

Government's new \$\$\$\$Michael\$\$\$\$ headache

NTUCB calls for reversal of GoB's decision on Stake Bank land

BELIZE CITY, Thursday, September 26, 2024

The National Trade Union Congress of Belize (NTUCB) is convinced that the Government's move to acquire the 24-acre extension of Stake Bank Island (currently in Michael Feinstein's name) does not fit the bill of a compulsory acquisition for a public purpose. It therefore suggests other avenues including that, were the Government to insist in helping the creditors complete the Port Coral cruise terminal project, it should employ the Land Acquisition (Promoters) Act rather than the Land

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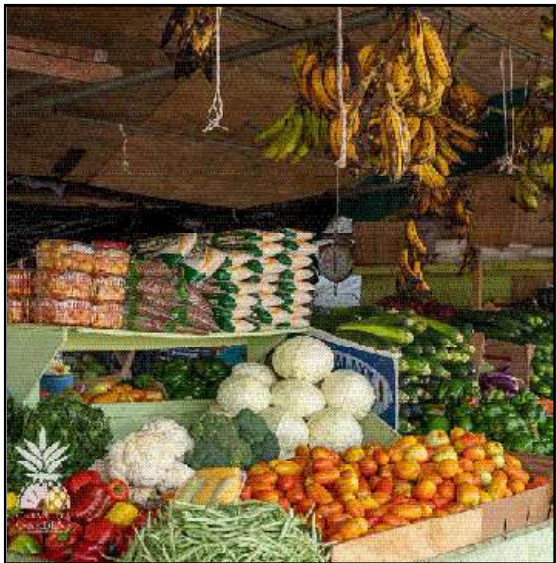
Triple Threat: Inflation, Export Decline, and Consumers Pessimistic

by Marco Lopez

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Sept. 26, 2024

Yesterday, the Statistical Institute of Belize (SIB) released its second-quarter data on the consumer price index, external trade, consumer confidence index (CPI), and Gross Domestic Product (GDP). Across the country, the high cost of food continues to drive up the inflation rate according to the SIB's recent statistics.

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"Bladen 12" case continues



by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Sept. 26, 2024

The case of the "Bladen 12", accused of being involved in a drug plane landing in the Bladen Forest Reserve in 2021, continued this week at the Charles Bartlett Hyde Building in Belize City after the last court session concluded with the prosecution visiting the locus – the area where the events took place – to identify it.

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Elmer Nah indicted on six counts



BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Sept. 26, 2024

Earlier today, former police officer, Elmer Nah, 40, appeared before Justice Pilgrim in the High Court, where his arraignment was finally able to take place.

Nah was represented in court today by attorney Godfrey Smith, who appeared virtually, while the Crown's Special Prosecutor, Terrence Williams, appeared virtually also in the courtroom of Justice Nigel Pilgrim at around 9:40 a.m.

The arraignment was scheduled to start at 9:00 a.m., but was delayed a bit because of Nah's late arrival.

Inside the courtroom of Justice Pilgrim, Nah was read two separate indictments.

Indictment #1, which was read to him, was for four counts: three counts of murder for the killing of brothers, Jon and David Ramnarace which occurred

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Cayo villager dies in motorcycle crash



by Charles Gladden

SAN ANTONIO VILLAGE, Cayo District, Thurs. Sept. 26, 2024

A single motorcycle collision claimed the life of Manuel De Jesus Tzalam, 25, of San Antonio Village, Cayo District, in

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Stake Bank's Port Coral project still under construction. (FILE photo)



Hon. Glenfield Dennison - NTUCB Senator

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Acquisition (Public Purposes) Act.

The NTUCB wrote Prime Minister John Briceño a 5-page letter on September 18 suggesting the alternative options. The second one is for the Government to do nothing and let the parties resolve their issues in court. Otherwise, says the NTUCB, the Government stands to be exposed to “unnecessary, costly, and potentially embarrassing litigation, regardless of any indemnity to the Government.”

The NTUCB underscores that the Stake Bank project is aimed at serving commercial interests and is fully private. As an aside, it also details that the company itself is pending strike-off at the Belize Companies and Corporate Affairs Registry. According to the NTUCB, based on public admissions by Government officials, the true purpose of the acquisition is to avoid the dispute that resulted from the receivership due to a loan default. However, the NTUCB affirms that this does not constitute a public purpose. It writes, “This is irrespective of whether the dispute has brought the project at a standstill and the view that the project would be able to proceed after the acquisition.” At the same time, the Congress says the Government has no way of knowing if the project will be completed under the receivership or if they will simply liquidate assets.

The Congress rejects that the vital nature of cruise tourism to Belize and the lack of berthing facilities to accommodate large cruise ship arrivals, and the Government’s expected future benefit from a cruise ship port development fee, make the acquisition a public purpose. The NTUCB concludes that the acquisition is “being done to support a private enterprise on the basis that it may contribute, albeit indirectly, to national

economic growth, as opposed to specific and tangible public benefits that should be associated with compulsory acquisition under the legislation.” They therefore deem the move unlawful.

Today, NTUCB Senator, Hon. Glenfield Dennison provided an explanation of the differences in the legislations. He shared, “Under the promoters legislation, it would vest the compulsorily acquired land in the private entity, but in the Public Purposes Acquisition Act it vests the interest in the Government ...” He added that under the promoters legislation, a private individual can also acquire land once an inquiry determines there is sufficient grounds to take the issue to the National Assembly for a vote.

The six-week notice period for the Government to negotiate compensation with the landowner comes to an end on October 8. Thereafter, the Government can proceed to acquire the land. There has been talk of Feinstein seeking an injunction. In the letter, NTUCB President, Luis Luke Martinez asks the PM to answer 10 questions before the October 8 deadline if they will proceed with the acquisition to vest the property in Government’s name. Among them is, what are the specific and tangible public benefits of the acquisition, what parties signed the indemnity agreement (if one exists) to exempt the Government from any losses in the acquisition, the scope and extent of that indemnity, if mechanisms are in place to ensure the indemnitors will fulfil their financial obligations, and other related questions.

In his response on September 23, the Prime Minister does not fully answer the NTUCB’s questions regarding the indemnity. He only states, “To insulate taxpayers against potential compensation risk, Government has ensured that an enforceable, comprehensive indemnity is in place.” The PM adds that he must confine his responses to what was contained in their sole press release on the issue, given that the matter is live in court and “that the intended compulsory acquisition by the Government itself is the subject of legal proceedings.”

The PM reiterates that “Completing a berthing facility in the Belize District is uncontestedly in the public interest ...” He states further that the completion of the project is essential “to reverse the current decline of cruise tourism arrivals and restore beneficial economic activity related to this economic subsector ...” The PM also informs that they sought advice both from the Attorney General’s Ministry and external counsel and decided

Active rape cases in September

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Sept. 25, 2024

The Belize Police Department (BPD) is investigating two cases of rape and an unlawful sexual act against a minor that occurred in September.

The first incident involved a 17-year-old female who was allegedly raped by a school director in Belmopan on Monday, September 16. While the identity of the accused has not been disclosed, official police reports indicate that around 9:00 p.m. that Monday, the accused took the victim to an unknown location in Belmopan and had sexual relations with her against her will.

The second rape under investigation occurred on Independence Day, Saturday, September 21, and the victim of this alleged assault is a 27-year-old

woman who reported to police that she was sleeping at the home of a friend in the Belize District on that night, when, around 10:00 p.m., a man whom she knew had sexual relations with her against her will.

While charges have yet to be brought against the alleged perpetrators of the two incidents, charges have been brought against a male minor for having unlawful sexual intercourse with a 13-year-old girl. According to police reports, the girl visited the Caye Caulker Police Station with her mother and reported that she had sexual relations with the young man, whom she knows, twice in September.

A medical doctor confirmed that the female minor had been carnally known, and the male minor was charged with unlawful sexual intercourse and harm.

Police investigate fraudulent birth certificate

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Sept. 26, 2024

An investigation is being carried out by the Belize Police Department, following multiple reports from various news outlets that several birth certificates from the Vital Statistics Unit (VSU) that appeared fraudulent were distributed, leading to social security cards and passports being processed.

The Ministry of Immigration and the Social Security Board have joined the investigation as those reports highlighted that fraudulent documents have led to at least two fake Belizean passports for American nationals; with the discovery of this unethical act those passports have since been canceled.

A press release issued by the Attorney General’s office confirmed those reports by saying, “None of these documents were issued or printed by the



VSU. This was confirmed by our IT Department, which scrubbed the documents to determine whether they were generated from the VSU System. Persons are being interviewed, statements have been given, and charges are forthcoming.”

Amandala reached out for comment from the Public Service minister, Hon. Henry Charles Usher, and up to print time, he had not responded to our request for comment.

Unconfirmed reports noted that the passports made were obtained for \$5,000 each.

that to wait out the years-long litigation “could well be fatal for the project ...”

In trying to convince the Congress further about the public purpose of the acquisition, the Prime Minister states, “You would agree, I am certain, that any investment in the amount of almost 4% of current GDP demands judicious attention from Government. Failure of such a project has grave, long-term implications.” Briceno even goes so far as to suggest that because of the project’s development concessions that afforded tens of millions of dollars in tax benefits to Stake Bank, that “effectively makes the people of Belize a stakeholder in this endeavour. Protecting the people’s contribution by taking every step to assist in the Project’s completion and ultimate success, is the duty of any responsible Government.”

The NTUCB told us it has not formulated a response on the matter yet.

Feinstein prepared to sell for US\$50 million

In a letter from his attorneys to the

Lands Commissioner and the Attorney General, Michael Feinstein informs that he is prepared to sell the 24-acre property to the Government for US\$50 million wired to a foreign account. Apart from that hefty sum, there are 10 other conditionalities attached. One includes the payment to him of a US\$1.50 head tax in perpetuity for all manifested passengers entering the Belize District starting one month after execution of the settlement deed. Additionally, he asks that Atlantic Bank Ltd. and Operaciones Portuarias discontinue all claims and arbitral proceedings against him. He also wants concessions for mixed development on North Drowned Caye (Ocean View Grand) and Blackbird Caye. There is also the request that all outstanding payables to Feinstein be paid immediately and that the security contract with Fort Point Security be continued or paid out. In turn, the Feinsteins say they would turn over their shares in SBEL to the Government or its designee and discontinue any claims regarding this issue.

SOE is lifted! Detainee's attorney suing GoB for false imprisonment

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Tues. Sept. 24, 2024

As mentioned in Tuesday's edition of *Amandala*, the State of Emergency (SOE) was scheduled to end this week, Tuesday, September 24, if it wasn't extended.

The latest SOE came into effect at the end of June in response to a string of murders and shootings that were occurring in Belize City as well as in the Roaring Creek and Cotton Tree villages in the Cayo District.

Initially, the SOE was set to conclude at the end of July; however, its duration was extended to 60 days—a period that concluded on Tuesday. The Commissioner of Police, Chester Williams, had told reporters prior to Tuesday that discussions were on the table to extend the SOE. However, an agreement was reportedly finalized with the detainees for the surrender of the firearms that they owned (from their homes or hiding places) and their participation in mandatory programs set to reform their lives.

An estimated 125 persons were picked up due to the SOE, with 105 being released today, while, according to some of *Amandala's* sources, several other detainees were released several days before the SOE ended.

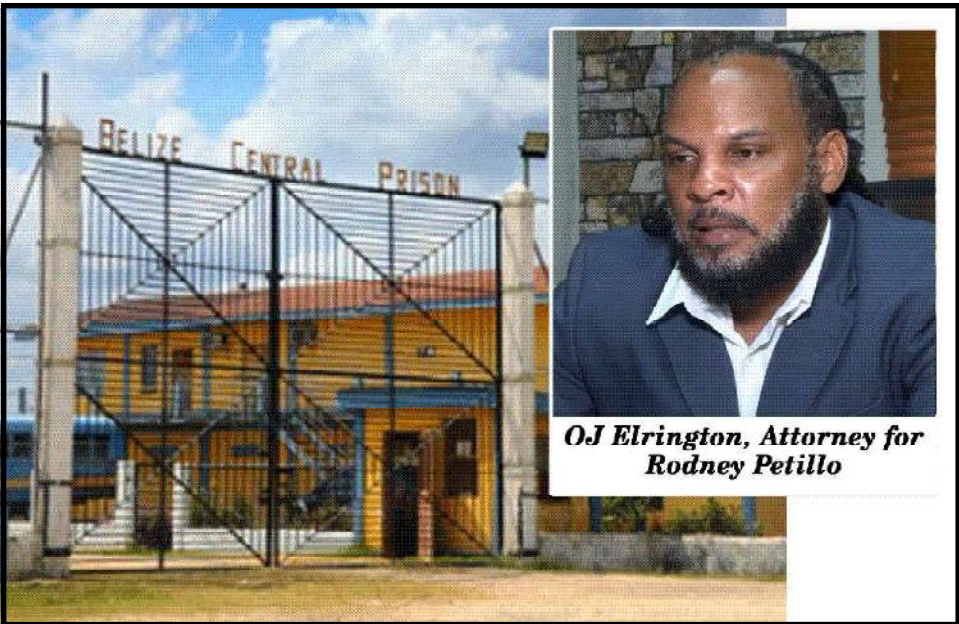
One of those persons who were released over the weekend was 36-year-

old Ronlee Petillo of Belize City. Petillo had previously been acquitted of murder, and had been remanded at the Belize Central Prison on a charge of rape last year and also for being a member of a gang. He was granted bail in July of this year, but was promptly sent back to prison due to the SOE which took effect on June 24.

"The High Court granted him bail, and before he could be released by the prison, they purported to have him re-detained [and] they did not release him at all under the State of Emergency powers. A judge of the High Court said that he should be a man who should be let go on bail, and the state decided that he should not be released, even though it was an instruction from the judge that he should be released," said OJ Elrington, Petillo's attorney.

Elrington mentioned during a Zoom interview with the media that his client's rights were violated by the state.

"They must be given particulars of the reason within seven days of them having been detained. That's the first thing. Secondly, it is that the state must also publish the [names of] persons who are being detained by the state within 14 days in the *Gazette*. They must within 14 days provide and publish in the *Gazette* that this person is being detained and for under what power. Then, last but not least, it is that 30 days, within 30 days of having been detained, they must be allowed to



OJ Elrington, Attorney for Rodney Petillo

appear before the independent tribunal, what is now being described as the SOE Tribunal, and you will know that the Tribunal was just actually formulated long after the 30 days, as it had elapsed for all of the detainees," he said.

"There was no investigation, no evidence to support why our client was detained under the State of Emergency. So, on that very day, we got written instructions from our client to start the process of launching a constitutional claim against the government of Belize for his false imprisonment and breach of his constitutional rights," added Elrington.

Petillo has had a number of run-ins with the law, and has been accused over the years of a range of crimes. Notably, he was charged with murder in 2006 and 2016, was acquitted in both instances; and he was acquitted of attempted

murder in 2012.

In regard to whether Petillo fit the profile of the persons who were detained during the SOE because he had previously been charged with being a member of a gang, Elrington said, "They would have had their opportunity to say so at the Tribunal; and the Tribunal... they said there was no active [Tribunal] ... and involving him according to the State of Emergency. That is on the record of the Tribunal; hence, why the Tribunal recommended that he should be released."

Elrington is seeking compensation of \$250,000 for false imprisonment and breach of the constitutional rights of his client by the Government of Belize, and has served GoB with a 30-day notice to make payments or further legal action will be sought.

Biscayne man remanded



George Cecil Bull, remanded

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Sept. 25, 2024

Tonight, a Biscayne villager who is the owner of a sawmill business is behind bars after being accused of burning down his common-law wife's house, an act which is said to have been premeditated, after he allegedly threatened to kill her and burn down her house with her inside.

Luckily for the intended target, she is still alive.

Charged today was 36-year-old George Cecil Bull, who appeared this morning in the Belize City Magistrate's Court where he was read three offenses: arson; and aggravated assault and harm upon his common-law wife of 2 1/2 years.

Bull, who was unrepresented, appeared before a Senior Magistrate in

Court #3 where he was read one count of arson, one count of aggravated assault, and one count of harm.

Allegations are that on September 15, 2024, he intentionally and unlawfully committed an aggravated assault upon Kayla Robinson, his common-law.

Bull was also charged with one count of harm upon his common-law wife, Robinson, which is said to have occurred on the same date as the aggravated assault, Sunday, September 15, 2024.

Count three was for arson, which is alleged to have occurred one week later, on Sunday, September 22, 2024, in Biscayne Village.

Allegations are that on Sunday, September 22, 2024, by fire he destroyed a Plycem and zinc structure that is 24 feet off the ground, valued at \$20,000, along with all the household items valued at \$29,300.000, all to a total of \$49,300.00, property of Kayla Robinson, his common-law wife.

No plea was taken from Bull for the arson charge, but he pleaded not guilty to aggravated assault and harm upon Robinson.

In court, the Prosecutor, Sgt. Duylene Neal objected to bail being offered to Bull on the following grounds: the seriousness of the offense, where he stated that the defendant Bull has been charged not only with arson but also harm and aggravated assault towards his common-law wife, where he had allegedly inflicted injuries to her, and from the allegations made against him he had threatened to kill her, and he also threatened to burn down her house with her inside it; and from what it appears, that threat of burning down her house

Man kills brother in Toledo



John Bo, deceased



Matyas Bo, charged

by Charles Gladden

BELLA VISTA, Toledo District, Wed. Sept. 25, 2024

A man from Bella Vista Village, Toledo District, is in police custody, as he allegedly murdered his brother on Wednesday morning, September 25.

Reports indicate that before 10:30 a.m. the pair of brothers, 26-year-old Matyas Bo and 35-year-old John Bo were socializing with another male person identified as 31-year-old Luis Pensamiento, when the brothers got into an argument over a bottle of rum that they were sharing.

The argument escalated with John reportedly hitting Matyas over his head with an unknown object. Matyas then allegedly stabbed John with a screwdriver in the chest, after which he got rid of the weapon and fled the scene, but was caught by police several blocks away from the scene at his parents' home in the village.

When authorities arrived at the scene, they witnessed John lying on the ground inside a fenced yard with a stab wound in the center of his chest.

Since the incident, Matyas Bo has been in police custody and has been charged with the crime of murder.

BHS robotics students compete at First Global Challenge

by William Ysaguirre

BELIZE CITY, Mon. Sept. 23, 2024

Belize High School robotics students have once again taken Belizean technological know-how to the world stage to help solve the world's problems in the First Global Challenge robotics competition being held in Athens, Greece from Thursday through Sunday, September 26-29. This year's theme is, "Feed the Future," and challenges the students to find ways to grow nutritious food in a safe and environmentally responsible manner, and to distribute that food equitably to the world's ever-growing population for a truly sustainable food system.

BHS students Aurayana Shepherd, 16; Lia Hunt, 16; Amy Huang, 15; Leandro Avila, 13; and Liam Lizarraga, 15, departed Belize for Greece on Monday morning, September 23. Their robotics teachers, Godfrey Sosa and Louis Silva, will mentor them as they compete with Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) students from more than 190 countries around the globe. The entire BHS robotics team consists of 20 students, from freshmen and sophomores to juniors and seniors, who helped design, engineer, build and program their robot, "Wagüchi", which they will program to complete a number of tasks as part of the challenge. The robot's name is the Garifuna word for "our father", and is a reference to the inspiration that the team members have



(l-r) Louis Silva (teacher), Melissa Lizarraga (parent/chaperone), Lia Hunt, Liam Lizarraga, Leandro Avila, Amy Huang, Aurayana Shepherd, Godfrey Sosa (teacher), Leo Matura (parent/chaperone)

drawn from their elders/ancestors. The teams from other countries are larger, but each team may only send five representatives to the competition.

In Greece, the BHS students will partner with other teams to compete as an alliance. Cooperation and networking are the keys to success, and they began this teamwork even before they travelled. The BHS team has been in preliminary virtual meetings with teams from Turkey, Europe, Africa and the Americas, and during those meetings they tried to determine which groups would be the best fit for a collaboration. Their preparation also included a visit to a farm in Cayo to get a firsthand feel for what it means to grow food, and the many challenges farmers face.

The BHS team had previously

participated in the First Robotics competition, which was for United States' schools only, in Tulsa, Oklahoma in April, said BHS principal, Majiba Sharp. The BHS team was the only invited guest from outside the U.S. Previous BHS teams have been quite successful at past First Global Challenge competitions, winning silver in Singapore last year and winning gold in Geneva, Switzerland in 2022. Sharp said she would like to see more schools introduce their students to robotics, and the school has formed a LEGO league to introduce robotics to 5-year-olds, using simple LEGO kits. The Ministry of Education has also previously helped introduce robotics to other high schools, by distributing "Raspberry Pi" kits of a simple micro-computer which could be

programmed with other devices to build a robot for a specific purpose.

Getting the BHS team to Greece was also a challenge, but the team was able to make the trip through the full support of Digi; the Belize Tourism Board; the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology; and the Ministry of Sports, for which Sharp expressed her gratitude.

FIRST Global also hopes to draw on Athens' rich history of international collaboration as the home of the ancient and modern Olympics, as they bring together the world's brightest young minds, to make science and technology as exciting as any other sport. Their aim is to inspire the world's two billion young people to work in STEM fields and become the leaders who may collectively solve the Earth's problems.

Wellness Week 2024

by Charles Gladden

BELMOPAN, Thurs. Sept. 26, 2024

For the entire week, the Ministry of Health and Wellness (MOHW) has been conducting a series of activities across the nation in celebration of Wellness Week 2024 under the theme, "Together for the well-being of everyone."

"It ties in the social cohesion idea," said Cathleen Cho, Technical Advisor at the Ministry of Health. "It is celebrated annually for countries in the Caribbean and Central America to increase awareness of the heavy burden of non-communicable diseases in the



region. These non-communicable diseases include heart disease, cancer, [and] hypertension, and it's an

opportunity for us to mobilize all our partners – private-public entities and civil society to promote the importance of healthy living," she added.

As mentioned earlier, the MOHW has coordinated a series of activities in cooperation with this year's theme. Monday was called "Solidarity Monday". The Ministry visited HelpAge in the Corozal District where they included senior citizens in various activities. Tuesday was entitled "Disability-Inclusion Tuesday", where they visited Stella Maris School in Belize City. On Wednesday, "Wellness Wednesday" focused on the different health strategies in the workplace.

Today, Thursday, September 26, "Early Detection Thursday" focuses on screening, contraception and family planning. The week ends tomorrow with a "Socathon" in Belmopan.

"It's a fun-filled, packed week of activities that touch on various components of health, because wellness expands beyond being physically healthy, but we also want to be inclusive. We want to reach out to different members of society," Cho said.

For this year's Wellness Week, Halima Hoy, Miss Universe Belize is the wellness ambassador and will be participating in the events, mentioned Cho.

Youth charged for shooting up Roaring Creek Police Station

by Charles Gladden

ROARING CREEK, Cayo District, Thurs. Sept. 26, 2024

It's been over three months since the Roaring Creek Police Station was shot up by an unknown troublemaker, and endangering a police officer who was seated on the station's verandah waiting to clock in for his shift. But, authorities believe they have the shooter.

According to a previous *Amandala* article, in June of this year, a brazen triggerman fired approximately twenty bullets from a .40 caliber pistol about 75 feet away from the police station, causing significant damage to the front of the cement building, leaving bullet holes and shattering a glass window. PC



Shamar Smith, charged

Amin Leslie – the officer – escaped the

lawless barrage of bullets unharmed.

After the shooting subsided, approximately 18 .40 caliber shell casings were found at the scene. At the time of the shooting, a motive was unclear as to who and why it was committed, and it resulted in an increase in police presence in the streets of Roaring Creek.

Multiple persons were apprehended at the time as possible suspects that may have been the culprits who committed the act. However, police now believe that they have finally got their guy, as Shamar Smith, 18, of Belize City was charged with multiple charges – "Aggravated Assault," "Damage to Property," and "Mischievous Act."



Teachers want their increments, but does GoB have the money?

Brother Albert Vaughan, a high-up in the PUP hierarchy who is presently the City Administrator of the Belize City Council, in a recent guest appearance on *The Whip Talk Show*, which is aired on the government’s television station, Vibes Media, *cheaktaizd* a group of teachers from Dangriga who gathered on Independence Day and made a demand for *more* from government’s coffers. Mr. Vaughan, a close confidant of Foreign Affairs and Education minister Hon. Francis Fonseca, came down hard on the protesting teachers, said they had “no sense of occasion”, and accused them of “political mischief.”

Sister Denise Flores-Henry, the spokesperson for the teachers, a group of 20 or 30, explained to the media that during the pandemic teachers agreed to an increment freeze (as did other public employees), and received a promise from the government that when the economy rebounded the freeze would be revisited. Teacher Flores-Henry explained that government has spoken glowingly about the performance of the economy, but they are yet to get back their 2021 and 2022 increments. She said that presently teachers are living on 2020 salaries, and inflation has driven up the cost of living significantly. She cited the cost of a bottle of cooking oil, which was \$3.75 per bottle in 2020 and is \$6.50 per bottle today, and a tray of eggs now costing \$9.50, from \$6.00 in 2020.

Indeed, the government boasts that the economy is doing well, and most agree that is so, under the circumstances. Across the globe the times are difficult, and the primary cause is the inflation the teachers spoke about. The 2020/21 pandemic and major wars involving the world’s powers have negatively impacted the production of goods across the globe and greatly disrupted the supply chains, and as a consequence the price of food and the supplies of industry have been inflated much beyond normal levels. Abruptly, the purchasing power of our dollar has decreased, in many instances by over 30%.

Life haad out ya! For thousands of Belizeans it’s *haad time, kech ahn*

kill, hand to mouth. The present economic situation isn’t a surprise to mature Belizeans who know our history. The hard times of 1919 which sparked the Ex-Servicemen Riots followed on the heels of the 1914-1918 World War I, and a world in the grip of an influenza pandemic; the 1930’s strikes led by trade union hero Antonio Soberanis followed the Wall Street stock market crash in 1929 and the devastating 1931 hurricane; and the formation of the People’s Committee, the antecedent of the People’s United Party, took place in a period of serious economic deprivation that was caused primarily by the 1939-1945 World War II.

Looking at our main industries/foreign exchange earners, tourism has rebounded to the point where tourist arrivals are approaching numbers seen just before the pandemic brought the industry to a halt, and the BPO industry continues to grow by the proverbial leaps and bounds. But our production and export of primary products, the backbone of our economy before the emergence of the tourism and the BPO industries, are stagnating in a number of areas.

The most notable achievement of this government in the agro-sector is the expansion of the export of cattle to Guatemala and

Mexico. In August 2020, a couple months prior to the general election, the Belize Press Office crowed that 27 heads of cattle passed through the western border in “the first formal exportation of cattle to Guatemala”—this after the UDP government had shut down the “illegal” exportation of cattle to Guatemala for some months. Immediately after the PUP took office in November 2020, trucks loaded with cattle started rolling from Belize to Guatemala.

Subsequent to “reviving” the cattle export trade with Guatemala, Hon. Jose Mai and his Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security and Enterprise were able to get over a number of hurdles that were preventing the export of cattle to Mexico, and our country won a significant victory in 2021 when Mexico’s equivalent of our BAHA, SENASICA, approved the export of cattle from Belize to Mexico. Belize’s cattle industry has an estimated worth of BZ\$90 million.

Success has been limited in the other sectors of the agriculture industry. There have been efforts to find markets for our vegetables in Central America, but that initiative is unlikely to be successful, because we have our share of problems with climate change, and in the region where we live we don’t have a competitive advantage in vegetable production. There are the stirrings of hope in the farmed shrimp industry, which has been in decline for over a decade, but despite all of government’s efforts, the citrus industry continues to struggle.

The banana industry has had better days, and while always being a positive in the area of employment, it gives back a considerable share of its foreign exchange earnings through imports of fertilizers and pesticides, and shipping costs and purchases of packaging supplies. The Corozal/Orange Walk share of the sugar industry, our number one foreign exchange earner among primary producers, is benefiting from a relatively high price on the world market at this time, but continues to have issues over the division of the pie. Despite the nudging of government, the sugar milling company, ASR/BSI, has not budged on the 65-35 revenue sharing ratio that has been in place for decades.

Our fishing industry is not as vibrant as in past days. Despite solid scientific evidence which shows that to preserve the lobster industry we must increase the minimum size of lobsters that are harvested, government, because fisher folk complained that upping the size of the “pass tail” would hit their earnings too hard, has not acted. A couple decades ago, fish was a staple of the diets of Belizeans who live near the coast; but today, largely because of a depleting fish stock, which is clearly evidenced by smaller fish on sale at the markets and high prices, only the well-off have the cash to buy marine products.

We once had a promising oil industry. Today we are looking for new wells, while the old ones produce only a trickle.

The reality at this time is that we are in a building/rebuilding phase, so government most likely will continue to be wary about how much it spends on salaries. Our economy isn’t doing as great as the Prime Minister says, so government might not be able to deliver those increments. Hopefully, though, they can find it, and maybe in ongoing negotiations between them and their employees the missing 2021 and 2022 increments will be part of the package, because the cost of living *di bite*.

Teachers are better poised than most to seize available opportunities

The government is putting a lot of emphasis on MSMEs. A 2012 report from the Belize Trade and Investment Development Services (Beltraide) estimated that “MSMEs [Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises] generate over 70% of private sector employment and incomes, and contribute significantly to the GDP.” Apart from the critical role of small businesses in our economy, there is the potential for some of them to grow into big ones.

Teachers are in one of our more hopeful professions. Not only are their services in demand in the developed world (please stay and educate the children and youth of Belize), their skills make them more poised than other groups to take advantage of the many opportunities in the new digital world. We have brilliant talents in academia that, if they came together—retired teachers in the lead with active teachers contributing what they can under their present work load—they could generate wealth for themselves and for Belize through creating their own businesses, or by forming alliances with Belizeans who have products but lack the skills to access external markets.



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Letters to the editor

The Garinagu case for “Reparations”

The Editor, AMANDALA
Thursday, September 26, 2024

Dear Editor,

Imagine waking up one day as the sun is rising to an armada of British ships, pale faces heavily armed with cannons pointing towards the island you call home. These strange men with a horrid smell row small boats on to your island with smiles and weird looking gifts, and then in an instant the lives of your future generations would be changed forever! Like any warrior tribe, the Garinagu people gave the British a tremendous fight, to a point that the Queen of England had to be summoned to order more reinforcements, contrary to what was told to the “Creole” people of British Honduras now known as “Belize”.

During this battle the first recorded use of biological warfare was used when the Garinagu warriors grounded up the hottest peppers on the island into a fine mist and blew it into the eyes of the British soldiers through bamboo straws; this is where “pepper spray” originated. The year was 1795, and during one of many battles the Garinagu leader, Chief Joseph Chatoyer was shot multiple times, and even after being shot and bleeding walked several miles before collapsing to his death. As with all the Europeans' sides of the story, the truth about the people whom they robbed of lands is never told. So, imagine if you can, your people being exiled to a strange new land never to return, and you would be reminded of a scene reminiscent of a Biblical story.

The very resilient Garinagu people were forced to Roatan, Honduras, and from there settled in Honduras, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Panama, Venezuela, Grenada, and Belize without any financial support or resources, and today make up over 53 villages with a combined population of over 3 million. In 1823 our new leader, the great Alejo Beni, received an agreement from the British authorities to settle south of the “Sibun River,” which is the now modern-day “Stann Creek” and the “Toledo District”.

The Garinagu people not only developed these lands, but brought unique agricultural and fishing techniques still used to this day. Visit any Garinagu village, called “Reservations” by the British, and you will find poverty, taxation with little representation, the Belize police performing constant check points, constant advertising of “Rude Boy” and “Belikin” alcohol products, stores owned by Chinese and Turkish immigrants, and a looming threat from Guatemala to take these lands because they claim the Spanish never gave the British rights to the land but only to the mahogany trees.

The International Court of Justice will rule in favor of Guatemala, and, with the backing of the U.S. and Israel, Belize will be forced to either fight or give up its imaginary independence. I ask the now indigenous Garinagu of this land: will we unite and fight with the spirit of our ancestors at the helm? Or will we lay down and die?

Saint Michael X, The Garinagu

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Belize to participate in the annual World Investor Week

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Tues. Sept. 24, 2024

In the upcoming weeks, Belize will participate in the International Organization of Securities Commissions' (IOSCO) 8th edition of World Investor Week (WIW).

Belize will be represented by the Financial Services Commission of Belize (FSC), which is the regulatory body for non-bank financial services in Belize for entities licensed or registered under the Financial Services Commission Act, Cap: 272 Revised Edition 2020 and the Securities Industry Act, 2021.

IOSCO is the leading international policy forum for securities regulators and the global standard setter for financial markets regulation. It develops, implements, and promotes adherence to, internationally recognized financial market regulation standards, and works closely with other international organizations on the global regulatory reform agenda.

“Becoming an Associate Member of IOSCO earlier this year reinforces our dedication to creating a financial

environment that prioritizes investor education and protection. With the rise of AI, virtual assets, and other transformative technologies, we must continue to educate and protect investors,” said Claude Haylock, Director General of the Financial Services Commission.

WIW 2024 is a global initiative intended to promote investor education and protection, and will bring together more than 100 jurisdictions worldwide to spotlight critical issues impacting investors today.

Major topics that will be focused on include: Technology & Digital Finance, Crypto Assets, and Sustainable Finance. Additionally, it will feature discussions and workshops on Fraud and Scam Prevention, Investor Resilience, and the Basics of Investing.

“We encourage all investors, whether seasoned or new, to actively participate in the events and take advantage of the resources available. The knowledge gained will be crucial in navigating today's evolving financial landscape,” mentioned Haylock.

WIW will run from October 7 to October 12.

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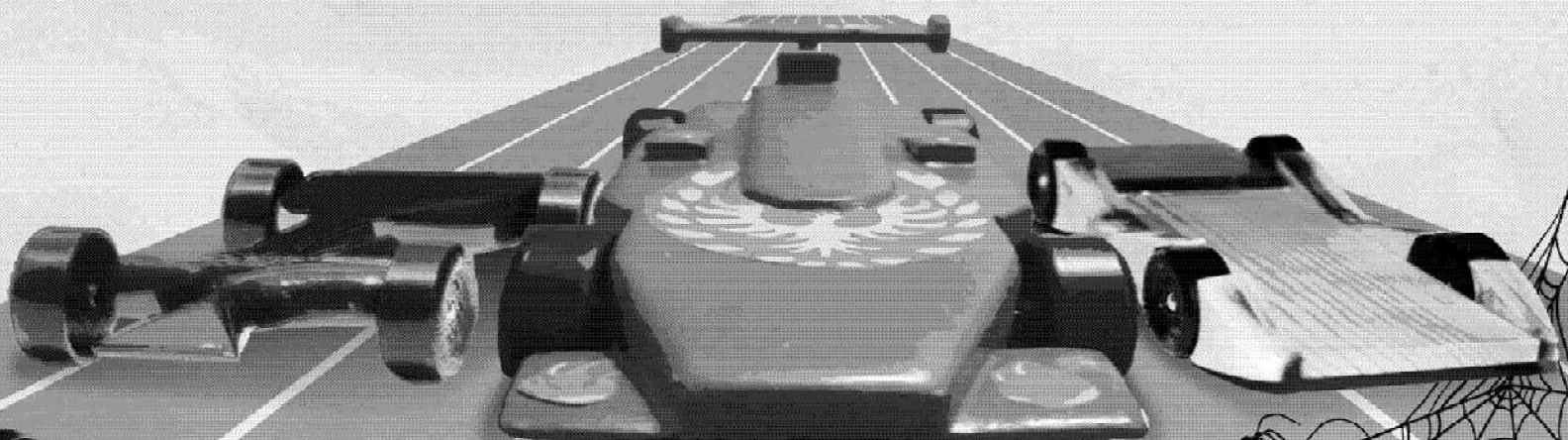
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Los maestros quieren sus aumentos, pero ¿tiene el Gobierno de Belize el dinero?

El hermano Albert Vaughan, un alto cargo en la jerarquía del PUP que actualmente es el administrador municipal del Ayuntamiento de Belize, en una reciente aparición como invitado en *The Whip Talk Show*, que se transmite en la estación de televisión del gobierno, Vibes Media, puso en su lugar a un grupo de maestros de Dangriga que se reunieron el Día de la Independencia y exigieron *más* de las arcas del gobierno. El Sr. Vaughan, un confidente cercano del ministro de Asuntos Exteriores y Educación, el Honorable Francis Fonseca, criticó duramente a los maestros que protestaban, dijo que no tenían “sentido de la ocasión” y los acusó de “travesuras políticas”.

La hermana Denise Flores-Henry, portavoz de los maestros, un grupo de 20 o 30, explicó a los medios de comunicación que durante la pandemia los maestros aceptaron una congelación de los aumentos (al igual que otros empleados públicos), y recibieron una promesa del gobierno de que cuando la economía se recuperara, se revisaría la congelación. La profesora Flores-Henry explicó que el gobierno ha hablado con entusiasmo sobre el desempeño de la economía, pero que aún no han recuperado sus aumentos de 2021 y 2022. Dijo que actualmente los maestros están viviendo con salarios de 2020 y la inflación ha elevado significativamente el costo de vida. Citó el costo de una botella de aceite de cocina, que costaba \$3.75 por botella en 2020 y cuesta \$6.50 por botella hoy, y una bandeja de huevos ahora cuesta \$9.50, de \$6.00 en 2020.

De hecho, el gobierno se jacta de que la economía va bien, y la mayoría está de acuerdo en que es así, dadas las circunstancias. En todo el mundo los tiempos son difíciles y la causa principal es la inflación de la que hablaron los maestros. La pandemia de 2020/21 y las grandes guerras que involucran a las potencias mundiales han impactado negativamente la producción de bienes en todo el mundo y han perturbado enormemente las cadenas de suministro, y como consecuencia, el precio de los alimentos y los suministros de la industria se han inflado mucho más allá de los niveles normales. De repente, el poder adquisitivo de nuestro dólar ha disminuido, en muchos casos en más del 30%.

¡La vida es difícil acá afuera! Para miles de beliceños se trata de tiempos difíciles, vivir precariamente, vivir al día. La situación económica actual no es una sorpresa para los beliceños maduros que conocen nuestra historia. Los tiempos difíciles de 1919 que provocaron los disturbios de los exmilitares siguieron a la Primera Guerra Mundial de 1914-1918 y un mundo en las garras de una pandemia de gripe; las huelgas de los años 30 lideradas por el héroe sindical Antonio Soberanis siguieron al desplome de la bolsa de Wall Street en 1929 y al devastador huracán de 1931; y la formación del Comité Popular, el antecedente del Partido Unido del Pueblo, tuvo lugar en un período de grave privación económica causada principalmente por la Segunda Guerra Mundial de 1939-1945.

En cuanto a nuestras principales industrias y fuentes de ingresos de divisas, el turismo se ha recuperado hasta el punto de que las llegadas de turistas se están acercando a las cifras observadas justo antes de que la pandemia paralizara la industria, y la industria de SPE sigue creciendo a pasos agigantados. Pero nuestra producción y exportación de productos primarios, la columna vertebral de nuestra economía antes del surgimiento del turismo y las industrias de SPE, se están estancando en varias áreas.

El logro más notable de este gobierno en el sector agrícola es la expansión de la exportación de ganado a Guatemala y México. En agosto de 2020, un par de meses antes de las elecciones generales, la Oficina de Prensa de Belize se jactó de que 27 cabezas de ganado pasaron por la frontera occidental en “la primera exportación formal de ganado a Guatemala”, esto después de que el gobierno del UDP había cerrado la exportación “ilegal” de ganado a Guatemala durante algunos meses. Inmediatamente después de que el PUP asumiera el poder en noviembre de 2020, camiones cargados de ganado comenzaron a rodar desde Belize a Guatemala.

Después de “reactivar” el comercio de exportación de ganado con Guatemala, el Honorable José Mai y su Ministerio de Agricultura, Seguridad Alimentaria y Empresa lograron superar una serie de obstáculos que impedían la exportación de ganado a México, y nuestro país obtuvo una importante victoria en 2021 cuando el equivalente mexicano de nuestra BAHA, SENASICA, aprobó la exportación de ganado de Belize a México. La

industria ganadera de Belize tiene un valor estimado de 90 millones de dólares beliceños.

El éxito ha sido limitado en los demás sectores de la industria agrícola. Se han hecho esfuerzos por encontrar mercados para nuestras hortalizas en América Central, pero es poco probable que esa iniciativa tenga éxito, porque tenemos nuestra cuota de problemas con el cambio climático y en la región donde vivimos no tenemos una ventaja competitiva en la producción de hortalizas. Hay indicios de esperanza en la industria del camarón de cultivo, que ha estado en declive durante más de una década, pero a pesar de todos los esfuerzos del gobierno, la industria de los cítricos sigue luchando.

La industria bananera ha tenido mejores días y, si bien siempre ha sido positiva en el área de empleo, devuelve una parte considerable de sus ingresos en divisas a través de importaciones de fertilizantes y pesticidas, costos de envío y compras de suministros de embalaje. La parte de Corozal/Orange Walk de la industria azucarera, nuestra principal fuente de divisas entre los productores primarios, se está beneficiando de un precio relativamente alto en el mercado mundial en este momento, pero sigue teniendo problemas con la división del pastel. A pesar de los empujoncitos del gobierno, la empresa de molienda de azúcar, ASR/BSI, no ha cedido en la proporción de participación en los ingresos de 65-35 que ha estado vigente durante décadas.

Nuestra industria pesquera no es tan vibrante como en días pasados. A pesar de la sólida evidencia científica que muestra que para preservar la industria de la langosta debemos aumentar el tamaño mínimo de las langostas que se capturan, el gobierno, debido a que los pescadores se quejaron de que aumentar el tamaño de la cola afectaría demasiado sus ganancias, no ha actuado. Hace un par de décadas, el pescado era un alimento básico en las dietas de los beliceños que viven cerca de la costa; Pero hoy, en gran medida debido a la disminución de las existencias de peces, que se evidencia claramente en peces cada vez más pequeños en los mercados y los altos precios, solo los más adinerados tienen el efectivo para comprar productos marinos.

Una vez tuvimos una prometedora industria petrolera. Hoy estamos buscando nuevos pozos, mientras que los antiguos producen solo un goteo.

La realidad en este momento es que estamos en una fase de construcción/reconstrucción, por lo que es muy probable que el gobierno continúe siendo cauteloso sobre cuánto gasta en salarios. Nuestra economía no está tan bien como dice el Primer Ministro, por lo que el gobierno podría no ser capaz de entregar esos aumentos. Sin embargo, es de esperar que puedan encontrarlo, y tal vez en las negociaciones en curso entre ellos y sus empleados los aumentos faltantes de 2021 y 2022 formen parte del paquete, porque el costo de vida está pegando duro.

Los maestros están mejor preparados que la mayoría para aprovechar las oportunidades disponibles

El gobierno está poniendo mucho énfasis en las MIPYMES. Un informe de 2012 de los Servicios de Desarrollo de Comercio e Inversión de Belize (Beltrade en Inglés) estimó que “las MIPYME [Micro, Pequeñas y Medianas Empresas] generan más del 70% del empleo y los ingresos del sector privado, y contribuyen significativamente al PIB”. Aparte del papel fundamental de las pequeñas empresas en nuestra economía, existe el potencial para que algunas de ellas se conviertan en grandes empresas.


Los maestros son una de nuestras profesiones más prometedoras. No sólo sus servicios están en alta demanda en el mundo desarrollado (por favor, quédense y eduquen a los niños y jóvenes de Belize), sino que sus habilidades los hacen más capaces que otros grupos para aprovechar las muchas oportunidades que ofrece el nuevo mundo digital. Tenemos talentos brillantes en el mundo académico que, si se unieran (los maestros jubilados a la cabeza y los maestros actuales aportando lo que puedan con su carga de trabajo actual), podrían generar riqueza para sí mismos y para Belize mediante la creación de sus propios negocios o formando alianzas con beliceños que tienen productos pero carecen de las habilidades para acceder a los mercados externos.

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I robbed Hugo of his measure of redemption

by Colin Hyde

Yes, I apologize to Brother Hugo Patt for not giving him his due on the Taiwan score in my Tuesday column. For those of you with forgiving hearts, here's the anatomy of the crime, why I said he abstained when he said aye.

I usually do the first draft of my Tuesday column on Saturday, revise it on Sunday, and give it a final look when I wake up on Monday before sending it to the desks of the editors around 7:00 Monday morning. I wrote that piece on Sunday. I had a most manly Independence Day on Saturday. In the morning I went to the field and dug some plantain bits. I had a bath when I came home, and then I listened to the speeches and the cultural presentations. In the afternoon and evening, I played patriotic songs and drank rum, green ting, and beer. On Sunday morning, I did my draft. On Sunday afternoon, I had it right, with Hugo's little redemption. Ah, that article had four parts, and on Sunday evening, while tweaking it, I couldn't get over how many times Hugo, under the direction of his lawyer, Dean Barrow, abstained from answering questions from the Senate Select Committee.

When I got to the final part of the article, my little mind said, *wait, you have it wrong: Hugo abstained*. I actually congratulated myself for picking up on the "error" as I went about making my, ehm, corrections. On Tuesday evening I got a communication from the great Marisol, telling me I had pulled a Light Brigade. My apologies, Hugo. Que viva nuestra amistad con Taiwan!

Raining on the defense lawyers' grand parade

The story about is that the defense lawyers had a big powwow and at the end of the festivities they formed an association and elected an executive. I guess the next step is that a yard-long list of the names of the Perry Masons and Ben Matlocks will be published.

Now, you know that criticism is to die for. It keeps you on your toes, makes you better. The defense lawyers have been providing this invaluable service to the Police Department for decades. Well, without any thank you, and receiving and expecting no appreciation, this corner has been hibbing words at these defense lawyers, for the purpose of making them look within themselves, an absolute necessity if one wants to improve and do right.

The police, they've been that way, incompetent, for over two decades. That's what the defense lawyers and lawyers who are friendly with defense lawyers tell us. Talking prior to the introduction of murder cases by judge, these defense lawyers ignored the fact that jurors think differently nowadays, that jurors of today are seriously scared, and that witnesses don't come forward anymore, for fear of being murdered, as some have been. All the blame for our failure to bring people who committed this crime to court, and our failure to get convictions in court, they put on the police.

The records show that between 2002 and 2021 there were a terrifying 2,226 murders in our country. Who is going to research to find out in how many of those cases people were charged, and how many of those who were charged were found guilty? Who's going to do the research to find out how many individuals who were acquitted were later murdered, and who's going to do the research to tell us in how many cases police fingered somebody but couldn't get enough evidence to go to court, and how many of those individuals who were fingered ended up murdered, or fingered again for another murder?

This monster, street justice, is our creation. If the police were inadequate for the situation, the defense lawyers shouldn't have just criticized them, they should also have used their vast knowledge banks to help them. When people say the British would never have allowed such a terrible slide for a country

that sings that it is a tranquil haven, they call them Anglophiles. Talk, we know lawyers can talk. They have their brilliance.

Glen said we (Kriols) "were shortsighted!"

In the second of his two pieces in the Friday *Amandala*, Glen, like the Apostle Paul who had an epiphany, said he had changed views he had held for a long time about the place of the Kriol and the number of Kriols in our country. We know that at the time of self-government, the Kriols were the majority tribe in Belize, but today they are only 25% of the population.

Before getting into the arrows slung from Glen's bow, I must remind us that the Kriols, though then the majority, at no time had any real power here. We are the product of enslaved Africans mixing, some of them not freely, with the other people who lived in the Bay. This mixing has never stopped.

Looking at the power realities, I have often wondered how it came to be that there were two black men on our first flag. I got that information, about the two black men on the flag, from research done by Brother Ismail Omar Shabazz. I say, it is important history, not ever to be removed from our records, that originally they were two black men, slaving in the forest. There is more to talk about our flag, but I will confine myself to the two men, because there has been some contention over one of them being whitened, like our African and Mayan ancestors were because of the coming of Columbus.

Our country has evolved. I've read enough to know that we are the greatest, most beautiful melting pot in da world. Personally, I would rotate the identities/colors of these men. I think Brother Spoonaz and Bill Lindo should have their day on the flag. On Indigenous Day, two brown men. On Settlement Day, two black men. Heck, even, ehm, women should have their day on our flag.

Quarterly we should change our flag at the United Nations and at the National Assembly building.

Glen suggests that our other tribes might have been more patriotic than we, the Kriol, were. He said we took our homeland for granted. He said we thought we could leave, and everything would be the same when we came back. He said "we screwed up, changed Peter for Paul, and here we are! Watching from the sidelines as the Jewel goes on without us. So we look for someone, or something, to blame!"

The things Glen said, it's a book condensed into a column. He was provocative, and it is to be hoped in our land of IGNORE that his words spark a conversation. Yes, I have a couple questions for him. There are things there to talk about, all for the greater glory of the Jewel.

Haiti and the UN

I don't have a say in who leads Haiti, but from where I am, I say that any Haitian leader who attacks the UN is a little narrow in their thinking. Many dozens of countries around the world exist because of the UN. The UN stands as best it can between these big countries that have the bomb, and those of us that don't. Those of us who know our category know that the UN is our greatest ally.

In 2010 there was a massive earthquake in Haiti which killed over 200,000 people, and the UN rushed to the aid of the country. There was a foul up, a couple people in the UN aid mission were carrying cholera, and in the desperate state Haiti was in, it led to a massive outbreak. Understandably, if one of your family members or friends was among the 10,000 who tragically died in the cholera outbreak or the over 800,000 who were sickened (those numbers from CDC), you will have some anger toward the UN. But if you will lead, you must put that aside, because leaders are for all, not for one. On no account should they attack the UN.

Haiti doesn't have the bomb. After the Haitians routed French forces that occupied the island (Haiti got its independence in 1804), France demanded payment which Haiti agreed to, to stop further French military aggression. The US fought and won its independence in 1776, because it didn't want to pay taxes to the British. It is for sure that the rest of the world's powers were supportive of the Americans, and actually were key to their independence victory. But the world powers, all white – the British, Americans, Spanish – weren't supportive of the Haitian victory over France. Thus, despite Haiti being independent of France, Haiti had/has to pay a massive tax that absolutely stopped their progress.

I close, for now, with this piece, "U.S. Invasion and Occupation of Haiti, 1915–34", from the Office of the Historian. "Following the assassination of the Haitian President in July of 1915, President Woodrow Wilson sent the United States Marines into Haiti to restore order and maintain political and economic stability in the Caribbean. This

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- Prepare audit workpapers in accordance with industry standards and credit union's policies and procedures.
- Assist the Internal Auditor in drafting audit reports and other written deliverables.
- Assist in preparing the annual internal audit plan.
- Provide support and assistance to the Supervisory Committee.
- Assist with department needs such as audit tracking and follow-up, external audit assistance, and special investigations as necessary.
- Execute training plan that meets the needs for the department.
- Obtain and maintain a working knowledge of Credit Union policies and procedures, internal audit industry standards and best practices

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- **Bachelor's degree** in Accounting or Finance with **at least two years proven work experience** OR an **Associate Degree** with a **minimum of 5 years proven work experience**.
- **Work experience** in **auditing and/or accounting** preferably in a financial or auditing institution is required.
- Must have completed or agree to complete certification in internal audit.
- Knowledge of legal and financial systems including regulatory compliance, documentation and recording keeping required.

SALARY: negotiable based on previous experience and qualifications

APPLICATION SUBMISSION/DEADLINE:

- Interested applicants should submit **letter of application, resume or curriculum vitae, two letters of reference** (one being from current or immediate past employer) and copy of **ID (SSB or passport)** by **Friday 18 October 2024**


Submit application package:

- **via email** to: hr@smcubelize.com and audit@smcubelize.com OR
- **direct mail** to: Human Resources

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Belize Mills Limited is seeking to identify an **Assistant Accountant** who will have primary responsibility for the property/fixed asset ledger for all four (4) Caribbean Milling locations, accounts payable, fortnightly payroll, and balance sheet reconciliations.

The ideal candidate should possess:

- A Bachelor's degree in Accounting or a related finance field.
- At least 5 years of experience at a similar level.
- Proficiency in accounting principles and standards.
- Strong analytical and problem-solving capabilities.
- Excellent time management and interpersonal abilities.
- Effective communication and interpersonal skills.
- Comprehensive understanding of fixed asset and accounts payable reconciliation processes.
- Familiarity with preparing audit schedules.
- Experience in working with accounts up to the balance sheet stage.
- Strong computing skills, including proficiency in Microsoft Office applications.

Essential Duties & Responsibilities

- Update property/fixed asset ledger for all four (4) Caribbean Milling locations.
- Prepare assigned journal entries, including accounts payable and fixed asset journals.
- Reconcile assigned balance sheet accounts monthly, including accounts payable and fixed assets.
- Preparation of timely payments to suppliers.
- Process fortnightly payroll.
- Preparation of specified audit schedules for statutory audits.

Applications should be submitted no later than **October 11, 2024** via: jfm_hr@adm.com

Classification: Internal

PRESS PREDICTIONS

The sports psychic speaks

BOLEDO

Press Predictions 46-52-64
Boledo stats 27th September thru
October 4th, 2024

In Boledo news, there are only 5 numbers left: 11-40-64-71 and 89. Four of them will be playing before November, for sure. These are my lucky numbers for the week: 28-33-52-13-64 and 46. These are my lucky Pick 3 numbers: 764-015-329-818-425 and 132. These are my lucky Jackpot numbers: 3825-8404-9162. Get ready, Belize! Some mucho dinero will be coming our way. Keep your eyes open for 11 and 33; some doubles are long overdue right now. The ending 6 ball and the 9 ball are the most playable numbers. Remember last week I notified you all about how the seventies series love to play on a Sunday. 78 was the hardest number to play for over 3 years, 8 months and 2 days between 2015 and 2018. 73 & 56 played 6 times already. You all must form some beautiful Jackpot numbers out of these 5 hard numbers that are left in: 11-40-64-71 and 89. Remember to read your Psalms: 72-91 and 62. Good luck to all buyers! Next week, more stats and more lucky numbers.

LOCAL FOOTBALL

Port Layola FC are playing very well at the FFB field for their home games

Local football results and predictions
In local football action, there are only 6 teams in the PLB right now. Progreso FC, they have lost the lead with the best goalkeeper in Charles Tillett. He was the last year finals MVP for the Port Layola FC championship team. He is the National Team goalkeeper. Right now, the second round has started. Progreso FC went to Belmopan and drew with them, one goal apiece. Progreso FC got the equalizer in injury time. Then Verdes FC crushed Progreso FC, 3-nil, in Benque on Friday night. Nahjib Guerra scored one of the 3 goals. Verdes FC now has the lead with 15 points. Progreso FC is in second place with 14 points. Port Layola FC beat Wagiya FC 4-nil. Latrell Middleton, last year's regular season MVP, scored after a 1-month injury. Orlando "Bredda" Velasquez scored 3 goals in his last 4 games. Port Layola FC is now in the third place with 13 points. The San Pedro Pirates are in fourth place with 12 points. Next week, more stats.



Latrell Middleton

CYCLING

Roque Matus was first B-Class and overall champion; Kenroy



by Gilroy "Press" Cadogan

"Smokes" Gladden was first A-Class
Mrs. Barbara Robateau Gongora Cycling 1st Classic

In cycling action, there was a cycling classic in memory of Mrs. Barbara Robateau Gongora's name. The A and B class cyclists rode from Spanish Lookout to Belize City via the Belcan Bridge, and B rider Roque Matus won it all, beating A rider Kenroy "Smokes" Gladden in a sprint to the finish line. Top finishers were Roque Matus first (1st B); Kenroy "Smokes" Gladden second (1st A); Kent "Bob" Gabourel was third (2nd A); Tariq Flowers was fourth (3rd A); Jose Choto was fifth (4th A) and Philip Leslie was sixth (5th A). For the "B" riders, Roque Matus was 1st, Warren Coye 2nd, Dwight Lopez was 3rd, "Fresh" Fred Usher, Sr. was 4th, and Kenneth Butler was 5th. In the "C" category race, Aston Bowman was first; Ricky Usher was second, Orlando Codd was third, George Lovell, Sr. was fourth, then David Hyde was fifth. In the females, Francine Gigli was first; Chelsea Gillett was second; and Irene Baki was third; there were 7 female cyclists. There were a lot of \$100.00 station prizes. All cyclists received a medal with Mrs. Barbara Robateau's picture on it just like the trophies. Enuff respect to the Federation and Mr. Andrew Ordonez, especially from the Robateau family. Big-up Mr. Peter Moulson and the PMH cycling team in Los Angeles, California. Next week, more stats.

INTERNATIONAL BASEBALL

The playoffs will start next week
Baseball playoff predictions and updates

In baseball action, the playoffs will get started next week with some very exciting games. In the National League, the San Diego Padres and the Arizona Diamondbacks will clash in a 3-game series. The St. Louis Cardinals, the Atlanta Braves and the San Francisco Giants are fighting to get in. The Los Angeles Dodgers and Shohei Ohtani, their Japanese highest-paid



Shohei Ohtani

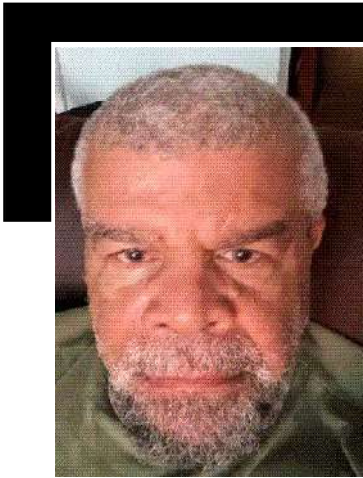
STATUTORY NOTICE
TO CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of **JEFFREY KENYON DEVANEY (a.k.a. Jeffrey K. DeVaney)**, Deceased, of 8574 Holden Road, Santee, CA 92071, U.S.A.

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 36 of the Administration of Estates Act, Chapter 197 of the Laws of Belize that all creditors and other persons including beneficiaries and kin having any claims and demands upon or against the Estate of **JEFFREY KENYON DEVANEY (a.k.a. Jeffrey K. DeVaney)**, late of 8574 Holden Road, Santee, CA 92071, U.S.A., who died on the 7th day of Julie, 2021 in whose estate a Grant of Administration with Will annexed has been granted to Estate Administrators Ltd., the Lawful Attorney of **JULIA LYNNE DEVANEY (a.k.a. Julie L. DeVaney, Julie DeVaney or Julia Lynne Zimmerman)**, to lodge any claims or demands in writing to Estate Administrators Ltd, c/o **Arguelles & Company**, Attorneys-at-Law of 401 Coney Drive, Belize City, Belize on or before the expiration of three months from the first publication hereof AND NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that at the expiration of the said three months the said Administrator shall proceed to distribute the assets of the said **JEFFREY KENYON DEVANEY (a.k.a. Jeffrey K. DeVaney)**, deceased amongst the beneficiaries entitled thereto, having regard only to claims and demands of which they shall then have had notice.

DATED the 6th day of September, 2024

Arguelles & Company
Attorneys-at-Law for the
Administrator of the Estate of
JEFFREY KENYON DEVANEY
(a.k.a. Jeffrey K. DeVaney)



Those left behind!

Wednesday, September 25, 2024 at 3:38 PM

If you listen to any campaign, anywhere in the world these days, politicians usually make big promises to the middle class, and promise big tax cuts and incentives for the rich! Meanwhile, the poor, whom both sides depend on to put them over the top, are totally overlooked, both during the campaigns and by the government that is voted in! They are given no incentive to vote, and yet they do, in large

numbers. Wat a ting!

You have to go to dictatorships and socialism to find some sympathy for the poor! But even then, the poor have to accept what is passed down to them, and don't have a voice on how the economy should benefit them. The poor are always on the losing side of every argument; they have no power, or at least they are made to believe that they don't. So, they continue existing in a world that doesn't see them, or that looks down on them as lazy, as parasites, as less than!

But it doesn't have to be that way. Sri Lanka had been devolving into an economic disaster for the last 15 years or so, until poor people had enough. They rose up, and with the help of university students and a disenchanted middle class, got rid of a corrupt government, which couldn't, or wouldn't, do anything to relieve their pain! It was the power of the people, mainly the poor, that brought changes, hopefully positive ones, to a people drowning in poverty! They elected a far left socialist as their new leader. We will have to wait and see how he will help his country's poor lift themselves out of that vicious cycle! In my opinion, anything would be better than the government they just threw out.

Back in the day when I was campaigning with Dean Lindo, people would ask for wahn lee 5 dallas, or for food, or a pair of shoes in order for him to earn their votes. They didn't ask for better streets or schools or hospitals; their requests were more immediate, fighting for survival. I don't know what the cost is today to get someone's vote, but it has to be more than 5 dollars or a tin of milk!

As this campaign in the United States is reaching its zenith, neither candidate mentions poor people, although Kamala's message and policies are more geared towards lifting poor people out of poverty and into the middle class. Poor people are the unmentionables; they are the unseen, unrepresented, misunderstood, marginalized segments of every society! They are homeless, taken advantage of by not being properly compensated for the labor they provide. The forgotten lot, the invisible ones!

So, when crime becomes rampant in a society, when homelessness and hunger and disease start eating away at the foundations of any society, the poor are blamed for their state! There is little or no sympathy or understanding, from the rest of us. They are over-policed and underrepresented; they're treated as lepers, mostly through no fault of their own.

Maybe one day, when events cause us to really see chronic poverty for what it truly is, we will have more empathy for the plight of the less fortunate. Maybe politicians and businesses will see the value of every citizen, and see even the poorest among us, not as the wretched of the earth, but as contributors to the wellbeing and prosperity of a nation! Wat a ting, indeed!

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INVITATION TO BID

Tender Title: Construction of Pre-Designed Cross Ramp for Emergency Patient Movement

Issuing Body: Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital Authority (KHMHA)
Princess Margaret Drive, Belize City

Project Location: Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital, Princess Margaret Drive, Belize City

Project Overview:
The Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital Authority (KHMHA) invites eligible contractors to submit bids for the **construction of a pre-designed cross ramp**. This ramp will serve as an emergency access route for the safe and efficient movement of patients between critical areas of the hospital. The design is already completed, and the scope is limited to the construction phase.

- Scope of Work:** The scope of work includes but is not limited to:
- Demolition and removal of existing structures (if necessary).
 - Site preparation and grading.
 - Construction of a new ramp, including foundation work, concrete pouring, and finishing.
 - Installation of handrails and safety features in accordance with plan.
 - Compliance with Hospital Disabilities standards or local accessibility guidelines.
 - Any other works as detailed in the project specifications and drawings.

Eligibility Requirements for Bidders:

Technical Competence & Experience: Bidders must demonstrate experience in similar construction projects, particularly healthcare or emergency infrastructure.

Financial Resources: Financial capability to undertake and complete the project as evidenced by audited financial statements or similar documentation.

Legal Capacity: Must meet all legal requirements of Belize, including tax and social security obligations.

Submission Requirements:

- Bid Documentation:** Bidders must submit the following:
- o Cost breakdown (materials, labor, equipment, contingencies).
 - o Project timeline and milestones.
 - o Detailed work schedule.
 - o List of subcontractors (if any).
 - o Relevant experience and references from similar projects.

- Bidding Document Costs:**
- o Bidders must purchase the bidding documents for a fee of **BZD \$125.00**, which reflects the cost of production (advertising, compiling, distribution, etc.).
 - o Bidding documents can be reviewed prior to purchase.

Submission Method: Bids must be submitted electronically through the Finance Directorate to financialcontroller@khmh.bz by **October 4, 2024**. Late submissions will not be considered.

Site Visit:
A **mandatory site visit** will be conducted on **October 2, 2024 at 10am**. Bidders must confirm attendance by **[insert date]**. This will ensure all participants fully understand the project requirements and site conditions.

Bid Opening:
Bids will be publicly opened on **October 2, 2024 to October 15, 2024** Bidders are encouraged to attend.

Contact Information for Queries and Bids submission:
Name: Sharine Reyes
Position: Financial Controller
Phone: -501-280-5648
Email: financialcontroller@khmh.bz

KHMHA reserves the right to accept or reject any bid and is not bound to award the contract to the lowest bidder.

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by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Sept. 25, 2024

A range of art pieces done by participants in the Primary and Secondary Art Skills Training Project were on display inside the Mexican Cultural Institute in Belize City on Tuesday, September 24, as part of an exhibition entitled, “Beyond Imagination: Art Extravaganza”. The artists being featured consist of over 75 participants in the project, who were taught by Fiona Huang and Christine Huang as part of a program that began close to a decade ago.

“This exhibition is showcasing the work of our students for the past ten years that we have been working [with] in Belize, and these are the works they continue to do even through the pandemic. So, I hope to show everybody



Christine Huang, lead artist

their passion; and also for the youth that came to visit the exhibition, for them to have a platform to exchange maybe their interest, the hobby, techniques, different things,” said Christine Huang.



“... Fiona. I know her – you never see her on TV. It’s always me on TV

[and] she wished to ... she prefers to stay in the back – but she wants her students to shine, and that’s her whole purpose in Belize, to help the students to find their passion, and help give them opportunities, to help them find a career path in art and, you know, to let them shine,” she added.

The program was first offered to primary school students, but continued to engage those children after they entered high school. After some of those high schoolers became adults, they returned to receive additional training.

“They come back to the studio and ask for training for the visual arts CXC teacher, or different kinds,” said Huang.


The program provides instruction in drawing, painting, watercolor, gouache, acrylic, and photography, and also made students aware of the various eras in art history.

“For the art histories, we take them through the development of art through the Renaissance, Baroque, different eras; and we present the classes like a story, so it’s as if they were walking down an aisle to that time, to learn history and things that led to the movement of art to eventually what the modern art that we have today,” she mentioned.

Isabella Waldman, a second-form student at SCA who has participated in the program for the past three years, commented on what she experienced.

“It’s a real experience having a lot of other people there to try and get better also, because they are passionate about art. The process of creating it is genuinely a journey, I’d say. You are there, and come to her wanting to know more, so passionate about this thing, but don’t know where to start. But planning a piece and starting it is nerve-racking, because you don’t know if you are going to mess it up; you don’t know if you need to start over; you don’t know if you are doing it correctly; but I think that that is the thing about art. You don’t know what the result is going to be, about the journey and process of creating it. I think it is one of the most rewarding things, being proud of the result is an experience for sure,” she said.

The art program was sponsored by the Foreign Ministry of Taiwan through the Embassy of Taiwan in Belize. The exhibition will continue until Friday, September 27.



SERVICE CONTRACT ANNOUNCEMENT

The Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) invites applicants to submit proposals for a service contract for the review of Belize’s Mental Health Act and Drafting of a Revised Mental Health Bill.

Duration of contract: 21 October 2024 – 28 February 2025

Contractor Profile: Professional with the following qualifications

- Educational background in law, public health law, or related fields, preferably with specialization in mental health policy and legislation.
- Professional experience in drafting or reviewing public health legislation, with a focus on mental health.
- Familiarity with international mental health standards such as WHO guidelines and global best practices in mental health legislation.
- Proven experience in stakeholder engagement and facilitating participatory processes, including public health consultations.
- Excellent analytical and technical writing skills with the ability to translate stakeholder input into legislative recommendations.
- Knowledge of Belize’s healthcare system and legal framework would be considered an asset.

Deadline: Interested applicants should submit the following to blzmail@paho.org; cc: contrero@paho.org no later than **October 11, 2024**:

- Curriculum Vitae, indicating all past experiences from similar assignments and at least 2 professional references;
- Technical proposal;
- Financial proposal.

For further details visit our website <https://www.paho.org/en/documents/tor-mental-health-act-belize>. Only submissions that meet all the evaluation criteria will be contacted.



SERVICE CONTRACT ANNOUNCEMENT

The Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) invites applicants to submit proposals for a service contract to conduct a Training on suicide reporting for the media.

Duration of contract: 21 October – 13 December 2024

Contractor Profile: Professional with a degree in Communications or Journalism or related field from a recognized College or University with 5-10 years of experience in training on mental health issues and the development of monitoring and evaluation framework for media reporting.

Deadline: Interested applicants should submit the following to blzmail@paho.org; cc: contrero@paho.org no later than **October 11, 2024**:

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- Technical proposal;
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6. Maintain the confidentiality and integrity of the Office.
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Minimum Qualification – Academic/Training:

High School Diploma

Interested persons are asked to send their letters of application, Curriculum Vita, Police Record, and three letters of recommendation by 2nd October 2024 to:


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Belize City, Belize

NOTICE

BELIZE CITY, BELIZE
Estate of **BEVERLY ANN CABRAL, Deceased**
STATUTORY NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Pursuant to Section 36 of the Administration of Estates Act, Chapter 197 of the Laws of Belize, **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that all creditors and other persons having any claims or demands upon or against the Estate of **BEVERLY ANN CABRAL**, deceased, of Placencia Village, Stann Creek District, Belize are required to send particulars in writing of their claims or demands to **JULIAN DEAN CABRAL**, the Executor of the said estate, c/o **COURTENAY COYE LLP**, Attorneys-at-Law situate at 15 A Street, Belize City, Belize District, Belize, and to send such particulars no later than the **24th day of December, 2024**. **NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN** that, at the expiration of the last mentioned date, the Executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the said **BEVERLY ANN CABRAL**, deceased, amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims or demands of which particulars have been delivered, and the Executor will not be liable for the assets or any part thereof so distributed to any person or persons of whose claims or demands it shall not then have had notice.

DATED the 24th day of September, 2024

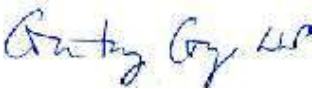

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Attorneys-at-Law


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Secretary – Job Description

Essential Duties and Responsibilities

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2. **GREETs** visitors, ascertains nature of business, and directs visitors to Ombudsman or relevant personnel or office, as appropriate.
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4. **SCHEDULEs** appointments and maintains calendar of appointments for the Ombudsman, make sure the Ombudsman is apprised of all appointments and changes as well as matters requiring immediate attention; gives reminders for these events.
5. **WORD-PROCESSES** letters, reports, memos, minutes and other documents from written draft or verbal instructions for the signature or attention of the Ombudsman.
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8. **COORDINATES** and manages travel needs of the Ombudsman and other members of staff, by making all necessary arrangements including preparation of itineraries, airline, and other reservations.
9. **UNDERTAKES** daily care of office equipment such as computer, facsimile, photocopier, projector and scanner.
10. **MAY** supervise and coordinate activities of junior secretarial staff.

Minimum Qualification – Academic/Training:
Associates Degree in Office Administration, Secretarial Science or other related field

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NOTICE
BELIZE CITY

Estate of TERRESSA ANN MOORE, deceased.

STATUTORY NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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DATED the 24th day of September, 2024.



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EXAMINATIONS

- **Biology (General)**
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- **English A (General)**
- **English B (General)**
- **Human and Social Biology (General)**
- **Information Technology (General)**
- **Mathematics (General)**
- **Office Administration (General)**
- **Physics (General)**
- **Principles of Accounts (General)**
- **Principles of Business (General)**
- **Social Studies (General)**
- **Spanish (General)**

Registration Dates


16 September – 25 October 2024

Exam Dates

January 06 – 24, 2025


Registration of candidates for CSEC will be done via appointment only at the Examinations Office in Belize City. A valid photo ID is required during registration. (Social Security Card or Passport).

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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 subject to:

Deed of Assignment & Transfer of Mortgage dated 15th December 2008 between Development Finance Corporation (hereinafter called “the Assignor”) and Scotiabank (Belize) Limited (hereinafter called “the Assignee”) which was filed at the Lands Titles Unit in Belmopan City on 16th December 2008 in Deeds Book 42 of 2008 at folios 235-270 being no. 3574/08.

Deed of Mortgage between Keisha Juanita Betran & Livingston Edward Terry Jr. of the one part (hereinafter called the “Mortgagors”) and Development Finance Corporation (hereinafter called the “ Mortgagee”) of the second part which was filed at the Land Titles Unit in Belmopan City on 18th September 2008 in Deeds Book 34 of 2008 at folios 325-370 being no 2789/08. The Bank will at the expiration of two months from the date of the first publication of this notice sell the property of the Mortgagors described in the SCHEDULES hereto.

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

THE SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO AS

ALL THAT lot, piece or parcel of land being Lot No 92 situate in the East Windmill Area, Hattievillle Village, Belize District bounded and described as follows:- On the North for 29.322 meters by Lot No 99, On the South for 28.834 meters by a 40 feet Road Reserve, On the Southeast for 3.362 meters by a Daylight Cut, On the East for 26.883 meters by a 50 feet Road Reserve. and On the West for 17.444 meters by a portion of Lot No 93: Containing a total of 690.582 Square Meters of land as shown on Entry No. 4004, Register No 21 at the Commissioner of Lands and Surveys **TOGETHER** with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon.

Dated the 17th, September, 2024

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

STATUTORY NOTICE
TO CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of **DOROTHY CLARK a.k.a. DOROTHY D. CLARK**, Deceased, of Emeritus Oak Assisted Living, Englewood, Sarasota County, Florida, U.S.A.

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 36 of the Administration of Estates Act, Chapter 197 of the Laws of Belize that all creditors and other persons including beneficiaries and kin having any claims and demands upon or against the Estate of **DOROTHY CLARK a.k.a. DOROTHY D. CLARK**, late of Emeritus Oak Assisted Living, Englewood, Sarasota County, Florida, U.S.A., who died on the 24th day of April, 2023 in whose estate a Grant of Administration with Will annexed has been granted to Estate Administrators Ltd., the Lawful Attorney of Katherine Desmond Armitage a.k.a. Katherine D. Armitage, and specifically in respect of Caye Caulker Registration Section, Parcel 841, to lodge any claims or demands in writing to Estate Administrators Ltd, c/o **Arguelles & Company**, Attorneys-at-Law of 401 Coney Drive, Belize City, Belize on or before the expiration of three months from the first publication hereof AND NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that at the expiration of the said three months the said Administrator shall proceed to distribute the assets of the said **DOROTHY CLARK a.k.a. DOROTHY D. CLARK**, deceased amongst the beneficiaries entitled thereto, having regard only to claims and demands of which they shall then have had notice.

DATED the 6th day of September, 2024

Arguelles & Company
Attorneys-at-Law for the
Administrator of the Estate of
DOROTHY CLARK
a.k.a. **DOROTHY D. CLARK**

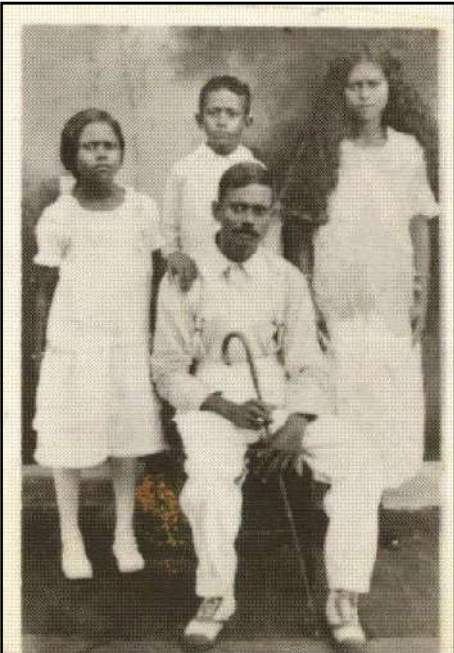
East Indians as Indentured
“Slaves” in Belize, Caribbean
-Part 4-

by *Cynthia Adina Kirkwood* –
Freedom Writer –

www.cynthiaadinakirkwood.com
(Continued from Friday, September 20, 2024)

As Brinsley Samaroo (1940-2023), author of many books, including *India in the Caribbean*, and late Professor of History at the University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, in Trinidad and Tobago, noted:

“This loss of caste meant rejection and social ostracism upon returning, causing many to opt for Tapuha (island) status rather than Maha Bharat (Great India) ascription. The descendants of these early migrants now constitute a substantial and fascinatingly diverse diaspora that takes its roots in the social equalization that took place on the ships, making the emigrants into Jahaji Bhai



(From left to right) My maternal Great-Aunt Doris; my great-grandfather, who was from Madras, now Chennai, India; my Great-Uncle Edward; and my Great-Aunt Jesse in a photograph taken in Belize, then British Honduras, on March 25, 1927, of the Roberts family)

and Jahaji Bhahins (brothers and sisters of the boats).”

John Gladstone

In 1837, one year before the end of the apprenticeship scheme, John Gladstone, the representative of the West Indian Association of sugar plantation owners, wrote to the Colonial Secretary requesting a meeting, as he was anxious to obtain “a supply of Hill Coolies from Bengal” to be imported as indentured laborers for a period of five years, reported ‘*A new system of slavery? The British West Indies and the origin of Indian indenture*’ (December 3, 2020), The National Archives (United Kingdom).

“Unless a system of regular continuous labour is adopted, the cultivation of the sugarcane cannot then be carried on to a productive result,” wrote the man who was a Member of Parliament (MP) in the 1820s and father of William Ewart Gladstone, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom for 12 years in four non-consecutive terms. Two other sons also were MPs.

Gladstone was promptly granted a meeting and permission to recruit indentured labourers from his agent in India.

Gladstone’s ship, the *Hesperus*, sailed from Calcutta on January 29, 1836, to Georgetown, British Guiana, according to *Beyond This Day — 29 January 1838: Indian Indentured Trade and the First Crossing* (January 29, 2020), Historical Transactions, Royal Historical Society. The paper quotes from the diary of the ship’s surgeon, a 23-year-old doctor from Bedfordshire, Richmond, *The First Crossing, being the Diary of Theophilus Richmond, Ship’s Surgeon aboard the Hesperus, 1837-8*:

“Carrying 165 Indian indentured workers on board (of whom thirteen died during passage), it arrived in British Guiana on May 5th. Richmond described Indian labourers onboard as ‘very handsome well-formed fellows and as



PROJECT EXECUTION UNIT
1900 Constitution Drive, City of Belmopan Belize.
(501) 828-5147
www.moecst.gov.bz

Request for Quotation (RFQ)

Belize
Education Quality Improvement Program II (EQIP II)
BL-L1030

GDS 2.1.4.13 Purchase of Vehicles for the Project Execution Unit (PEU)

The Government of Belize has received financing (hereinafter called funds) from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and intends to apply a portion of the funds to make eligible payments under the Contract for which this invitation is being issued.

The *Project Executing Unit under the Ministry of Education, Culture, Science and Technology* hereby invites sealed offers from eligible and qualified Suppliers to submit a quotation for the following items:

Item Number	Item Description	Quantity	Place of Delivery
1	Vehicle – Pickup Truck	1	1900 Constitution Drive,
1	Vehicle - SUV	1	Project Execution Unit under the Ministry of Education, Culture, Science and Technology

- Suppliers may present their quotation including one or more items.
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain a complete set of this Request for Quotations Documents and further information at the address given below from *9:00 am to 4:00 pm local Belize time*.
- This Request for Quotation (RFQ) shall be governed by the Policies for the Procurement of Goods and Works Financed by the Inter-American Development Bank GN-2349-15.
- The contract will be awarded to the Quotation determined to be substantially responsive to the Shopping Documents and represents the lowest evaluated cost.
- Your Quotation should be sealed in an envelope and addressed to and delivered to the address given below by *October 7, 2024, at 3:00pm*.

Attention: *Mrs. Ingrid Acosta*

Address: *Project Executing Unit*

1900 Constitution Drive,
3rd Floor

Belmopan City, Cayo District

project.coordinator@moe.gov.bz and copied to procurement.specialist@moe.gov.bz

Late quotations will be rejected and returned to sender.

Belize and the two Chinas

by Marie-Therese Belisle Nweke

Sunday, September 22, 2024

In recent exchanges about Belize’s support for Taiwan, Moses Michael Levi Barrow, otherwise known by his rapper name, “Shyne”, who is the Opposition UDP’s current leader, made a number of key observations which do make a lot of sense. At times, he does win my admiration because he is sharp and brave, and then whittles it away with some dumb asides. Barrow needs to read more and cultivate a network of deep thinkers, knowledgeable in history, global economy, politics and cultures, who can truly educate him.

Actually, there are just 11 nations, plus the Vatican City State in Italy, which

maintain diplomatic relations with Taiwan out of 193 nations in the world. Still, Taiwan maintains powerful, unofficial diplomatic relations with 59 UN member states, as well as one self-declared state. This is achieved through economic and cultural representative offices. This nation, although it is regarded as a “renegade province” by Mainland China, in 2021 had the 33rd largest diplomatic network in the world with 110 offices. Meanwhile, the People’s Republic of China, or Mainland China, has diplomatic relations with almost every UN member, and appropriated Taiwan’s seat in the UN Security Council. Mainland China also has the second largest economy in the world after the US. Both countries

dominate 43 percent of the global economy.

Mainland China’s successful but hardnosed and acrimonious strategy of isolating Taiwan, has, however, created a blowback by uniting US allies, including Australia, the UK and Japan, in their response, which makes it more difficult for Mainland China to attain its geostrategic objectives. What helps Taiwan is that, although it was a military dictatorship for several decades, and martial law was imposed between 1949 and 1987 right through the 1990s, Taiwan has now become a democracy, holding its first direct presidential elections in 1996. It can even be described as a sturdy democracy, and unlike Mainland China it has a free press, an independent judiciary, and definitely no “Big Brother” like the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) keeping a relentless check on every single thing that moves, breathes or exists. Taiwan ranks 31st of 176 countries and territories in the Transparency International’s Corruption Index.

Taiwan is also the world’s 16th largest economy, and a major trading nation with nearly \$1 trillion in annual trade. And, 25% of this is actually with Mainland China. It has a population of 23 million against Mainland China’s almost two billion. Taiwan, therefore, is key to the world’s economy—make no mistake about it. Because, if Mainland China were to institute a blockade on it in its desire to bring Taiwan to its heels and force reunification, world trade would be completely disrupted, with losses in

revenue amounting to trillions of dollars. What is happening now economically as a result of the Ukraine-Russia war is child’s play, compared to what would happen should the two Chinas square up to muscle it out, with the “ole, faas, you-know-who” jumping in.

Taiwan accounts for 92 percent of the world’s advanced logic chips — 10 nanometers and smaller. It is a given that semi-conductors are the oil of today’s knowledge economy. Taiwan accounts for about 55% of the world chip fabrication. Credible accounts (such as those from the Rhodium Group) indicate that Taiwan produces 35% of the world’s autos and 70% of its smartphones. It also dominates the production of chips for personal computers and servers. Taiwan’s chips are essential to laptops, tablets, smartphones, autos, medical devices and various critical infrastructure.


Yet, in Belize’s loyal 30-year-old support for this truly technologically savvy and innovative nation, its relationship with Belize has definitely not been of any great use in helping Belize transform to a modern, technological and self-reliant state. Taiwan’s scholarships are all well and good; we even got many for years even from the British and the Canadians, among the donors.

Evan X Hyde, the AMANDALA’s publisher, among many other things, got one from the rich and beneficent Americans in the mid-1960s to one of

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BELIZEPROPERTYAUCTIONS.COM
COUNTRYWIDE PUBLIC AUCTION SALE: PROPERTY
Dangriga, Stann Creek District



BY ORDER of the Mortgagees Messrs. The Belize Bank Limited, Licensed Auctioneers Kevin A. Castillo and Christiana R. Castillo are selling ONLINE via belizepropertyauctions.com the following property. **Sale currently running until 31st December 2024. Public Auction Sale will expire fortnightly within this period on the dates and times listed on the website until the property is sold.**

1. Parcel No. 1602 Dangriga, Stann Creek District:


REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Dangriga North	31	1602

The freehold property of Mr. Winston Lewis & Mrs. Karima Lewis.

“FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION & PHOTOGRAPHS PLEASE VISIT WEBSITE”
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INVITATION TO BID

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

Tender: Invitation to Bid – Procurement of Two (2) Pickup Trucks for the Department of the Environment

The Government of Belize (GOB), through the Department of the Environment within the Ministry of Sustainable Development and Climate Change, invites suitable companies to submit their bid proposal for the supply and delivery of Two (2) pickup trucks.

Minimum Required Specifications:

- Model Year: 2024 (minimum)
- Engine: 4 Cylinder Diesel, 2.4L to 3.0L
- Fuel Efficiency: 28+ MPG (minimum)
- Transmission: 5-speed Automatic (minimum)
- Warranty: 3 Years/100,000Kms (minimum)
- Delivery: Within 6 weeks from award


For a complete Request for Quotation further specifications required as well as Submission Procedures, kindly request via email at procurement.asst@environment.gov.bz with CC to procurement.officer@environment.gov.bz

Deadline for submission: October 11th 2024, 3:00 P.M.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

BY ORDER of the Mortgagee, Messrs. Ascendancy Belize Limited, Licensed Auctioneer Jovan Guerrero, will sell the following property with a reserve price on **Thursday, October 3rd, 2024** at 1:00 pm onsite.



Block #365B, Hummingbird Highway, Stann Creek

ALL THAT piece or parcel of land being Block No. 365B comprising 19.76 acres situated North of the Stann Creek Valley Road between Miles 13 & 14, Stann Creek District, bounded and described as shown by Plan No. 101 of 1998 attached to Minister’s Fiat Grant No. 101 of 1998 TOGETHER with buildings and erections standing and being thereon.

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TERMS: 10% DEPOSIT. BALANCE IN 14 DAYS

AUCTIONEER: JOVAN GUERRERO
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GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, CULTURE, SCIENCE, AND TECHNOLOGY

BELIZE EDUCATION SECTOR REFORM PROGRAMME II

INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Government of Belize (GOB) has received financing from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) in an amount equivalent to USD35M towards the cost of the **Belize Education Secondary Reform Programme II** (the Project) and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this financing to eligible payments under this contract. Payment by CDB will be made only at the request of GOB and upon approval by CDB, and will be subject, in all respects, to the terms and conditions of the Financing Agreement. The Financing Agreement prohibits withdrawal from the financing account for the purpose of any payment to persons or entities, or for any import of goods, if such payment or import, to the knowledge of CDB, is prohibited by a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations. No party other than GOB shall derive any rights from the Financing Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the Financing.

The Project is being implemented by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Science and Technology (MoECST) through its Project Execution Unit. The MoECST has contracted Consultants who will assist the (GOB) with delivering the Project.

The MoECST now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the National Competitive Bidding (NCB)

NCB	Name of Project	Scope of Work
		The works include, but are not limited to the following
NCB 1	Chan Pine Ridge Government School Roof Rehabilitation San Pablo Government School Bathroom Block	San Pablo Government School include the construction of a new stand-alone bathroom block to be constructed on an existing campus. Chan Pine Ridge Government School include the screeding and resealing of the existing concrete roof for the single-story concrete building
NCB 2	San Pablo Government School Building 1 Roof Rehabilitation	The retrofit of the existing roof system for the San Pablo Government School includes the replacement of the timber framing roof systems, installing of the new roof decking, gutter systems, ceiling and eaves with other associated works
NCB 3	San Pablo Government School Building 2: Roof Rehabilitation	The retrofit of the existing roof system for the San Pablo Government School includes the replacement of the timber framing roof systems, installing of the new roof decking, gutter systems, ceiling and eaves with other associated works
NCB 4	Trial Farm Government School Building 1: Ceiling and Electrical Works	The scope of the works for the Trial Farm Government School includes the installation of a new ceiling and electrical works
NCB 5	Trial Farm Government School Building 2: (Roof Rehabilitation)	The scope of work includes a roof retrofit of the existing roof system for the Trial Farm Government School including the replacement of the timber framing roof systems, installing of the new roof decking and gutter systems, ceiling, and painting only
NCB 6	Armenia Government School Bathroom Block	The scope of work includes a reinforced concrete and masonry frame with concrete roof complete with a septic tank system, electrical works and associated external works
NCB 7	El Progreso Roof Rehabilitation	includes the replacement of the timber framing roof systems, installation of the new roof decking, gutter systems, ceiling, and eaves with other associated works
NCB 8	Duck Run 3 Government School Bathroom Block	includes a reinforced concrete and masonry frame with a concrete roof complete with a septic tank system, electrical works, and associated external works

Consideration will be limited to firms or joint ventures of firms, which are legally incorporated or otherwise organised in, and have their principal place of business in an eligible country and are either:

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

Eligible countries are member countries of CDB.

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

Qualification requirements include but are not limited to:

- (a) an average annual turnover (Not Applicable);
- (b) a demonstrable cash flow (including access to credit) of BZ\$50,000; and
- (c) experience as prime contractor in the construction of at least two (2) assignments of a nature, scope and complexity comparable to the proposed project activity within the last fifteen (15) years (to comply with this requirement, works quoted should be at least 80 percent complete).

Bidding Documents may be obtained by eligible bidders from the first address below free of charge. Requests may be made by written application including email. Written applications must be clearly marked: **“Request for Bidding Documents”**, and the name of the project for which you are applying, along with the name, address and contact information of the bidder for which Bidding Documents are being requested.

Submissions in sealed envelopes clearly marked **“NCB 01 - Bid for the Chan Pine Ridge Government School Roof Rehabilitation San Pablo Government School Bathroom Block”**, must be received at the Second address below not later than **September 16,2024, at 12:00 noon** local Belize time. Bid opening will take place immediately after the deadline for submission at the second address below in the presence of bidders’ representatives who choose to attend.

Submissions in sealed envelopes clearly marked **“NCB 02 - Bid for the San Pablo Government School Building 1 Roof Rehabilitation”**, must be received at the Second address below not later than **September 16,2024, at 1:00 pm** local Belize time. Bid opening will take place immediately after the deadline for submission at the second address below in the presence of bidders’ representatives who choose to attend.

Submissions in sealed envelopes clearly marked **“NCB 03 - Bid for the San Pablo Government School Building 2: Roof Rehabilitation”**, must be received at the Second address below not later than **September 16,2024, at 2:00 pm** local Belize time. Bid opening will take place immediately after the deadline for submission at the second address below in the presence of bidders’ representatives who choose to attend.

Submissions in sealed envelopes clearly marked **“NCB 04 - Bid for Trial Farm Government School Building 1: Ceiling and Electrical Works”**, must be received at the Second address below not later than **September 16,2024, at 2:30 pm** local Belize time. Bid opening will take place immediately after the deadline for submission at the second address below in the presence of bidders’ representatives who choose to attend.

Submissions in sealed envelopes clearly marked **“NCB 05 - Bid for Trial Farm Government School Building 2: (Roof Rehabilitation)”**, must be received at the Second address below not later than **September 16,2024, at 3:00 pm** local Belize time. Bid opening will take place immediately after the deadline for submission at the second address below in the presence of bidders’ representatives who choose to attend.

Submissions in sealed envelopes clearly marked **“NCB 06 - Bid for Armenia Government School Bathroom Block”**, must be received at the Second address below not later than **September 16,2024, at 3:30 pm** local Belize time. Bid opening will take place immediately after the deadline for submission at the second address below in the presence of bidders’ representatives who choose to attend.

Submissions in sealed envelopes clearly marked **“NCB 07 - Bid for El Progreso Roof Rehabilitation”**, must be received at the Second address below not later than **September 16,2024, at 4:00 pm** local Belize time. Bid opening will take place immediately after the deadline for submission at the second address below in the presence of bidders’ representatives who choose to attend.

Submissions in sealed envelopes clearly marked **“NCB 08 - Bid for Duck Run 3 Government School Bathroom Block”**, must be received at the Second address below not later than **September 16,2024, at 4:30 pm** local Belize time. Bid opening will take place immediately after the deadline for submission at the second address below in the presence of bidders’ representatives who choose to attend.

All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security Declaration.

The Ministry of Education, Culture, Science and Technology reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, and to annul the process and reject all bids, at any time prior to award of contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected prospective bidder(s) or any obligation to inform the affected prospective bidder(s) of the grounds for the Ministry of Education, Culture, Science and Technology action. The Ministry of Education, Culture, Science and Technology will not defray any costs incurred by any bidder in the preparation of bids.

1. Address for Correspondence

Mrs Ingrid Acosta
Project Coordinator
Project Execution Unit
1900 Constitution Drive,
Belmopan City,
Cayo District,
Belize
project.coordinator@moe.gov.bz and
procurement.specialist@moe.gov.bz
2. Address for Bid Submission and Bid Opening

Mrs Ingrid Acosta
Project Coordinator
Project Execution Unit
1900 Constitution Drive,
Belmopan City,
Cayo District,
Belize

BELIZEPROPERTYAUCTIONS.COM

COUNTRYWIDE PUBLIC AUCTION SALE: PROPERTY

Los Lagos, Ladyville, Belize District

BY ORDER of the Mortgagees Messrs. Heritage Bank Limited, Licensed Auctioneers Kevin A. Castillo and Christiana R. Castillo are selling ONLINE via belizepropertyauctions.com the following property. **Sale currently running until 31st December 2024. Public Auction Sale will expire fortnightly within this period on the dates and times listed on the website until the property is sold.**



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Ladyville/Lord’s Bank	16	7087
The freehold property of Mrs. Ann Marie Rodriguez Fuller		

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TERMS: STRICTLY CASH
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PRESS PREDICTIONS

The sports psychic speaks



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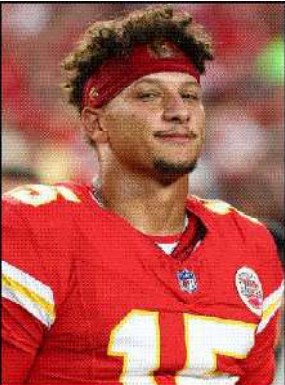
player, will win their West Division. The Philadelphia Phillies and the Dodgers have the best record; both of them will win over 96 games. There will be no team to win over 100 games this season, because this baseball season has lots of parity; anyone can beat the other on any given night. The Milwaukee Brewers won the Central Division. In the American League, the New York Yankees will win their East Division. The Houston Astros had started 2 & 10; they will win the West. The Cleveland Guardians are playing very well; they will win the Central Division. There are 4 teams fighting for the Wild Card right now: the Texas Rangers, the Tampa Bay Rays, the Minnesota Twins and the Seattle Mariners. The Boston Red Sox has an outside chance. Those Japanese players are playing very well. The Chicago Cubs will be a force next season. Next week, more results.



Most of the teams are now 2 and 1

NFL results, predictions and updates

In NFL action, the Kansas City Chiefs beat the Green Bay Packers in the opener. Patrick Mahomes won 3 Super Bowls already. He is the face of the NFL right now; he has a very good



Patrick Mahomes

supporting cast in receiver Travis Kelce. They can become the only team to win 3 straight super bowls; not even Tom Brady and the New England Patriots did that feat. Most of the teams are 2 and 1. The Dallas Cowboys lost to the Houston Texans in week 2 very badly. The Baltimore Ravens are struggling. The Pittsburgh Steelers are playing very hard; the Las Vegas Raiders and the Philadelphia Eagles alongside the LA Rams are also playing very hard. In the NFL, the defense plays a very big role. The 2 New York teams, the Jets and the Giants will make some noise this new season. Ryan Tannehill and Dak Prescott are two of the best quarterbacks in the game today, alongside Aaron Rodgers. Next week, some results and predictions.



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Fortis Belize Public Information Session

At this quarterly community meeting, attendees will hear the latest health and environment information from Fortis Belize Limited, the National Emergency Management Organization, the Department of Environment, and the Ministry of Health.

Where

Cristo Rey Village - Community Center
Santa Familia Village - Community Center
Bullet Tree Village - Community Center
Calla Creek Village - Iglesia de Dios Septimo Dia
San Ignacio/Santa Elena - Santa Elena Public Library

When

October 1, 2024 @ 7:00 pm
October 2, 2024 @ 7:00 pm
October 3, 2024 @ 7:00 pm
October 8, 2024 @ 7:00 pm
October 9, 2024 @ 7:00 pm



SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD

VACANCY

The Social Security Board invites applications from suitably qualified persons to fill the role of **TEAM LEADER, CUSTOMER SERVICE OPERATIONS** at its Belize City Branch, Belize City.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Bachelor's Degree in Business, Management, Business Administration, or other closely related academic discipline with three (3) years' supervisory experience.

OR

Associate Degree in Business, Management, Business Administration or other closely related academic discipline with five (5) years' supervisory experience.

Visit our website at <https://socialsecurity.org.bz/careers/> to view further details and requirements on this position.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Complete application package containing application letter, resume, two (2) recent letters of recommendation, copy of academic credentials and current police record or receipt for record may be submitted via email only to:

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

Email subject line: "Team Leader, Customer Service Operations"

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 3:00 pm; September 30th, 2024

(Incomplete application packages will not be considered)

East Indians as Indentured “Slaves” in Belize, Caribbean

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happy and contented as possible, having apparently but little of the Mal de Pays (homesickness) in their composition'. They were accommodated within the main deck and the fore masts, and were provided regularly with Rice, Salt Fish, Peas. Turmeric, Chilis (and) Tamarinds."

The doctor's journal also included a detailed account of the cholera that broke out on board:

“The virulence of the disease in (a labourer) may be judged from the duration of his illness: at 8 o’clock he was in good health . . . and at 1 o’clock he was a corpse, a lapse of scarcely 5 hours.”

Outbreaks of cholera were common on indentured voyages and represented one of the many dangers of close-quarter voyages, according to *Beyond This — 29 January 1838: Indian Indentured Trade and the First Crossing*.

In interviews conducted by the British colonial state, Indian labourers also complained of mistreatment and corporal punishment on board ships. Many stated that they had no idea of their destination.

Gladstone received the largest of all reparations made through the Slave Compensation Act of 1837 for the loss of his slaves: more than £100,000, according to *John Gladstone: Profiles and Legacy Summary*, Centre for the Study of the Legacies of British Slavery, University College London. The figure is equivalent to more than £12,250 million in 2023. He was reported to have owned 2,508 slaves in British Guiana and Jamaica in his 14 claims for compensation.

Initially, Gladstone (1764-1851) had made his wealth in trade with Calcutta. Later, he moved into Virginian tobacco and American grain. Building his fortune in Liverpool, Gladstone invested in not only merchanting activities but also in shipping insurance, ships and urban property (both warehouses and housing).

The indentured labour scheme met with moral outrage. A campaign, similar to the effort opposing slavery, sprang up in Britain and British India. In August 1838, a committee was appointed to inquire into the export of Indian labourers. It heard reports of abuses.

Gladstone's response to Governor's recommendations

H. E. F. Young, the Governor's Secretary, summed up Gladstone's response to his letter recommending dismissal of the two Belle Vue plantation managers:

“And what does Mr. Gladstone do, when put in possession of the documents, forwarded to him by the government, containing the melancholy details referred to? Why, like Mr. Colville (another plantation owner), he has not one word of commiseration to expend on the Coolies, but a great deal of indignation against Messrs. Scobie and Anstie, to whom reference no doubt is made, in the following passage — ‘The people continued cheerful and contented; but evil disposed persons have recently gone among them, and

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Silk Grass Village, Stann Creek District

BY ORDER of the High Court of Belize, Licensed Auctioneers Kevin A. Castillo is selling ONLINE via belizepropertyauctions.com the following properties in separate LOTS. **Sale currently running until 31st December 2024. Public Auction Sales will expire fortnightly on the dates and times listed on the website until these LOTS are sold.**

LOTS 494, 675, 676, 678 & 679 SILK GRASS VILLAGE, STANN CREEK DISTRICT:



1. Lot No. 494 containing 916.29 Square Yards of land situated in Silk Grass Village Stann Creek District.
 2. Lot No. 675 containing 767.424 Square Meters of land situated in Silk Grass Village Stann Creek District.
 3. Lot No. 676 containing 776.424 Square Meters of land situated in Silk Grass Village Stann Creek District.
 4. Lot No. 678 containing 762.786 Square Meters of land situated in Silk Grass Village Stann Creek District.
 5. Lot No. 679 containing 762.779 Square Meters of land situated in Silk Grass Village Stann Creek District.
- (Being FIVE (5) vacant lots - Four (4) contiguous situate on the northeastern section of the Village of Silk Grass and One (1) on the Southeastern section of the Village of Silk Grass, the freehold properties of Mr. Frank Arzu Jr.)

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have endeavoured to create a bad and dissatisfied feeling, in which they have partially succeeded, as it is at present too generally the case in England, where similar effects are produced by the Chartists and others, among the lower classes," from a letter dated August 3, 1839.

Young's letter contains a reference to Scobie and Anstie, who had been sent to the Caribbean to investigate the indentured system by the *British Emancipator* newspaper (1837-1840). The paper had been founded as a mouthpiece of the Central Negro Emancipation Committee, an organization fighting for the abolition of the apprenticeship system, which was put into place after the abolition of slavery in the British colonies, according to the British Newspaper Archive.

The Governor Secretary's letter also references a quote from Gladstone referring to the "Chartists". Gladstone was referring to Chartism, a working-class reform movement that took its name from the People's Charter of 1838, calling for, among other things, the right

to vote after the Reform Act of 1832 failed to extend the vote beyond those owning property. It had particular strongholds in regions dependent on single industries and subject to wild swings in economic activity, such as the Valleys in South Wales, Northern England, the East Midlands, the Staffordshire Potteries and the Black Country.

In May 1839, overseas manual labour was prohibited, and any person effecting such emigration was liable to a fine of 200 rupees or three months in jail.

The 1839 ban on indentured labour was lifted, in 1842, to Mauritius and, in 1845, to the Caribbean.

Abandoned Sugar Plantations

From 1838 to 1853, the condition of the West Indies sugar plantations was already dire, with many plantations being abandoned. In 1838, there were 308 plantations under cultivation and none abandoned compared to 1853 when there were 173 plantations and 19 abandoned that year, according to *Breaking the Silence*.

In that time period, there were 201 execution sales, which are sales carried out to execute a judgement under authority of a judicial officer but not by court order. Nearly 60 percent of the plantations in cultivation underwent ownership changes due to bankruptcy.

Planters' "Free Trade" with Government help

The Sugar Duties Act of 1846 caused an outcry of “ruin” by the West Indian planters. It equalized import duties from British colonies. The legislation was passed at the same time as the repeal of the Corn Laws, which ended protection of British agriculture. Both measures were seen as a victory for free trade.

To be continued.



NATIONAL CELEBRATIONS

Calendar of Events 2024



BELIZE CITY

SEPTEMBER

- 1

**National Flag Day
Flag Raising Ceremony**
Flag Monument
6AM - FREE
- 2

**15th Annual Evening of Patriotic
Songs and Poems**
Wesley Methodist Church
7PM - FREE
- 2

**Carnival Mas Camp Visits
Respective Mas Camps**
6PM - FREE
- 4

**Belize@43 Awards for Creative
and Cultural Excellence**
Belize City House of Culture
2PM
- 5

**Belize Creative Youth Ideas
Summit**
Belize City House of Culture
10AM
- 5-6

**Francis Reneau Concert Series -
Electric 80's Season 2**
Bliss Centre for the Performing
Arts 8PM - PAID
- 6

Street Fete
Marion Jones Sporting Complex
9PM - PAID
- 7

Carnival J'ouvert
Starts at Belcan Bridge through
principal streets of Belize City
4AM - FREE
- 7

Carnival Road March
Commencing at the Memorial Park,
up Marine Parade, unto Barrack
Road, unto Princess Margaret Drive,
ending at the Marion Jones
Sporting Complex.
1PM - FREE
- 8

5th Martin's Community Fest
Mahogany Street
10AM - FREE
- 8

**National Day of Prayer and
Ecumenical Service**
6PM Fordyce Chapel SJC
- 9

**Living Legends Concert: Chico
Ramos**
Lord Rhaburn Plaza
8PM - FREE
- 9

Fire Engine Parade
Principal Streets of Belize City
7PM - FREE
- 10

**Official Ceremony for the 226th
Anniversary of The Battle of St.
George's Caye**
Belize City House of Culture
9AM - FREE
- 10

Citizen's Parade
Starts on Dr Dame Minita Gordon
Drive immediately after official
ceremony - FREE
- 10

Belize City Council 10th Bram
Lord Rhaburn Plaza
11AM - FREE
- 12

Tribute to Belizean Patriots
Foot of the Haulover Bridge
7:30PM
- 14

**Belize Volunteer Guard
Reunion 2024**
Price Barracks, Families Association
Building 10AM
- 14

Pan Yaad
Government House Compound
8PM - PAID
- 14 & 15

Expo Belize Marketplace
Marion Jones Sporting Complex
8AM - PAID
- 14

Old School Dance
Bird's Isle Restaurant
10PM - PAID
- 14

Caribbean Night Dinner Dance
Old Belize Pavillion
7PM - PAID
- 15

BTB September Criterion
BTB Office/Dr. Dame Minita Gordon
Drive 8AM
- 19

**National Service Day Official
Wreath Laying Ceremony**
Lord Ridge Cemetery
10AM
- 20

National School Children's Rally
Belize City Civic Centre
9AM
- 20

20th Night Cultural Extravaganza
Memorial Park
9PM - FREE
- 20

**Official Flag Raising Ceremony,
Fireworks Display and Musical
Entertainment**
Memorial Park
11PM - FREE
- 20

10th Annual Soca & Culture Fest
Belize City Civic Centre
9PM - PAID
- 21

**Ceremony for the 43rd Anniversary
of Belize's Independence**
Memorial Park
8AM - FREE
- 21

Uniform and People's Parade
Principal Streets of Belize City
9:30AM - FREE
- 21

21st Belize City Bash
Digi Park
11AM - FREE
- 21

**Y.W.C.A Presents Red White &
Bram Cruise**
1PM - PAID
- 21

**Y.W.C.A Presents Red White &
Bram Cruise**
1PM - PAID
- 28

All White Affair Comedy Bash
Best Western Biltmore Plaza Hotel
8PM - PAID

BELMOPAN

SEPTEMBER

- 1

**National Flag Day Flag Raising
Ceremony and Launch of
Belmopan Calendar of Events**
BNE Roundabout
6AM
- 7

Food and Beer Fest
Independence Park
5PM
- 8

**National Day of Prayer and
Ecumenical Service**
Independence Plaza
9AM
- 9

**Fire Engine Parade and
Christian Block Party**
Principal Streets of Belmopan
7PM
- 13

Kids Movie Night and Camp Fire
Market Plaza
6 PM
- 14

**Emergency Services Display and
Sports Fun Day**
Devon Beaton Park
10 AM
- 17

Flag Raising
Office of the Prime Minister
9AM
- 19

Karaoke Night
Smoke Shack
7PM
- 20

National School Children's Rally
UB Gymnasium
9 AM
- 20

Taking Back the Land Parade
Principal Streets of Belmopan
6PM
- 20

**Flag Raising Ceremony and
Fireworks Display**
Governor General's Field
11:45PM
- 20

Fireworks After Bash
Smoke Shack
12PM
- 21

J'ouvert
Leaves Smoke Shack
3AM
- 21

**Official Ceremony for the 43rd
Anniversary of Independence**
Independence Plaza
10:30AM
- 21

Belmopan Citizen's Parade
Principal Streets of Belmopan
Immediately after official
ceremonies
- 21

Park Fest
Mae Gordan Park
After parade

SAN IGNACIO &
SANTA ELENA

- 1

**National Flag Day Flag Raising
Ceremony**
Town Hall Roof Top
6AM
- 6

Senior Citizen's Day
Octavia Waight Centre
11AM
- 8

**National Day of Prayer and
Ecumenical Service**
- 9

Fire Engine Parade
Principal Streets of San Ignacio
and Santa Elena 8PM
- 9

**Flag Raising Ceremony,
Fireworks Display and Musical
Entertainment**
Administration Building 9PM
- 10

**Ceremony for the 226th
Anniversary of the Battle of St.
George's Caye**
Falcon Field 1PM
- 10

Citizen's Parade
Starts at Falcon Field and ends at
the Santa Elena Sports Complex
2PM
- 12

Christian Explosion
Dumanis Ministries
7PM
- 12

Children's Talent Show
Cayo Welcome Centre
7PM
- 13

Colours Day
SISE Town Hall
All day
- 13

Art Walk
Cayo Welcome Centre
9AM
- 14

Adult Talent Show
Cayo Welcome Centre
7PM
- 19

Cayo J'ouvert
Macal River Park
9PM - 5AM
- 15

Ms Chiquitita Queen
Cayo Welcome Centre
7PM
- 19

National Service Day
Venue TBA
- 20

National School Children's Rally
Administration Building
9AM
- 20

**Flag Raising Ceremony,
Fireworks Display and Musical
Entertainment**
Administration Building
9PM
- 21

**Ceremony for the 43rd
Anniversary of Belize's
Independence and Parade**
Santa Elena Sporting Complex
and then through principal
streets of SISE
2PM



ORANGE WALK

- 1

National Flag Day Flag Raising Ceremony
Town Hall 6AM
- 8

National Day of Prayer and Ecumenical Service
- 9

Fire Engine Parade and Block Party
Central Park 7PM
- 10

Ceremony for the 226th Anniversary of the Battle of St. George's Caye & Block Party
Central Park 3PM
- 10

10K Run
Town Hall 5:30 AM - FREE
- 12

Masters of the Road
Central Park 3:30 PM - FREE
- 13

Youth Concert
Fort Cairns 2PM - FREE
- 14

Rock Concert/Food Truck Festival
Fort Cairns Market Plaza 7PM
- 16

National Day of Prayer
Fort Cairns All day
- 19

National Service Day Service & Awards to Community Leaders
La Immaculada Church 6PM
- 20

National School Children's Rally
Principal Streets of Orange Walk 9 AM - FREE
- 20

Torch Run, Flag Raising Ceremony, Fireworks Display and Block Party
Town Hall 7PM
- 21

J'ouvert
Principal Streets of Orange Walk 4AM
- 21

Ceremony for the 43rd Anniversary of Belize's Independence, Citizen's Parade and Block Party
Central Park 7PM
- 28

Día De La Biblia Parade
Central Park Time TBA
- 29

Mayor's Drum Strong Competition
People's Stadium 8AM

BENQUE VIEJO

- 1

National Flag Day Flag Raising Ceremony
Town Council 6AM
- 8

National Day of Prayer and Ecumenical Service
- 9

Fire Engine Parade and Fireworks Display
Town Council
- 10

Ceremony for the 226th Anniversary of the Battle of St. George's Caye Day
Time and Venue TBA
- 14

Business Expo and Unveiling of Mural
Cancha Marshalleck 10 AM

Dance at the Cancha 9PM
- 19

National Service Day
Town Hall 9AM
- 20

National School Children's Rally
Centennial Park 9AM

Torch Run Arrival 11:45 PM
- 20

Flag Raising Ceremony and Fireworks Display
Town Hall 9PM

Jump-up from 12:00 AM
- 21

Ceremony for the 43rd Anniversary of Belize's Independence and Parade
Town Hall and Principal Streets 9AM

COROZAL

- 1

National Flag Day Flag Raising Ceremony
6AM
- 8

National Day of Prayer and Ecumenical Service

Clash of the North Cycling Classic

Carnival King and Queen Competition and Beach Bash
Chactemal Bayside Plaza 6PM
- 9

Fire Engine Parade
Principal Streets of Corozal 7PM
- 10

Ceremony for the 226th Anniversary of the Battle of St. George's Caye and Uniform Parade
- 13

Wet Fete
Chactemal Bayside Plaza 6PM
- 14

J'ouvert
Chactemal Bayside Plaza 3AM
- 14

MalMal's Artisan Market
Central Park 10AM

Carnival Road March
7th Avenue 4PM
- 19

National Service Day
- 20

National School Children's Rally
9AM Central Park
- 20

Flag Raising Ceremony and Fireworks Display
- 21

Ceremony for the 43rd Anniversary of Belize's Independence and Parade
- 22

Dance
9PM
- 28

MalMal's Artisan Market
Central Park 1PM

Pro FC/CTC MMA Fight Night
Andres Campos Civic Centre 7PM

SAN PEDRO

- 1

National Flag Day Flag Raising Ceremony
6AM
- 8

National Day of Prayer and Ecumenical Service
- 9

Fire Engine Parade
Principal Streets of San Pedro 7PM
- 10

Ceremony for the 226th Anniversary of the Battle of St. George's Caye and Uniform Parade
- 14

Central American Day
- 19

National Service Day
- 20

National School Children's Rally
9AM Venue TBA
- 20

Flag Raising Ceremony and Fireworks Display
- 21

Ceremony for the 43rd Anniversary of Belize's Independence and Parade

DANGRIGA

- 1

National Flag Day Flag Raising Ceremony
Town Council 6AM
- 2

Children's Talent Show
BTL Park 6PM
- 8

National Day of Prayer and Ecumenical Service
- 9

Fire Engine Parade, Block Party and Fireworks Display
Drums of Our Fathers Monument
Principal Streets of Dangriga 7PM
- 10

Ceremony for the 226th Anniversary of the Battle of St. George's Caye and Party in the Park
BTL Park 3PM
- 12

Read a Book to a Child Event
Schools 9AM
- 13

Hamalali Talk Show
Hamalali 9AM
- 17

Seenager's Day
Alejo Beni Park 9AM
- 18

Virtual Extravaganza
Town Hall 7PM
- 19

National Service Day
BTL Park 9AM
- 20

National School Children's Rally
Principal Streets 9AM
- 20

Torch Run, Flag Raising Ceremony and Fireworks Display
BTL Park 7PM
- 21

Ceremony for the 43rd Anniversary of Belize's Independence and Parade
BTL Park 9AM

PUNTA GORDA

- 1

National Flag Day Flag Raising Ceremony
6AM
- 3

National Day of Prayer and Ecumenical Service
- 9

Fire Engine Parade
Principal Streets of Punta Gorda 7PM
- 10

Ceremony for the 226th Anniversary of the Battle of St. George's Caye and Uniform Parade
- 19

National Service Day
- 20

National School Children's Rally
Principal Streets 9AM
- 20

Flag Raising Ceremony and Fireworks Display
- 21

Ceremony for the 43rd Anniversary of Belize's Independence and Parade



OUR PARTNERS



IN THE HIGH COURT OF BELIZE A.D. 2024
Claim No. 481 of 2024

IN THE MATTER OF Section 42 (1) of The Law of Property Act, Chapter 190 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020.

AND

IN THE MATTER OF an application for an order of declaration of title to land on the Ground of Long Possession by Olive Hampton

NOTICE

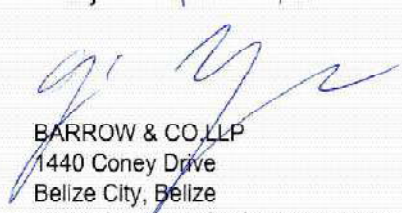
TAKE NOTICE that Olive Hampton of Olive Place, Middle Bank, Sittee River Village, Stann Creek District, Belize, has filed an application for an order of declaration of title to Lands on the ground of long possession at the High Court of Belize on the 19th August, 2024 and the matter is set for first hearing at 1:30 p.m. on the 15th October, 2024.

Any person objecting to the application must file notice of their objection, giving reasons for their objection, to the High Court within 45 days of the date of the second publication of this notice, inclusive of the day of such publication, or attend court on the date set for the first hearing.

The Lands Above Referred to:

1. All that piece or parcel of land being in its entirety a portion of land comprised in Indenture dated 14th August, 1908 recorded in Deed book 19 at Folios 455 to 457 described as Lot No. 2 as shown on the plan of survey subdivision by J.V. Hyde and as shown on Survey Plan dated 20th July, 2002 Entry no. 6781 Reg. No. 7 and also known as Parcel No. PSN_433396 consisting of 0.79 acres located North of Sittee River Village in the Stann Creek District, Belize.

DATED the 16th day of September, 2024


BARROW & CO. LLP
1440 Coney Drive
Belize City, Belize
Attorneys-at-law for Olive Hampton

BELIZE, 2024

IN THE HIGH COURT - PROBATE SIDE.

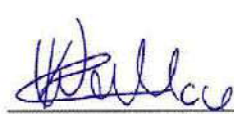
STATUTORY NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE OF MARCUS TUN

Deceased Late of Branch Mouth, Santa Familia Village, Cayo District, Belize

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 36 of the Administration of Estates Act Chapter 197 of the Laws of Belize that all persons having claims as creditors against the above-named deceased or his estate, are required to lodge any such claim(s) with MARY JOYCE TUN, Executrix of the above-mentioned Estate, c/o Bradley Ellis & Co., LLP, of 28A Regent Street, Belize City, Belize District, Belize, within three (3) months from the first publication of this notice after which date the Executrix shall proceed to distribute the assets of the estate among the beneficiaries entitled thereto having regard only to such claims of which the Executrix will then have had notice.

DATED this 18th day of September, 2024


BRADLEY ELLIS & CO., LLP
Attorneys-at-Law for
MARY JOYCE TUN, Executrix of the
Estate of MARCUS TUN


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COUNTRYWIDE PUBLIC AUCTION SALE: PROPERTY

Opposite Welcome Center, Waight Street, San Ignacio, Cayo District

BY ORDER of the Mortgagees Messrs. Heritage Bank Limited, Licensed Auctioneers Kevin A. Castillo and Christiana R. Castillo are selling ONLINE via belizepropertyauctions.com the following properties in **ONE LOT**. **Sale currently running until 31st December 2024. Public Auction Sale will expire fortnightly within this period on the dates and times listed on the website until the LOT is sold.**

Parcels 889, 890 & 891 Corner Savannah & Wayat Streets, San Ignacio, Cayo District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCELS
San Ignacio Town	23	889, 890 & 891

(Being a three storey commercial building Building (37,378 sq. ft.) containing Ground Floor: One (1) Bar & Dining Area, Two (2) Store Rooms, One (1) Fast Food Kitchen, Twelve (12) Commercial Units, One (1) Unit Heritage Bank, One (1) Walkway); First Floor: One (1) Gym, Two (2) Public Bathrooms, Eight (8) Commercial Units, One (1) Nightclub; Second Floor: One (1) Apartment, One (1) Church, One (1) Nightclub, One (1) unfinished unit TOGETHER with THREE PARCELS OF LAND with the following sizes: Parcel 889 – 834.038 S.M. + Parcel 890 - 153.513 S.M. + Parcel 891 - 2,143.53 S.M., the freehold property of Mr. Oscar Manzanero)

N.B. Rentable spaces are provided in this facility so the before mentioned descriptions may have or will change from time to time.

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Terms of Reference

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION MANAGER FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION UNIT

Position Title: International Cooperation Manager – International Cooperation Unit

Location: Belize City, Belize

Reporting to: Deputy Director General – Policy & Program, Belize Tax Service Department, Ministry of Finance

Background: With the increasingly complex landscape of international taxation, it has become imperative for Belize Tax Service Department (BTSD) to establish a dedicated International Cooperation Unit. This unit will serve as the focal point of addressing our international taxation obligations, including the Automatic Exchange of Information (AEIO), Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS), Country-by-Country Reporting (CbCR), and requirements outlined by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

Purpose of the Position: The International Cooperation Manager provides leadership and strategic direction for managing compliance with Automatic Exchange of Information (AEIO), Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS), and Country-by-Country Reporting (CbCR) in accordance with OECD obligations and international agreements. This role involves fostering professional relationships with treaty partners and stakeholders, establishing and maintaining exchange of information databases, processing requests for information, facilitating international cooperation, developing training programs, and ensuring compliance with all international obligations.

Key Outputs and Responsibility Areas:

- 1. Development and implementation of policies and operating procedures for international cooperation and the exchange of information;
- 2. Forge and maintain professional relationships with treaty partners and stakeholders
- 3. Establishment and maintenance of Exchange of Information database
- 4. Processing and dispatching of requests for information
- 5. Facilitation of international cooperation
- 6. Monitor global developments with respect to the Exchange of Information and global tax administration
- 7. Ensure effective co-ordination, collaboration and co-operation across the BTSD including with the international partners to support and contribute to International Cooperation Unit initiatives and horizontal projects;
- 8. Collaborate with the supervisors and managers of the various tax offices to ascertain and verify information;
- 9. Lead and manage the staff of International Cooperation Unit. Set objectives and provide guidance on the goals, direction, and timing of their work; provide regular and constructive feedback on performance to motivate staff and contribute to their professional development.
- 10. Develop and maintain good teamwork and ensure effective work methods and project management; implement and maintain arrangements to ensure effective internal communications within the unit.
- 11. Prepare/review country profiles on information specifications of the relevant treaty partners;
- 12. Maintains the established protocols between the International Cooperation Officer and other sections as well as external entities;
- 13. Identifies and determines the sections within BTS that need awareness and training of the purpose and functions of the International Cooperation Officer
- 14. Development and conduct of training and awareness programs
- 15. Preparation and submission of reports.

Qualifications and Skills:

a. Academic qualification:

- Master’s degree or equivalent in international relations, Taxation, Law Business Administration or other related field(s) from an accredited tertiary educational institution
- Minimum of 3 years of experience in international corporation, preferably within a governmental or regulatory agency, with demonstrated leadership and strategic planning responsibilities.

Or

- BSc. in International Relations, Taxation, Law, Business Administration, or equivalent qualifications;
- Post Graduate Diploma in Tax Audit;
- At least three (3) years’ work practical and relevant experience in Tax Administration, International Economic Policymaking, Foreign Affairs or Public Administration

b. Specific Knowledge:

- Comprehensive knowledge of the Exchange of Information treaties and articles as well as other related legislative framework;
- Comprehensive knowledge of the objectives, policies, programmes and operations of Tax Administration;
- In-depth knowledge of international tax regulations, OECD standards, and agreements.
- Strong understanding of Automatic Exchange of Information (AEIO), Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS), and Country-by-Country Reporting (CbCR) frameworks.
- Experience in developing and implementing policies and procedures for international cooperation and exchange of information.
- Working knowledge of managerial principles and practices;
- Working knowledge of relevant computer systems and applications.

c. General Professional Experience:

- Excellent communication and negotiation skill with the ability to maintain professional relationships with treaty partners and stakeholders.
- Ability to lead and manage teams, set objectives, and provide guidance to staff.
- Strong analytical and problem-solving skills, with the ability to navigate complex international tax compliance issues.
- Familiarity with relevant software and databases used for information exchange and compliance monitoring
- Certification or training in international taxation, compliance, or related fields is desirable.

Compensation: Government of Belize Pay Scale 23 of \$40,615.00 x 1,644.00 - \$71,851.00 per annum.

Application Process: Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume, and contact information for three professional references to **Director General, Belize Tax Service Department, Ministry of Finance, Eleanor Hall Building, Belize City** by **October 18th, 2024**; only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for interviews.

Note: The Terms of Reference may be subject to amendments or modifications as deemed necessary by the hiring authority.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Biden can halt wider war: Stop sending arms

by Brian Garvey

www.counterpunch.org, September 26, 2024

Israel’s violence toward its neighbors, long out of control in its destruction of Gaza, now threatens to open new fronts, involve new nations, and even drag the United States into direct conflict. Promises of a ceasefire from the Biden Administration have come to nothing. Soft, behind the scenes diplomacy has failed to achieve peace.

In response, “Ceasefire,” the first demand of the peace movement since Israel’s destruction of Gaza began, has evolved. The actions of the Israeli military and government, the indiscriminate killing of women and children with US weapons, and appropriate frustration from activists in the street have created a new demand: an American arms embargo against Israel. For President Biden and his administration, it may be the only way out of a new quagmire in the Middle East.

But instead of de-escalating the war and reaching a lasting peace with the Palestinian people, Netanyahu’s Israeli government is expanding the war to new fronts. On September 23rd the Israeli Defense Force launched a barrage of attacks on Lebanon, killing over 600 people and wounding thousands.

It is now threatening a ground invasion. The previous week it simultaneously detonated electronic devices across Lebanon killing dozens and maiming thousands, including civilians and children. Commenting on that attack, former CIA Director and Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta said, “I don’t think there’s any question that it’s a form of terrorism.” These terror attacks in Lebanon were perpetrated *just one day* after a senior Biden advisor warned Netanyahu not to expand the war.

These are only the latest examples of a pattern of escalation by Israel. In January an Israeli strike killed a top Hezbollah commander in Beirut, Lebanon. In April Israel destroyed the Iranian embassy in Damascus, Syria. In late July they assassinated the political leader of Hamas, and lead negotiator in the ceasefire talks, in Tehran, while he was attending the inauguration of Iran’s new president. Israel has also escalated the scale of violence in the West Bank, killing over 500 civilians in the past year and launching a major military operation there in August.

Israeli officials have recently described their strategy of expanding the war to include Lebanon as “de-escalation by escalation”—an oxymoron that flies in the face of the Biden Administration’s long stated goal to prevent a wider, regional war.

This diplomatic failure on the part of President Biden and his foreign policy team threatens to drag the United States into another war in the Middle East. The Pentagon announced that the US is sending additional forces, adding to the 40,000 US servicemen and women


STATUTORY NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of BERNIE EMILIA STAINE, deceased of #5741 Lottie Waight Street, Belize City, Belize

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 36 of the Administration of Estates Act Chapter 197 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020, that all creditors having any claims or demands upon or against the Estate of BERNIE EMILIA STAINE, deceased, of #5741 Lottie Waight Street, Belize City, Belize who died on the 27th day of January 2023, and in whose estate Grant of Probate has been granted to EMIL ELMER STAINE of #5741 Lottie Waight Street, Belize City, Belize, should lodge such claims or demands with the said EMIL ELMER STAINE c/o Estevan Perera & Company LLP Attorneys-at-Law of 2118 Guava Street, Belize City, Belize on or before the expiration of three months from the first publication hereof;

AND NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that at the expiration of the said three months the said EMIL ELMER STAINE shall proceed to distribute the assets of the said BERNIE EMILIA STAINE, deceased, amongst the beneficiaries entitled thereto, having regard only to claims and demands of which they shall then have had notice.

DATED this 19th day of September 2024

Per: 
PAYAL B. GHANWANI
ESTEVAN PERERA & COMPANY LLP
Attorneys-at-Law for
Emil Elmer Staine


STATUTORY NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of MARJORIE ELAINE MEIGHAN, deceased of Newark City, Essex County, New Jersey, U.S.A

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 36 of the Administration of Estates Act Chapter 197 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020, that all creditors having any claims or demands upon or against the Estate of MARJORIE ELAINE MEIGHAN, deceased, of Newark City, Essex County, New Jersey, U.S.A who died on the 8th day of April 2022, and in whose estate Grant of Administration has been granted to JAMES D. MEIGHAN of #8 Maxie Street, San Ignacio, Cayo District, Belize, should lodge such claims or demands with the said JAMES D. MEIGHAN c/o Estevan Perera & Company LLP Attorneys-at-Law of 2118 Guava Street, Belize City, Belize on or before the expiration of three months from the first publication hereof;

AND NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that at the expiration of the said three months the said JAMES D. MEIGHAN shall proceed to distribute the assets of the said MARJORIE ELAINE MEIGHAN, deceased, amongst the beneficiaries entitled thereto, having regard only to claims and demands of which they shall then have had notice.

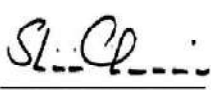
DATED this 19th day of September 2024

Per: 
PAYAL B. GHANWANI
ESTEVAN PERERA & COMPANY LLP
Attorneys-at-Law for
James D. Meighan

PUBLIC NOTICE

Application for Licence under Electricity Act

BELIZE COGENERATION ENERGY LIMITED OF TOWER HILL, ORANGE WALK DISTRICT, A COMPANY REGISTERED AND INCORPORATED UNDER THE COMPANIES ACT, CHAPTER 250 OF THE LAWS OF BELIZE, hereby serves notice to the general public that it has applied for a LICENCE from the PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (PUC) to operate a co-generation power plant subject to any approved Power Purchase Agreement. Pursuant to Section 14 (3) of the Belize Electricity Act, and, Regulation 9 of the Electricity Licensing and Consent Regulations, 2024, a copy of the application is published below:

Public Utilities Commission Application for Licence under Electricity Act	
Application on behalf of:	Belize Cogeneration Energy Limited
Certificate of Incorporation Number:	8444
Purpose of Licence:	Grant of generation licence to operate a co-generation power plant
Authorized Area of Supply requested:	Supply of steam and electricity to Belize Sugar Industries Limited and supply of electricity to national grid owned and operated by Belize Electricity Limited
Generation Facilities:	15 MW extraction condensing steam turbine 12.5 MW back pressure condensing steam turbine 90 ton per hour (2) biomass fired boilers
Transmission Facilities:	13.8 kV cable connected to BELCOGEN substation owned and managed by Belize Electricity Limited
Contact Information:	Name: Shawn N. Chavarria Position/Title: Director of Finance Phone Number: +501 321 3520 Email Address: shawn.chavarria@asr-group.com
Registered Office (Address):	Tower Hill Village Orange Walk District Belize
Name of Signatory:	Shawn N. Chavarria
Declaration:	I hereby certify that the information contained in this application is true to best of my knowledge, information belief: <div>Signature:  Date: 20 September 2024</div>

Aerial of Belize Cogeneration Energy Limited facility on Tower Hill, Orange Walk



Supporting Documents and Information: In addition to the application published above, supporting documents and information related to the proposed operations of Belize Cogeneration Energy Ltd prescribed by the PUC were included in its submission.	
Viewing of Application and Supporting Documents and Information: The application and supporting documents and information may be viewed in their entirety at:	
a) Belize Cogeneration Energy Limited Tower Hill Village, Orange Walk District, Belize	b) PUC Office 2 nd Floor Marina Towers Belize City, Belize
Issued by the Belize Cogeneration Energy Limited on 20 September, 2024	

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America’s Ivy League colleges. And, undoubtedly, it was assumed Hyde would remain in the US, and with his excellent grades do postgrad work, obtain a doctorate, become an American citizen, possibly work for the State Department and be sent as an ambassador to either an African nation or Haiti, or become a professor in another Ivy League college, write books, plays and poetry which their big publishing houses would publish, or work for the *NY Times*, the *Wall St. Journal*, the *Washington Post* or the *LA Times*, or in book publishing.

Instead what did Evan X do? Returned to dead-water Belize, where he incited a lot of the youths, particularly its Creole majority, to THINK and QUESTION whom they really were, their history, identity and role not just in Belize, but in the wider world. He even created self-help initiatives which his various enemies killed. But Evan X went beyond culture, self-help and philosophy to pinpoint the youths’ political role. This was blasphemy, not only to Uncle Sam who had nurtured this “viper”, but the gullible sell-outs on both sides of the political spectrum in Belize, whose ire was truly great. This earned him eternal punishment—a kind of castration, to this day!

In my view, most Belize people, even those close to him, who actually went to “school”, just do not understand the game, and pass it all off now as “ole yeriso”, that had no dangerous repercussions for Belize. Why do you think most Belize watchers regard us as living in a fool’s paradise, replete with an artificial bonhomie and feel good jazz talk, while the sell-out is everywhere? It’s actually called “packaging”. This September is the month of nationwide celebrations in Belize, and it was at once happy, but in a sense very sobering for those recognizing the dark reality lying beneath all the “packaging”. Why do you think that irrespective of which party comes to power in Belize when the pendulum swings, they both behave exactly alike when they are in power, as if joined at the hip? Even their wilderness years are uncannily similar, and are replete with infighting and power struggles, until eureka.

Indeed, some of us have a lot to answer for; and my only consolation as I revisit the tubes of the past is that the sins of the fathers and mothers traverse down to even the fourth and fifth generation. As for those who fortuitously had, or have, no children, they have countless relatives, such as nephews and nieces. Nations also pay for their sins. Karma is real! So much for scholarships and what they can do for the donor and the donee.

Belize also obtained other Taiwanese largesse via donations of a few million dollars to Belizean NGOs alleged to be connected to politically exposed persons, a grant for the renovation of, for example, the National Assembly building for under a million US dollars, and other lateral gifts, which we bow and curtsy over, as well as “show teeth”. But these are reminiscent of old style, paternalistic colonialism. This is where “the natives” are obsequiously grateful for the crumbs falling from the table, but are never invited to eat from the main course, or



NOTIFICATION OF CONTRACT AWARD

September 10, 2024

Procurement Title:	Interim Procurement Agent
Reference:	CDT-BEL-24-4000-08
Procurement Category:	Individual Consultant Services
Procurement Method:	Sole Source Selection
Bidders who submitted Bids:	Zenobia Maddy
Selected Consultant:	Zenobia Maddy
Contract Price:	Sixty Thousand United States Dollars (US\$ 60,000)
Contract Duration:	Five (5) Months
Scope of Services:	The Individual Consultant will provide interim procurement agent services until such time as the Compact Development Team – Belize (CDT – Belize) or Millennium Challenge Account (MCA-Belize) has engaged a Procurement Agent and that firm has mobilized to commence performing such services. Throughout the contract period the Consultant shall be responsible for all procurement processes, including the following: Develop, plan, manage and administer effectively the entire chain of the procurement process for selecting the suppliers, contractors and consultants for a wide variety of goods, works and services as required by the Accountable Entity (AE) to implement the Compact. The consultant will be responsible for ensuring that the AE complies with MCC’s required procurement processes, as provided in the MCC Policy and Procurement Guidelines and other documents.
Signature Date:	August 26, 2024

even the side dishes. “Ewo” Belize!

Whether Belize will gain far more tangibly by switching to Mainland China is a question that’s up in the air. The Chinese are people who play a long, long game. Even Napoleon Bonaparte realized this from way back then. I have seen with my own “coro-coro eye” their footprints on the African continent. These are the new railways, modern bridges, sea ports, airports, roads, and other physical infrastructure, (built by mainly Chinese workers, thus preventing Africans from acquiring new skills), loan agreements written only in Mandarin, and one-sided dividends, obscured, but well-stacked on the Chinese end.

I also see many Chinese economic migrants in African countries, who are unemployable at home due to the current downturn in China’s economy. The West, namely the US and Europe, is now setting up high tariffs on China’s ballooning exports, as China’s domestic purchasing power has shrunk, with China desperately needing to offload its products abroad. Many of these Chinese hustlers are in various African countries illegally mining Africa’s huge mineral resources. Some Chinese companies enter into agreements with some sub-national African governments, and when they fall out, sue them in foreign courts; and in the end are able to seize choice landed property in those foreign jurisdictions, and even aircraft and money owned by the national government, and not the sub-national government they had sued. A growing number of Chinese immigrants now undercut African indigenous agricultural enterprises and livestock industries with Chinese state loans given to them. They then solely export these products, to the extent that local prices skyrocket due to scarcity. One may well ask why these African governments generally allow themselves to be conned by foreigners, while their nations and people are endemic victims of a cycle of growth without development. We can redirect this question to every Belizean government since 1964 when self-government was introduced to Belize.

I will not discuss in detail Chinese racism and exceptionalism, as well as attempts to set up their own police stations in other people’s countries, ostensibly to protect their nationals. But when any nation hosts a significantly large Chinese population flow, that is when a number of degenerative tendencies are openly manifested.

In my view, national leaders from the Global South who truly desire and aspire for the very best for their people and meaningful progress for their nations, need to sup with both Chinas using a very, very, very long spoon. They must definitely ask God to add more eyes to the two He initially gave them. That’s if, they should even sup with the Chinese, particularly after having been dealt with so mercilessly by the West. By the way, I have been to Taiwan, Hong Kong and Mainland China. And, I did use my eyes while there, and at times even wished I had more.

Here is a list of nations and entities recognizing the Taipei government of Taiwan: 1. Paraguay; 2. Guatemala; 3. Belize; 4. St. Lucia; 5. St. Kitts & Nevis; 6. St. Vincent & the Grenadines; 7. Haiti; 8. Palau; 9. Tuvalu; 10. Marshall Islands; 11. Eswatini (formerly known as Swaziland); 12. The Vatican City State (in Italy).

Biden can halt wider war: Stop sending arms

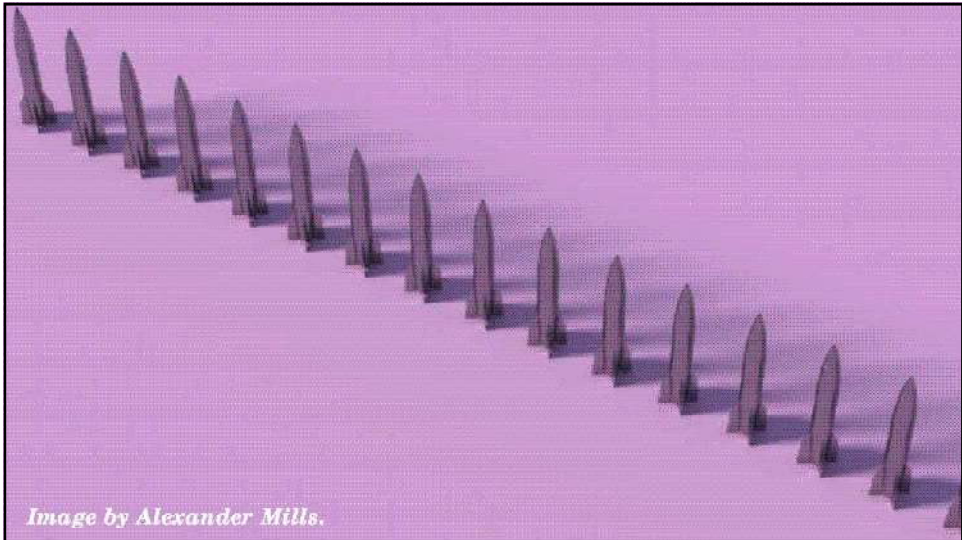


Image by Alexander Mills.

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already in the region. Another aircraft carrier, the USS Truman, and accompanying ships is now headed to the area to join the USS Abraham Lincoln, sending thousands more sailors to the region as well, at considerable expense – and risk.

More direct US involvement in Israel's wars threatens not only those US personnel, but also the political situation at home. A major foreign policy failure so close to the November presidential election could have the effect of bolstering former President Donald Trump's bid to retake the White House. Trump has consistently criticized Biden for not supporting Israel enough, saying he should let them "finish the job" in Gaza. No friend to the Palestinians, Trump even used the term "Palestinian" as an insult and slur on the debate stage with Biden. Despite repeated signs that the Israeli PM is not a trustworthy partner for peace, President Biden has failed to use his leverage to rein him in. In a recent statement Netanyahu declared he will not entertain diplomatic ideas on Lebanon and will not engage in ceasefire talks for 45 days. The fact that the statement came 45 days before the US presidential election is a clear signal of Netanyahu's political desires and motivations.

So, what can Mr. Biden, his administration, and presidential hopeful VP Harris do? They can change course and finally put their foot down with Netanyahu and his right-wing government. The planned introduction of a Joint Resolution of Disapproval by Senator Bernie Sanders of Vermont provides an opportunity to do so. This privileged resolution requires the US Senate to take a vote on the sale of \$20 billion dollars of military equipment to Israel. More than \$18 billion comes in the form of high-tech F-15 fighter-bombers, but the sale also includes tank munitions, mortar shells, and precision bombs.

Biden could preempt the vote by announcing a pause to at least some weapons to Israel in light of the expanding war he has long opposed publicly. This move could also shield the Biden Administration from forthcoming reports from inspectors general investigating human rights violations committed by Israel using US weapons, a breach of US law.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has certainly given President Biden cause to stop sending US arms to his right-wing government. The assault on the people of Gaza is nearing its one-year anniversary. Tens of thousands of

Israelis are protesting their government's failure to get back hostages taken by Hamas during its attack on Israel on October 7th, 2023. Former Israeli Prime Ministers Barak and Olmert have criticized Netanyahu's prosecution of the war and blamed him for strategic failures that led to October 7th. President Biden could embrace these more reasonable forces in Israel, framing his arms stoppage as a message to Netanyahu personally and an effort to retrieve the hostages.

He's done it before. In one of President Biden's first foreign policy moves as president he announced a pause in offensive weapons to Saudi Arabia. The kingdom had been using such weapons to destroy its neighbor to the south, Yemen, since 2015. Biden's move helped pave the way for negotiations leading to a ceasefire in Yemen that has largely held since 2022. His example of presidential leadership, while not perfect, illustrates a clear roadmap.

There's historical precedent too. Presidents Eisenhower, Reagan, and George H.W. Bush also leveraged US arms to Israel. Want a ceasefire to end or prevent humanitarian disaster? *Stop providing the fire.*

President Biden's strategy to achieve a ceasefire and end the destruction of Gaza has, so far, failed. His strategy to prevent a wider war in the Middle East is currently failing. It's time for a tougher, clearer tack. There is still time to prevent the complete destruction of Gaza and to avert another disastrous regional war. There is time for Biden to avoid a political blunder that will permanently damage his legacy as president. There is time to energize young voters and Arab-American and Muslim-American voters who fear a return of Trumpism but can't stomach a vote for an administration they see as complicit in genocide.

But there isn't much time.

The Not Another Bomb Campaign, launched by the Uncommitted movement that successfully mobilized over 700,000 voters to express their discontent with Mr. Biden's Gaza policy in the Democratic Primary, has the correct framing. "It is crystal clear: In order to achieve a ceasefire in Gaza, the U.S. must immediately stop arming Israel."

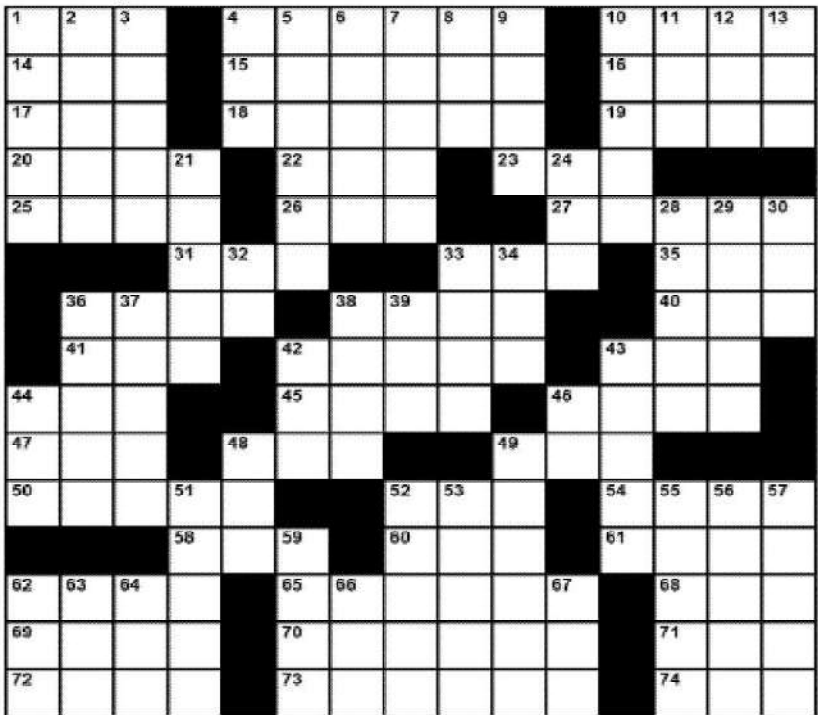
Satisfying this new demand can also stop the expansion of violence into Lebanon, Syria, and Iran, preventing the loss of American lives. Heeding it might be the only way to stop the horror.

Brian Garvey is Assistant Director of Massachusetts Peace Action. He is also an active member of the Raytheon Antiwar Campaign.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

NEW PUZZLE

Daily Printable Puzzle - 09-26-2024



Across

- Hindu Mr.
- Delicious drink
- Arizona artisan
- Harrison in Star Wars
- Lay it on
- Beltway sign
- never work!
- Type of prejudice
- Caustic chemicals
- Predicate part
- About to arrive
- Bigwig in D.C.
- A Met score
- Font widths
- Coercion
- Address for the general
- Fri. follower
- Benevolent guy
- A Crosby
- Ager of parents
- Baby fish
- Dos Passos subject
- Muffled
- Contended
- Govt. cops
- Circumference parts
- Financial institution
- Avoid the truth
- Coffee shop vessel
- Moroccan hat
- Football units
- Breakfasted
- Opinion page, briefly
- Auto gear, abbr.
- Beret kin
- Hoarfrost
- Bow, in music
- Winter warmer upper
- Luau wear
- Asian garment
- Cold spike
- Mil. rank
- Black-tie accessory
- Temporary owner
- Banned substance

Down

- Hindu god of destruction
- Movie evaluator
- Madagascar lemur
- And also not
- Escape artist
- Large intestine cavity
- Gives it a go
- Billboards
- Easy victory
- Hi there
- Dull and bovine
- Apple dessert
- Possessive pronoun
- Iraqi port
- Frequently in a poem
- Aired again
- Heavy dull sound
- Barely manage
- your man!
- Bishoprics
- Additionally
- Knitted scarf
- Basketry willow
- Chance to go
- Catchall abbr.
- Scratch the surface
- Barbershop need
- Go by jet
- Live
- Avail oneself of
- A gender
- R2-d2 or C-3PO, e.g.
- Courtyard
- Body soothers
- Aheap
- Correct, in a way
- Believer in God
- Bridal wear
- Balaam's ride
- A murid
- Grade of wine
- Air hero
- A pop

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 - 09-19-2024 - Answers






Ministry of Natural Resources, Petroleum and Mining
Belmopan, Belize, C.A. ph: 501-880-0667

First Registration, Lost Certificates, Prescription and Release of Restrictive Agreement notices

CHAPTER 194, LAWS OF BELIZE NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13

In accordance with Section 13 of the Registered Land Act Chapter 194, I Patricia Robateau Blackett, Registrar of Lands, hereby serves notice that within one month from the date hereof, I intend to register the following parcels of land listed below for which application for first registration have been received.

The attention of the general public is hereby drawn to this notice. Any person whose rights and interest may be affected by the registering of these parcels must get in touch with me before expiry date of this notice between Mondays to Fridays at the Land Registry, Belmopan.


Patricia Robateau Blackett (Mrs.)
Registrar of Lands

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201801998

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section **FORT GEORGE/ PICKSTOCK Block No. 45** and being **Parcel No. 515 Formerly Lot No. 1214**, 299.527 Square Meters situate in the town of Belize, Belize District.

This parcel of land is subject of a Deed of Gift No. 1940 of 2007 dated 22nd June, 2007 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 23 of 2007 at Folios 1137 to 1148 in favor of **LOUVERTA MEDINA**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-202217029

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section **DANGRIGA SOUTH Block No. 31** and being **Parcel No. 3057 Formerly Lot No. 2**, 1134.840 Square Meters situate along the Stann Creek Valley Road, Stann Creek District.

This parcel of land is subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 3593 of 2008 dated 16th December, 2008 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 42 of 2008 at Folios 689 to 698 in favor of **RYAN NEAL**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-202315112

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section **ORANGE WALK TOWN Block No. 4** and being **Parcel No. 2341 Formerly Entry No. 1027**, 752.970 Square Meters situate in Riverside Street in the town of Orange Walk, Orange Walk District.

This parcel of land is subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 133 of 2001 dated 17th January, 2001 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 2 of 2001 at Folios 707 to 718 in favor of **TERESITA GONAZALEZ**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-202412284

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section **ANN GABOUREL Block No. 4** and being **Parcel No. 563 Formerly Block No. 113**, 25 Acres situate at about 50 Chains South-east of Mile 69 Northern Road, Orange Walk District.

This parcel of land is subject of a Minister's Fiat Grant No. 47 of 1967 dated 14th October, 1967 in favor of **CANUTO GARCIA (DECEASED)**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-202409406

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section **DANGRIGA NORTH Block No. 31** and being **Parcel No. 1414**, 1948.726 Square Meters situate at Stann Creek in the Stann Creek District.

This parcel of land is subject of a Governor's Fiat Grant No. 95 dated 13th April, 1895 in favor of **THE CORPORATE BODY OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN BRITISH HONDURAS**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-202412465

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section **SAN IGNACIO SOUTH Block No. 23** and being **Parcel No. 2228 Formerly Lot No. 9**, 555.11 Square Yards situate in San Ignacio Town, Cayo District.

This parcel of land is subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 1006 of 2005 dated 12th May, 2005 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 13 of 2005 at Folios 1225 to 1232 in favor of **TIMBER HOMES LIMITED**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-202412473

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section **SAN IGNACIO SOUTH Block No. 23** and being **Parcel No. 2227 Formerly Lot No. 8**, 555.11 Square Yards situate in Kay Works Area, Cayo District.

This parcel of land is subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 1004 of 2005 dated 12th May, 2005 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 13 of 2005 at Folios 1209 to 1216 in favor of **TIMBER HOMES LIMITED**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-202412532

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section **BENQUE VIEJO DEL CARMEN Block No. 23** and being **Parcel No. 2845 Formerly Lot No. 33**, 731.472 Square Meters situate in Benque Viejo Town Extension, Cayo District.

This parcel of land is subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 3267 of 1999 dated 26th November, 1990 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 30 of 1999 at Folios 1250 to 1255 in favor of **JOSE ARMANDO MORENO**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-202412632

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section **PLACENTIA NORTH Block No. 36** and being **Parcel No. 1932 Formerly Lot No. 10**, 386.945 Square Meters situate at Placencia Village in the Stann Creek District.

This parcel of land is subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 2289 of 2001 dated 31st July, 2001 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 30 of 2001 at Folios 185 to 196 in favor of **DENYS BARROW**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-202412635

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section **PLACENTIA NORTH Block No. 36** and being **Parcel No. 1939 Formerly Lot No. 10/6**, 387.5 Square Yards situate in the Village of Placencia in the Stann Creek District.

This parcel of land is subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 209 of 1990 dated 30th January, 1990 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 3 of 1990 at Folios 387 to 398 in favor of **FAMILY HOLDINGS LIMITED**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-202412636

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section **PLACENTIA NORTH Block No. 36** and being **Parcel No. 1940 Formerly Lot No. 10/5**, 375.5 Square Yards situate in the Village of Placencia in the Stann Creek District.

This parcel of land is subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 3277 of 2001 dated 14th November, 2001 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 42 of 2001 at Folios 117 to 128 in favor of **FAMILY HOLDINGS LIMITED**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-202412637

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section **PLACENTIA NORTH Block No. 36** and being **Parcel No. 1941 Formerly Lot No. 10/4**, 379.5 Square Yards situate in Placencia Village, Stann Creek District.

This parcel of land is subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 1578 of 2002 dated 3rd June, 2002 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 20 of 2002 at Folios 1041 to 1052 in favor of **DENYS BARROW**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-202412713

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section **SAN IGNACIO SOUTH Block No. 23** and being **Parcel No. 134 Formerly Lot No. 2**, 378.850 Square Meters situate in the Cahal Pech Area, San Ignacio Town, Cayo District.

This parcel of land is subject of a Minister's Fiat Grant No. 551 of 2002 dated 21th July, 2002 in favor of **HERMAN ZETINA**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-202413096

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section **BENQUE VIEJO DEL CARMEN Block No. 23** and being **Parcel No. 2013 Formerly Lot No. 68**, 555.56 Square Yards situate in Benque Viejo Del Carmen Town, Cayo District.

This parcel of land is subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 726 of 2001 dated 8th March, 2001 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 11 of 2001 at Folios 397 to 402 in favor of **ISAAC SABALA**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-202413134

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section **ORANGE WALK TOWN Block No. 4** and being **Parcel No. 3525 Formerly Lot No. B6**, 612.11 Square Meters situate off the South end of the Belize-Corozal Road in Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District.

This parcel of land is subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 219 of 2008 dated 21st January, 2008 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 3 of 2008 at Folios 577 to 588 in favor of **LEONARD FRANCIS GILLET**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-202413142

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section **ORANGE WALK TOWN Block No. 4** and being **Parcel No. 2698 Formerly Lot No. 12**, 613.89 Square Yards situate along Sarstoon Street, Louisiana Farm, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District.

This parcel of land is subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 53 of 2008 dated 7th January, 2008 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 1 of 2008 at Folios 689 to 694 in favor of **LEONARD FRANCIS GILLET**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-202413154

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section **LAKE INDEPENDENCE Block No. 45** and being **Parcel No. 644 Formerly Lot No. 34**, 500 Square Yards situate on Johnson Street, Belize City, Belize District.

This parcel of land is subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 566 of 1984 dated 23rd June, 1984 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 6 of 1984 at Folios 387 to 394 in favor of **ALICE F. GIBSON (DECEASED)**.



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APPLICATION NO. LRS-202413224

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section **ST. MARTIN DE PORRES WEST Block No. 45** and being **Parcel No. 22 Formerly Lot No. 7796**, 384.70 Square Yards situate in St. Martin De Porres Extension, Belize City, Belize District.

This parcel of land is subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 834 of 2004 dated 7th April, 2004 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 12 of 2004 at Folios 41 to 48 in favor of **ROMIARACELI ANTHONY**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-202413225

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section **ST. MARTIN DE PORRES WEST Block No. 45** and being **Parcel No. 19 Formerly Lot No. 7794**, 384.30 Square Yards situate in St. Martin De Porres Extension, Belize City, Belize District.

This parcel of land is subject of a Minister’s Fiat Grant No. 109 of 1999 dated 8th May, 1999 in favor of **ANA CUELLAR JACKSON**

APPLICATION NO. LRS-202413250

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section **PLACENTIA NORTH Block No. 36** and being **Parcel No. 517 Formerly Lot No. 34**, 653.44 Square Yards situate in Seine Bight Village, Stann Creek District.

This parcel of land is subject of a Minister’s Fiat Grant No. 894 of 2003 dated 2nd November, 2003 in favor of **IVY PALACIO (DECEASED), GILDAAUGUSTINE ENRIQUEZ, NORMAN AUGUSTINE, LORETTA LOPEZ, MAUDE LOPEZ, MELVINAUGUSTINE (DECEASED), GLENDAAUGUSTINE MARIN AND AMY NICHOLAS (JOINTLY)**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-202413305

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section **LADYVILLE/LORD’S BANK Block No. 16** and being **Parcel No. 3553 Formerly Lot No. 5**, 1781.715 Square Meters situate in the Lord’s Bank Village, Belize District.

This parcel of land is subject of a Minister’s Fiat Grant No. 355 of 2015 dated 1st July, 2015 in favor of **MERLINE MARIE BROWN**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-202413360

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section **SAN IGNACIO NORTH Block No. 23** and being **Parcel No. 483 Formerly Lot No. 1483**, 460.075 Square Meters situate in San Ignacio Town Extension, Cayo District.

This parcel of land is subject of a Minister’s Fiat Grant No. 419 of 2001 dated 15th July, 2001 in favor of **FRANCISCO GUTIERREZ**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-202413363

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section **SAN IGNACIO SOUTH Block No. 23** and being **Parcel No. 827 Formerly Lot No. 2062**, 692.453 Square Meters situate in the Mahmud Subdivision, San Ignacio Town, Cayo District.

This parcel of land is subject of a Minister’s Fiat Grant No. 607 of 2008 dated 11th November, 2008 in favor of **ERIN RYAN**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-202413376

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section **FORT GEORGE/ PICKSTOCK Block No. 45** and being **Parcel No. 1734 Formerly portion of Lot No. 1258**, 176.056 Square Meters situate at the corner of Barrack Road and Freetown Road, Belize City, Belize District.

This parcel of land is subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 2234 of 2000 dated 7th June, 2000 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 34 of 2000 at Folios 365 to 372 in favor of **HOWLER MONKEY COMPANY LIMITED**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-202413391

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section **LADYVILLE/LORD’S BANK Block No. 16** and being **Parcel No. 12563 Formerly Entry No. 21508**, 9.941 Acres situate at Poor Man’s Rest in the Belize District.

This parcel of land is subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. LTU-201900061 dated 17th January, 2019 and recorded in LTU-201900061 in favor of **CORDELL ALEXANDER FAIRWEATHER JR.**

APPLICATION NO. LRS-202413457

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section **SAN IGNACIO NORTH Block No. 23** and being **Parcel No. 1511 Formerly Lot No. 1**, 642.6 Square Yards situate on the Bullet Tree Falls Road adjacent to San Ignacio, Cayo District.

This parcel of land is subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 601 of 2008 dated 5th March, 2008 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 8 of 2008 at Folios 147 to 154 in favor of **FRANCISCO DANIEL GUTIERREZ**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-202413458

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section **SAN IGNACIO NORTH Block No. 23** and being **Parcel No. 1518 Formerly Lot No. 8**, 622.2 Square Yards situate on the Bullet Tree Falls Road adjacent to San Ignacio, Cayo District.

This parcel of land is subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 1314 of 2005 dated 20th

June, 2005 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 17 of 2005 at Folios 1397 to 1406 in favor of **FRANCISCO DANIEL GUTIERREZ**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-202413643

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section **BENQUE VIEJO DEL CARMEN Block No. 23** and being **Parcel No. 2925 Formerly Lot No. 1095**, 456.106 Square Meters situate in Benque Viejo Town, Cayo District.

This parcel of land is subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 3016 of 2003 dated 11th November, 2003 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 41 of 2003 at Folios 585 to 592 in favor of **ROGELIO MENDEZ JR.**

APPLICATION NO. LRS-202413657

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section **LADYVILLE/LORD’S BANK Block No. 16** and being **Parcel No. 2897 Formerly Lot No. 4**, 1.019 Acres situate in the Lord’s Bank Area near Mile 11, Northern Highway, Belize District.

This parcel of land is subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 2479 of 2001 dated 17th August, 2001 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 31 of 2001 at Folios 1383 to 1390 in favor of **ALLAN MCKOY (DECEASED) and JUANITA MCKOY (JOINTLY)**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-202413752

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section **LADYVILLE/LORD’S BANK Block No. 16** and being **Parcel No. 1516 Formerly Entry No. 2096**, ±1 Acre situate in Ladyville, Belize District.

This parcel of land is subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 1696 of 2005 dated 27th July, 2005 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 22 of 2005 at Folios 1255 to 1264 in favor **PHILIP FRANCIS VELASQUEZ and DENISE M. ANDERSON-VELASQUEZ (JOINTLY)**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-202413843

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section **ALBERT/MESOP Block No. 45** and being **Parcel No. 1996 Formerly the southern portion of Lot No. 1707**, 200.359 Square Meters situate on Amara Avenue in Belize City, Belize District.

This parcel of land is subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 1691 of 1979 dated 28th November, 1979 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 17 of 1979 at Folios 595 to 602 in favor **ALFRED PICKWOOD (DECEASED)**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-202413866

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section **LADYVILLE/LORD’S BANK Block No. 16** and being **Parcel No. 86 Formerly Block No. 2**, 8.020 Acres situate along the Burrell Boom-Hattievile Road, Belize District.

This parcel of land is subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 1679 of 2008 dated 13th June, 2008 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 20 of 2008 at Folios 1011 to 1022 in favor **SHUANG-LUNG CHANG**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-202413869

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section **LADYVILLE/LORD’S BANK Block No. 16** and being **Parcel No. 87 Formerly Block No. 1**, 8.145 Acres situate along the Burrell Boom-Hattievile Road, Belize District.

This parcel of land is subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 1544 of 2009 dated 10th August, 2009 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 19 of 2009 at Folios 279 to 288 in favor **CHEN – WEI CHANG**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-202413973

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section **PLACENTIA NORTH Block No. 36** and being **Parcel No. 4179 Formerly Entry No. 20243**, 2789.846 Square Meters situate at Placencia in the Stann Creek District.

This parcel of land is subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 423 of 1977 dated 28th April, 1977 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 5 of 1977 at Folios 977 to 986 in favor of **HENRY YOUNG**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-202414656

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section **BENQUE VIEJO DEL CARMEN Block No. 23** and being **Parcel No. 3001 Formerly Lot No. 15**, 650.614 Square Meters situate Southeast of Benque Viejo Town, Cayo District.

This parcel of land is subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 3201 of 2002 dated 6th November, 2002 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 37 of 2002 at Folios 1487 to 1492 in favor **ENRIQUE COLEMAN**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-202414688

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section **BENQUE VIEJO DEL CARMEN Block No. 23** and being **Parcel No. 3002 & No. 3005 Formerly Lot No. 16 & No. 17**, 650.614 Square Meters each situate Southeast of Benque Viejo Town, Cayo District.

This parcel of land is subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 1305 of 2002 dated 2nd May, 2002 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 17 of 2002 at Folios 1409 to 1416 in favor **ENRIQUE COLEMAN**.



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APPLICATION NO. LRS-202414651

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section PROGRESSO Block No. 1 and being Parcel No. 891 Formerly Block No. 24, 11.65 Acres situate in the Progreso Agricultural Layout, Corozal District.

This parcel of land is subject of a Minister’s Fiat Grant No. 248 of 1997 dated 10th June, 1997 in favor of JOSE E. MELHADO.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-202414818

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section ORANGE WALK TOWN Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 1461 Formerly Lot R, 608.232 Square Meters situate on the Yo Creek Road, in Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District.

This parcel of land is subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 1930 of 1989 dated 23rd October, 1989 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 20 of 1989 at Folios 1419 to 1430 in favor of JUAN VASQUEZ.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-202414948

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section QUEEN’S SQUARE WEST Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 307 Formerly Lot No. 194, 484.640 Square Meters situate along Racoon Street Extension, Belize City, Belize District.

This parcel of land is subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 477 of 2002 dated 13th February, 2002 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 6 of 2002 at Folios 1193 to 1200 in favor JOAN FLOWERS.

Pursuant to Section 37(3) of the Registered Land Act, Chapter 194, Laws of Belize, Revised Edition, notice is hereby given of the loss of the following Land and Lease Certificates:

Names	Registration Section, Block & Parcel Nos.	Certificate Nos.
JOSEPH KENT	36-61-1591	Land Cert. No. 15313/2006 dtd. 11/29/2006
ELIZABETH MARIE OUVARD	7-42-355	Land Cert. No. 3725/2003 dtd. 05/19/2003
DEYFI KARI PEREZ	3-87-1292/1	Lease Cert. No. 6731/2005 dtd. 08/01/2005
6 PALMS VILLA LIMITED	7-42-4208	Land Cert. No. 9262/2005 dtd. 10/06/2005
HIPOLITO SANTOYA (DECEASED)	3-89-594	Land Cert. No. LRS-201004109 dtd. 04/23/2010
SOUTH BEACH DEVELOPMENT LIMITED	7-42-10511	Land Cert. No. LRS-201413644 dtd. 10/24/2014
SOUTH BEACH DEVELOPMENT LIMITED	7-42-10512	Land Cert. No. LRS-201413643 dtd. 10/24/2014
SOUTH BEACH DEVELOPMENT LIMITED	7-42-10513	Land Cert. No. LRS-201413641 dtd. 10/24/2014
SOUTH BEACH DEVELOPMENT LIMITED	7-42-10522	Land Cert. No. LRS-201413606 dtd. 10/24/2014
SOUTH BEACH DEVELOPMENT LIMITED	7-42-10524	Land Cert. No. LRS-201413614 dtd. 10/24/2014
SOUTH BEACH DEVELOPMENT LIMITED	7-42-10532	Land Cert. No. LRS-201413602 dtd. 10/24/2014
SOUTH BEACH DEVELOPMENT LIMITED	7-42-10542	Land Cert. No. LRS-201303746 dtd. 04/17/2013
SOUTH BEACH DEVELOPMENT LIMITED	7-42-10543	Land Cert. No. LRS-201303747 dtd. 04/17/2013
BENJAMIN VILLACORTA	24-25-4750	Land Cert. No. LRS-201900897 dtd. 01/24/2019
GERARDO SOSA	7-42-11498	Land Cert. No. LRS-202303713 dtd. 03/14/2023
EDMUND ZUNIGA and ZUNIGA (JOINTLY)	20-17-8015	Land Cert. No. LRS-KARYL 200808169 dtd. 10/24/2008
RUTH COLLINS	1-12-2964/1	Lease Cert. No. 6293/2001 dtd. 09/03/2001
ERNESTO CANDELARIO	23-22-1893	Land Cert. No. LRS-COWO 202308510 dtd. 06/20/2023
EFREN MONTERROSO	1-7-1350	Land Cert. No. LRS-201409149 dtd. 07/25/2014
MUSGRAVE FRANCIS SHEPPARD JR.	24-25-391	Land Cert. No. 5428/1992 dtd. 09/01/1992
MICHAEL DANIEL ESTELL	7-42-5312	Land Cert. No. LRS-201606262 dtd. 06/17/2016
BELIZE WATER SERVICES LIMITED	20-17-6056/1	Lease Certificate No. 525/2005 dtd. 02/01/2005
JULIANA MEJIA	1-12-1020	Land Cert. No. LRS-201508720 dtd. 08/06/2015

The above Land/Lease Certificates after the expiration of twenty-one (21) days from the appearance of this notice. Any person in possession of the above-mentioned certificates is required to return it to the Belize Land Registry, of Natural Resources, City of Belmopan.

Patricia Robateau Blackett (Mrs.)
Registrar of Lands

LTU-202401378

LAND TITLES UNIT
Ministry of Natural Resources
City of Belmopan

UNDER THE GENERAL REGISTRY ACT, CHAPTER 327 OF THE LAWS OF BELIZE REVISED EDITION 2020

WHEREAS having made the necessary inquires and having read the statutory declaration filed in connection therewith, I have come to the conclusion that the duplicate of the Transfer Certificate of Title dated 9th day of November, 2005 and Registered in the Land Titles Register, Volume 49 Folio 30.

ALL THAT piece or parcel of Land situate at Hill Bank, Progreso, Corozal District, Belize numbered 94 and shown on a Plan of subdivision by William P. Neal, Licensed Land Surveyor and dated the 22nd day of March, 2004 and recorded at the Office of the Commissioner of Lands and Survey in Belmopan as Entry No.7971 in Register 26 and being a portion of the land comprised in TCT Volume 45 Folio 41.

In the name of: ROBERT P. WILLS and LAURA J. WILLS of 10309 FORNEY LOOP.M FORT, BELVOIR, VIRGINIA 22060, USA

HAS BEEN IRREVOCABLY LOST OR DESTROYED BY MISADVENTURE.

I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I intend, at the expiration of twenty-one days from the first appearance of this notice, to issue a new duplicate of the Registered Transfer Certificate of Title registered in the Land Titles Register, Volume 49 Folio 30.

ANY PERSON in whose custody the TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE may be or who may have any objection to such issue is hereby requested to inform me of the fact.

PATRICIA ROBATEAU BLACKETT (Mrs.)
Registrar of Lands

LRS-202403561

Registered Land Act
Chapter 194
Section 140(1)

OWNERSHIP BY PRESCRIPTION

Name of Applicant	Registration Section	Block No.	Parcel No.
SHELDON ARNOLD STANLEY SOSA	ALBERT/MESOP	45	1582

Application for ownership by prescription for the above mentioned parcel situate in ALBERT/MESOP Registration Section has been received from SHELDON ARNOLD STANLEY SOSA being Parcel No. 1582 containing 415.938 Square Meters.

The attention of the general public is hereby drawn to this notice. Any person whose rights and interest may be affected by the registration of SHELDON ARNOLD STANLEY SOSA as proprietor with Absolute Title for Parcel No. 1582 ALBERT/MESOP Registration Section containing 415.938 Square Meters is hereby requested to show cause on or within one month from the date thereof, why ownership should not be granted to SHELDON ARNOLD STANLEY SOSA.

PATRICIA ROBATEAU BLACKETT (MRS.)
REGISTRAR OF LANDS



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LRS-202413091

15th August, 2024

Registered Land Act
Chapter 194
Section 98(2) (C)

RELEASE OF REGISTERED RESTRICTIVE AGREEMENT

Name of Applicant	Registration Section	Block No.	Parcel No.
KT REAL ESTATE 1412 LTD	CAYE CAULKER	12	1412

Application for Release of Existing Restrictive Agreement, instrument number LRS-202406898 registered on the 8th May, 2024 for the above mentioned parcel situate in CAYE CAULKER Registration Section on behalf of KT REAL ESTATE 1412 LTD.

PATRICIA ROBATEAU BLACKETT (MRS.)
REGISTRAR OF LANDS

LRS-202414532

Registered Land Act
Chapter 194
Section 140(1)

OWNERSHIP BY PRESCRIPTION

Name of Applicant	Registration Section	Block No.	Parcel No.
CAROL GABRIEL	CONSEJO	1	961

Application for ownership by prescription for the above mentioned parcel situate in CONSEJO Registration Section has been received from CAROL GABRIEL being Parcel No. 961 containing 2,222.22 Square Yards.

The attention of the general public is hereby drawn to this notice. Any person whose rights and interest may be affected by the registration of CAROL GABRIEL as proprietor with Absolute Title for Parcel No. 961 CONSEJO Registration Section containing 2,222.22 Square Yards is hereby requested to show cause on or within one month from the date thereof, why ownership should not be granted to CAROL GABRIEL.

PATRICIA ROBATEAU BLACKETT (MRS.)
REGISTRAR OF LANDS

LRS-202414538

Registered Land Act
Chapter 194
Section 140(1)

OWNERSHIP BY PRESCRIPTION

Name of Applicant	Registration Section	Block No.	Parcel No.
CAROL GABRIEL	CONSEJO	1	803

Application for ownership by prescription for the above mentioned parcel situate in CONSEJO Registration Section has been received from CAROL GABRIEL being Parcel No. 803 containing 1,626.134 Square Meters.

The attention of the general public is hereby drawn to this notice. Any person whose rights and interest may be affected by the registration of CAROL GABRIEL as proprietor with Absolute Title for Parcel No. 803 CONSEJO Registration Section containing 1,626.134 Square Meters is hereby requested to show cause on or within one month from the date thereof, why ownership should not be granted to CAROL GABRIEL.

PATRICIA ROBATEAU BLACKETT (MRS.)
REGISTRAR OF LANDS

Terms of Reference

COUNTRY BY COUNTRY REPORTING AND
ORGANIZATION FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION
AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICER FOR THE
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION UNIT

Position Title: Country By Country Reporting and Organization For Economic Cooperation and Development Officer (CbCR and OECD)

Location: Belize City, Belize

Reporting to: Deputy Director General – Policy & Program, Belize Tax Service Department, Ministry of Finance

Background: With the increasingly complex landscape of international taxation, it has become imperative for Belize Tax Service Department (BTSD) to establish a dedicated International Cooperation Unit. This unit will serve as the focal point of addressing our international taxation obligations, including the Automatic Exchange of Information (AEIO), Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS), Country-by-Country Reporting (CbCR), and requirements outlined by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

Purpose of the Position: The purpose of this role is to closely monitor BTSD’s compliance with both the Country-by-Country Reporting (CbCR) requirements and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) tax obligations and agreements. This includes monitoring changes in accordance with OECD guidelines, ensuring timely implementation of recommendations, coordinating responses to inquiries, reviews, and assessments, and collecting data from CbCR for analysis, accurate reporting, and compliance with international requirements.

- Key Outputs and Responsibility Areas:
1. Policies and operating procedures for Country-by-Country Reporting (CbCR) and Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) monitored and implemented;
 2. Coordinate with relevant stakeholders to facilitate the exchange of financial and tax-related information;
 3. Collaborate with international organizations and stakeholders to address challenges and promote best practices in AEIO compliance;
 4. Maintain established protocols between AEIO and BEPS and other sections as well as external entities;
 5. Establish and maintain relationships with bilateral and multilateral treaty partners to support information exchange initiatives;
 6. Monitor developments in AEIO and BEPS frameworks and make recommendations for policy and procedural updates;
 7. Provide guidance and support to internal teams on AEIO and BEPS compliance requirements;
 8. Support the International Cooperation Manager, BTSD, in attending meetings of the AEIO Peer Review Group, including drafting agendas and preparing summary records;
 9. Coordinate with internal departments to collect, validate, and transmit financial information for AEIO purposes;
 10. Monitor the effectiveness of AEIO processes and systems, identifying areas for improvement and optimization;
 11. Develop and implement strategies and policies to address identified BEPS issues in line with international standards and best practices;
 12. Support the International Cooperation manager, BTSD in attending meetings of the AEIO Peer Review Group, including, but not limited to drafting agendas and preparing summary records;
 13. Policies are developed and implemented in accordance with the AEIO) and Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) Exchange of Information Agreement for tax purposes, within the stipulated time;
 14. A database for Automatic Exchange of Information (AEIO) and Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) for the Exchange of Information is established and maintained according to standard;
 15. Automatic Exchange of Information (AEIO) and Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) exchange is facilitated in accordance with the global standards;
 16. All relevant reports are accurately and comprehensively prepared and submitted by the due date;

- Qualifications and Skills:
- a. Academic qualification:
 - BSc. in Business Administration, Accounting or equivalent qualifications,
 - Post Graduate Diploma in Tax Audit or Certificate in Auditing Techniques
 - Minimum of three (3) years’ work related experience
 - b. Specific Knowledge:
 - Comprehensive understanding of Exchange of Information treaties, articles, and related legislative frameworks;
 - Thorough knowledge of Tax Administration objectives, policies, programs, and operations;
 - Familiarity with managerial principles and practices;
 - Proficiency in utilizing relevant computer systems and applications
 - c. General Professional Experience:
 - Strong analytical and problem-solving skills.
 - Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
 - Ability to work collaboratively in a team environment.
 - Proficiency in Microsoft Office applications.
 - Attention to detail and ability to work under pressure.
 - Experience in policy development and implementation is Desirable

Compensation: Government of Belize Pay Scale 22 of \$39,206.00 x \$1,644.00 - \$70,442.00 per annum.

Application Process: Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume, and contact information for three professional references to **Director General, Belize Tax Service Department, Ministry of Finance, Eleanor Hall Building, Belize City** by **October 18th, 2024**; only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for interviews.

Note: The Terms of Reference may be subject to amendments or modifications as deemed necessary by the hiring authority.



Delille - Norman Sutherland wins Jr 200m

Belizean athlete wins Jamaica high school sports scholarship; BAA leadership issues

by William Ysaguirre

BELIZE CITY, Tues. Sept. 24, 2024

Belizean athlete Norman Sutherland has commenced studies at Saint Elizabeth Technical High School in Santa Cruz, Jamaica, on an athletic scholarship that covers the costs of books and tuition. He will be training under coach Neil Harrison, who saw Sutherland's talent when he visited Belize in June of this year. Norman first caught the coaches' and scouts' eyes when he won gold in the Junior 200-meter race and silver in the 100-meter race at the National Secondary Schools Sports Association (NSSSA) athletics championships at the Marion Jones Sports Complex on April 27.

His mentor, Cojac Smith, who up until recently was president of the Belize Athletics Association (BAA), was able to source funds to cover Sutherland's food and lodging and other expenses while in Jamaica so that he could take up the scholarship offer, and Norman arrived at his new school on Tuesday, September 24.

The Belize Athletics Association had elected Cojac Smith as its new president at a Special General Assembly on April 6 this year, and since then he has been working with coach Gregory Meyers, father of teen phenom CARIFA gold medalist Demitri Meyers, to identify

Belizean athletes with talent, and to match them with educational institutions which may offer them scholarships. They began collaborating with coaches and the different principals from schools in the Caribbean, and at this year's CARIFTA championships in St. George's, Grenada, they invited a few coaches from Jamaica to conduct a workshop here in Belize, where they were able to meet the young athletes.

They also offered a scholarship to 14-year-old Jaaden Williams, who had represented Belize at the CARIFTA Games, but due to his tender age, he was not ready to leave the security of his parents' home, and so did not take up the offer.

Upon Smith's return from the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, a rift apparently surfaced between Smith and the BAA, resulting in the BAA declaring Smith to no longer be the president of the Association. Thus, any other inquiries from other athlete prospects seeking to apply for the athletic scholarships were met by a disclaimer from the BAA secretary Kimberly Williams, who said the BAA had no knowledge of the scholarship donors or the recipients.

No new elections have been held to elect a new BAA president, and Smith said he has referred the dispute to his attorneys,



Cojac Smith - Paris 2024

who will be handling the matter. In the meantime, he pledged to continue to work with Coach Meyers and others to develop athletics in Belize.

Verdes bombs Progresso, 3-0, to lead PLB football

by William Ysaguirre

DANGRIGA, Stann Creek District, Sun. Sept. 22, 2024

Verdes FC upset the hitherto undefeated Progresso FC, 3-0, on Friday night, September 20, at the Marshalleck Stadium, to take over the lead in the Premier League of Belize (PLB) 2024-2025 Opening Season; while defending champions Port Layola FC marched over Wagiya SC to their 4th win, 4-0, at the Carl Ramos Stadium on Sunday afternoon, September 15. (See standings below.)

At the Marshalleck Stadium in Benque Viejo on Independence eve, September 20, the Green Machine's Colombian import Yubeiquer Arenas (11') opened the scoreboard to lead 1-0 up to intermission. Nahjib Guerra's brace (47' and 90+2') completed the 3-0 rout.

At the Ambergris Stadium on la Isla Bonita also on Friday night, Delone Torres came off the bench to score the winning goal (57') for the San Pedro Pirates' 1-0 victory over the Belmopan Bandits.

On Sunday afternoon at the Carl Ramos Stadium, Orlando Velasquez and Latrell Middleton led Port Layola's offensive, supported by Rene Leslie and Colombian import Andres Orozco on the wings, and by Naim "Nemo" Wilson and Jarrel Young at midfield. Brazilian import



Port Layola's #80 Orlando Velasquez rises above everyone to score a header off a corner by Rene Leslie.

Mailson Moura led the Wagiya defense with Wilson Morales, Darren Villafranco and Colombian import Jaider Ledesma to help goalkeeper Pelayo keep the visitors scoreless up to the half.

Down at the other end, Richard Mendoza and Arlen Mendoza tried to get an attack going with Oziel Martinez, Haider Landazuri, and Anderson and Levi Pixabaj at midfield. But Juan Ocampo led the visitors' defense with Jarret Davis,

Enfield "Bolo" Nuñez and Norman Anderson to help goalkeeper Oscar Palomino shut out Wagiya's every try.

Orlando Velasquez's header (53') found Pelayo's weakness after the break, and Rene Leslie's brace (57' and 60') extended the lead. Port Layola's coach Julius Allen introduced veteran Ian Gaynair to relieve an injured Ocampo, and Shawn Young came off the bench to relieve Norman Anderson. Akeem "Bib" Sutherland and Justin Trapp replaced Leslie and Orozco, while rookie goalie Carlos Palacio got some playing time by relieving Palomino in the web. Latrell Middleton's (78') strike from the corner of the 18-yard box sealed the 4-0 Port Layola win.

Upcoming Week 8 matches:
Saturday, September 28
7:30 p.m. – Bandits Sports vs Port Layola FC at Isidoro Beaton Stadium
7:30 p.m. – Progresso FC vs Wagiya SC at People's Stadium
Sunday, September 29
4:00 p.m. – Verdes FC vs San Pedro Pirates at Norman Broaster Stadium

Premier League of Belize 2024-2025 Opening Season								
Standings at Week 7, Sunday, September 22, 2024								
TEAMS	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Diff	Pts
Verdes FC	7	5	0	2	21	4	17	15
Progresso FC	7	4	2	1	8	5	3	14
Port Layola FC	7	4	1	2	12	6	6	13
San Pedro Pirates	7	3	3	1	8	5	3	12
Bandits Sports	7	1	1	5	3	15	-12	4
Wagiya SC	7	0	1	6	6	23	-17	1

SPORTS

BELIZE'S LEADING SPORTS PAGE



Roque Matus (l) wins finishing sprint over "Smokes" Gladden (r)

by William Ysaguirre

BELIZE CITY, Sun. Sept. 22, 2024
Veteran Cross Country cyclist Roque Matus won the first ever Barbara Robateau Memorial Non-Elite Cycling Race organized by the Gons Cycling Club on the George Price and Philip Goldson Highways on Sunday, September 22,



Top 5 Women Category winners: (l to r) 4th Lliani Choto; 2nd Chelsea Gillett; 1st Francine Gigli; 3rd Irene Baki; 5th Kelsie Castillo

outsprinting 3-time Lionman Triathlon champion Kenroy "Smokes" Gladden to win 1st place overall and the \$1,000 first prize in the "B" category, while Gladden finished 2nd to win the \$1,000 first prize in the "A" category.
They rode some 66 miles from the roundabout on the George Price Highway at the entrance to Spanish Lookout, via the Hattieville to Burrell Boom bypass road to the Philip Goldson Highway, and on to sprint over the Bel-Can Bridge in Belize City to the finish line in front of Santos Diaz & Sons on Central American Boulevard.
All four race categories ended at the same finish line, but only the "A" and "B" race started at the roundabout entrance to Spanish Lookout; the "C" race (58.4 miles)

4th Jose Choto (5th overall); 5th Philip Leslie (6th overall; Team SPD); 6th Jairo Campos (7th overall); 7th Richard Vera; 8th Grevell Young; 9th Alvan Gillett; 10th Tyrin Tasher (Team G-Flow).
B-Category winners: 1st Roque Matus (1st overall; M&M Engineering; 2:44:06; \$1,000 prize & trophy); 2nd Warren Coye (8th overall; Team Santino's; \$700 prize & trophy); 3rd Dwight Lopez (BzBoyz Rolling Shattaz; \$500 prize & trophy); 4th Fred "Fresh" Usher, Sr.; 5th Kenneth Butler; 6th Alex Pratt (M&M Engineering); 7th Dave Yearwood (Gons Cycling Club); 8th Peter Jones; 9th Kenny Gladden (Team DigiCel); 10th Kadan Bowman.
C-Category winners: 1st Aston Bowman (\$500 prize & trophy); 2nd Ricky

Roque Matus wins 1st Barbara Robateau Memorial Non-Elite Cycling Race

began at the Roaring Creek gas station, while the Women's race started at the Belize Zoo.
B-Category rider Roque Matus clocked 2:44:06, as he outsprinted A-Category Kenroy "Smokes" Gladden to be first across the finish line. They were followed by 6 "A" riders.
There were some 34 station prizes, ranging from \$50 to \$400, along the course of the race, aside from the top-3 finishing cash prizes in each category.

Below are the top race finishers in the respective categories.
A-Category winners: 1st Kenroy "Smokes" Gladden (2nd overall; Team SPD; 2:44:08; \$1,000 prize & trophy); 2nd Kent "Bob" Gabourel (3rd overall; Team SPD; \$700 prize & trophy); 3rd Tarique Flowers (4th overall; Running Rebels team; \$500 prize & trophy);



Top 5 A-Category winners: (l to r) 4th Jose Choto; 2nd Kent "Bob" Gabourel; 1st Kenroy "Smokes" Gladden; 3rd Tarique Flowers; and 5th Philip Leslie



Top 5 B-Category winners: (l to r) 4th "Fresh" Fred Usher; 2nd Warren Coye; 1st Roque Matus; 3rd Dwight Lopez; and 5th Kenneth Butler.



Top 5 C-Category winners: (l to r) 4th George Lovell, Sr.; 2nd Ricky Usher; 1st Aston Bowman; 3rd Orlando Codd; and 5th David Hyde

Usher (\$300 prize & trophy); 3rd Orlando Codd (\$200 prize & trophy); 4th George Lovell, Sr. (Team Lovell); 5th David Hyde; 6th Isaiah Willacey (Team Santino's); 7th Will Gillett; 8th Amir Gonzalez; 9th Wordsworth Lucas; 10th Danny Thomas.
Women's Category winners: 1st Francine Gigli (Team Lovell Cycling; \$500 prize & trophy); 2nd Chelsea Gillett (\$300 prize & trophy); 3rd Irene Baki (Unattached; \$200 prize & trophy);

4th Lliani Choto; 5th Kelsie Castillo; 6th Jamelia Gladden; 7th Brandi Tzul.
(AMANDALA Ed. Note: Barbara Robateau was a dedicated Belizean sports fan, of football and cycling in particular. Of course, she was a big fan of her brother, renowned 1970s Berger-404 and Hall of Fame goalkeeper Karl "Bunu Kal" Robateau, who was reportedly in Belize for the event and the September celebrations. Welcome home, brother Bunu Kal!)



Belize volleyball girls hammer Guatemala, 3-1, at 1st AFECVOL Central American U-17 championship

by William Ysaguirre

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Wed. Sept. 25, 2024

Belize’s national female Under-17 volleyball team overwhelmed the Guatemala team, 3-1, in their second match at the first-ever AFECVOL Central American Female U-17 Volleyball Championships at the National Sports Institute (IND) volleyball gymnasium in Managua on Wednesday afternoon, September 25.

Central American U-21 gold medalist Akili Jones, 16 yrs, was on fire, hammering 20 kills and one kill block, while also serving up 6 aces to score 27pts! Last year’s primary schools MVP, 14-year-old Imaun Marin hammered 14 hits, 4 kill blocks and served an ace, as Belize swept the first 2 sets: 25-17, 25-21.

Melissa Guerra rallied the “chapinas” counterattack with 13pts, as she, Natalia Perez and Andrea Garces scored 7 hits apiece, but had to go to extra points to win the 3rd set, 28-26. Belize conceded 36pts by unforced errors.

But the Belize girls were taking no prisoners, and 16-year-old Rhea Tsai served 2 aces, scored 2 kill blocks and a hit, and Amayah Lino hammered 3 kills and 2 kill blocks. Setter Sara Safa tricked the ball over the net for 3pts, 12-year-old Jamielee Espejo scored 2 pts, and Jaycee Usher added a point, as they profited from the chapinas’ 39 errors to win the 4th set, 25-21.

On defense, libero Dasialynn Thurton dug up 41 saves and had 23 excellent receptions to rank the 3rd best digger and 3rd best digger in the tournament so far. Jones had a 36.05 percent success rate on attacks and had 11 excellent receptions on defense. Marin has a 57 percent success rate on blocks and a 26.25 efficiency on attacks. Safa had 16 good sets to rank as 3rd best setter in the tournament.

Belize did not fare so well in their debut match, as Costa Rica dominated, 25-14, 25-18, 25-23. Jones scored 11 hits and served an ace, Marin scored 7 hits, and Lino scored 4 hits. Tsai served an ace and scored 3 hits, while Abigail Sharp served 2 aces, and Safa served 1 ace. Belize conceded 28pts on errors. Amanda Campos led the “ticas” attack with 18pts, Michelle Arias scored 10pts, and Charlotte Martinez added 7pts.

Belize plays the hosts on Thursday evening 6:30 p.m., then Honduras on Friday, and El Salvador on Saturday afternoon. Fans can follow the girls’ success on the live broadcast by NicaSports on YouTube.



Belize U-17 girls celebrate 3-1 win over Guatemala



Belize U-17 players eecstatic after 3-1 victory over Guatemala

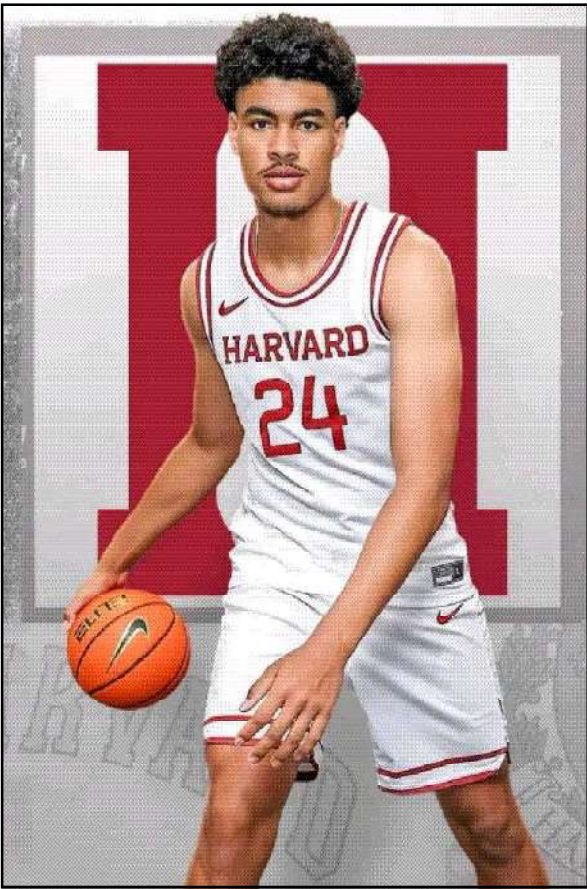
Belizean basketball talent, Douglas Langford, Jr. secures full scholarship to Harvard University

by William Ysaguirre

BELIZE CITY, Tues. Sept. 24, 2024

Belizean basketball player Douglas Langford, Jr., a son of Dangriga, has secured a full ride to prestigious Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts, a four-year scholarship which covers tuition, books, and all other expenses, valued at USD\$350,000. Harvard is among the top 5 Ivy League universities in the United States, and one of the foremost tertiary level institutions of the English-speaking world. Its screening processes are so stringent that only 4 percent of those who apply actually get accepted to attend the University.

It’s a dream come true for the 17-year-old who was voted the Most Valuable Player of the “Basketball Without Borders” Americas tournament in Sao Paulo, Brazil from May 17-20. Standing



6’8” and 240lbs, Langford was the only Belize player among 30 of the best 17-

year-olds from all over the hemisphere including 5 from Canada, 5 from Brazil and 3 from Argentina. The tournament included 30 of the best 17-year-old female players.

Douglas could pretty much write his own ticket, with nine universities lining up to offer him scholarships, including Yale, Princeton and Loyola Marymount University (LMU), after he was voted among the All-Star top 5 players, when Belize hosted the CentroBasket on July 6-10 last year. At 16 years of age, he averaged 14pts, 12 rebounds and 2 blocks as he led Belize to win the bronze medal, which qualified Belize for the first time ever to the FIBA AmeriCup 2024.

He scored 28pts, 9 rebounds as he helped lead Belize to a historic 106-102 upset of Brazil at the FIFA AmeriCup U18 in Buenos Aires, Argentina in June this year, which established his reputation as one of the premier young athletes in the region.

Douglas was only 14 when his parents made the difficult decision to enroll him at St Pius X High School in Los Angeles, California where he had access to U.S. coaches to develop his basketball talent to its full potential, and where U.S. scouts got to see his abilities for the first time.

This week Harvard University announced his commitment to their program to play for their team in the 2025 Division 1 season. His parents whole-heartedly support his decision on Harvard, as its academic standards assure him of a good education for future success, even if he does not make it to a professional career playing in the NBA.

The Ministry of Youth, Sports, and Transport could not lag far behind in congratulating Langford for this remarkable accomplishment, which the ministry release describes as “significant

Terms of Reference

AUTOMATIC EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND BASE EROSION AND PROFIT SHIFTING OFFICER FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION UNIT

Position Title: Automatic Exchange of Information and Base Erosion and Profit Shifting Officer (AEIO and BEPS)

Location: Belize City, Belize

Reporting to: Deputy Director General – Policy & Program, Belize Tax Service Department, Ministry of Finance

Background: With the increasingly complex landscape of international taxation, it has become imperative for Belize Tax Service Department (BTSD) to establish a dedicated International Cooperation Unit. This unit will serve as the focal point of addressing our international taxation obligations, including the Automatic Exchange of Information (AEIO), Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS), Country-by-Country Reporting (CbCR), and requirements outlined by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

Purpose of the Position: The AEIO and BEPS Officer are responsible for overseeing the implementation and execution of policies and procedures related to Automatic Exchange of Information (AEIO) and Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS). This role involves facilitating the exchange of financial and tax-related information, ensuring compliance with international standards and regulations, and establishing relationships with bilateral and multilateral treaty partners.

Key Outputs and Responsibility Areas:

1. Develop and implement policies and procedures for AEIO and BEPS in accordance with international standards and regulations;
2. Coordinate with relevant stakeholders to facilitate the exchange of financial and tax-related information;
3. Collaborate with international organizations and stakeholders to address challenges and promote best practices in AEIO compliance;
4. Maintain established protocols between AEIO and BEPS and other sections as well as external entities;
5. Establish and maintain relationships with bilateral and multilateral treaty partners to support information exchange initiatives;
6. Monitor developments in AEIO and BEPS frameworks and make recommendations for policy and procedural updates;
7. Provide guidance and support to internal teams on AEIO and BEPS compliance requirements;
8. Support the International Cooperation Manager, BTSD, in attending meetings of the AEIO Peer Review Group, including drafting agendas and preparing summary records;
9. Coordinate with internal departments to collect, validate, and transmit financial information for AEIO purposes;
10. Monitor the effectiveness of AEIO processes and systems, identifying areas for improvement and optimization;
11. Develop and implement strategies and policies to address identified BEPS issues in line with international standards and best practices;
12. Support the International Cooperation manager, BTSD in attending meetings of the AEIO Peer Review Group, including, but not limited to drafting agendas and preparing summary records;
13. Policies are developed and implemented in accordance with the AEIO) and Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) Exchange of Information Agreement for tax purposes, within the stipulated time;
14. A database for Automatic Exchange of Information (AEIO) and Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) for the Exchange of Information is established and maintained according to standard;
15. Automatic Exchange of Information (AEIO) and Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) exchange is facilitated in accordance with the global standards;
16. All relevant reports are accurately and comprehensively prepared and submitted by the due date;

Qualifications and Skills:

- a. Academic qualification:
 - BSc. in International Relations, Taxation, Law, Business Administration, or related field
 - Minimum of 3 years of experience in tax policy, international relations or related fields.
- b. Specific Knowledge:
 - Knowledge of Automatic Exchange of Information (AEIO) and Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) frameworks and principles;
 - Familiarity with international tax regulations and agreements;
 - Ability to develop and implement complex tax policies and strategies.
 - Proficiency in data analysis and financial modelling
 - Experience in stakeholder engagement and consensus-building;
- c. General Professional Experience:
 - Strong analytical and problem-solving skills.
 - Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
 - Ability to work collaboratively in a team environment.
 - Proficiency in Microsoft Office applications.
 - Attention to detail and ability to work under pressure.
 - Experience in policy development and implementation is desirable

Compensation: Government of Belize Pay Scale 22 of \$39,206.00 x \$1,644.00 - \$70,442.00 per annum.

Application Process: Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume, and contact information for three professional references to **Director General, Belize Tax Service Department, Ministry of Finance, Eleanor Hall Building, Belize City by October 18th, 2024; only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for interviews.**

Note: The Terms of Reference may be subject to amendments or modifications as deemed necessary by the hiring authority.

Terms of Reference

COMPLIANCE OFFICER FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION UNIT

Position Title: Compliance Officer

Location: Belize City, Belize

Reporting to: Deputy Director General – Policy & Program, Belize Tax Service Department, Ministry of Finance

Background: With the increasingly complex landscape of international taxation, it has become imperative for Belize Tax Service Department (BTSD) to establish a dedicated International Cooperation Unit. This unit will serve as the focal point of addressing our international taxation obligations, including the Automatic Exchange of Information (AEIO), Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS), Country-by-Country Reporting (CbCR), and requirements outlined by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

Purpose of the Position: The International Cooperation Compliance Officer will provide essential support to the International Cooperation Manager in ensuring compliance with various international tax obligations and agreements. This role involves conducting audits to ensure adherence to regulations, remaining abreast of international standards within tax administration, updating internal policies accordingly, and taking enforcement actions against entities or persons violating regulations. Additionally, the officer assists in coordinating and preparing responses for the Exchange of Information on Requests from Treaty Partners.

Key Outputs and Responsibility Areas:

1. Investigation of complex revenue law infraction cases;
2. Analysis and reporting of chronic delinquent taxpayer businesses;
3. Collection of outstanding tax debt from high-value cases and lodging replacements for dishonored cheques;
4. Preparation, enforcement, and monitoring of Debt Restructure Program to recover tax debts;
5. Preparation, service, and monitoring of Garnishment, Lien, Demand Notices, and Stop Orders;
6. Provision of intelligence, reconnaissance, technical, and physical support to the police force during warrants of arrest;
7. Planning, execution, and reporting of assigned delinquent collection program for tax offices;
8. Conduct interviews with taxpayers and/or their representatives to collect tax as due and initiate corrective action;
9. Utilize information obtained from analysis of financial statements and other financial material to determine the delinquent taxpayers’ ability to pay;
10. Negotiate payment arrangements/settlements with delinquent taxpayers and monitor payments to ensure deadlines are met;
11. Conduct analytical review of business module, procedures and financial records to ascertain if business is a going concern;
12. Design, evaluate, document, inform and manage the benefits from the collection program;
13. Conduct a cash flow analysis of future net inflows of the taxpayer to facilitate the design of a debt reconstruction schedule;
14. Provide intelligence and reconnaissance support to Compliance Officers or any other authorized group within BTS;
15. Investigate the feasibility of third parties’ sources to which garnishment may be used to effect collection of the tax debt;
16. Prepare and serve demand notice in pursuant of liabilities with a stipulated period and ensure that the time is adhered to;
17. Attend Liquidation Meetings and present Statement of tax liability;
18. Prepare and submit a report identifying the appropriate enforcement tool to effect collection of the tax debt and the risk associated;

Qualifications and Skills:

- a. Academic qualification:
 - BSc. In Accounting, Business Administration, or equivalent qualifications,
 - Minimum of three (3) years’ work related experience
- b. Specific Knowledge:
 - Excellent knowledge of all the relevant tax laws, regulations, tax treaties and guidelines;
 - Excellent knowledge of the Financial Administration and Audit Act and other financial regulations and guidelines;
 - Excellent knowledge of BTS’ operations and functions;
 - Working knowledge of the Tax Acts; Working knowledge of the Belize Police Department procedure surrounding an arrest
 - Proficiency in working knowledge of computer systems and relevant applications.
- c. General Professional Experience:
 - Excellent decision-making, planning and organizing skills.
 - Excellent communication, interpersonal skills and time management skills.
 - Excellent judgement, and analytical skills.
 - Excellent negotiating and/or advocacy skills.
 - Excellent interviewing and interrogation skills.

Compensation: Government of Belize Pay Scale 18 of \$32,470.00 x \$1,409.00 - \$59,541.00 per annum.

Application Process: Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume, and contact information for three professional references to **Director General, Belize Tax Service Department, Ministry of Finance, Eleanor Hall Building, Belize City by October 18th, 2024; only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for interviews.**

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Helene makes landfall along Florida’s coast as strong Category 4 hurricane



Heather Hollingsworth and Stephen Smith
Associated Press
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., Fri. Sept. 27, 2024
Hurricane Helene made landfall in northwestern Florida as a Category 4 storm as forecasters warned that the enormous system could create a “nightmare” storm surge and bring

dangerous winds and rain across much of the southeastern U.S. There were at least three storm-related deaths.
The National Hurricane Center in Miami said Helene roared ashore around 11:10 p.m. Thursday near the mouth of the Aucilla River in the Big Bend area of Florida’s Gulf Coast. It had maximum sustained winds estimated at 140 mph (225 kph). That location was only about 20 miles (32 kilometers) northwest of where Hurricane Idalia came ashore last year at nearly the same ferocity and caused widespread damage.
Helene prompted hurricane and flash flood warnings extending far beyond the coast up into northern Georgia and western

North Carolina. More than 1.2 million homes and businesses were without power in Florida, more than 190,000 in Georgia and more than 30,000 in the Carolinas, according to the tracking site poweroutage.us. The governors of those states and Alabama and Virginia all declared emergencies.
One person was killed in Florida when a sign fell on their car and two people were reported killed in a possible tornado in south Georgia as the storm approached...
In south Georgia, two people were killed when a possible tornado struck a mobile home on Thursday night, Wheeler County Sheriff Randy Rigdon told WMAZ-TV. Wheeler County is about 70 miles (113 kilometers) southeast of Macon.
The storm made landfall in the sparsely-populated Big Bend area, home to fishing villages and vacation hideaways where Florida’s Panhandle and peninsula meet...
School districts and multiple universities canceled classes. Airports in Tampa, Tallahassee and Clearwater were closed Thursday, while cancellations were widespread elsewhere in Florida and beyond.
While Helene will likely weaken as it moves inland, damaging winds and heavy rain were expected to extend to the southern Appalachian Mountains, where landslides were possible, forecasters said. Tennessee was among the states expected to get drenched.
Helene had swamped parts of Mexico’s Yucatan Peninsula on Wednesday, flooding streets and toppling trees as it passed offshore and brushed the resort city of Cancun. In western Cuba, Helene knocked out power to more than 200,000 homes and businesses as it brushed past the island.
Areas 100 miles (160 kilometers) north of the Georgia-Florida line expected hurricane conditions. The state opened its parks to evacuees and their pets, including horses. Overnight curfews were imposed in many cities and counties in south Georgia.
“This is one of the biggest storms we’ve ever had,” said Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp.
For Atlanta, Helene could be the worst strike on a major Southern inland city in 35 years, said University of Georgia meteorology professor Marshall Shepherd.
Helene is the eighth named storm of the Atlantic hurricane season, which began June 1. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has predicted an above-average Atlantic hurricane season this year because of record-warm ocean temperatures.



REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS FOR “SUPPLIER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM COORDINATOR”

Consulting Services to strengthen Beltraide’s capacity in supplier development program (INDIVIDUAL)

Institution: Ministry of Finance
Country: Belize
Project: Trade and Investment Facilitation Program in Belize (TIFP)
Sector: Trade and Investment
Abstract: This project aims to promote Belize’s foreign direct investment and trade performance.
Loan No.: 5582/OC-BL
Type of Engagement: Individual
Process ID: BL-L1040-P00019
Deadline: Tuesday, October 15th, 2024; 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)

The Government of Belize has received Eight million US Dollars (US \$8M) in loan financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for the implementation of the Project – Trade and Investment Facilitation Program in Belize (TIFP). The Trade and Investment Facilitation Program is a response to the low investment flows and limited international trade competitiveness faced by Belize. The general objective of the program is to promote Belize’s foreign direct investment and trade performance.

The specific objectives are to:

- (i) improve investment facilitation through simplification, standardization, and automation of key investment procedures;
- (ii) improve the investment promotion tools and MSMEs internationalization through the strengthening of the trade and investment institutional apparatus; and
- (iii) improve trade facilitation through simplifying, standardizing, and automating key trade processes.

The program is comprised of three (3) components that will support achievement of the objectives.

The consultancy/assignment is aligned with Component 2 which aims to enhance the positive spillovers of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) into the local economy. This will be achieved through improving investment promotion programs and the developing of a new suppliers’ program to accelerate the internationalization of SMEs, thereby promoting the growth of direct and indirect exports by local firms in Belize.

The Ministry of Finance is now launching the process to fill a contractual position for a “**Supplier Development Program Coordinator**” (**Consulting Service to strengthen Beltraide’s capacity in supplier development program**) under the Project. The Supplier Development Program Coordinator will be stationed at the Belize Trade and Investment Development Service (Beltraide) and will support the execution of the project Supplier Development Program under Trade and Investment Facilitation Program in Belize (TIFP), IDB Loan Contract 5582/OC-BL.

The Ministry of Finance invites eligible individuals to apply for the position of Supplier Development Program Coordinator. Further details, including the required application template and full Terms of Reference, can be obtained by emailing tjohnston.ceu@med.gov.bz during the hours of 8:00 am – 4:00 pm, Mon-Fri. Interested individuals must provide information demonstrating that they have met the required qualifications and possess relevant experience to perform the Services.

The selection for this contractual position will be in accordance with the procedures set out in the Inter-American Development Bank: Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter-American Development Bank GN-2350-15 and is open to all eligible candidates as defined in the policies. The Consultants will be selected based on qualifications.

Qualified individuals should submit one (1) pdf file in English via e-mail to tjohnston.ceu@med.gov.bz and/or two (2) hardcopies of their application to the address below clearly indicating “**Supplier Development Program Coordinator (BL-L1040)**”- name of consultant

The Deadline for submission is no later than **Tuesday, October 15, 2024, by 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)** No late submissions will be accepted. Hard copies of the application should be submitted to the following address:

Therese Johnston
Procurement Specialist Assistant
Central Executing Unit
1904 Constitution Drive, 2nd Floor
Belmopan City
Belize, Central America

Ref: Supplier Development Program Coordinator (BL-L1040) - Your name



GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE
Ministry of Finance
Belmopan, Belize

NOTICE FOR
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

RFP No. RFP/SFD/2/801/01: Construction of Solar Energy Plant Project

Consultancy Service for the Supervision of Procurement and Construction Services of three (3) 20 MW Utility Scale Solar Farms to be located in (1) Maskall, Belize District, (2) Orange Walk District, and (3) Ladyville, Belize District, Belize

- The Government of Belize (GoBz), hereinafter called “the Client”, has received financing from the Saudi Fund for Development (SFD) for the construction of a **solar energy plant project**, and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds to eligible payments under a contract for which this invitation is issued. Payments by GoBz will be subject in all respects to the terms and conditions of the Financing Agreement. The Financing Agreement prohibits withdrawal from the financing account for the purpose of any payment to persons or entities, or for any import of goods, if such payment or import, to the knowledge of SFD, is prohibited by a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations. No party other than the Client shall derive any rights from the Financing Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the Financing.
- The objective of the consultancy is to (1) Review and ensure that the design of the utility scale solar farms is in accordance with the required standards and specification outlined in the Issue for Construction (IFC) drawing package for the Maskall site, (2) Adapt and replicate the design of the utility scale solar farms from the Maskall site for the other two sites (Ladyville and Orange Walk) in accordance with the required standards and specifications outlined in the Issue for Construction (IFC) drawing package, (3) Review and update the Bill of Quantities, (4) Prepare the Tender documents to be issued for the Works RFP (5) Supervise the construction and building utility scale solar power plants with a total capacity of not less than (60 megawatts) along with site preparation works and the supply and installation of solar panels, (6) Supervise and provide oversight for all civil, electrical and mechanical works and supplies and (7) Supervise the layout, construction, and landscaping of the utility scale solar farms. The duration of the assignment is expected to be for a maximum period of approximately thirty-six (36) months.
- The Central Executing Unit (CEU), the Executing Agency (EA) on behalf of the Client, now invites proposals from eligible consulting firms to submit Technical and Financial proposals as individual firms or consortiums, indicating qualifications and experience required to provide these Consultancy Services. The invitation is limited to **Saudi Firms or Saudi in association with Belize Firms**.
 - in the case of a body corporate, it shall be legally incorporated or otherwise organized in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia or country of Belize, has its principal place of business in any of those two countries and is 50% or more beneficially owned by a citizen(s) and/or bona fide resident(s) of those countries or by a body(ies) corporate meeting these requirements;
 - in the case of unincorporated firms, the persons are citizens or bona fide residents of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia or Belize; and
 - in all cases, the consultant has no arrangement and undertakes not to make any arrangements, whereby any substantial part of the net profits or other tangible benefits of the contract will accrue or be paid to a person not a citizen or bona fide resident of an eligible country.
- Instructions for submission of proposals can be found in Section 2C of the RFP. Please request a copy of the RFP via email (rpascascio.ceu@med.gov.bz).
- The start date for receiving offers is 30th September 2024 and the offer period is open for sixty (60) days.
- The Tender Document (Technical and Financial Proposals) may be received electronically at the address below no later than **10:00 a.m. (Belize time) on Wednesday, November 27th, 2024**. The subject line of the email containing each submission shall be clearly marked **“Proposal – Consultancy Services on Supervision of Procurement and Construction Services of three (3) 20 MW Utility Scale Solar Farms to be located (1) Maskall, Belize District, (2) Orange Walk District, and (3) Ladyville, Belize District, Belize**.
- A firm will be selected under *Quality-and Cost-Based Selection (QCBS)* procedures and in a Full Technical Proposal (FTP) format as described in this RFP, in accordance with the policies of Saudi Fund for Development detailed in the *Guidelines for Procurement of Consultant Services under Saudi Fund for Development Project Financing*, – which can be found at the following website:
www.Sfd.gov.sa
- The RFP includes the following documents:
 - Section 1 - Letter of Invitation
 - Section 2 - Instructions to Consultants and Data Sheet
 - Section 3 - Technical Proposal FTP - Standard Forms
 - Section 4 - Financial Proposal - Standard Forms
 - Section 5 – Eligible Countries
 - Section 6 – Fund’s Policy – Corrupt and Fraudulent Practices
 - Section 7 - Terms of Reference
 - Section 8 - Standard Forms of Contract
 - Section 9 – Notification of Intention to Award
- Details on the proposal’s submission date, time and address are as follows:
 - Date:** 27th, November 2024
 - Time:** 10:00 am Belize time (GMT –6)
 - Proposal submission address is:**
Ruby Pascascio
Senior Procurement Specialist
Central Executing Unit
Ministry of Finance
2nd Floor Habet Building
#1904 Constitution Drive
Belmopan, BELIZE
Please mark “Do not open before (date as above)” to the outer sealed envelope

Or electronically to:
Ruby Pascascio, Senior Procurement Specialist
rpascascio.ceu@med.gov.bz



UNICEF Belize - Terms of Reference

Multi-Media Services Long Term Agreement (LTA)

Background:
UNICEF is committed to changing the world for children. UNICEF works with governments, civil society and other organizations around the world to advance children’s rights to survival, protection, health, development, and participation and is guided by the Convention on the Rights of the Child. UNICEF Belize’s Country Programme Document 2022-2026 identifies three programme goals critical to fulfilling its mandate of achieving results for the most disadvantaged children of Belize. Communication and Advocacy is identified as a key change strategy that allows UNICEF to leverage its role as the leading international children’s organization to champion child rights and win support for the cause of children from decision makers and the wider public.

Scope and Areas of Work:
The scope aims at establishing LTAS with institutions that can provide expertise and capacity in the form of standard teams to undertake activities and deliver against one or more of the service categories identified based on work planned for the Belize CO. Companies can apply for varied categories of services based on their expertise. If necessary, UNICEF will negotiate with successful vendors to further refine the services into more specific terms of reference integral to the LTA and subject to its provisions indicated in the TOR, based on its own assessment of the background, niche and capacities of providers.

Description of Work
Support Belize Country Office by providing services based on identified priorities, concepts and needs that include typical services categories and activities listed:

Video Production:	Creation from concept to delivery of traditional media video and additional production services as required for traditional and new media content creation and adaptation.
Social Media and Digital Creative Services:	Creation of appropriate content focused on digital/social media platforms and audiences.
Editorial Content Creation:	Creation of editorial content that educates, persuades, informs, creates conversation about thematic areas and work of UNICEF Belize.
Graphic Design/Publishing:	Creation of graphics appropriate to digital/social media platforms and audiences. Production of both animated and still graphic elements including design, art direction and illustration/animation.
Printing Services/ Production of Promotional Items:	The provision of print services for a range of communication products and specialty/promotional items.
Broadcasting/Streaming	Broadcasting and production services for pre-recorded and live events.
Photography:	From concept to delivery of photo assets including captions and accreditation as needed to specific platforms, audiences, and outlets.

Please note, that this is a shorter version of the Terms of References - for the full Terms of References, please refer to this link: www.ungm.org/Public/Notice/247868 or scan QR code. It provides additional information on the key skills, technical background and experience required as well further details on the evaluation criteria, submission requirements. And the duration of LTA terms.

Closing date for submitting proposals is **9:00am (Belize time); Monday 14th October 2024**. Late submissions will not be considered, and regret letters will only be sent to short-listed providers.



Request for Quotation (RFQ)

Adequation of an area to setup the e-learning unit

Institutional: Ministry of Finance
Country: Belize
Project: Strengthening Public Expenditure Management in Belize (SPEM)
Loan No: 5353/OC-BL
Type of Engagement: Works
Process ID: BL-L1041-P00052
Deadline: **Tuesday, October 15th, 2024, 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)**

The Government of Belize has received financing (hereinafter called funds) from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and intends to apply a portion of the funds to make eligible payments under the Contract for which this invitation is being issued.

The **Ministry of Finance** hereby invites sealed offers from eligible and qualified Contractors to submit a quotation for the following items:

Lot Number	Item Description	Quantity
1	Demolition	
	Removal of Door	1
	Removal of Arch Wall	1
	Installation Walls	
	Sheetrock	3
	Lumber 2" x 4" x 10'	2
	Compound	1
	Sheetrock screws	2
	Joint Tape	1
	Ceiling	
	24" x 24 “ suspended ceiling	7
	Ceiling channel	25
	Tee suspensions	5
	Galvanized Wire #12	1
	Tying wire	1
	Miscellaneous (scaffles, studs, braces, etc..)	1
	Electrical	
	Remove and install AC’s	2
	Data outlets	7
	Electrical outlets	9
	Removal and replacing switches	1
	Painting	
	Primer Paint	1
	Interior Emulsion Paint	1
	Accessories	1
	Office Furniture	
	Built in Desks	6

Contractors shall present their quotation including all items.



Interested contractors may obtain the complete Request for Quotations template and further information from khamilton.ceu@med.gov.bz between **8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday**.

This Request for Quotation (RFQ) shall be governed by the Policies for the Procurement of Goods and Works Financed by the Inter-American Development Bank GN-2349-15 and by the Government of Belize policies and best practices. The contract will be awarded to the Contractor determined to be substantially responsive to the RfQ Documents and represents the lowest evaluated cost.

Contractors should submit One (1) Original and Two (2) Copies in a seal envelope and delivered to the address below by **Tuesday October 15, 2024, 10:00 am (Local Belize Time)**. **Electronic quotation is not permitted.**

Attention: **Karon Hamilton**
Procurement Specialist Assistant
Address: **Central Executing Unit, Ministry of Finance**
2nd Floor, Habet Bldg
Constitution Drive, Belmopan City
khamilton.ceu@med.gov.bz

Late quotations will be rejected.



**REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS FOR
CONSULTANCY TO PROVIDE ADVISORY SERVICE
AND DEVELOPMENT OF TOR FOR ELECTRONIC
SINGLE WINDOW (ESW) FOR TRADE
(INDIVIDUAL)**

Institution: Ministry of Finance
Country: Belize
Project: Trade and Investment Facilitation Program in Belize (TIFP)
Sector: Trade and Investment
Abstract: This project aims to promote Belize’s foreign direct investment and trade performance.
Loan No.: 5582/OC-BL
Type of Engagement: Individual
Process ID: BL-L1040-P00030
Deadline: **Tuesday, October 15th, 2024; 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)**

The Government of Belize has received Eight million US Dollars (US \$8M) in loan financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for the implementation of the Project – Trade and Investment Facilitation Program in Belize (TIFP). The Trade and Investment Facilitation Program is a response to the low investment flows and limited international trade competitiveness faced by Belize. The general objective of the program is to promote Belize’s foreign direct investment and trade performance.

The specific objectives are to:

- (i) improve investment facilitation through simplification, standardization, and automation of key investment procedures;
- (ii) improve the investment promotion tools and MSMEs internationalization through the strengthening of the trade and investment institutional apparatus; and
- (iii) improve trade facilitation through simplifying, standardizing, and automating key trade processes.

The program is comprised of three (3) components that will support achievement of the objectives.

The consultancy/assignment is aligned to Component 3 which aims to enhance trade facilitation through the reengineering and digitalization of trade administrative procedures. This component will contribute to reducing delays associated with administrative trade procedures by strengthening trade facilitation through the implementation of an Electronic Single Window for Trade.

The Ministry of Finance is now launching the process to fill a contractual position for a **“Consultancy to Provide Advisory Services and Development of TOR for Electronic Single Window (ESW) for Trade under the Project.”**

The Ministry of Finance invites eligible individuals to apply for the position of **“Consultancy to Provide Advisory Services and Development of TOR for Electronic Single Window (ESW) for Trade under the Project”**. Further details, including the required application template and full Terms of Reference, can be obtained by emailing khamilton@med.gov.bz between 8:00 am-4:00 pm Mon- Friday. Interested individuals must provide information demonstrating that they have met the required qualifications and possess relevant experience to perform the Services.

The selection for this contractual position will be in accordance with the procedures set out in the Inter-American Development Bank: [Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter-American Development Bank](#) GN-2350-15 and the Government of Belize policies and best practices and is open to all eligible candidates as defined in the policies. The Consultants will be selected based on qualifications.

Qualified individuals should submit one (1) pdf file in English via e-mail to khamilton.ceu@med.gov.bz and/or two (2) hardcopies of their application to the address below clearly indicating **Consultancy to Provide Advisory Services and Development of TOR for Electronic Single Window (ESW) for Trade (BL-L1040)**- name of consultant

The Deadline for submission is no later than **Tuesday, October 15th, 2024, by 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)** No late submissions will be accepted. Hard copies of the application should be submitted to the following address:

Karon Hamilton
Procurement Specialist Assistant
Central Executing Unit
1904 Constitution Drive, 2nd Floor
Belmopan City
Belize, Central America

Ref: **Consultancy to Provide Advisory Services and Development of TOR for Electronic Single Window (ESW) for Trade (BL-L1040)** - Your name


INTERNATIONAL NEWS

War and rumors of war...

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Sept. 26, 2024

Below are some highlights of Middle East “War & Peace” reports by “DemocracyNow!” news agency:

“Hell is breaking loose in Lebanon”: Israel rejects Ceasefire Proposal as U.N. chief calls for peace



www.democracynow.org, September 26, 2024

Israel is continuing its bombardment of Lebanon and preparing for a possible ground invasion of the country, with the Netanyahu government rejecting a proposed 21-day ceasefire put forward by the United States, France, Canada, Australia, Japan, Qatar, the UAE and Saudi Arabia. About 500,000 people in Lebanon have been displaced, and the Health Ministry reports at least 72 people were killed and nearly 400 wounded in Israeli attacks on Wednesday, bringing the death toll to over 620 in recent days. “There is a lot of suffering. There is a lot of hardship right now,” says Beirut-based journalist Lara Bitar, who details how Israel has repeatedly attacked and invaded Lebanese territory going back decades. “The source of this pain can be pinpointed to the presence of the Israeli settler state in our region that continues to wreak havoc in Palestine, in Lebanon and across most of the world.” ...

U.S. Gov’t agencies found Israel was blocking Gaza Aid. Blinken ignored them to keep weapons flowing


www.democracynow.org, September 26, 2024

We speak with Brett Murphy, the ProPublica reporter behind a blockbuster exposé that revealed the Biden administration ignored warnings from its own experts about Israel blocking humanitarian aid into Gaza in order to keep supplying the country with weapons. USAID, the U.S. Agency for International Development, and the State Department’s refugees bureau both concluded earlier this year that Israeli authorities routinely impeded delivery of food and medicine into the devastated Palestinian territory, where hunger, disease and displacement have wreaked havoc on the civilian population. Although U.S. law requires the government to stop arms shipments to countries that prevent the delivery of U.S.-backed aid, Secretary of State Antony Blinken ignored the findings and told Congress Israel was not restricting humanitarian assistance—helping to keep weapons flowing to the Israeli military to continue its assault on Gaza ...

“Lebanese civilians are paying the price”: Israeli strikes kill nearly 600, displace tens of thousands

www.democracynow.org, September 25, 2024

The Israeli military is reportedly preparing to invade Lebanon while continuing to launch extensive airstrikes across the country, forcing tens of thousands to flee. Lebanon’s Health Ministry reports the death toll has reached at least 569 people, with more than 1,800 wounded. Israeli strikes have killed United Nations employees, medical workers,



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Concerning Whites’ current and historical hating on Haiti: Unforgivable Blackness of liberation, resistance and radical refusal

by Dr. Maulana Karenga
September 19, 2024

The most recent fabricated, false and fear-mongering ranting by Trump, Vance and various other MAGA advocates and allies, claiming Haitian immigrants are eating White peoples’ pets, is another Hitlerian lie that has its roots and twisted rationale in the social virus and pathology of anti-Black racism. Like all viruses and opportunistic and persistent pathologies of the heart, mind and body, it attacks most viciously the weak and vulnerable. And we, who have experienced and resisted it since we were forcibly brought here, know that in the face of this species of human hosts, defined by their self-deforming hatred and hostility and the varied forms of oppression they pose, there is no reliable remedy except radical refusal to be like them, and righteous and relentless resistance against them at every site and source of degradation and oppression.

But let’s be honest and morally

courageous enough, my fellow Americans, patriots and flag wavers all, to face the fact that this is the country we live in, and in spite of our rally and convention calls and claims about America the beautiful, there is an ugly, even monster side of America, and Trump is only the most visible activist and advocate for it. Indeed, it is the height of hypocrisy and bad-faith self-blinding to refuse to see and concede that Haitians are the current focus for such hatred and hostility, but that all Blacks are each day vulnerable and victims of these and related patterns and practices of anti-Black racism. And it is difficult, indeed ethically impossible, for any moral person to delink our oppression from the oppression of other people of color who have suffered similar racist and anti-immigrant viciousness and violence.

Thus, it is important to recognize and concede quickly and honestly that the problem is not just Trump, Vance and the craven crowd of GOPers, genuflecting and groveling in fear and favor-seeking ways. It is also millions of Americans who support him and his radically evil ideas and policies, enable and defend him, and ultimately turn this racial hatred and hostility into legislation, public policy and socially sanctioned practice. And it is also liberals whose selective morality allows them to exclude, indict and harm others different and vulnerable who they too deem unworthy, or to protect and support their own immoral interests, allies and arguments.

The righteous struggle going on now in communities, in Congress, in the presidential campaign and on campus against genocide in Palestine, and resistance to those who would keep silent about it or vulgarly and immorally try to justify it, recalls Nana Dr. Martin Luther King’s call during the war against Vietnam to conscience, and commitment to our shared humanity and shared human rights even in times of war. Indeed, he declared


that “We are called to speak for the weak, for the voiceless, for the victims of our nation, and for those it calls ‘enemy,’ for no document from human hands can make these humans any less our brothers (and sisters)”.

Trump and company’s vile and vicious attack on the Haitian immigrants is also a reflection of a general anti-immigrant sentiment and savagery which also has a history in this country. But the hatred and hostility toward Haitians represents an extra measure of sadistic meanness as expressed not only in popular American culture with its Hollywood so-called “voodoo” priests who deny Haitians’ Christian identities and reductively translate the religion of Vodun and its adherents in sick and sinister ways, as well as in the harsh and racist treatment of Haitian immigrants by virtually every administration. Indeed, these administrations have routinely refused Haitian immigrants the right of asylum without a hearing, classified them as dangerous, diseased, disruptive and unworthy, mercilessly turned them back, and detained them as prisoners even at the notorious Guantanamo. So, Biden is right to condemn Trump for his racist lies, but he must also criticize himself and the country for how he and other presidents have treated Haitian immigrants, and laid the basis for them being seen as a threat and unworthy of the human rights of other asylum seekers and human beings and provoking mob violence against them.


But there’s still another deep and enduring reason Trump and company attacked and whipped up hatred and hostility toward the Haitian immigrants. It is what Nana Dr. W.E.B. DuBois called their unforgivable Blackness. But here I want to conceptually expand the concept of it as meaning not only hatred and hostility toward them because of their race, their and our beautifully blessed Blackness, but also because of their historic revolutionary self-liberation, their continuing resistance and their radical refusal to be defeated. Indeed, there was from the beginning of the world historical Haitian revolution a commitment of the White nations, especially France and the U.S., to reverse the revolution and perpetually punish Haitians.

It was a liberation struggle of world historical significance in the interest and expansion of freedom in the Western Hemisphere and the whole world. It is the only revolution made in the world by an enslaved people. It was the first modern state to abolish enslavement, and it was the first Black republic in the world and the second republic in the Western Hemisphere, and it supported the liberation struggles of other peoples in the Western Hemisphere.

Thus, it incurred immediate and enduring hatred and hostility from its former enslavers, France and France’s fellow enslavers in the U.S. and Europe. It was for them a radical reversal of the world order of things causing cognitive dissonance. It was unimaginable that enslaved Africans could free themselves or strategize and win a war against several armed forces, the French army, the colonial army, the Spaniards, the British, and the Aryan hand of sabotage of the Americans. It was an unforgiveable expression of Black agency and excellence in strategy



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS
OF INTEREST



Consultancy Services to Implement a New Cashiering Model including the implementation of a computer system for the Treasury Department, Ministry of Finance, Government of Belize

(FIRM)

Institution:

Country:

Project:

Sector:

Abstract:

Loan No.:

Process ID:

Type of Engagement:

Deadline:

Ministry of Finance

Belize

Strengthening Public Expenditure Management in Belize (SPEM)

Finance and Public Service

This project aims to promote the fiscal sustainability of Belize. The specific objective is to increase the efficiency of public resources by strengthening public financial management.

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BL-L1038-P00088

Consulting Firm

Tuesday, October 15th, 2024; 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)

The Government of Belize has received Eight million US Dollars (US \$8M) in loan financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for the implementation of the Project – Strengthening Public Expenditure Management in Belize.

The general objective is to promote the fiscal sustainability of Belize. The specific general is to increase the efficiency of public resources by strengthening public financial management. The program is comprised of four (4) subcomponents that will achieve several objectives, including 1.1 Financial Management, 1.2 Procurement, 1.3 Technological Infrastructure and 1.4 Strengthening Capacity Building.

The consulting services (“the Services”) to implement a “Consultancy Services to Implement a New Cashiering Model including the implementation of a computer system for the Treasury Department, Ministry of Finance, Government of Belize” is under subcomponent 1 for Financial Management. The objective of the consultancy is to provide support and advice to the Accountant General, Treasury Department on the review the processes of the current cashiering model, Implement a new Cashiering Model, compatible with the accounting system (SmartStream), Implement a Cash Management model for cash forecasting and the management of cash balances, Implement an Online and Mobile Revenue Application which will offer another payment method for efficient revenue collection and Develop the Treasury Website for greater connectivity and information sharing.

The Ministry of Finance invites eligible firms to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Firms should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. From the expressions of interest received, the Executing Agency will prepare a short list comprising not fewer than five (5) and not more than eight (8) eligible firms.

Consultants will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the Inter-American Development Bank: [Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter-American Development Bank](#) GN-2350-15, as well as the GOB procurement policies and best practices, and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the policies. Consultants will be selected in accordance with the QCBS method set out in the Consultant Policies.

Qualified firms should submit one (1) pdf file in English via e-mail to rpascascio.ceu@med.gov.bz and/or two (2) hardcopies of expression of interest to the address below clearly indicating “Consultancy Services to Implement a New Cashiering Model including the implementation of a computer system for the Treasury Department, Ministry of Finance, Government of Belize”. Further information may be requested via email during the hours of 8:00 am to 4:00 p.m.

The Deadline for submission is no later than Tuesday, October 15, 2024, by 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time). No late submissions will be accepted. Hard copies of the expression of interest should be submitted to the following address:

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Ref: “Consultancy Services to Implement a New Cashiering Model including the implementation of a computer system for the Treasury Department, Ministry of Finance, Government of Belize”

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Biscayne man remanded

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was carried out, and now the prosecution fears that he may very well try to execute his other threat of killing her. Prosecutor Neal also asked the court to take into consideration the fact that the charges stem from a domestic violence situation, and that domestic issues are on a rise in the country of Belize.

When asked why she should grant him bail, Bull said because he is a father of three children whom he has to care for, he manages his own business. He promised not to text, call or bother or interfere with Robinson in any way.

Bull said, “She claim dah me bun down eh house”, but all his documents including his passport, clothes and footwear were burnt in the fire, and now he has no clothes left except the clothes he is wearing.

According to Bull, his common-law law wife is a very jealous woman.

Bull told the court that every woman who looks at him, she becomes upset

and jealous; and so he told her that he was going to leave her, and that’s when Robinson got mad with him.

When asked where he would reside if the court should grant him bail, Bull said he will move back to Crooked Tree to live with an uncle.

Bull’s case was stood down for bail consideration; however, at the commencement of the matter at 4:00 this evening, the sitting Senior Magistrate of Court #3 denied bail to Bull because, as she explained to him in court, she was concerned about the safety of the victim.

She told him, “I am concerned about the safety of the virtual complainant, hence why no bail at this time.”

Bull was remanded to the Belize Central Prison until November 18, 2024, when bail may be considered on his behalf, noted the sitting Senior Magistrate to him.

Bull was informed of his right to apply to the High Court for bail. The next sitting of the High Court for bail hearing is this Friday, September 27, 2024.

Belizean basketball talent, Douglas Langford, Jr. secures full scholarship...

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milestone not only for him personally, but also for his community and the nation of Belize as a whole.” His “extraordinary achievement highlights the immense potential of Belizean youth in the realm of sports,” and his “success serves as a beacon of inspiration for all Belizean

athletes, demonstrating that with diligence and support, aspirations can indeed become reality.” The Ministry wishes him every success as he embarks on this exciting new chapter at Harvard, as “his accomplishment not only brings immense pride to Belize, but also reinforces our belief that he will continue to excel on the international stage.”

“Bladen 12” case continues

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“We finally closed all evidence as it relates to the *voir dire*. The three accused persons gave direct statements and explained to the court what happened on the day they were detained. They explained to the magistrate what ordeals they had endured. So now, we are finished with the evidence-taking aspect of the *voir dire*. Now we have to do written submissions, and the court has given us time to prepare our submissions,” said Leeroy Banner, attorney for several members of the Bladen 12.

Among the “Bladen 12” are three law enforcement officers of the Belize Police Department as well as a member of the Mennonite community, who are to be tried for several offenses in connection with an alleged drug plane landing that occurred in the Bladen Forest Reserve area back in November of 2021, almost 3 years ago.

Since their first arraignment back in 2021, the case has repeatedly met with adjournments due to various technicalities and delays. Banner noted that the case remained in the *voir dire* stage since January due to the difficulties for the various attorneys to appear in court to represent their respective clients.

While Banner was tightlipped about

the case, he highlighted that in court on Thursday, September 26, the prosecution said that a period of 20 days has been set for the case to reach conclusion, but Banner told local reporters that so much time might not be necessary.

“Having looked at the file, mainly of the evidence, witnesses or former witnesses, which we could agree upon. So, between now and the next adjourn, I will go through the file again and see as many witnesses we can agree to ... most of the witnesses will have dealt with minor stuff that we could agree on, so that is why I say that it shouldn’t take more than five days; but we have agreed to set 20 days ... gave us enough time to have all the parties’ say and to finish the matter when you come ... when you resume in 2025,” said Banner.

“The Crown has to present cogent evidence to the court, because these are high standards; the Crown must put its case behind an unreasonable doubt, and sometimes these cases do need several witnesses. So, I won’t comment on whether or not six [days] is a lot; but that is the Crown’s prerogative, and they believe that, for the quote of a better picture, no, they need to call 60 witnesses,” he said.

The case has been adjourned until December 17.

Elmer Nah indicted on six counts

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on December 31, 2022, in Belmopan, Cayo District, and of Vivian Ramnarace (Jon’s wife), who succumbed on January 15, 2023, to the gunshot injuries she received on the night of December 31, 2022 during the same shooting that took the lives of her husband and brother-in-law; and one count of attempted murder of Yemi Alberto, David Ramnarace’s girlfriend, who was wounded as a result of that shooting on New Year’s Eve at Vivian and Jon’s home.

The second indictment read to him was for two counts: one count of use of deadly means of harm, and the other for wounding upon Yemi Alberto. These offenses will be heard before a judge with a jury of nine persons.

Nah, upon being asked for his plea, said “not guilty”, but had one question. He inquired about the reason for the use of the word “murdered” in his indictment, and wanted to know whether that word was prejudicial towards him.

Nah then informed the court that he was never served with the new indictments, but said he was handed some documents just minutes before he entered the courtroom, and that when he opened them he saw his new indictment paperwork.

After entering a not-guilty plea, Justice Pilgrim set October 16, 2024, for all parties to file Case Management Documents (CMC) to the court, and October 17, 2024, for Nah’s actual CMC hearing.

The CMC hearing, as explained by the judge, could likely be heard virtually, but he explained to Nah that the indictment had to be done in person, hence the reason he was brought from the Belize Central Prison to appear in court.

Special Prosecutor in the case, Terrence Williams informed the court that they (the prosecution) are awaiting results of forensic analysis, and that he was advised that he should have those results by the end of the term.

Justice Pilgrim asked the Prosecutor what that meant, and he indicated that he was hoping to set the trial for early 2025; but Justice Pilgrim wanted to proceed to the CMC so that any issue that needs to be sorted out in the trial could be looked at during the CMC, he added.

Justice Pilgrim further explained to Nah that the court is trying to find the shortest way to conclude his trial, and was trying to determine how many witnesses will need to be called versus which witnesses will be agreed upon, and all

these issues would be dealt with in the CMC hearing, he added.

Justice Pilgrim also informed Nah of his rights whilst in the presence of his attorney, Godfrey Smith, which is pursuant to Rule 9 of the Criminal Procedure Act. These include the right to legal representation; the right to make an application for bail; the right to enter a guilty plea; and the right to a reduction of his sentence, if he pleads guilty and saves the court time in a trial.

Justice Pilgrim further explained to Nah that he was only to plead guilty if he is guilty of the crime; and he told him that if he pleaded not guilty, his case (for the three murders and the attempted murder) would be heard by a judge alone; however, the second indictment for use of deadly means of harm and wounding will be heard before a jury.

Justice Pilgrim also told Nah that, if he was to consider entering a plea of guilty, this would allow him to make an application for the court to indicate to him what is the maximum sentence that the court could impose upon him.

He also explained to him that the actual sentence could only decrease but not increase, and that the application could not be used against him, as it was only a procedure to inform him of his options.

Justice Pilgrim also informed him of his right to enter into a plea discussion with the Crown where he, his attorney and the Prosecution would sit down in court to plea bargain, and they may offer him the opportunity to plea to a lesser charge, or an opportunity for him to plea to another charge.

When asked if he understood all his rights, Nah said yes. At that point the actual reading of the two separate indictments occurred, and he pleaded not guilty to all counts.

Cayo villager dies...

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the early hours of Thursday, September 26.

Information to *Amandala* suggests that around 1:30 a.m. Tzalam was riding his motorcycle on the Cristo Rey/San Antonio Road when he reportedly lost control near a curve, and crashed into a ditch on the side of the road.

Tzalam was flung off the bike into a boulder, and suffered severe head injuries that caused his death.

Authorities have yet to provide an official report on this fatal accident.

I robbed Hugo of his measure of redemption

Haiti and the UN

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occupation continued until 1934.

“The United States Government’s interests in Haiti existed for decades prior to its occupation. As a potential naval base for the United States, Haiti’s stability concerned U.S. diplomatic and defense officials who feared Haitian instability might result in foreign rule of Haiti. In 1868, President Andrew Johnson suggested the annexation of the island of Hispaniola, consisting of Haiti

and the Dominican Republic, to secure a U.S. defensive and economic stake in the West Indies. From 1889 to 1891, Secretary of State James Blaine unsuccessfully sought a lease of Mole-Saint Nicolas, a city on Haiti’s northern coast strategically located for a naval base. In 1910, President William Howard Taft granted Haiti a large loan in hopes that Haiti could pay off its international debt, thus lessening foreign influence. The attempt failed due to the enormity of the debt and the internal instability of the country.”

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and struggle, and thus Haiti had to be punished; its revolution reversed, and its model erased so that it could not offer an example to aspire to and emulate by other enslaved Africans and others.

Given this, France recovered and blockaded Haiti, and with support from the U.S. and European countries put a price on Haiti's freedom, charging them for having the unforgivable Black audacity to free themselves and lend others assistance in their struggle for freedom. As Haji Malcolm taught, they turned the formerly enslaved victim into the criminal, and the enslaving criminal into the victim. In addition, the U.S. took over France's role as the keeper of European dominance, invaded Haiti several times, seizing its resources, changing its constitution in order to steal its land, establishing segregation during their occupation, propped up a series of puppet dictators and dancers to colonial tunes, and has been disrupting the economy, politics and life of Haitian people since the beginning. Having overthrown the first and only democratically elected president, President Jean Bertrand Aristide, it is now controlling Haiti along with France, Canada and other European members of the so-called CORE group. And it is trying to camouflage its control by using the UN and continental African troops as convenient cover and the Organization of American States as compliant co-signers. But Haiti must and will be free, and we as African Americans and Africans all over the world must play a vanguard and vital role in supporting their self-determined liberation struggle.

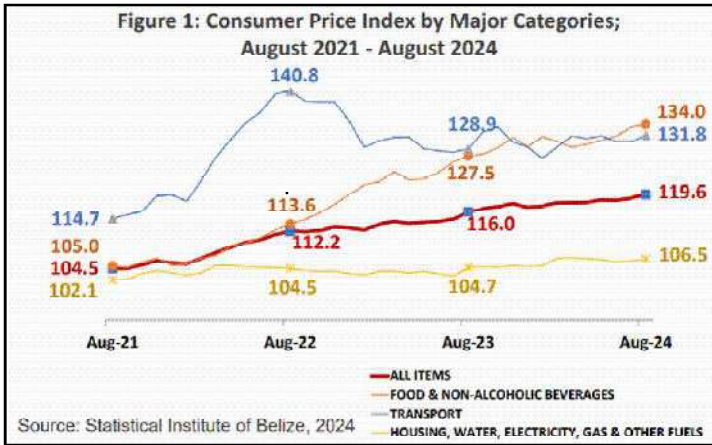
Finally, it is important to note here that the attacks on Haiti and Haitian people, whether in Haiti or in this country, are an attack on us also and African people everywhere. And we African Americans have a special obligation to resist and strive constantly in conscious and audacious ways to end racism and oppression of us all. For we are, as we used to say in the 60s, the frontline of struggle deep in the belly of the beast, in the entrails of the oppressor. We must, thus, dare to be ourselves, free ourselves, continue the struggle, keep the faith and hold the line and emulate Haiti and Nana Harriet Tubman, who understood that freedom is a shared and indivisible good, and thus self-consciously join in expanding and securing the realm of human freedom and good in this country and the world for all.

War and rumors of war... "Lebanese civilians are paying the price": Israeli strikes kill nearly 600, displace tens of thousands

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Triple Threat: Inflation, Export Decline, and Consumers Pessimistic



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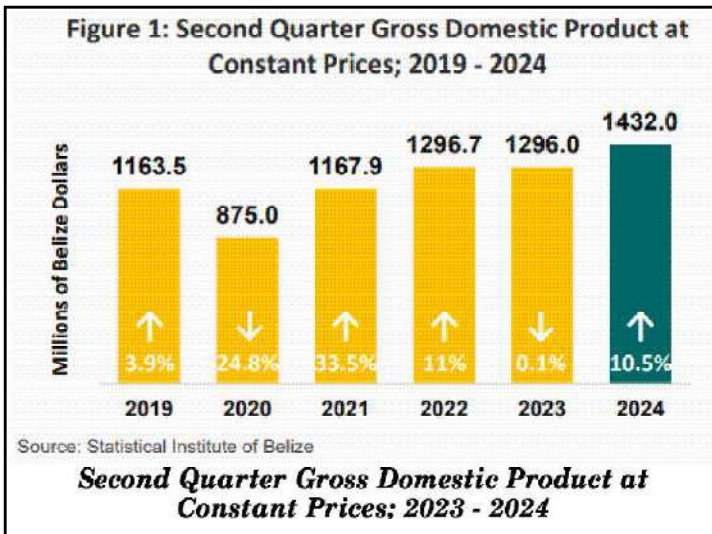
Statistician Melvin Perez presented on the Consumer Price Index from January to October 2024.

"Overall, the average cost of regularly purchased goods and services increased by 3.8 percent," Perez pointed out. Higher prices were recorded across all types of food products – especially vegetables, dairy products, cereal, and meats.

"I must mention that this category contributed the most to the overall increase," Perez commented.

While Food and Alcoholic Beverages saw the greatest increase – categories like Restaurants and Accommodation Services, Clothing and Footwear, and Personal Care items also drove up inflation.

In August 2024, the only decrease recorded in the CPI was in the category of Information and Communication. Among municipalities, Belmopan once again saw the greatest rate of inflation across the country.



Consumer Confidence down

Statistics from the SIB outline that consumer confidence has declined since the last National Consumer Confidence Index. The Consumer Confidence Index (CCI) measures the sentiments of consumers concerning the general economic condition within the country.

This index ranges from 0 (completely pessimistic) to 100 (completely optimistic) – the index stood at 43.6 for the month of August 2024 – down by 3.8% from the July 2024 record. A value greater than 50 indicates that consumers are more optimistic about the economy and their economic prospects.

Statistician 1 at the SIB, Jacklyn Sabal shared, "Essentially it is a perception study and one of few economic indicators that attempts to assess how exactly consumers are feeling." Sabal added, "For the month of August, consumers felt more pessimistic about making major purchases of durable goods. Consumer confidence for durable goods decreased from 39.8 to 37.4, and they also felt less optimistic about future expectations. So, their households' future financial situation and future general economic conditions, consumers felt less optimistic about that index. Sentiment among urban consumers decreased by 1.6% from 41.7 to 41.1, while sentiment among rural consumers decreased more sharply by 5.4% from 48.3 to 45.7."

Exports and Imports Down

In the category of Merchandise Trade, the SIB reports a total value of goods imported at \$219.2 million for the month of August 2024. This is a considerable decrease of 20.2 percent or \$55.6

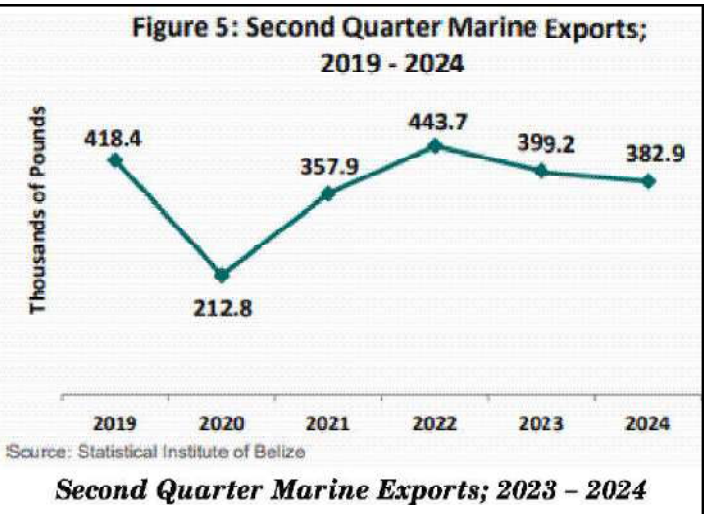
this year, January to August 2024 – merchandise imports amounted to \$1.935 billion – representing an 8% increase from the same period last year. Exports for that same period were recorded at \$307.1 million – down 1.5% from the same period last year.

Sugar revenue saw a significant decline of \$18.5 million during the same period – from \$136.9 in 2023 to \$118.4 in 2024. Earnings from marine products, specifically lobster meat and shrimp declined by \$2.4 million in 2024.

On the other hand, banana exports recorded strong performance over this period. Rising by nearly 50% from \$37.3 million in 2023 to \$55.6 million in the same period in 2024.

Gross Domestic Product

The total value of all goods and services for the second quarter months of April to June 2024 was recorded at \$1.432 billion. This represents a 10.5% increase compared to the same period in 2023. According to the SIB, economic growth was seen across all three sectors of the economy. Strong

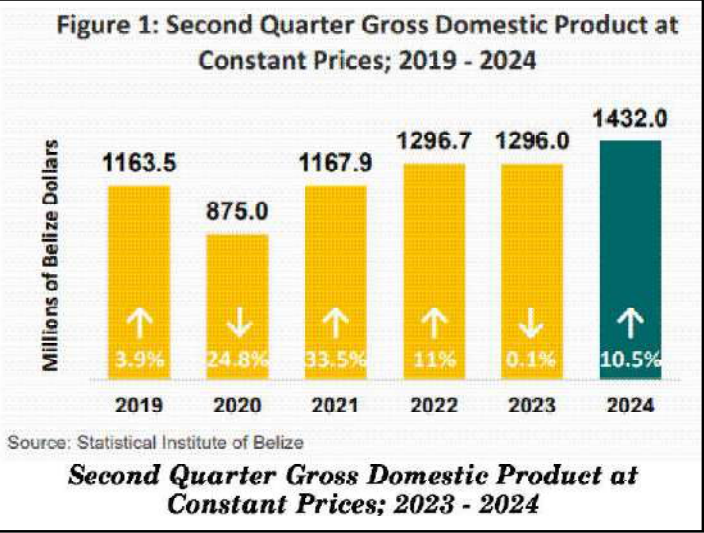


million from August 2023. Similarly, total domestic exports recorded for August 2024 amounted to \$43.5 million – down by 39.2 percent or \$28 million when compared to exports for August 2023.

"Machinery and

performance in the major agriculture industry has boosted the performance of the primary sector – which has recorded decreases over the past several quarters.

The release from SIB states, "All three major agricultural crops saw a rise in output, attributed mainly to improved weather conditions during the months of April to June 2024." Despite the growth in the primary sector, the fishing industry decreased by 4.1% during the quarter – attributed to a decrease in shrimp production.



rockets at Israel, including a long-range missile fired toward Tel Aviv that was intercepted by Israeli air defense systems. "Lebanese civilians are paying the price," says Aya Majzoub in Beirut, Amnesty International's deputy director for

the Middle East and North Africa, who calls Israel's attacks "unprecedented" and "devastating." "In a single day, on Monday, more than 500 people were killed. ... It is one of the highest daily death tolls in recent global wars."...



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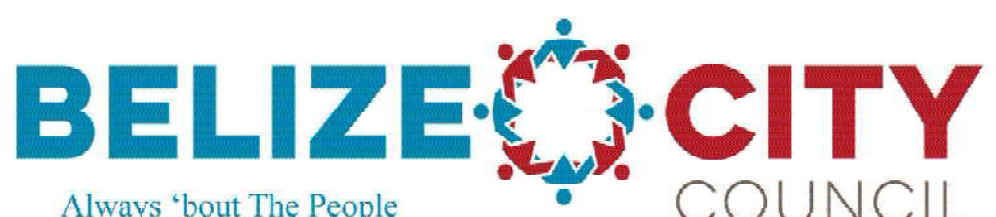
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