevan	1	603/1
The leasehold property of Ms. Hortencia Yanella Chan & Mr. Rosendo Melvin Chan.		

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



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
August Pine Ridge	9	732/1
The leasehold property of Mr. Glenford Rowley.		

C: SAN PEDRO, BELIZE DISTRICT:

1. Parcel No. 6776 Colonia San Diego Area, San Pedro, Ambergris Caye, Belize District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
San Pedro	7	6776
The freehold property of Mr. Derick Ismael Garcia.		

2. Parcel No. 6777 Colonia San Diego Area, San Pedro, Ambergris Caye, Belize District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
San Pedro	7	6777
The freehold property of Mr. Derick Ismael Garcia.		

3. Parcel No. 3544 San Pablo, San Pedro, Ambergris Caye, Belize District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
San Pedro	7	3544
The freehold property of Mr. David Augusto Gonzales.		

D: CAYE CAULKER, BELIZE DISTRICT:

1. No. 46 Travellers Palm Avenue, Caye Caulker, Belize District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Caye Caulker	12	1738
The freehold property of Mr. Orlando Matco August surety for Mr. Alberto Luis August & Ms. Valerie Rushell August.		

E: BELIZE DISTRICT:

1. Parcel No. 188 Ridge Lagoon Estate, Burrell Boom Village, Belize District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Ladyville/ Lord's Bank	7	188
The freehold property of Mr. Pablo Enrique Vasquez.		

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al-Zahar met the late top Israeli officials Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres, and proposed that Israel withdraw from the 1967-occupied territories in exchange for a truce. This was before Hamas had built its armed wing, the Qassam Brigades. Also, in 1988, Hamas founder Sheikh Ahmad Yasin himself indicated a willingness to negotiate with Israel under the condition that it “first acknowledge the Palestinian people’s right to self-determination and right of return to their land”.

1994: Hamas offered a truce to Israel after the abduction and killing of Israeli soldier Nachshon Wachsman. A year earlier, the Palestinian Authority (PA) had accepted the proposal of a Palestinian state comprised of the West Bank, Gaza Strip and East Jerusalem. Hamas agreed to that proposal.

1995: Hamas again proposed a 10-year truce based on the same condition of Israeli withdrawal from occupied territories.

1996: In March, after Israel assassinated Hamas military leader Yahya Ayyash in January, the movement offered a ceasefire.

1997: September: Days before Israel attempted to assassinate Hamas political leader Khaled Meshaal in the Jordanian capital, Amman, the movement offered Israel a 10-year truce. **October:** After his release from Israeli prison, Hamas founder Yasin renewed the call for a ceasefire. **November:** Hamas again proposed a truce. The Qassam Brigades said attacks against Israeli civilians would stop if Israel stopped targeting Palestinian civilians.

1999: Yasin made another ceasefire offer provided Israel withdrew from the 1967 territories. In a letter to European diplomats, Hamas offered to cease all hostilities in exchange for Israeli withdrawal, evacuation of settlements, and release of Palestinian prisoners.

2003: In December, Yasin offered a ceasefire on the condition that Israel withdraw from the Palestinian territories. He was killed four months later in an Israeli attack.

2004: Yasin’s successor and Hamas co-founder Abdel Aziz al-Rantisi again proposed a 10-year truce. Israel killed him one month after Yasin.

2006: Hamas again offered a 10-year truce that would be “automatically renewed if [Israel] commits to restoring the full and legitimate rights of the Palestinian people to them within a final solution that matches what is accepted by the PLO”.

2007: Senior Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh repeated the group’s call for a Palestinian state within the 1967 borders.

2008: Hamas leader Meshaal again offered a 10-year truce, which he repeated a year later.

2014: Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad offered a 10-year truce in exchange for the lifting of the Israeli blockade and release of Palestinian prisoners.

2015: Hamas proposed a long-term ceasefire in exchange for the lifting of the blockade.

2017: Hamas presented its revised

charter announcing that it accepted a Palestinian state in the 1967 borders.

Hamas revises its 1988 charter
The Hamas movement was founded in 1987, two decades after Israel’s 1967 military occupation of the remaining Palestinian territories it failed to capture in 1948. Its leaders were shaped by the hard realities of occupation, which was marked by mass arrests of Palestinians, expropriation of Palestinian lands and control of resources.

More than half a million Palestinians were arrested and tried in Israel’s military-run courts between 1967 and 1987, some 1,500 Palestinian homes were demolished, and thousands of other people were forcibly deported.

After Hamas won the 2006 elections in Gaza, its leader Haniyeh said the group accepted a state on the 1967 borders and all the decisions taken by the PA and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), but there were no takers.

Hamas leaders have also backed the 2002 Arab Peace Initiative that called for the withdrawal of Israeli forces from territories occupied in 1967, the right of Palestinian refugees to return to the homes they have been displaced from

since 1948, and the formation of a sovereign independent Palestinian state in return for Arab recognition of Israel.

But Hamas’s offers were repeatedly dismissed by Israel and ignored by its Western allies, including the United States, despite Washington’s claims of playing the role of an “honest broker” in the conflict.

“Hamas has always said that they are ready to offer a truce and to stop targeting civilians if the [Israeli] occupation removes its settlers,” Tareq Baconi, author of Hamas Contained: The Rise and Pacification of Palestinian Resistance, told Al Jazeera.

At least 750,000 Israelis live in hundreds of fortified illegal settlements and outposts across the occupied Palestinian territories of the West Bank and East Jerusalem, the vast majority of which have been built either entirely or partially on private Palestinian land.

In 2017, Hamas formally amended its 1988 charter, announcing once again that it would accept a Palestinian state on the 1967 borders.

“The Hamas thinking from the very start was clear: ‘We are not facing a religious war’,” Meshaal told Al Jazeera

at the time.
“Hamas, ever since its inception, realises the nature of the struggle against the Israeli occupier, that it is not a struggle because they are Jews, but because they are occupiers.”

Israeli officials dismissed the new policy paper as “lies”. In a video, Netanyahu symbolically threw the document into a bin, saying it was an attempt to deceive the world.

‘Not about Gaza’
However, some analysts say that Israel has not shown interest in a political settlement, whether with Hamas or other Palestinian political parties such as Fatah, which governs the occupied West Bank.

“The issue is not about Gaza,” Sari Orabi, a Ramallah-based analyst, told Al Jazeera. “It’s also not about whether Israel or Hamas started the war. There are daily killings and assaults in the occupied West Bank, there are attacks on Al-Aqsa Mosque, there are prisoners and checkpoints.”

“The people in Gaza are refugees. They were isolated and separated from the rest of the Palestinian people,” he said.



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Lucky to be alive after RTA

Vehicle crashed and overturned; but two women suffer only minor injuries



by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Jan 25, 2024
This afternoon, Thursday, January 25, a woman and her mother escaped major injury as they were involved in a serious road traffic accident on the Philip Goldson Highway.
The accident was captured between Miles 3 and 4 of the highway by a nearby security camera, where it depicted traffic as per normal after 1:00 p.m.; and entering the video’s frame, a pickup truck is seen heading in the direction toward Ladyville and slowing down as

it attempted a U-Turn, thus causing a vehicle behind it to have to slow down.
As the truck was making its turn, another vehicle is seen coming from behind driven by 71-year-old Joy Charley, retiree of Ladyville, and her daughter, Nicole Charley, as the passenger. To avoid colliding with a vehicle, Joy Charley applied brakes; however, it failed. Thus, she apparently lost control of her vehicle and it swerved off to the left side of the road, where it collided into a lamppost and flipped.
Luckily, both women received only minor injuries as a result of the accident.

Electing the Attorney General

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according to my research:

Advantages and Disadvantages of Appointing the Attorney General.

Advantages of Appointing the Attorney General

1. Appointing the Attorney General can help ensure that the person appointed is qualified and experienced in the field of law.
2. Appointing the Attorney General can help prevent the politicization of the office, as the person appointed is not beholden to any political party or interest group.
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Disadvantages:

1. Appointing the Attorney General can lead to a lack of accountability, as the person appointed is not directly accountable to the people.
2. Appointing the Attorney General can lead to a lack of transparency, as the appointment process is often conducted behind closed doors.
3. Appointing the Attorney General can lead to a lack of diversity, as the person appointed may not represent the interests of all groups in society.

Electing the Attorney General:

Advantages:

1. Electing the Attorney General can help ensure that the person elected is accountable to the people.
2. Electing the Attorney General can help ensure that the office is transparent, as the election process is open to the public.
3. Electing the Attorney General can help ensure that the office is diverse, as the person elected may represent the interests of all groups in society.

Disadvantages:

1. Electing the Attorney General can lead to the politicization of the office, as

the person elected may be beholden to a particular political party or interest group.
2. Electing the Attorney General can lead to a lack of qualifications, as the person elected may not have the necessary experience or expertise in the field of law.
3. Electing the Attorney General can lead to a lack of independence, as the person elected may be influenced by political pressure or public opinion.

I have written about this model in the past and have even brought this issue up at a Town Hall meeting that was held by Representatives of our government in New York City. They just said outrightly, without any explanation, that it cannot work in Belize. Yet, since Self-Government and Independence, both major political parties in our country of Belize, have been accusing each other of corruption, violating our Constitution and abuse of power with no end in sight.

I was reading about the lack of Belizean judges on the Supreme Court by the National Trade Union Congress of Belize (NTUCB) and our former Attorney General of Belize, Michael Peyrefitte. None of them mentioned the impact our Constitution has that has led to this situation. Maybe, both political parties believe that if they employ foreign judges, they will receive favorable rulings from the Supreme Court.

That is a political fantasy because most judges rule based on the law and the facts that are presented to them in court. I have noticed many rulings that the PUP have lost since they came to power in 2020 because they violated the Constitution on many of the decisions they made. If the judges rule against the government, they still will have their contracts. If the government terminates their contracts, they still will be paid, and it is to their benefit. Otherwise, the judges will sue the government.



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The vast majority of Gaza’s population are refugees, expelled from their cities and villages in what is now the state of Israel by Zionist militias in 1948.

Analysts also blame Israel for the failure of the Oslo Accords, signed in 1993 and 1995, between Israel and the PLO – which was representative of the Palestinian people at the time.

The agreements led to the formation of the PA, an interim, five-year governing body meant to lead to an independent Palestinian state comprising the occupied territory of East Jerusalem, the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

However, 30 years into its existence, the PA has failed to create a state in the face of Israeli occupation, illegal land grabs and settlements. Hamas took control of Gaza from the PA in 2007.

While there was initial support for the Oslo Accords among Palestinians, the failure to reach a final peace agreement by 1999 and the growing settlement projects particularly under Netanyahu, left many disappointed. In a leaked video in 2010, Netanyahu boasted how he

made sure the Oslo Accords did not succeed.

The hopes of the Oslo Accords have turned into despair as Israeli policies under successive governments continued to undermine the PA and its aspirations.

Today, the PA has limited administrative rule over pockets of the occupied West Bank, while Israeli settlements, which are considered illegal under international law, have grown rapidly. The settler population in the occupied West Bank and East Jerusalem has grown from 250,000 Israelis in 1993 to more than 700,000 this year.

“The Israelis wanted Oslo [Accords] because that’s how they maintain their colonisation; by maintaining the facade of a peace process,” said Baconi.

“Hamas was showing a mirror to the Israelis to say: If you’re actually talking about the possibility of ending the occupation, then end it,” he told Al Jazeera.

“That was their offer instead of the [1993] Oslo agreements – that they would stop armed resistance if Israel left Palestinians be in the eastern side of Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza.”



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GoB officials to consult...



Hon. Dolores Balderamos-Garcia, Minister of Indigenous People's Affairs

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declares, "This policy is worthless since it says one kilometre around our village. It is like affording us just the pig pen where you are placing us. You are not treating us with dignity and that is why this is of no use." The Toledo Alcaldes Association (TAA), an appellant in the Maya Land Rights case, has recorded several other videos in which leaders of multiple Maya villages likewise express their rejection of the policy. Adandino Ack, Youth representative from Otoxha similarly destroys a copy of the draft policy labeling it as "... a threat that is going to harm us, or kill us and destroy our livelihoods."

Since it received the draft policy from the Government on January 5, the TAA has been going into the Maya communities to seek their feedback. Having polled 34 of 41 Maya villages and obtained a resounding rejection from all, the TAA wrote Senior Counsel Andrew Marshalleck, the Government's lead attorney in the case, on January 24 to share the majority decision. Village leaders have also come together and jointly communicated their rejection to Marshalleck. A letter from the leaders of Santa Elena, Santa Cruz, San Jose, Crique Jute and Na'Lum Ca dated January 23 notifies Marshalleck that the leaders are not in agreement with new insertions in the policy, and in particular, that which makes reference to a land recognition and titling scheme based on a circular area of 1 to 3 kilometers from the center of the village depending on the population size. The letter states, "This is a scheme that is unilaterally proposed by the government and does not reflect how we live on our lands, making this an impractical proposal if in fact the intention is to protect our land tenure system." The leaders then point out to Marshalleck that they have invested a considerable amount of their time and resources from partners to auto-delimit the lands they use, enjoy and occupy, and their expectation now is for the Government to move to conduct its verification exercise as the next step in the demarcation process.

In the letter from the TAA, Marshalleck is informed that "the communities emphatically declare that the circular scheme does not reflect how we live on our lands and that it fails to protect the lands that face the greatest threat, our farmlands – the lands on which we depend for our food, traditional medicines, and self-sufficiency."

The government had invited the village leaders to consultation meetings on January 27 and 28 in Punta Gorda, but the TAA says their feedback is that the

leaders feel the Government representatives should speak directly to the villagers because "it is unfair to ask them [the leaders] to explain the government's draft policy to the village members." As a result, the village leaders are proposing that the Government officials make their presentation in Santa Elena, Toledo, where villagers will be gathered beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 27.

Mabil Ha elder, Jose Tush affirmed, "We do not accept! We do not accept! What we want is all the lands we have been speaking of." Directing himself to the Toledo West Area Representative, Hon. Oscar Requena, he says, "We are not asking for money from you. Instead, we are saying, give us the lands we work on and which we occupy. I ask you here to help us the same way you asked for our support." The villagers are asking for Requena to also attend their meeting on Saturday. Nela Pan, Deputy Alcalde of San Lucas, questioned, "Why are they doing this to us? Don't they see we are farmers who depend on the land to eat? Where else would we work? Where else would we eat along with our children?" Pan makes the appeal, "... don't take away our livelihoods. We are Q'eqchi; from the land we feed. There is where we earn our income, our food, everything. So why are you killing us?" Mr. Sub, an elder of Dolores, reminded the Government that they were not elected to harm the people. He questioned, "Why is it then that our government does not see our value? To the government, we are nothing."

The Alcalde of Santa Elena, Brigilio Ack said, "We want ALL our land. The land is for us. We are the owner of the land ... I want you to get it clear. We will continue to fight, and we will not give up! We will stay fighting!"

In response to the latest developments, today, Thursday, January 25, Minister of Indigenous Peoples' Affairs, Hon. Dolores Balderamos Garcia said, "Well, first of all, what they tore up was a draft, so we're not going to cry over that." She then shared the belief that the village leaders are being influenced to be hasty without having participated in another round of consultation. She told the media that the circular scheme is "only one of the suggestions and the proposals that we have made." She said the Government can increase how far the communal land extends out if the villages can provide proof of further use and occupation.

Pointing to the challenges of implementing the Caribbean Court of Justice's April 2015 Consent Order acknowledging the rights of the Mayas to their land, the Minister pointed to an example of third-party rights conflicting with communal land. She shared that in Golden Stream, there is a spice farm owned by Doctor Thomas Matthew and his wife who have been in Belize for 32 years. She stated, "I would wish to see that we can have a meshing or at least a melding, a coming together of interests



Adandino Ack, Youth representative of Otoxha Village tears up and stones down copy of GoB's latest draft Maya Customary Land Policy

so that we don't have to be fighting one another. Because if the spice farm employs over 30 employees from the Maya communities, why would we want to send him home? This is his home now." According to the Minister, the owners plan to construct 12 rustic cabanas which will provide even more jobs. She then questioned, "So, why would we want to deprive our country of that kind of resort and facility, when we can probably find a way to live together without having to take away people's land; and in any event, we have to respect private ownership."

Minister Balderamos Garcia is calling on the Appellants to be responsible. "Don't

be riling up the people to tear up a piece of paper when we have not even had a chance to have the consultations as yet," she said. The Minister also acknowledged that they may need to meet with the villagers "because sometimes, an alcalde or a chairman or a leader might go to a meeting, but we don't know that the message is being taken back to all the membership of the community."

Worth noting is that the Minister today said that the Government officials who were planning on conducting consultations with the village leaders this weekend in Punta Gorda, will, in fact, attend the meeting that the TAA has called them to attend in Santa Elena.

Crown Close In Selgado's Trial

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Pitts Anderson.

Although both the Crown and the defense, represented by former High Court judge Adolph Lucas, Sr., had agreed to have the evidence from a *voire dire* that had been held earlier, incorporated into the main trial, Williams and Ferrufino were called to give additional evidence.

Williams testified that in March 2023 he received the contents of several audio recordings from Giovanni Ramirez via WhatsApp. He said he listened to the tapes 2 or 3 times, and he recognized the voice of Selgado and the voice of Ramirez as the two persons in the recording. He said that he heard Selgado telling Ramirez that the "b@#ch" (referring to Marilyn Barnes), had to die. (Barnes was a former client of Selgado who had submitted a complaint against him to the General Legal Council, which could have led to his being disbarred.) Williams also said that he heard Selgado telling Ramirez where Barnes resides. He said that Selgado's voice was very recognizable to him because he had heard it almost every night in the past in television interviews that he granted to the media about trials in which Selgado was serving as a defense attorney.

Ferrufino testified that he was given the contents of the tapes by Williams

to make an assessment, and he recognized the voices of Selgado and Ramirez as the two persons on the tape. He further corroborated Williams' testimony by saying that he heard Selgado telling Ramirez that he wanted Marilyn Barnes dead before the next meeting of the General Legal Council. Ferrufino also testified that he handed over the information from the tapes to police corporal Cunningham along with a chain of custody form for him to extract certain information. He said that the voice of Selgado telling Ramirez what to do in the tapes was clear, and it confirmed what Ramirez stated in his statement on July 4, 2019. Ferrufino also testified that he was the arresting officer, and that the video and audio tapes were clear, but those recordings had gone missing.

Senior Magistrate Anderson testified that she was the person who presided over the preliminary inquiry, and that the defense agreed to accept the witness statements without challenging them. She also said that Selgado was given disclosure, and he was indicted to stand trial in the High Court for the charge of abetment to murder.

The trial was adjourned until today for the defense to start its case, but it was further adjourned until tomorrow, January 26, due to unforeseen circumstances.

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Mysterious murder in Willows Bank

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of Willows Bank, Belize District, was found sometime before 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday after her common-law husband, Emeterio Reyes, 52, found that she was missing from their home, where there were pools of blood, and sought help from neighbors.

Those neighbors told reporters that Reyes, who they said had come off a bus around 6:25 p.m., had gone to their home crying and explaining that there was blood in the home, and that Cleland was missing. The neighbors said that they went to the home, and that they saw blood on the door and a bloody path that led to an outdoor bathing area, near which the 18-month-old toddler had been found by Reyes — stuck in a puddle of water and calling out for his dad.

They commenced a search, and shortly after, they found Cleland’s motionless body in a face-down position in bushes near the side of the road, and there were injuries to the back of her head.

She was dressed in a green blouse and tights. When police arrived at the scene, they saw the blood stains on the house and in the yard.

It is being reported that three days before her death, on Saturday, January 20, Cleland left several cryptic messages on her social media page, stating, “He kill them and put his nephew in [jail] because of the big man please take care of my kid”, and “I know what happens my people know too they will kill me soon too.” This has led to speculation that she was a witness to a murder.

However, Commissioner of Police, Chester Williams told reporters, “I can confirm that the victim is neither a witness and she had not provided any information to police regarding any criminal activity.” He further mentioned that, “The content of those comments

was only brought to our attention this morning, and we cannot at this time confirm if they were indeed made by her. If they were made by her [before] her death.”

When it comes to the safety of the 18-month-old toddler, Minister of Human Development, Hon. Dolores Balderamos Garcia spoke to members of the media in the wake of the horrific murder, and explained that the child has been taken into the care of the ministry.

“So that child [needs] care; the mother has just been killed. And so that the reference, I think, came from the village chairlady, if I’m not mistaken, and immediately we already have the child in care. He was given a bath; he was given clothes, food, and everything. I believe that we have him in foster care with a set of foster parents who have proven that they are good at caring for children,” she said.

While people would believe that the child would be given to a relative for care, Minister Balderamos Garcia noted that that’s not the case, as the ministry determines if the child is safe if given to any relative.

“The main, number one mantra of the entire child-care system is that we do what is in the best interest of the child. Even though the biological father would have first right to that child, we would have to look at whether the child would be safe. I mean, even if the [father] is not guilty of whatever accusation may come, and we don’t even know if that will happen yet, but even if that is the case, what we would do is make sure that the best interests of the child are taken care of. So, it’s not an automatic thing that goes to the mother, the father, the auntie, or the granny. It’s what [is] in the best interest of the child,” she expressed.

As previously mentioned, police have detained Reyes for questioning.

BAHA ramps up fight against Zoonotic diseases

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food safety regulations to mitigate the risks associated with animal-sourced food products.

BAHA emphasizes the critical threat posed by illegal importation of animals and animal products into Belize. Such practices can introduce devastating diseases like New World Screwworm, Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza, and Classical Swine Fever, all present in nearby regions.

These diseases not only pose a health risk but also threaten food security and livelihoods in Belize. In response, BAHA has heightened its national surveillance programs and is actively participating in international and regional initiatives to prevent the spread of these hazardous diseases.

However, they reassure that there have been no reported cases of such diseases in Belize at this time. The organization stresses the collective responsibility of Belizeans in preventing illegal animal importations.

BAPDA calls for termination of cops who mocked mentally ill man

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work; they need to be terminated from the force. That’s what we’re pushing for in this case. We heard about three voices, or whoever was standing there needs to go, because standing there approved as well,” he outlined.

“... Training is an ongoing thing that should never stop, but you should always make it where you know, in the event where you don’t do what you’re supposed to do, there is a consequence; and that consequence is the end of your career in the Police Department. It’s as simple as that. Twenty years from now we cannot sit around and talk about ‘reprimanded’ and ‘training’. It should be understood that you don’t do it; and if you do, this is what will happen, and this is as good a place as any,” Theus added.

He ended by mentioning that if the department doesn’t take any actions within a certain timeframe, BAPDA will become more forceful in its effort to get its message across.

Third Senate hearing postponed



Senator Michael Peyrefitte, UDP Chairman

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the Portico Definitive Agreement and the subsequent tabling of that agreement for the Cabinet, was postponed today after a quorum was not reached. The committee’s chairperson, Senator Janelle Chanona expressed her disappointment during an interview following the cancellation of the session, which was already being streamed live on YouTube.

A prompt statement released by the Government Press Office following the forced cancellation of the meeting mentioned that “some members of the committee are sick, traveling and going through family emergencies, which have resulted in a lack of quorum for the Public Hearing to be held.”

Chairperson Chanona in her remarks reiterated the same.

“We have several members that are dealing with different emergencies, crises, and required international travel,” she said. The number of missing members and their names were not revealed.

But the question being asked by many in the public and notably by the chairperson of the United Democratic Party, Senator Michael Peyrefitte, is how the committee could have not known that its members would be out and had to cancel at the eleventh hour,

after already starting the broadcast of the session. The session was streamed for at least an hour and fifteen minutes before the notice of its cancellation was displayed.

“I don’t know how you did not know those people were not available before this morning,” Peyrefitte said.

Two former UDP Ministers, Erwin Contreras and Hugo Patt, were scheduled to testify before the committee during this session, and according to Chairman Peyrefitte, they were present at the National Assembly building.

“They were so gung-ho about it, and they seemed so aggressive in summoning Erwin Contreras and Hugo Patt; and they seem very nonchalant in wanting to hear from the Prime Minister himself, who was the one who took the document, the Definitive Agreement, as well as proposed legislative drafting to the Cabinet to be passed. So, they were excited to have these people there; these people showed up today, and they balked. What prevented them from proceeding with the hearing today and putting it to, I think, February 14 is anybody’s guess. That is a matter for them. I’m not privy to that information, but I think it would have been good for the public to have heard what these two gentlemen have to say, or at least their responses to the questions that they were going to ask them,” Peyrefitte said.

The public will have to wait until February 14 to hear Contreras’ and Patt’s responses to the committee’s questions about the events that led to the signing of the so-called Portico “Definitive Agreement.”

“We ask for the patience and understanding of everyone who has been following this process very closely, and I can tell you that the membership is very keen on moving the process expeditiously along; and it is indeed disappointing that today’s session was forced to be postponed, and we will be moving to make sure that that does not happen again in the future if at all it could be avoided,” Chanona said.

Woman Coast Guard on trial for attempted murder

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statement tomorrow. Her attorney indicated to the court that they will be calling four witnesses to the stand in her defense.

Those witnesses include, Ingrid Clare,

a psychiatric nurse practitioner; Crystal Humes, clinical psychologist; Alicia Fries (mother of Tzib); and Dr. Richard Aloevera.

Keyren Tzib is presently out on bail offered to her in the sum of \$10,000 by the High Court in 2023.


Stevedore found guilty...

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Elrington made a “no case submission”, but it was overruled by Justice Pilgrim.

Welch testified and denied that he committed the offence. He said that he

was at home with his wife when the incident occurred. He was shown several videos of the motorcycle used in the murder, and he admitted that the motorcycle resembled his, but said it was not his.



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