

# Convicted murderer's appeal rejected by CCJ

**CCJ rejects Tevin Andrewin's request for leave to appeal his conviction for the 2012 murder of Myrick Gladden in Southside Belize City.**

*by Roy Davis freelance writer*

BELIZE CITY, Tues. Oct. 22, 2024  
A leave to appeal made by Tevin Andrewin, 32, who was convicted of murder and sentenced to life imprisonment, was rejected by the Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ), when it convened on Friday, October 18.  
This means that Andrewin has exhausted his opportunity to appeal.  
Andrewin was convicted of the



**Tevin Andrewin, sentenced to life**

murder of Myrick Gladden, 28, on May 2, 2019, by Justice Marilyn Williams in a judge-alone trial.  
The murder occurred about 12:20 a.m. on June 24, 2012.

Gladden, his common-law wife, Shianna Allen, and her brother, were walking on Administration Drive, commonly known as Complex Street, when Gladden was gunned down.

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## Family charged for holding daughter-in-law captive

*by Charles Gladden*

BELMOPAN, Thurs. Oct. 24, 2024

A family in Belmopan is in police custody after they allegedly held a woman captive for a few days at their home on John Saldivar Boulevard, Maya Mopan area of Belmopan after she reportedly attempted to run away.

According to official police reports, on Tuesday,

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**(Top l-r) Luis Alfredo Tiul Sr., Matilda Games (Bottom l-r) Luis Alfredo Tiul Jr., Elizabet Tiul**

## Softball legend Mary Flowers survives shooting

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## Boots wahn Shyne OWT!

*by Charles Gladden*

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Oct. 23, 2024  
Former Port Loyola area representative, Anthony "Boots" Martinez held a press conference this morning in the parking lot of the UDP's headquarters on Youth for the Future Drive in Belize City on the heels of a vote by 334 of the UDP's delegates to recall Moses "Shyne" Barrow as leader of the UDP. That recall vote took place at a Special Unity Convention which was held on Sunday, October 20, by the UDP Alliance for Democracy (AFD) at the Belize City Civic Center, where the area representative for the Albert constituency, Hon. Tracy Pantón, was elected as Interim Leader on Sunday, October 20. Pantón

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**Moses "Shyne" Barrow (above), Anthony "Boots" Martinez (above right) and Hon. Tracy Pantón**

# KHMH Workers Union says “no” to GOB proposal

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Oct. 24, 2024

The Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital Authority Workers Union (KMHAWU) says “no” to a recent proposal by the Government of Belize (GoB) to amend the KMHM Authority Act.

The Minister of Health, Hon. Kevin Bernard presented the proposal in last Friday’s October 18 Sitting of the House of Representatives in Belmopan to remove the union’s right to representation on the Board of Governors by replacing it with a representative from the National Trade Union Congress of Belize (NTUCB), who cannot be a member of KMHAWU.

“This Bill is to allow for the Board of Governors to have a composition of members that are objective, and that no conflict of interest exists among the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital Authority and its board members and the work of its board can be effective,” Minister Bernard mentioned.

Before print time, GoB issued a press release stating, “This change aims to improve representation and decision-making for all employees. It said that the NTUCB includes various member organizations, including the KMHM Authority Workers Union (KMHAWU), to ensure diverse employee interests are considered.”

However, the KMHAWU issued



a rebuttal to GOB’s proposal and highlighted that they strongly oppose the amendment to the KMHM Authority Act as they were not informed about the change.

“At no point during the drafting or consideration of this amendment were we, the KMHAWU, informed of any such changes, reasoning, or justification for removing our seat from the Board.” The union stressed that their presence on the Board is vital for addressing staff needs.

“... As the Sole and Exclusive Bargaining Agent of the workers within the KMHM Authority, we have a direct and intimate understanding of the needs, challenges, and issues faced by employees. Removing our voices from the Board disregards the very people who are most impacted by these decisions,” it further mentioned.

To end, the KMHAWU demands the amendment to be retracted and the restoration of the KMHAWU’s rights to have representation on the Board. Also, the Union has requested a meeting with the Prime Minister of Belize, Hon. John Briceño, to discuss the issue along with other matters affecting the employees of the KMHM Authority.

# Softball legend Mary Flowers survives shooting

by William Ysaguirre

BELIZE CITY, Tues. Oct. 22, 2024

Softball pitching legend Mary Flowers led the BTL women’s softball team to several national championships in the years 2000-2010—and even to win the Central American championship.

Though she has retired from the pitcher’s mound, she continues to play; most recently, she helped her native village team, Double Head Cabbage Unity, to win 2nd place in the Hon. Marconi Leal Softball Marathon in Sandhill Village in July 2022.

Despite her heroic feats on the softball diamond, 48-year-old Mary was forced to confront her mortality when she narrowly escaped death at the hands of a cowardly gunman who targeted her as she left the home of her former partner, Kirk Smith, on Santa Barbara Street in the St. Martin De Porres area of Southside Belize City around 8:45 p.m. on Tuesday night, October 22.

She reported hearing two shots, and a pain in her neck made her realize she had been hit, and she collapsed on the verandah of the home. Her friends immediately rushed her to the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital, where doctors were able to stabilize her condition. Mary is in recovery at an



MVP Mary Flowers, ace pitcher of BTL women who won Central American Gold at 2004 CONCASOF championships at Rogers Stadium.

undisclosed location.

Police investigators canvassed the area and found that a bullet had also hit a window of the neighbor’s house next door. They have also reviewed security footage from surveillance cameras in the area, without gaining any useful leads from the video or the neighbors. Witnesses are reluctant to come forward for fear that they may be the gunman’s next target.

# Man charged for raping woman, 58, in her home

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Oct. 23, 2024

A 58-year-old woman living in the Southside area of Belize City was ambushed at the door of her apartment by a man she knew, who placed a knife at her throat, forced her inside her apartment, threw her on her bed and raped her.

Shortly after the incident, with the help of a good Samaritan in the area, the alleged rapist was detained and handed over to police and identified as 51-year-old Cecil Gilbert Franklin, aka “G.I. Joe”.

Franklin, who works as a tailor, mending slippers, and also as a bike repairman, is a resident of #4 Pine Street, Belize City. He was brought to court this morning on the prison bus at around 9:30.

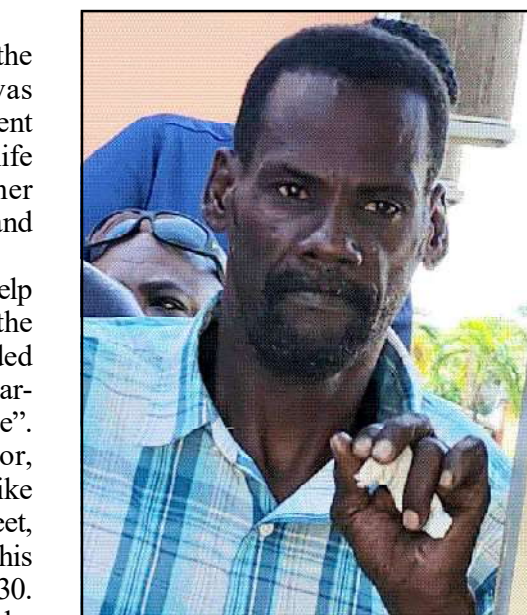
An hour later, at around 10:30 a.m., he was escorted into Court #7, where he appeared unrepresented to be read a single charge of rape.

It is alleged that on Monday, October 21, 2024, he raped a 58-year-old woman inside her apartment.

Due to the nature of the offense, which is being dealt with on indictment at the High Court, no plea was taken from Franklin, who was only read the charge, and the sitting Magistrate ensured that he understood the charge.

Bail was denied to Franklin, due to the nature of the offense, and he was remanded to the Belize Central Prison until December 19, 2024.

According to a police report, on Monday, October 21, 2024, at around 9:30 p.m., the 58-year-old woman, who is a mother, visited the CIB Precinct 1 Police Station and reported that on that same night, at around 8:40 p.m., when she



Cecil Gilbert Franklin, remanded

arrived at her apartment and opened her door, a man she recognized as Cecil Franklin held her from behind, placed a knife to the right side of her throat and pushed her into her apartment.

The woman said that whilst inside her apartment, Franklin pushed her onto the bed, where he raped her.

According to the woman, a neighbour heard the commotion inside her apartment and called the police.

Quick response led to the detention of Franklin, who was handed over to police and escorted to the police station.

Franklin, aka “G.I. Joe”, is no stranger to the court or police.

He has previously been convicted for robbery, wounding and burglary.

Franklin’s next court date is set for December 19, 2024.

# Hoax bomb threat at Government building



by Charles Gladden

BELMOPAN, Thurs. Oct. 24, 2024

The Government building that houses the Office of the Prime Minister in Belmopan—the Sir Edney Cain Building—was evacuated before midday on Thursday, October 24, as a precautionary measure after an unidentified man reportedly called a local media house advising them to relay

a message to the Prime Minister, Hon. John Briceño, about a possible bomb located inside the building.

The message reportedly mentioned that at 3:00 p.m. the bomb would explode “bringing an end to it all, as politics will be no more”. Responding to the serious nature of the threat, employees of the building were evacuated.

However, the threat proved to be a hoax.

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# House meeting on Friday, October 18

**The marathon session of the House of Representatives on Friday included a laundry list of bills and important motions, as well as bickering among members of the Opposition.**

by Marco Lopez

BELMOPAN, Wed. Oct. 23, 2024

A number of important motions and a slew of bills took center stage at last Friday’s sitting of the House of Representatives. Among the motions passed was a US\$20-million-dollar loan motion to capitalize the Development Finance Corporation with a Caribbean Development Bank loan, a motion to Expand the Marine Biodiversity Space in line with milestone objectives of the Blue Bond Agreement, and another motion appointing an Acting Auditor General for just four months.

**USD\$20 Mil CDB Loan**

One of the first orders of the day was the motion to get parliamentary approval for a US\$20 million loan from the Caribbean Development Bank to capitalize the Belize Development Finance Corporation (DFC). The loan is to be used to provide credit to finance MSMEs, student loans, low-income housing, and energy efficiency and renewable energy projects.

Belizean taxpayers are the guarantors

of this loan, which is to be repaid in sixty-eight (68) equal instalments commencing five years after the signing of the agreement.

Nine million dollars is to be allocated for education loans, according to the presentation by Prime Minister John Briceño.

“With this loan, then we can make money available through the DFC which is cheaper, and the students will have a longer-term period to be able to pay it back, as opposed to going strictly to a commercial bank,” PM Briceño said.

Leader of the Opposition, Hon. Moses “Shyne” Barrow, however, noted that loans oftentimes do not go to those most in need of the assistance.

“Who will qualify for the 9 million dollars? The people that need education assistance, the students that need educational assistance, they do not have any land for collateral; their parents cannot cosign for the facility,” Hon. Barrow said.

“For the productive sector, for small businesses, we want to set aside 18 million Belize dollars; for residential mortgages, 9 million dollars; for education, 9 million dollars; for renewable energy and energy



efficiency, 4 million dollars,” PM Briceño said.

He shared that over the past 4 years, the government has loaned BZD\$120 million through the DFC, and “the portfolio quality is at its best ever, with non-performing loans percentage being reduced from 26% in 2020 to 9% in 2024.”

**Expansion of Marine Protected Zones**

Three well-known Marine reserves have been expanded to increase the dimensions of Belize’s total protected ocean space and the medium biodiversity zones. This motion passed in the Lower House last Friday is in furtherance of Milestone 4 of the Belize Blue Bond for Ocean Conservation.

This agreement obliges the government to expand its Biodiversity Protection Zones up to 25% no later than three years after the signing of the agreement, which was entered into on November 4, 2022.

To date, the country has legally designated 20.05%, or 669,046 hectares, of its total ocean space as Biodiversity Protection Zones.

Last Friday, the government of Belize approved the expansion of Belize’s Total Ocean Space under protection and the Designation of its Medium Bio-Diversity Protection Zones covering 25% of its waters.

Bacalar Chico Marine Reserve, Lighthouse Reef Atoll Marine Reserve, and Glover’s Reef Marine Reserve have all been expanded to accommodate wider medium biodiversity zones, high protection zones, and general use zones.

During this year, the Coastal Zone Management Authority and Institute, along with the Ministry of Blue Economy and Civil Aviation, organized consultation sessions across the country with stakeholders. Fisherfolk complained that they were underrepresented at these sessions.

**Acting Auditor General appointed**

Ms. Maria Rodriguez will serve as the Acting Auditor General for a period of four (4) months, starting September 1, 2024. She holds over following the departure of Mrs. Dorothy Bradley, the former Auditor General, who held the post since 2011. Bradley retired in December 2021, but was brought back by the government to serve while they looked for her replacement.

That replacement has still not been found, but according to PM Briceño, they

are currently advertising the post again. In the interim, the Deputy Auditor General, Ms. Maria Rodriguez, will serve as the head of the office.

**Panton removed as Chair of JPAC**

The Joint Public Accounts Committee is widely viewed as the most important oversight body for public spending. Since 2021, when this Joint Committee was formed, the area representative for the Albert Division, Hon. Tracy Panton, held the chairpersonship. During last week’s sitting of the Lower House, however, she was removed as chair of the committee, which includes members of both the lower and upper houses.

This decision was made by Leader of the Opposition, Hon. Moses “Shyne” Barrow, who decided to replace both Panton and Collet area representative, Patrick Faber, on all the House committees on which they sat.

“It is an attack on democracy. It is a travesty and a black eye delivered by one man. I said in my presentation that we are elected to sit in the House to be a voice for the voiceless; and when you remove a part of the socioeconomic framework that includes coming up with laws and making decisions in the interest of the Belizean people, you know what happens. In effect, you silence the Belizean people who don’t have a voice. There is no place for a dictatorship in a democracy; and what we witnessed moments ago is a clear indication of dictatorship if we allow this to prevail. The records are here at the National Assembly, and I urge you to ask for it. I have had fourteen meetings of JPAC, more than any administration has ever held on both sides of the political divide,” Hon. Panton said during her response to this action.

**General Revenue Appropriation Bill 2024/2025**

The government introduced a bill to secure an additional \$106.3 million for the fiscal year 2024/2025. The General Revenue Supplementary Appropriation Bill 2024/2025 is the first for this fiscal year and designates most of this allocation for payment for Capital Two expenses for the remainder of the year.

The bulk of these funds, according to the Prime Minister’s presentation, will go toward infrastructure development – a total of \$42 million.



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Allen, who was the chief witness for the Crown, testified that she heard three loud bangs that sounded like gunshots coming from behind her. She said she felt a burning sensation in her left calf, which made her realize that she had been shot. She said she turned around and she saw a man with a gun in his hand and she stood, momentarily unable to move. Gladden, she said, was lying on the pavement next to where she was standing. She testified that she and her brother then ran, and while she was running, the gunman fired shots at her, but they missed.

She said that when she stopped and turned around, she saw the gunman standing over Gladden and firing shots at him. By this time, her brother had disappeared.

She said she ran until she reached the house of a friend and she took refuge by hiding under the verandah.

The police arrived at the scene and Gladden and Allen were taken to the hospital.

Gladden was shot three times in his back and once in his chest. A bullet also punctured his liver. Before he died, Gladden told police that it was Andrewin who shot him. His dying declaration was



Myrick Gladden, deceased

submitted as evidence at the trial.

After Crown Counsel Sheringe Rodriguez closed the case for the Crown, Andrewin’s attorney, Hector Guerra, made a “no case” submission, but it was rejected by Justice Williams.

Andrewin gave a statement from the dock in which he denied that he committed the offence.

Andrewin was sentenced to life imprisonment with eligibility for parole after he has served 25 years.

Andrewin appealed his conviction and sentence at the Belize Court of Appeal, but his appeal was dismissed and his conviction and sentence were affirmed.

# Family charged for holding daughter-in-law captive



Residence of Luis Tiul

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October 15, the victim – Jaidy Dorado, 23, a Belizean housewife—attempted to run away from her husband’s family with plans of staying with a relative. However, when she arrived at her relative’s home the following day, she discovered that no one was at home, which led her to return to her in-laws’.

After she returned, the family – her father-in-law, Luis Alfredo Tiul, Sr., 45, a Guatemalan pastor; her husband, Luis Alfredo Tiul, Jr., 24, a Belizean; and her mother-in-law, Elizabeth Tiul, 43, a Mexican housewife – immediately tied her two hands and feet with pieces of cloth and placed her under the indoor steps.

While she was being tied, Dorado allegedly was beaten by the family with a stick over her entire body, and remained tied up until Wednesday, October 23, when police arrived at the home, loosened the pieces of cloth, and placed them in a garbage bag. Dorado was found with injuries to her hands and feet, and soiled with urine and feces.

She told them that she had not been fed, and only ate chips which the children in the house gave her, and she was not allowed to bathe while she was held captive. She mentioned that Tiul, Sr. was the one who beat her the most, and touched her breasts and private parts.

After the police untied her, Dorado was allowed to bathe, and was afterward taken to the Western Regional Hospital for treatment, where she remains in a stable condition. The children residing at the home were placed in the care of Dorado’s aunt.

“Many women out there are living in an abusive life, and they are afraid to come forward and speak, because in many instances the abuser is the money earner in the house, and they fear losing that income; and because of that, they don’t report those cases.

We encourage women and men who are victims of domestic violence to come forward and see what we can do to help them,” said Commissioner of Police, Chester Williams.

“... We are looking at whatever we can [do to] help, and whatever help she may [need] we will seek from other agencies to see how we can assist. Maybe getting her in a safe house, if her family is not able to keep her safe, then we can speak to Haven House or some other institution so she can be able to get herself together,” he added.

Unconfirmed reports are that Dorado was pregnant when her ordeal began; however, those reports were not confirmed by ComPol Williams.

Neighbors of Tiul, Sr., question his status as a religious pastor. Some neighbors allege that he practices witchcraft, and that he has killed animals (pets) in the Maya Mopan area where he lives.

Reports earlier today indicated that the three Tiul family members had been detained pending charges as police investigations continued.

However, reports late this evening are that four persons - the three Tiul family members as well as another individual - have all been detained and charged in connection with the incident involving the victim, Jaidy Dorado, 23. Police have arrested and charged 45-year-old Luis Alfredo Tiul, Sr., Guatemalan Pastor, and 59-year-old Matilda Gamez, a Guatemalan national, for the crime of “administering noxious matter”. Meanwhile, 24-year-old Luis Alfredo Tiul, Jr., an unemployed Belizean, was arrested and charged for “aggravated assault and wounding.” In addition, Luis Alfredo Tiul, Sr. and his Mexican housewife Elizabeth Tiul were arrested and jointly charged for “kidnapping, aggravated assault and wounding”; and Luis Alfredo Tiul, Sr. was also charged with “sexual assault.”

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secured the support of Hon. Patrick Faber, who was the leader of the party prior to Barrow’s ascent to the post, as well as that of John Saldivar (the UDP Belmopan standard bearer who held the UDP leader post for a brief period), Anthony “Boots” Martinez, and Edmond Castro, notable names within the UDP.

Following the convention, however, Barrow has made a number of public statements, including during appearances on local media outlets, to dismiss the recall vote and the convention on Sunday as illegitimate. Barrow, in fact, reportedly went as far as having the doors of the UDP’s headquarters welded shut.

This action led to Wednesday’s press conference by Martinez, who wants Barrow out due to his allegedly dictatorial behavior.

“I have been in this party since 1980 – with the YPF – longest active member of the United Democratic Party up to 2024. Tek mi lick fu dis party. Geh mi eye buss, all kinda ting. I have nothing wrong with people making their choices; but what I have a problem with is Mr. Barrow wanting to take this party into a dictatorship kind of leadership. It doesn’t work like that. They don’t follow any part of the Constitution,” said Martinez.

“Where is the voice of reasoning within this party? Where are the senior people at this party? Where is the voice of reasoning? We can’t just allow things to happen! There is a code of conduct for things to happen, including for him [Shyne]. How you will get on television and call this one ‘corrupt’, and this one yah ‘woman beatah’, and you have fu you own difficulties.

Memba you stamp yo wife eena ih back, and all that is recorded da police station. Who are you, Sir? I think he tricks lotta people in Belize by posing as this millionaire, and I nuh think he got ahn at all,” added Martinez.

Martinez further highlighted concerns about how the party is being run under the leadership of Barrow.

“I believe in reform, and everybody needs to have a second, third, or fourth chance; but they always say a scorpion is a scorpion. His only job is to sting, and that is his modus operandi. He wants to take over this party as a dictator, in my humble opinion ... It seems like he wants to die with the chair eena his hand, and ih nuh wahn let ahn go any minute regardless of what. The minute there is a disincentive, you da this and you da that. You see di kind of things he is saying about, not only standard bearers, but citizens of this country. He is rude, a bully, disingenuous, and disrespectful, as far as I know. He nuh got di capability to run this country,” Boots went on to say.

So, what does the future hold for the UDP? Martinez says that he doesn’t know what will happen, but knows that there is one UDP, and that party is currently being led by Pantón.

“I don’t know what will happen. I know about one. I know about the one where the majority of the delegates decide. I know he nuh gweyn easy. He wahn hold on to da chair like whe ah seh,” he said.

Notably, Barrow, as Leader of the Opposition, has generated controversy due to certain remarks he has made in the House of Representatives—including unparliamentary remarks he made toward the Speaker of the House, Hon. Valerie Woods, which caused him to be kicked

out of the National Assembly Building. More recently, a motion was presented by the Prime Minister of Belize, Hon. John Briceño, in the House of Representatives to celebrate the diplomatic ties between Belize and Taiwan, which was supported by almost all House members, including Faber and Pantón of the Opposition. However, Barrow refused to support the motion. In reference to that position taken by Barrow, Martinez said, “As a Party Leader and as Leader of the Opposition, he mek lotta mistakes without checking with di party. They put out a press release:

oh, we nuh deh with this one, da one, and that. The people of Mesopotamia and, by extension, Belize benefit from Venezuela and Taiwan.” A press release was issued by the UDP (the faction led by Pantón) which states that Barrow will no longer be the Leader of the UDP. The release stated: “Effective immediately, Mr. Barrow is not authorized to act on behalf of the UDP in any capacity. The UDP is moving forward under the new leadership of Hon. Tracy Pantón, who was overwhelmingly endorsed by Party delegates at the convention.”



# Motorcycles bring economic benefits, but RTAs suck the economy

As best it could, the court, to determine compensation for the families of four BDF soldiers who went down in a helicopter in Southern Lagoon in 2020, arrived at the cost of a life mainly by looking at the rank of the men, and their ages. How the tragedy impacts the future of the men’s families, and what the future held for those whose lives were cut short, these are things no court made up of human beings can accurately gauge. The anguish families feel on the loss of a family member cannot be measured monetarily. The impact on family members, the community, and sometimes the country, is long-lasting and can influence the future in ways that cannot be predicted.

We’ve had only one helicopter accident. We don’t have many of those. We have thousands of motor vehicles, and weekly our country loses citizens to RTAs, the majority of those citizens in their most vibrant and productive years. In some years our losses to vehicular accidents have approached the horrific number of losses caused by gun violence.

According to the National Road Safety Master Plan 2016- 2030, the good news on road safety in Belize “is that since the introduction of the Belize Road Safety Project there has been some improvement in the death rate, from 21 per 100,000 population in 2012 down to a projected death rate of 8.36 per 100,000 population by the end of 2014.” Unfortunately, we fell far short of the projection in 2014, with our traffic fatalities that year totaling 56, a rate of 15.6 per 100,000.

The Plan listed numerous areas where there was room for improvement – from road conditions, to the required standards for vehicles that are licensed to be on our highways and streets, to the capacity of drivers. That ambitious Plan said that it was “not unreasonable that Belize could meet a target of no fatalities and serious injuries by 2030.”

Zero fatalities or serious injuries in RTAs in a 365-day period does not seem possible. The Belize Crime Observatory (BCO) reported 73 fatalities, 33 involving motorbikes in 2022. The BCO reported 85 fatal RTAs last year, with the largest number of victims being young, vibrant, productive citizens. The BCO report said a whopping 36 fatal RTAs involved motorcycles, 20 involved pickups/SUVs, and 13 victims were on bicycles.

There is carnage on our highways, and the cost to the nation is excessive. A 2010 report from PAHO said that in 2007 there were 61 deaths, 338 hospitalizations, and 565 slight injuries. The report said we lost 2,501 years of potential life, a “total economic cost of BZ\$31,966, 045...1.26% of Belizean GDP.”

The numbers say RTAs are a national emergency. The response of the insurance companies last year was emphatic, and painful. Third-party insurance rates shot up between 20 and 50 percent in 2023, with the highest increase being for motorcycles. A press release from the Organization of Insurance Companies of Belize Limited (ORINCO) explained

that the increase was in response to “rapid inflation over the last 3-4 years of vehicles, replacement parts, and labor to repair motor vehicles.” A representative of ORINCO expressed sympathy for vehicle owners when he justified the drastic increase, which he said was forced on them by “a collective loss of 4 million dollars by motor insurers in 2022.”

The response of our authorities has been almost blasé. There have been a few comments from the authorities about the need for drivers to be more careful, particularly those traveling on motorbikes.

This carnage on our highways (there’s no other way to describe it): no ifs, ands or buts – it has to stop. We complain daily about the cost of living - it is extremely high – and traffic accidents are taking a huge bite out of our paychecks. Belizeans whose contact with RTAs is what they see/read might respond with some urgency if they were constantly reminded that the high third-party insurance premiums they must pay yearly for their vehicles is directly related to traffic accidents. We can’t afford to *du fool* on the highways. Accidents will happen. We must do everything in our power to reduce them.

Within our means we must allocate funds to make our highways and streets safer. Accidents will happen. On any given day, our vehicles pass within 5 feet of each other hundreds of times while many are traveling in excess of the 55-mph speed limit. Motorists (drivers of vehicles) and motorcyclists on big motorbikes routinely exceed the speed limit in villages. At these speeds we travel, it is miraculous that we don’t have even more accidents.

Wider streets and 4-lane highways would help greatly in the fight to reduce RTAs, but they are out of our reach in 2024. Within our means, we must do what we can. Highway teams equipped with the necessary tools and materials should go out weekly to repair holes, as they appear; restore the edges of the highway that are breaking away; apply new paint to all crossings so drivers see them from afar; and ensure that we have proper signage.

As lead road-safety advocate, Brother Ernesto Torres persistently reminds us that we need to invest more in driver education, ensure that everyone knows the rules of the road. A few of our laws might be antiquated. A few of our laws need to be hammered home daily. We must revisit speed limits and make adjustments where practical. We need an elite highway patrol whose primary job will be to bring speed maniacs and drunk drivers to heel.

Our country would be better off if we reduced the number of vehicles on our roads, and replaced them with motorcycles. As *Phoenix Motorcycle Training* (webpage phoenixmotorcycletraining.co.uk) noted, riding a motorcycle is much better for our health than driving a vehicle; motorcycles have less environmental impact than vehicles; and maybe most important of all, motorcycles are cheaper. The cost of buying and operating 500cc and 750 cc motorbikes is comparable to vehicle costs, but the purchase price and maintenance and running costs of bikes that are used in a 5-mile range – 100cc to 150cc – are but one-fifth of that of vehicles.

Motorcycles, like buses, are good for Belize. They fit our budget. Both enable more economical use of space. While our population density is on the low side, our streets and highways are quite congested. A bus with 50 passengers takes dozens of cars off the road. Belize City and all our towns were designed for a time when one lane was sufficient, an age for little Austin cars and “mule an cart”. Motorbikes are a perfect fit.

It is imperative that we make motorcycle usage safer. Motorcyclists have to be reined in, for the good of all. Motorcyclists have their faults, and they must be hammered into line. Motorists have to be made to appreciate the benefits the nation derives when we trade cars for motorbikes. We must not ignore that some motorists are selfish, conscience-less on the road. The BCO report said 13 bicyclists and 11 pedestrians were killed last year in RTAs. Bicyclists and pedestrians have their faults too; they too need to be hammered into line, but it is a good bet that the majority of those who were killed in 2023 were run over by callous, careless motorists.

Come on, Belize, we are lax and cold when we get behind the wheel. We need more love on our highways. The hammer must come down for reckless behavior. And our authorities must ensure that our highways are maintained to the highest level we can afford.



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## Belize attends the XVI Conference of Defense Ministers of the Americas

BELMOPAN, October 22, 2024

Hon. Florencio Marin, Jr., Minister of National Defense and Border Security, along with Hon. Oscar Mira, Minister of State; Colonel Anthony Velasquez, Deputy Commander of the Belize Defense Force; and Lieutenant Commander Alma Pinelo, Acting Vice Commandant of the Belize Coast Guard, has returned from the XVI Conference of Defense Ministers of the Americas, held in Mendoza, Argentina.

From October 13-16, Belize's delegation joined representatives from 23 countries to discuss and strengthen cooperation on regional security, peace, and mutual support. Led by Hon. Florencio Marin, Jr., the delegation reinforced Belize's commitment to UNSCR 1325 on Women, Peace, and Security, which promotes the active role of women in the Belize Armed Forces.

The team also emphasized Belize's focus on humanitarian assistance and disaster relief efforts in the region, stressing the importance of environmental protection as a vital part of national security. Additionally, Belize reaffirmed its determination to combat transnational organized crime, working closely with regional partners, advancing the use of modern technology, and expanding collaboration with CARICOM and the OAS.

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PRESS RELEASE		
Public and Bank Holidays 2025		
Belmopan, October 21, 2024.		
IT IS NOTIFIED for general information that public and bank holidays specified in the First and Second Schedules to Holidays Act, Chapter 289 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011, will be observed on the following days during the year 2025 in accordance with section 3 of the said Act –		
Day	Date	Occasion
Wednesday	1st January	New Year's Day
Wednesday	15th January	George Price Day
Monday	10th March	National Heroes and Benefactor Day (in lieu of Sunday 9th March)
Friday	18th April	Good Friday
Saturday	19th April	Holy Saturday
Monday	21st April	Easter Monday
Thursday	1st May	Labour Day
Friday	1st August	Emancipation Day
Wednesday	10th September	St. George's Caye Day
Monday	22nd September	Independence Day (in lieu of Sunday 21st September)
Monday	13th October	Indigenous People's Resistance Day (in lieu of Sunday 12th October)
Wednesday	19th November	Garifuna Settlement Day
Thursday	25th December	Christmas Day
Friday	26th December	Boxing Day



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## MAY-JUNE 2025 CSEC AND CAPE EXAMINATIONS

The Local Registrar advises all interested persons of registration dates for the following examinations.

**Registration Dates**

28 October to 29 November 2024

**CSEC Exams and Examination Dates**

01 May 2025 - 06 June 2025

- Additional Mathematics (General)
- Biology (General)
- Caribbean History (General)
- Chemistry (General)
- Economics (General)
- Electronic Document Preparation and Management (General)
- English A (General)
- English B (General)
- Geography (General)
- Human and Social Biology (General)
- Information Technology (General)
- Integrated Science (General)
- Mathematics (General)
- Office Administration (General)
- Physics (General)
- Principles of Accounts (General)
- Principles of Business (General)
- Social Studies (General)
- Spanish (General)
- Theatre Arts (General)

**CAPE Exams and Examination Dates**

01 May 2025 - 13 June 2025

- Accounting Units 1 & 2
- Applied Mathematics Units 1 & 2
- Biology Units 1 & 2
- Caribbean Studies Unit 1
- Chemistry Units 1 & 2
- Communication Studies Unit 1
- Computer Science Units 1 & 2
- Digital Media Units 1 & 2
- Economics Units 1 & 2
- Entrepreneurship Units 1 & 2
- Environmental Science Units 1 & 2
- Financial Service Studies Units 1 & 2
- Geography Units 1 & 2
- Green Engineering Units 1 & 2
- History Units 1 & 2
- Information Technology Units 1 & 2
- Integrated Mathematics Unit 1
- Law Units 1 & 2
- Literature in English Units 1 & 2
- Logistics and Supply Chain Operations Units 1 & 2
- Management of Business Units 1 & 2
- Physics Units 1 & 2
- Pure Mathematics Units 1 & 2
- Sociology Units 1 & 2
- Spanish Units 1 & 2
- Tourism Units 1 & 2

Registration of candidates for CSEC and CAPE 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). The link to indicate the need for an appointment may be accessed via the Online Services section of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Science and Technology's website, or below.

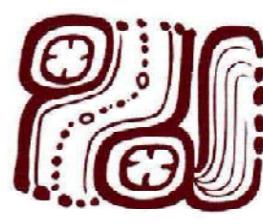
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Minister of Culture, Hon. Francis Fonseca and Governor General Dame Froyla Tzalam

Excerpt from speech by H.E. Dame Froyla Tzalam

16 OCTOBER 2024 | GOVERNOR GENERAL OF BELIZE

And this is not just my history but our history! During my time on the African Maya History project, I got to appreciate that many Belizeans have Maya ancestry. So, you too can share in that rich cultural connection of 4024 years, whether it be through food, folktales or when you visit a museum or an ancient Maya city.

The ancient Maya did not live in paradise but rather in an environment that was very hard to eke out a living. What looks like lush forest obscures the reality that in the rainy season the precious nutrients in the soil wash away from the Maya lowlands. If LiDAR estimates are to be believed, there were 10 to 15 million people in the Maya area. My first question in response to that number was how did they feed themselves? Archaeologists say that to feed this number, the Maya made investments in land such as soil enrichment, and landscape engineering.

... [T]he ancient Maya ‘quarried’ fertile mud from low-lying swamps and deposited them into terraces cut into the hillsides. At Pulltrouser swamp Belize, raised fields were constructed. Farmers elevated the pH level by adding lime to the soil to produce abundant harvests. This takes immense human resources to develop and manage this system. Engineers, managers, workers of all types and of course specialist knowledge in agriculture would be needed in just this one venture. They needed more than the slash and burn milpa system that we are familiar with. These ancestors reshaped the natural landscape.

... [W]e must ensure that we also work at including how the post-colonial Maya cultural values and institutions can be supported to reduce poverty for all Belizeans. It will require you to rethink how we use our resources, perhaps not to feed millions but how to take care of the 400,000+ that we have. We have seen how environmental degradation, droughts and societal stress contributed to the demise of the ancient Maya cities. If we could rebuild using the same resources but learn lessons from the ancient Maya, what could we teach the western world? I would love to see solutions to Belize’s problems emanating from our people using both western and traditional sciences to create sustainable livelihoods. In so doing, we become a part of the Maya creating civilization movement.

Thank you. B’otik

Excerpt from speech by Hon. Francis Fonseca

16 OCTOBER 2024 | MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

*Maya Creating Civilization* represents our third approach to craft an exhibit that bridges education with rich visitor experiences.

In 2002, we took a monumental step by opening the Museum of Belize, twenty-two long years after gaining our Independence. Transforming a former jail into a sanctuary of learning was not just an idea; it was a dream. I still remember the joy when we learned that 70,000 visitors had walked through our doors in the first two years.

In 2011, we deepened our narrative with the Maya Masterpieces exhibit, now known as *The People Who Carved Jades and Their Descendants*, offering a more intimate glimpse into the lives and culture behind the art. Now, in 2024, we stand on the brink of something special with *Maya Creating Civilization*. Our journey is ongoing, filled with the determination to forge meaningful connections. NICH is committed to pioneering new pathways where education, culture, and technology unite to elevate our consciousness and deepen our understanding of who we are.

I warmly invite you to explore the vibrant legacy of Belize’s Maya culture! This exhibit is not just an invitation; it’s a call to engage with a community that has shown resilience for thousands of years despite adversity. Discover sustainable farming practices that embody the Maya’s profound bond with the land. Stand in awe of the Nim Li Punit Jade Wind Jewel, a breath-taking 1,262-year-old emblem of artistry and spirituality, radiating stories of its time.

Join us in celebrating this living culture, your journey of discovery begins now! Together, let’s honour the resilience and richness of the Maya civilization and embrace the lessons it offers for our future.

To access the full speeches, vist [nichbelize.org/blog](https://nichbelize.org/blog)



He put on the necklace for the scattering... (English)  
Se puso el collar para la dispersión... (Spanish)  
Ih put aan di neklis fi di aafrin... (Kriol)  
Aban ladaüruni íñari lubaragiñe awararüdaguáguni... (Garifuna)  
Qix qe qo'll re tpayji chiru a lajeb Ajaw wajxaqib yaxk'in... (Q'eqchi' Maya)  
U ku'naj a kaxkala ti'i a sijoolo... (Mopan Maya)  
Letie' tu ts'a'ajaj u léech kaal utia'aj u t'it'kajaj le k'atuno'... (Yucatec Maya)

Janaab Ohi K'inich  
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Nim Li Punit, Toledo, Belize

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# Las motocicletas aportan beneficios económicos, pero los accidentes de tránsito son un problema para la economía

El tribunal, al determinar la indemnización para las familias de cuatro soldados de la Fuerza de Defensa de Belize que cayeron en un helicóptero en Southern Lagoon en 2020, concluyó el precio de una vida, principalmente teniendo en cuenta el rango de los hombres y sus edades. Cómo afecta la tragedia al futuro de las familias de los hombres y qué les deparaba el futuro a quienes perdieron la vida, estas son cosas que ningún tribunal formado por seres humanos puede medir con precisión. La angustia que sienten las familias por la pérdida de un miembro de la familia no se puede medir monetariamente. El impacto en los miembros de la familia, la comunidad y, a veces, el país, es duradero y puede influir en el futuro de formas que no se pueden predecir.

Solo hemos tenido un accidente de helicóptero. No tenemos muchos de esos. Tenemos miles de vehículos de motor y, semanalmente, nuestro país pierde ciudadanos por accidentes de tránsito, la mayoría de ellos en sus años más vibrantes y productivos. En algunos años, nuestras pérdidas por accidentes de tráfico se han acercado a la horrenda cifra de pérdidas causadas por la violencia con armas de fuego.

Según el Plan Maestro Nacional de Seguridad Vial 2016-2030, la buena noticia en materia de seguridad vial en Belize “es que desde la introducción del Proyecto de Seguridad Vial de Belize ha habido cierta mejora en la tasa de mortalidad, de 21 por cada 100.000 habitantes en 2012 a una tasa de mortalidad proyectada de 8,36 por cada 100.000 habitantes para finales de 2014”. Desafortunadamente, no alcanzamos la proyección en 2014, con un total de 56 muertes por accidentes de tráfico ese año, una tasa de 15,6 por cada 100.000.

El Plan enumeraba numerosas áreas en las que había margen de mejora, desde las condiciones de las carreteras hasta los estándares requeridos para los vehículos que tienen licencia para circular por nuestras carreteras y calles, hasta la capacidad de los conductores. Ese ambicioso plan decía que “no era descabellado que Belize pudiera cumplir el objetivo de no tener víctimas mortales ni heridos graves en accidentes de tráfico en 2030”.

No parece posible que haya cero víctimas mortales ni heridos graves en accidentes de tráfico en un período de 365 días. El Observatorio del Delito de Belize (BCO en inglés) informó de 73 muertes en 2022, 33 de ellas con motocicletas involucradas. El BCO informó de 85 accidentes de tráfico mortales el año pasado, y la mayor cantidad de víctimas fueron ciudadanos jóvenes, dinámicos y productivos. El informe del BCO decía que la enorme cantidad de 36 accidentes de tráfico mortales involucraron motocicletas, 20 camionetas o todoterrenos y 13 víctimas iban en bicicleta.

Hay matanza en nuestras carreteras y el costo para la nación es excesivo. Un informe de 2010 de la OPS decía que en 2007 hubo 61 muertes, 338 hospitalizaciones y 565 heridos leves. El informe señala que perdimos 2.501 años de vida potencial, un “costo económico total de BZ\$31.966, 045...1,26% del PIB de Belize”.

Las cifras indican que los accidentes de tránsito son una emergencia nacional. La respuesta de las compañías de seguros el año pasado fue contundente y dolorosa. Las tarifas de seguros de auto for daños a terceros se dispararon entre un 20 y un 50 por ciento en 2023, y el aumento más alto se registró para las motocicletas. Un comunicado de prensa de la Organización de Compañías de Seguros de Belize (ORINCO en inglés) explicó que el aumento se produjo en respuesta a la “rápida inflación de los últimos 3 o 4 años en vehículos, repuestos y mano de obra para reparar vehículos de motor”. Un representante de ORINCO expresó su simpatía por los propietarios de vehículos cuando justificó el drástico aumento, que según dijo se les impuso por “una pérdida colectiva de 4 millones de dólares por parte de las aseguradoras de automóviles en 2022”.

La respuesta de nuestras autoridades ha sido casi indiferente. Ha habido algunos comentarios por parte de las autoridades sobre la necesidad de que los conductores sean más cuidadosos, particularmente aquellos que viajan en motocicletas.

Esta carnicería en nuestras carreteras (no hay otra forma de describirla): no hay peros ni condiciones: tiene que parar. Nos quejamos a diario del coste de la vida (es extremadamente alto) y los accidentes de tráfico se están llevando una parte importante de nuestros sueldos. Los beliceños cuyo contacto con los accidentes de tráfico es lo que ven o leen podrían responder con cierta urgencia si se les recordara constantemente que las elevadas primas de seguro de auto por daños a terceros que deben pagar anualmente por sus vehículos están directamente relacionadas con los accidentes de tráfico. No podemos permitirnos hacer tonterías en las carreteras. Los accidentes ocurrirán. Debemos hacer todo lo que esté a nuestro alcance para reducirlos.

Dentro de nuestras posibilidades, debemos asignar fondos para que nuestras carreteras y calles sean más seguras. Los accidentes ocurrirán. En un día cualquiera, nuestros vehículos pasan a menos de 5 pies de distancia entre sí cientos de veces, mientras que muchos viajan a más del límite de velocidad de

55 mph. Los automovilistas (conductores de vehículos) y los motociclistas en motocicletas grandes exceden rutinariamente el límite de velocidad en las aldeas. A estas velocidades a las que viajamos, es un milagro que no tengamos aún más accidentes.

Las calles más anchas y las autopistas de cuatro carriles ayudarían mucho en la lucha por reducir los accidentes de tránsito, pero están fuera de nuestro alcance en 2024. Dentro de nuestras posibilidades, debemos hacer lo que podamos. Los equipos de carreteras equipados con las herramientas y los materiales necesarios deben salir semanalmente para reparar los agujeros, a medida que aparecen; restaurar los bordes de la carretera que se están desprendiendo; aplicar pintura nueva a todos los cruces para que los conductores los vean desde lejos; y asegurar de que tengamos la señalización adecuada.

Como principal defensor de la seguridad vial, el hermano Ernesto Torres nos recuerda constantemente que debemos invertir más en la educación de los conductores, asegurarnos de que todos conozcan las reglas de tránsito. Algunas de nuestras leyes pueden ser anticuadas. Algunas de nuestras leyes necesitan ser recalculadas a diario. Debemos revisar los límites de velocidad y hacer ajustes cuando sea posible. Necesitamos una patrulla élite de carreteras cuyo trabajo principal será poner en cintura a los maniáticos de la velocidad y a los conductores ebrios.

Nuestro país estaría mejor si redujéramos el número de vehículos en nuestras carreteras y los reemplazáramos por motocicletas. Como señaló *Phoenix Motorcycle Training* (página web phoenixmotorcycletraining.co.uk), conducir una motocicleta es mucho mejor para nuestra salud que conducir un vehículo; las motocicletas tienen un menor impacto ambiental que los vehículos; y quizás lo más importante de todo, las motocicletas son más baratas. El costo de comprar y operar motocicletas de 500 cc y 750 cc es comparable al costo de un vehículo, pero el precio de compra y los costos de mantenimiento y funcionamiento de las motocicletas que se utilizan en un rango de cinco millas (de 100 cc a 150 cc) son solo una quinta parte del de los vehículos.

Las motocicletas, como los autobuses, son buenas para Belize. Se ajustan a nuestro presupuesto. Ambos permiten un uso más económico del espacio. Si bien nuestra densidad de población es baja, nuestras calles y autopistas están bastante congestionadas. Un autobús con 50 pasajeros saca a docenas de automóviles de la carretera. La Ciudad de Belize y todos nuestros municipios fueron diseñados para una época en la que un carril era suficiente, una época para los pequeños coches Austin y las “mulas y carretas”. Las motos encajan perfectamente.

Es imperativo que hagamos que el uso de las motocicletas sea más seguro. Hay que controlar a los motociclistas, por el bien de todos. Los motociclistas tienen sus defectos y hay que obligarlos a comportarse correctamente. Hay que hacer que los automovilistas aprecien los beneficios que obtiene la nación cuando cambiamos los coches por las motos. No debemos ignorar que algunos automovilistas son egoístas y sin conciencia en la carretera. El informe del BCO decía que 13 ciclistas y 11 peatones murieron el año pasado en accidentes de tráfico. Los ciclistas y los peatones también tienen sus defectos; también hay que obligarlos a comportarse correctamente, pero es muy probable que la mayoría de los que murieron en 2023 hayan sido atropellados por automovilistas insensibles y descuidados.

Vamos, Belize, somos negligentes y fríos cuando nos ponemos al volante. Necesitamos más amor en nuestras carreteras. Hay que castigar duramente el comportamiento imprudente. Y nuestras autoridades deben garantizar que nuestras carreteras se mantengan al más alto nivel que podamos permitirnos.

## Sunday Review

## News Review Talk Show

On Krem TV & Krem Radio


Live-streaming on Krem Television Face Book Page

**Host:** YaYa Marin Coleman

**Date:** Sunday, October 27, 2024

**Time:** 10:30 a.m. to noon

**Guest:** Guyanese Researcher and Activist **Breddah Nigel Westmaas**



Sunday Review will be repeated at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 27, 2024



The Cuban people have recently been going through great suffering, ranging from serious food shortages to terrible electrical blackouts, followed, if that was not enough, by a small hurricane which recently claimed six lives.

Cuba is just ninety miles away from the United States (Florida), and it is very near to Jamaica and Haiti in the Caribbean Sea. The kingdom of Spain used to rule Cuba, while Great Britain muscled Jamaica away from the Spanish in 1655, and Haiti was being controlled by France.

My understanding is that the bulk of Cuba’s problems derive from a crushing embargo imposed by the United States, sanctions under which the Cuban people have been struggling for six decades.

The United States went to war with Spain in 1898 to seize Cuba, the Philippines, Guam and other possessions. But when Fidel Castro overthrew the dictator Fulgencio Batista in the beginning of 1959, he soon began to disagree with the U.S., and then Fidel declared that he was a communist, whereupon the Americans trained some Cuban exiles in Guatemala to invade

Cuba in 1961. The invasion failed.

Castro was a man of exceeding courage, and he convinced the Russian leader, Nikita Khrushchev, to install nuclear missiles on the island to defend his revolution from the American juggernaut. This resulted in the historical drama in October 1961 known as the Cuban Missile Crisis. This was resolved when the U.S. president, John F. Kennedy, agreed to remove American nuclear missiles from Turkey, which is close to Russia, in return for the Russians moving their missiles out of Cuba. Fidel was angry about the Russians’ caving in to the Americans, which was the way it appeared to him.

The American power structure ever since then has made it a priority to crush Cuba, and the Cuban people have stood firm in their resistance. Under Castro and communism, the Cubans achieved great successes in education, biotechnology, and military support for people fighting against imperialism, such as the Africans fighting *apartheid* in southern Africa. But the Cuban people have paid an enormous price for their courage and their principled stands.

Cuba has been a great friend to

Belize, and Belize has reciprocated where our leaders’ rhetoric is concerned. Belize, of course, is not in a financial position to assist Cuba, but there is a consideration other than the financial one. That consideration has to do with our national psyche, or perspective. We Belizean Creoles, specifically, have a Brer Anancy outlook. That is to say, we believe in wiggling our way out of crises through the use of our brains and “tricknology.”

Now it is the case that many Cubans have fled from communist Cuba since the 1959 Cuban Revolution to live and work in the United States, mostly in Florida, where they have done very well for themselves and comprise a very powerful anti-Castro/Cuba political lobby.

People tell me that Cuba remains somewhat racist where its treatment of Cubans of African descent is concerned, but it has always appeared to me that Cubans of a darker hue have generally found life more palatable under the Cuban Revolution than before it. I know that Cubans of African descent have been prominent in Cuba’s military support of anti-colonial struggles all over the planet.

But, back to us. It appears that the majority, or a large percentage, of Belizean Creoles have migrated to the United States, where they have apparently done well for themselves. The American military is always an option for Belizeans, especially after the mid-1970s when the Americans abolished their compulsory military draft for Americans when they reached their 18th birthday. American youth began to rebel against the draft during the Vietnam War in the 1960s, and their rebellion was nationwide and it was violent. The American government decided to abolish the draft. This decision has worked out well for the Americans, and, to repeat, it has created more opportunities for Belizeans. To take advantage of these opportunities, Belizeans have to transfer their loyalty from Belize to the Statue of Liberty.

So, now we turn to the challenges a Belizean patriot, Wil Maheia, has been making to Guatemalans, both civilian and military, at the Sarstoon River. Unarmed in the face of Guatemalan automatic weapons, Maheia has displayed remarkable courage. He has not behaved like the typical Belizean Creole. He has not done the Brer Anancy dance.

In a conversation with Rufus X lately, we discussed the dangers Wil has braved. It is a situation many Belizeans do not want to examine. But, respect should be given where it is due.

The British have an international reputation for military courage. Remember, this island once ran an empire that ruled the world. British courage in the face of withering fire was immortalized in a narrative poem by Alfred, Lord Tennyson, entitled “*The Charge of The Light Brigade*”, based on a British cavalry charge against the Russians in 1854 during the Crimean War.

Shakespeare, however, did paint the picture of a classic British soldier without honor, when he created the fictional character of Sir John Falstaff, in *HENRY IV, PART ONE*. Falstaff’s philosophy was simple: “*The better part of valor is discretion.*” (*V.iv.120*), and “*Honor is a mere scutcheon.*” (*V.i.142*).

Falstaff ran the streets of London with King Henry IV’s son, and they raised a ruckus. But when Henry IV died, and his son became Henry V (1386-1422), he ended his relationship with Falstaff and his crew, and became the man most Britons consider their greatest warrior/king.

A presidential election will be held in the next two weeks in the United States of America, the world’s ruling superpower. The American people are very much divided. The mood there appears ugly. High-powered arms are exceedingly plentiful. If we are to judge from the events of January 6, 2020, Brer Anancy does not have a role to play in the land of Uncle Sam.

STANN CREEK ECUMENICAL COLLEGE

TEACHING VACANCIES

2024 – 25



Stann Creek Ecumenical College invites applications for the following teaching posts, effective November 11, 2024:

1. Teacher of Science/Physical Education (1), **PERMANENT**

Qualifications:

(a) Minimum of an Associate’s Degree in the subject area; Bachelor’s Degree with teacher training preferred

(b) Minimum of three years teaching experience at the secondary level

Application package must include:

i. A letter of application and resume

ii. Certified copies (signed and stamped by a Justice of the Peace) of the applicant’s:  
Diplomas or Certificates  
Birth Certificate or passport;  
Certified copy of Social Security Card;  
Marriage or Divorce Certificate (where applicable)  
Work Permit (where applicable)

iii. Sealed transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended

iv. Medical certificate

v. Police Record (original)

vi. Teacher’s Licence

vi. Two recent recommendation letters (original)

4. SALARY

In accordance with government pay-scale

Please note that applications by e-mail will not be accepted.

Application packages must be addressed to:

Chairman,

Board of Governors

Stann Creek Ecumenical College

P.O. Box 84

Dangriga

Closing Date for Applications is Friday, November 8, 2024.

El pueblo cubano ha estado pasando recientemente por grandes sufrimientos, desde graves carencias de alimentos hasta terribles apagones eléctricos, seguidos, por si eso no fuera suficiente, por un pequeño huracán que recientemente se cobró seis vidas.

Cuba está a sólo noventa millas de los Estados Unidos (Florida), y está muy cerca de Jamaica y Haití en el Mar Caribe. El reino de España solía gobernar Cuba, mientras que Gran

Bretaña le arrebató a Jamaica a los españoles en 1655, y Haití estaba bajo el control de Francia.

Entiendo que la mayor parte de los problemas de Cuba se derivan de un aplastante embargo impuesto por los Estados Unidos, sanciones bajo las cuales el pueblo cubano ha estado luchando durante seis décadas.

Estados Unidos entró en guerra con

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**EXCELSIOR HIGH SCHOOL**  
(Ministry of Education)  
Faber's Road  
Belize City, Belize  
Telephone: 227-0044, Fax: 227-0722

**VACANCY**

The following vacancy exists at Excelsior High School:

- **ENGLISH TEACHER**

**Qualifications**

Minimum qualification required is a Bachelor's degree in subject to be taught.

**Salary**

Salary will be in accordance with Government pay scale for teachers.

Prospective applicants must submit the following documents no later than Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

1. Application Letter
2. Two (2) reference Letter
3. Copies of Certificates
4. Resume
5. Recent Police Record
6. Birth Certificate/Passport
7. Valid Social Security Card
8. Valid Teacher's License

Addressed to  
Principal  
Excelsior High School  
Fabers Road  
Belize City



**Vacancies at Julian Cho Technical High School**



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

- 1 Life Skills Teacher - Permanent
- 1 English Teacher – Permanent
- 1 English Teacher – Temporary (3months)

**Qualification for Teacher:**

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

**Application package must include:**

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

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

**Salary:**

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

Application packages must be addressed to:

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

ELECTRONIC PACKAGES CAN ALSO BE EMAILED TO: [ictbs.secretary2@yahoo.com](mailto:ictbs.secretary2@yahoo.com)  
[principaljctech@gmail.com](mailto:principaljctech@gmail.com)

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

Deadline for applications is Monday, November 4, 2024.



**NISI DOMINUS FRUSTRA**  
(Formerly St. Hilda's College for Girls and St. Michael's College for Boys)

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons to fill the following position:

- ✦ Life Skills Teacher (Temporary- November 20, 2024-February 25, 2025)

**Core Responsibilities:**

- Planning, preparing and delivering lessons
- Researching and developing relevant teaching material
- Setting assessments and overseeing examinations
- Providing academic support to students
- Supporting school activities and initiatives

**Qualifications & Requirements:**

- Minimum qualification required is an Associate Degree in the subject to be taught or a related area, however, a Bachelor's Degree is preferred.

**Salary**

Salary will be in accordance with Government pay scales for teachers.

**Application Package:**

- ✓ Cover Letter
- ✓ Curriculum Vitae
- ✓ Certified copies of transcripts
- ✓ Certified copies of degrees, diplomas and certificates
- ✓ Certified copy of **valid** Teachers' License
- ✓ Medical Certificate or a certified copy
- ✓ Valid Police Record or certified copy
- ✓ Certified copy of Social Security Card
- ✓ Two recent letters of recommendation

All applications should be submitted by Tuesday October 15, 2024 to:

The Principal  
Anglican Cathedral College  
71 Regent Street  
Belize City, Belize



**Nazarene High School**

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

**VACANCIES**

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Qualified individuals are encouraged to apply for the following teaching positions available for the 2024 – 2025 Academic Year.

- **Belizean Studies / Social Studies – Permanent**

**Qualifications Requirement:**

- Bachelor's Degree or higher in related field.
- Flexibility in offering two or more subject areas will be considered a tremendous asset.

All completed application packages must include:

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

All copies **MUST** be certified

Application may be submitted to [nhs@nazarenehighbz.org](mailto:nhs@nazarenehighbz.org) or hand delivered by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2024 addressed to:

Chairperson  
Nazarene High School  
Princess Margaret Drive  
Belize City, Belize

  
Mrs. Elisa Seguro (Ed. D.)  
Principal



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

# Do you know the reason for attacks on Mrs. Bradley? I don't

by Colin Hyde

We can say that the PSU under the leadership of Brother Dean Flowers has been on a crusade to see Sister Dorothy Flowers Bradley retired from the post of Auditor General; one, because she is past retirement age, and two, because she, the PSU president says, isn't competent.

Looking at this retirement age matter, I expect, hope the PSU realizes that if you're a hundred years old and you are the top talent, law or no law – youth should give way. The UDP has a *collage* of Mrs. Rosanna's explanations for the PM's sometimes errant speech, but the man said what had to be said when he said we don't have talent to burn.

The US has a talent pool of 300 million to choose from, and they are yet to produce a footballer that I will pay to watch. I give them points for work ethic, perseverance, little for their art. Belizeans, our talent pool is only 400,000. Of course, if the PM wasn't sincere, if he was about finding an angle to boost favorites (there are few things worse than favoritism), he deserved to be greeted with suspicion. Bah, it is true, well, most believe, that on occasion successive governments have utterly abused the "rehirement program", and brought back old party faithful just to give them fat plums.

Whoa there, give way for exceptional talent. Does any society retire a Mista Peetaz from Boom an Chime, a Paul Nabor from Paranda because they're up in years? Does Belize send a great math teacher out to pasture because they reach the age of 55?

This matter of the lady's competence, I am completely blank there. If the present Auditor General has no teeth, it might be that she lost it after her 2011-13 Auditor General's Report *hit the fan*. We know the UDP utterly savaged her for that. That report claimed/exposed major hanky panky in matters related to

our passports, visas, and nationality. Yes, it could be that after being skewered by the government (UDP) Ms. Dorothy chose to step lightly. She should have been a superstar, might have been if she had received the backing she deserved for her efforts then.

Did Mrs. Bradley become a hero to the PUP for that 2011-2013 Auditor General's report? It's possible the PUP plan was to roll over her contract again, but have shied away from that, been preempted by the PSU, which has expressed serious dissatisfaction with the performance of the office.

Hmm, if we get up close we might cut the UDP some slack for their agony. Much of the trouble stemmed from the passport-for-sale program that they initiated in their 1984-1989 government. The UDP charged that a subsequent government (PUP) corrupted the program, failed to properly account for the funds. The people clamored for the program to be shut down, and some years later officially it was. But the underground says passport sales were too lucrative, and the business never stopped.

They say it is better to be lucky than good. In this instance, the UDP wasn't, lucky. It was a bone in their throat that it was the rotten PUP that ran amok with the program, and sakraz, it was saintly they, their people who were hauled squealing like hogs before the Senate, for their share of misdeeds, which they thought minor in comparison to what the PUP rascallions did.

Mrs. Bradley hasn't mounted a public defense. We know that for various reasons some charges are hard to defend, and some, agh, you are not allowed to. If the PUP thinks she's great, they daren't gush about her, because it will appear that she is favored. The vicious UDP response to that 2011-2013 Auditor General's Report is in the archives. Now the PSU has the lady in the crosshairs.

## Of course it's Erwin

Anyone who feels that they will find saints in government must be daydreaming about life in the hereafter. Even when they are right, they are wrong. The moment a leader has to make a decision, there's a percentage of people who will wonder why they weren't the ones who were favored. If the ones who weren't favored are half-cynical, they will start thinking all kinds of things, most of those thoughts not very good.

Re: this Portico matter, Eamon said it's Erwin, and I sign on that page. Let's go step by step here, and by the time we reach the porch I assure you you'll agree that the Verdes striker is our man. We begin under a UDP government. Stake Bank's Port Coral got the go ahead, without exclusivity. Former AG Mike Peyrefitte said they had reasonable expectation that government would help them protect their and their investors' money. Stake Bank, besides being spearheaded by a Belizean, hit a soft spot because it committed to embracing small local entrepreneurs in the cruise industry.

Shortly after Stake Bank got the go ahead, the government signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Port Magical Belize, aka Portico. The MoU was no guarantee, but Portico and its backers had to have had reasonable expectation that the government would give a fair look at their project, which they believed was a good one. Just prior to the general election, the minister responsible for these kinds of projects, Erwin, who had signed for Harvest Caye and Stake Bank, signed a Definitive Agreement (DA) with Portico.

A new government came in, and certain operatives, the PM apparently being one, and almost definitely one of his unelected finance ministers, Chris Coye, being one, drooled at what they

saw in Portico. In 2021 the project gets environmental approval from the Department of the Environment. Stake Bank cries that a second cruise port near Belize City isn't feasible.

Now, at least one operative in government thinks the Erwin DA is too sweet, gives away too much to Portico. There is also suspicion that the DA might not be binding, because former ministers in the UDP government say Erwin wasn't given the license to sign it. Somewhere in the mix here the present government gets two lawyers to look at the DA, one reportedly saying it's not sound, one saying that he can't condemn it.

For those with short memories – not for those who have investments of various sorts in Portico being blocked – in the past Belize has gotten walloped at the CCJ after getting favorable judgments locally. Apparently, instead of doing a new DA, the government ministers who liked Portico and the \$400million foreign investment it would bring, used the Erwin DA to make a presentation to Cabinet. They could have drawn up their own DA and tried to get it through. But, ehm, you know there's a lot of waste if we don't make haste; hence the love for Erwin.

We don't know if it's crooks galore in the House of Representatives. We KNOW that when the Portico deal reached Cabinet, somebody broke confidence, and Waterloo, a third cruise port project that was suffering from jealousy after their ambitions had been extinguished, opened the checkbook and flooded the air at news time with accusations of perfidy.

Was there larceny on the minds of the PM and his colega Mister Chris? Enquiring minds will enquire. Enquiring minds will enquire about lots of things, and those who believe we are as animal as we were when we were transferred from our mother's womb to the cradle, will run the gamut of unsavory doings.

The misguided Senate Enquiry followed. If Cabinet had agreed with the Portico deal reportedly prepared by Chris Coye, the Senate would have had something to bite on with this crowd in office. Presently, all the Senate has is a DA signed by Erwin which his colleagues, the very ones who got banged at the CCJ, say is illegal.

To date, Erwin has not appeared before the Senate. The story I have is that he didn't show up when he was called. I don't know if when Erwin signed the DA his mind was in a body that belongs in an orange *jublung*. Closing out here, I appreciate the promises of Stake Bank, but I have said that of the three cruise port proposals near Belize City, far and away the least concerning in respect to our sea and reef system is Portico. I am yet to hear a professional environmentalist say otherwise.



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**Independence Village, 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](http://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.**

**LOT NO. 48 HERCULES AVENUE, INDEPENDENCE VILLAGE, STANN CREEK DISTRICT:**



ALL THAT piece or parcel of land being Lot No. 48 comprising 572.864 square meters of land situate in Independence Village, Stann Creek District. (The freehold property of Ms. Lourdes Rudon.)

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**COUNTRYWIDE PUBLIC AUCTION SALES:**

**PROPERTIES & VEHICLES**

**Seafront Resort Properties, Boca Chica, San Pedro, Ambergris Caye**

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

PARCELS 1355, 1356, 1357, 1358, 1359 & 1797 BOCA CHICA, SAN PEDRO, AMBERGRIS CAYE, BELIZE DISTRICT:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCELS
San Pedro	7	1355, 1356, 1357, 1358, 1359 & 1797

(Being an incomplete Resort Development situate on the southern end of Ambergris Caye known as Boca Chica TOGETHER with 6 parcels of land above described the freehold properties of Messrs. Boca Chica Rosorts Limited.)

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# PRESS PREDICTIONS

## The sports psychic speaks

### BOLEDO

Press Predictions 19-22-33  
Boledo stats through October 25 to November 1, 2024

In Boledo news, there are still only 3 numbers left to play from the new system; they are: 40, 64 and 71. These 3 numbers will be out before the end of the year, for sure. These are my lucky numbers for this week: 19-25-48-71-22 and 33. These are my lucky Jackpot numbers: 8140-7826-4264. These are my lucky Pick-3 numbers: 029-636-191-458-717. Get ready, Belize! Some mucho dinero will be coming our way this week. Keep your eyes open for 22 and 19. The hottest number is 73; it played some 7 times already. Then 09 and 56 played 6 times each; 43, 07 and 50 played 5 times each. But there are 10 numbers that played 4 times each: 55-23-13-20-79-69-39-24-42 and 17. Remember to read your Psalms: 91, 72 and 63. Good luck to all buyers! Next week, more stats.

### LOCAL FOOTBALL

There were no games due to the inclement weather

Local football results and playoff predictions

In local football action, Port Layola FC, the defending champion, is the most star-studded championship team right now with the last 3 regular season MVPs in Colombian Andres Orozco, Gilroy “Bredda” Thurton and Latrell Middleton.



No defense can contain these 3 best offensive players in the PLB league. Port Layola FC will beat Progresso in the semi-finals very easily, 2-nil. Then face off against Verdes FC again for all the marbles. The San Pedro Pirates and Progresso FC will draw this Saturday night in San Pedro, 1 goal apiece. Then Port Layola FC will edge Verdes FC, 2 goals to 1. All of the semi-final games will be played on a Sunday afternoon. Rene Leslie leads the league with 7 goals; Verdes FC’s Honduran has 6 goals; Andres Orozco has 5 goals; Orlando “Bredda” Velasquez and Latrell Middleton each have 3 goals. Condolences to his family on the passing of Enrique “Caldo” Gongora. Next week, more stats.

### NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

The Boston Celtics will be the team to beat again

NBA updates and predictions

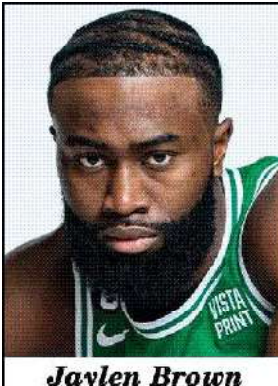
In NBA action, the new season will get started this Tuesday night with a very big double header on TNT. The New



by Gilroy “Press” Cadogan

York Knicks and defending champions, the Boston Celtics with finals MVP

Jaylen Brown and Jason Tatum, the very best 1 and 2 punch in the game today. The Celtics beat every one they faced in the pre-season. The Celtics



will receive their rings also. There were a lot of movements in the off season. The San Antonio Spurs acquired Chris Paul, a very good floor general; he will tutor their young and upcoming superstar in Victor Wembanyama. Then the Dallas Mavericks got Klay Thompson; they will be very dangerous because now they have a 3-headed monster team with Luka Doncic and Kyrie Irving alongside Klay Thompson. The Philadelphia 76ers got Paul George on free agency. Next week, some results and predictions.

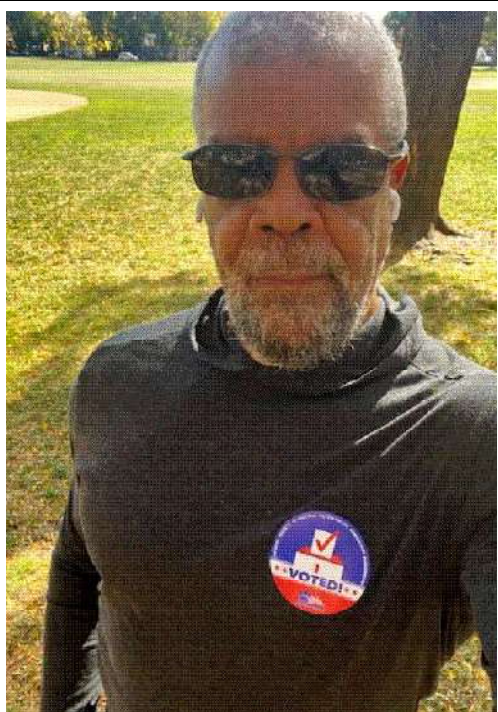
### INTERNATIONAL BASEBALL

The New York Yankees and New York Mets can clash in a subway series

Baseball playoffs, results and predictions

In baseball playoffs action, the New York Mets and the Los Angeles Dodgers series will go to 7 games for sure. Francisco Lindor is their (the Mets) top leadoff man all-time. Mark Vientos had a grand slam in their game 2 win, 7 runs to 3. The LA Dodgers won game one, 9-0. Shohei Ohtani, their top Japanese pitcher & hitter with over 50 home runs is struggling very badly right now. But he responded in game 5 with a 3-run homer in the top of the 9th inning. They are the only team of the 2 in the National League that can beat the New York Yankees. Juan Soto is one of the top





# Philosophy and politics!

elements of the race, rooting out the unworthy and the unheroic. The old gods died a long time ago. The new superman would ride roughshod over the baser elements of humanity, immune from the normal laws of morality, emerging into a new and glorious species.”

Those words are being thrown about in this presidential election, in a subtler manner, like candy to those who are trying to stop the inevitable changes that are coming. Trump uses that same language, but he is not as literate or as literal as Friedrich Nietzsche, the German philosopher who wrote those words, and died of madness, as did one of his followers, Adolph Hitler, who tried to carry out Nietzsche’s pronouncements, which resulted in the destruction of Germany in WWII!

I have said this, even when Biden was still the Democratic candidate: Trump will never be elected to anything, ever again! I said the same thing about DeSantis, in his presidential bid. And now, while the press and pundits and the candidates are whipping us into a feverish state of anxiety and expectations and delusions, more people are starting to see what I have always known. The American electorate will go only so far. They have a built-in stopgap that will not allow them to cede this fragile democracy to an unfit, unabashed wannabe dictator!

The latest episode that helps prove my point is General Kelly, Trump’s longest-serving Chief of Staff. In a recorded interview with a reporter from the *New York Times*, he called Trump a fascist, an admirer of Adolf, and also

described his disrespect for the military! The Trump campaign denies all this, but who are you going to believe: a decorated and respected general, who lost a son in war, or a convicted fraudster, carnival barker, and conman extraordinaire?

So, as James Carville, one of the best political analysts, tells us, he will lose because he’s a loser! I didn’t need Carville to remind me of that fact; I already knew this, and that is why I’m not as concerned as my son, my friends, and most of those opposed to this aberration in our political system! There are more of us, still sane and wanting the best for everyone, to overcome the deluge of misinformation and hate and division that this little man espouses.

Do your duty: go out and vote, now!

Glen

I practice what I preach, lol.

Wednesday, October 23, 2024 at 1:07 PM  
“Man must associate himself with this onward surge, cultivating the nobler



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## Notice to General Public

Date: 18 October 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

Prior warning is to be given to the general public for training exercise taking place, by the British Army, in the following Training Areas:

- a. 1963 Line Training Area
- b. Mahogany Line

The training will take place during the period 25 Oct – 23 Nov 2024 with Live ammunition being used, along with military vehicles.

- **Note LIVE Firing will be conducted in the 1963 Line Training Area on the following dates:**
  - 28 - 29 Oct 2024, 0730 – 1730 local.
  - 02 Nov 2024, 0730hrs – 1730 local.
  - 06 Nov 2024, 0730hrs – 1730 local.
  - 07 Nov 2024, 0730hrs – 1730 local.
  - 14 Nov 2024, 0730hrs – 1730 local.

The general public should avoid the areas listed above and be aware of the presence of high numbers of British soldiers on the ground carrying weapons. At times loud explosions may be heard along with gunfire, this is normal in respect to the training being conducted.

Should any member of the general public wish to enter the areas listed above they are to be advised all roads are safe unless marked with a red lamp at night or a red flag during the day light hours. British troops will also operate checkpoints along the roads entering danger areas and can give advice to areas of training activity.

All enquires relating to British Forces training in Belize should be directed to RANGE CONTROL, BATSUB on 615 6153.

Your continued support to BATSUB is vital to the British Army and its success in operations around the world.

Yours faithfully

G Wallace  
Maj  
Training Safety Officer  
for Commander BATSUB

# The countdown!

Tuesday, October 22, 2024 at 10:17 AM

And now, the end is near, and now we face the final outcome. My friends, I’ve made clear, we can’t elect that crimson possum.

So, here we are, at the end of the road, or at the beginning of a more optimistic future! I use the word optimistic because politics is, or should be, about optimism. This election is different from all before, because, in my opinion, it is a contrast between light and chaos. It is a time to decide whether we will have Pinochet or Mandela as our guide into the future! A time when America will face the realities of their choice, a future of joy, or one of fear and loathing that the crimson one projects every time he opens his licckle mouth.

We have all been inundated with election commercials and speeches and polls. None of this matters anymore. Armed with the information we have, it will be up to us to decide our future. Not the courts, or the press, or sore losers, but we citizens, participating in our democratic ritual of electing our representatives, from local to congress to the big door prize, the presidency! Wat a ting!

It is such an exciting time; it can be debilitating to some, but I believe most voters are excited to be able to pick their candidate. Hopefully, most of them are picking my candidate, not the alternative. I know deep down inside that Kamala will win, although a lot of my acquaintances think it might go the other way. I believe that choice is so easy, so obvious for anyone not racist, or bitter or xenophobic or misogynistic! Anyone who supports the corpulent one, in my opinion, is a rabid racist! I really believe that. How can anyone with a conscience support the meanness, the darkness, the dystopian vision of this unhinged prophet of doom?

The so-called pundits are scared sh\*tless to say what is really obvious. That this is not a normal election, that Trump is not a normal candidate, and

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- 1. Principal of Christ the King Anglican School located in Dangriga.
- 2. Vice-Principals of Queen’s Square Anglican School located in Belize City
- 3. Vice-Principal of Holy Cross Anglican School located on San Pedro Ambergris Caye
- 4. Teachers for San Pedro Ambergris Caye, Belize City, Orange Walk and Cayo; Temporary Teaching Vacancy in Dangriga.

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

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

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

Deadline: Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024



GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE  
BELIZE SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND (BSIF) III  
CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR SOCIAL  
DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI)

The Government of Belize (GOBZ) has received financing from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) towards the cost of implementing the Belize Social Investment Fund III and the Basic Needs Trust Fund Tenth Programme and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this financing to eligible payments under a contract for which this invitation is issued. Payments by CDB will be made only at the request of GOBZ and upon approval by CDB and will be subject in all respects to the terms and conditions of the Financing Agreement. The Financing Agreement prohibits withdrawal from the financing account for the purpose of any payment to persons or entities, or for any import of goods, if such payment or import, to the knowledge of CDB, is prohibited by a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations. No party other than GOBZ shall derive any rights from the Financing Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the Financing.

The Belize Social Investment Fund (BSIF) the Executing Agency, now wishes to procure consultancy services for **Social Development Officer (SDO)**.

The objective of the consultancy is to strengthen the social analysis capacity of BSIF. The Consultant will be responsible for enhancing the knowledge and skills of staff in assessing the social dimensions of development, identifying community needs and resources, and designing and implementing projects. The SDO will also conduct project appraisals, supervision, and monitoring, and will serve as a resource person for the BSIF in conducting social and institutional appraisals. The duration of the assignment is expected to be a period of two (2) years, extendable by mutual agreement in accordance with prevailing Belize legislation as well as results of his/her performance appraisal.

Further details can be found in the Terms of Reference, which can be obtained from Address 1 below or can be found as an attachment to this REOI.

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

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

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

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

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

The Expressions of Interest must be received electronically at the **first address** (BSIF) below ([submissions@sifbelize.org](mailto:submissions@sifbelize.org) and copied to [angeles.itzab@sifbelize.org](mailto:angeles.itzab@sifbelize.org)) no later than **Friday, 22nd November 2024 at 4:00 p.m. (Central Standard Time)**. An electronic copy of the EOI must be simultaneously emailed to CDB at the **second address** below. The subject line of the email containing each submission shall be clearly marked “**Expression of Interest – Consultancy Services for Social Development Officer for BSIF**”.

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

- Addresses:
- 1.Senior Procurement Officer  
Belize Social Investment Fund  
Building C  
4253 Hummingbird Highway  
Belmopan  
BELIZE  
Tel. (501) 822-0239;  
Fax. (501) 822-0279  
Email: [submissions@sifbelize.org](mailto:submissions@sifbelize.org)  
cc: [angeles.itzab@sifbelize.org](mailto:angeles.itzab@sifbelize.org)

2. Caribbean Development Bank  
Email: [procurement@caribank.org](mailto:procurement@caribank.org)  
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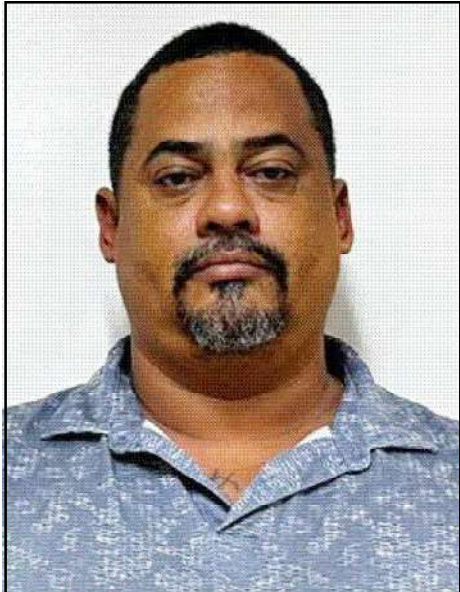
**\*\*Notice to the Public\*\***

The registered owner of the Business “**Moon Clusters**,” Mr. Raphael Amoa, has received information indicating that Carlos Café Express, owned by a former employee/s of Moon Clusters is allegedly conducting business that mirrors that of Moon Clusters, including the exact recipes of Moon Clusters. Please be advised that **Moon Clusters** is **NOT** affiliated with the owner/s of Carlos Café Express in any capacity. Therefore, Carlos Café Express IS **PROHIBITED** from conducting any business using our registered trademark, “**Choli’s**,” and/or our business name.

Thank you!

Owner of Moon Clusters Coffee House “Home of Choli’s Frozen Coffee”

## Car dealer busted with drugs



Dominic Young, charged



Drugs found

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Tues. Oct. 22, 2024

A car dealer from Vista Del Mar, Ladyville, Belize District, was busted with drugs by police while he was in Hattieville on Sunday, October 20.

According to reports, 43-year-old Dominic Frederick Young was driving a Chevy Impala from the direction of Belmopan when he was stopped at a checkpoint in Hattieville, where police searched his car and discovered ten parcels of suspected cocaine.

Following the discovery, the officers impounded his car, and Young was detained later that day. The 10 parcels of cocaine were weighed, and the total weight was 23.35 lbs., said ACP Hilberto Romero, Regional Commander for the Belize Police Department’s Eastern Division.

Young was charged with possession of controlled drugs with intent to supply to another.

**JOB VACANCY**



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# Tender for Lawn, Garden, Landscape, & Indoor Plant Maintenance

**Issued by:** Central Bank of Belize  
**Date:** 17 October 2024  
**Proposal Submission Deadline:** 30 November 2024  
**Contact Person:** Mr. Raul Avila, 223-6194 ext. 207

## 1. Introduction

The Central Bank of Belize invites proposals from qualified and experienced contractors for the provision of lawn maintenance, gardening, landscaping, and indoor plant maintenance services at Gabourel Lane, Belize City, Belize. The services are aimed at maintaining the outdoor and indoor greenery at a high standard to enhance the aesthetics and functionality of the property.

## 2. Scope of Work

The successful contractor will be responsible for providing the following services:

### A. Lawn Maintenance

- Mowing and trimming of lawn areas.
- Edging along walkways, driveways, and flower beds.
- Weed control and removal.
- Fertilization of the lawn, as required.
- Aeration and dethatching of the lawn to improve soil health.
- Leaf removal and seasonal clean-up.

### B. Gardening and Landscaping Services

- Maintenance of flower beds, shrubs, hedges, and trees.
- Pruning and trimming of plants and trees.
- Planting and transplanting of seasonal flowers, shrubs, and trees.
- Mulching and soil amendment as needed.
- Design and implementation of minor landscape enhancements.
- Pest and disease control for outdoor plants.

### C. Indoor Plant Maintenance

- Regular watering, pruning, and general care of indoor plants.
- Replacement of dead or unhealthy plants.
- Repainting and/or replacement of plant pots
- Dusting and cleaning of plant leaves.
- Pest control and disease management.
- Installation of new plants upon request.

### D. Irrigation System Management

- Regular inspection and maintenance of irrigation systems.
- Adjustment of watering schedules to suit seasonal needs.
- Repair or replacement of faulty components, as necessary.

## 3. Proposal Requirements

Interested bidders are requested to submit a detailed proposal that includes the following information:

1. **Company Profile** – A brief introduction to your company, including relevant experience in lawn maintenance, gardening, landscaping, and indoor plant care services.
2. **Experience and References** – A summary of similar projects completed, including references and contact details for verification.
3. **Scope of Services** – A clear description of the services to be provided, aligned with the scope mentioned in this CFP.
4. **Equipment and Resources** – A list of available equipment and other resources, i.e. gardening and landscaping tools,





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chemicals, etc... to facilitate services mentioned in this CFP.

- 5. **Pricing Structure** – A detailed breakdown of costs, including pricing per service (e.g., lawn maintenance, indoor plant care) and any additional charges.
- 6. **Staffing Plan** – Information about the contractor’s team, their qualifications, and the number of personnel assigned to the project.
- 7. **Maintenance Schedule** – A proposed schedule for regular maintenance services (e.g., weekly mowing, monthly pruning, etc.).
- 8. **Environmental Practices** – Information on eco-friendly products or practices you will use, if applicable.
- 9. **Insurance and Licenses** – Proof of insurance coverage and any relevant licenses required for performing these services.
- 10. **Contract Terms** – Proposed duration of the contract will be for one (1) year effective 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025; and include any terms or conditions specific to contractor’s proposal.
- 11. **Additional Services** – Any other value-added services you can provide that may enhance the property’s landscaping and plant health.

### 4. Selection Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- 1. Experience and track record in providing similar services.
- 2. Ability to meet the scope of work outlined.
- 3. Competitive and transparent pricing.
- 4. Qualifications and expertise of the team.
- 5. Commitment to quality, reliability, and customer satisfaction.
- 6. Use of environmentally sustainable practices and products.
- 7. Positive feedback from previous clients.

### 5. Submission Instructions

Proposals should be submitted electronically via email to [internal.audit@centrabank.org.bz](mailto:internal.audit@centrabank.org.bz) or physically to the Chief Internal Auditor with the following address:

Chief Internal Auditor  
Central Bank of Belize  
Gabourel Lane,  
Belize City  
Belize

All submissions must be received by **Friday, 15 November 2024**. Late submissions will not be considered. A site visit may be scheduled with interested bidders. For any inquiries or clarifications regarding this CFP, please contact Mr. Raul Avila, Manager General Services at 501-223-6194 ext. 207 .

### 6. Contract Terms

The selected contractor will be awarded a contract for a period of one (1) year, with the option for renewal based on performance and mutual agreement. The contract will commence from 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025.

### 7. Rights Reserved

The Central Bank of Belize reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any informalities in the proposals, and to accept the proposal that is deemed to be in the best interest of the organization.

We look forward to receiving your proposal and thank you for your interest in working with The Central Bank of Belize.

FROM THE PUBLISHER

Reproduced from page 7 of the Tuesday, October 22, 2024, #3783 issue of Amandala

My great grandfather on my father’s side was named Absalom Bartlett Hyde. He was born in 1853. He named one of his sons, Oliver Cromwell Hyde.

The real, original Oliver Cromwell was the leader of the Puritans, or so-called Roundheads, in England who led a group of British Parliamentarians who signed the warrant for the execution by beheading of King Charles I in 1649. This was, of course, an absolutely sensational event.

Absalom Bartlett fathered his youngest son, James Bartlett, with a lady named Margaret Gabourel, who was not the mother of his other children.

James Bartlett Hyde’s eldest son, Charles Bartlett, was my father, and Charles was christened as a Roman Catholic, the family story being that my grandfather, James Bartlett, wanted a special friend to be his first child’s godfather, and that special friend was a

firm Roman Catholic. Hence, Charles had to be christened Catholic.

The remainder of James Bartlett Hyde’s children with his wife, Eunice Locke Hyde, were all Anglican, to the best of my knowledge. Two of them, Grace and Chrystel, were converted to the Baha’i faith when they were adults by an American lady named Shirley Warde, a Broadway actress who had migrated to British Honduras in the 1950’s.

The point of the previous paragraphs is that since Absalom Hyde obviously held the original Oliver Cromwell, the so-called Lord Protector of England, in high esteem, I believe he would not have wanted his grandson, Charles Bartlett, to be christened a Roman Catholic, Oliver Cromwell having been the leader of some very anti-Catholic people.

A few days ago, a friend loaned me a historical novel by one Robert Harris entitled *Act of Oblivion*. I have only read

a few chapters so far, but, because my class at St. John’s College did British and European history between 1959 and 1963, the material I have read so far in the novel has stimulated me greatly.

Fifty-nine Puritan/Roundhead Parliamentarians signed the execution warrant for Charles I, and the technical name for them is “regicides.” The Harris novel focuses on the 1660 flight (by sea) of two of the regicides from England to Massachusetts in northeastern America. The so-called Royalists had returned to power in England by military force, installed Charles I’s son, Charles II, on the throne, and had begun hunting down the regicides.

The United Kingdom (or Great Britain) is comprised of England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland. But most of us just refer to the kingdom as England. The matter has always been a little confusing for me.

In any case, the core issue of the violence in the British Isles in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries had to do with religion, which is to say, the different forms of worship of God. Those who remained Roman Catholic in Britain after the Reformation began in 1517 were also referred to, in a derogatory fashion, as “papists,” while the anti-Catholics, to repeat, were called “Puritans,” and were referred to as “Roundheads” when they went to war against Charles I under Cromwell’s leadership.

The English King, Henry VIII, had been married to a Spanish Catholic princess by the name of Catherine of Aragon. Henry wanted a son, a male heir, which Catherine was not able to produce, so he wanted to divorce her and marry one Anne Boleyn. The Pope of Rome, however, refused to permit the divorce. Henry broke away from the Roman Catholic Church and declared himself the head of the Church of England (Anglican) around 1534.




You must understand that before the German monk, Martin Luther, began the rebellion against the Pope and his Roman Catholic Church in 1517, all of Europe was Catholic. And for centuries there had been various marriages in Europe wherein Catholic royalty from different European countries were marrying among themselves. Religiously speaking, Europe had been monolithic before 1517. The royal families had been intertwined by marriage.

It was as a result of pre-1517 European history that the King of Scotland, James I, who had ruled Scotland for 36 years, became also King of England in 1603, following the death of Elizabeth I, Henry VIII’s daughter with Anne Boleyn. James I’s claim to the throne of England derived from the fact that his mother, Margaret, had been the daughter of Henry VII. So, Henry VIII and Margaret Tudor were brother and sister, and Elizabeth I and James I were first cousins.

By the time the Spanish soldier, Ignatius of Loyola, founded the militant Catholic Jesuits in 1540, the disagreements between Catholics and Protestants in England and Scotland were violent and bloody.

The Queen of Scotland from 1542 to 1567, Mary Queen of Scots, was the granddaughter of the aforementioned Margaret Tudor. (Mary was also, briefly, the Queen of France by marriage.) She was considered a serious threat by the Protestants in both Scotland and England, because she was a Roman Catholic. English Protestants feared that if anything happened to the Protestant Queen Elizabeth (1558-1603), Mary would ascend the English throne. The reality turned out to be that Mary fled from Scotland Protestants to take refuge with her second cousin, Elizabeth, but after she was imprisoned for 19 years, Elizabeth allowed her to be beheaded.

So then, to end on what may appear to be an unrelated note, Guatemala’s arrogant claim to our country derives from the fact that the Guatemalans are claiming rights which were supposedly held by Spain, Guatemala’s colonial masters until 1821. Spain (along with Portugal) acquired rights over this half of the planet (the “New World”) from the



REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

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

**Tender:** CONSULTANCY FOR BIODIVERSITY FINANCE AND INVESTMENT ASSOCIATE, NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY OFFICE

The Government of Belize (GOB), through the National Biodiversity Office within the Ministry of Sustainable Development and Climate Change, invites suitable candidates to apply for the position of Biodiversity Finance and Investment Associate. The tender shall be for a **period of twelve (12) months**.

Outlined below are few roles and responsibilities that will be assigned to the Biodiversity Finance and Investment Associate:


- Active participation and support in strategic planning and implementation of Finance Solution plans, that are integrated within the NBIO Annual Work Plan
- Support the design and implementation of crowdfunding campaigns in collaboration with global and local partners;
- Provide technical support to partners in the implementation of the BIITT and the Protected Areas Business Planning Framework;
- Support the Finance Lead in the development and implementation of other Finance Solutions activities.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

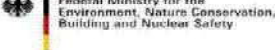
- Bachelor’s Degree in Finance, Economics, Investment Management, or a closely related field.
- Minimum two (2) years of relevant work experience.
- Knowledge of the national governance framework is strongly desired.
- Knowledge of financial planning and diagnosis, finance, and information analysis.
- Computer literacy particularly in Microsoft Excel and access as well as financial software applications.

**For Terms of Reference which lists further Tasks, Scope of Work, Organizational Requirements, and Submission Procedures, kindly request via email at [BIOFIN-Belize@environment.gov.bz](mailto:BIOFIN-Belize@environment.gov.bz)**


**Deadline for submission: October 22<sup>nd</sup> 2024, 3:00 P.M.**




This project is co-funded by the European Union



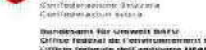
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## VACANCY

**Job Title:** General Accountant

**Location:** Based in Orange Walk Town

**Job Description:** We are seeking a detail-oriented and reliable accountant to manage all aspects of financial operations. The ideal candidate will have strong bookkeeping skills, experience in preparing financial statements, and a solid understanding of tax compliance.

**Key Responsibilities:**

- **Bookkeeping:** Recording daily transactions, managing accounts receivable/payable, account reconciliation, and maintaining detailed financial records. Maintain accurate financial records and bookkeeping
- **Financial Reporting:** Prepare balance sheets, income statements, and cash flow statements. Prepare financial key performance indicators.
- **Tax Compliance:** Understanding local and national tax regulations, filing returns, and managing payroll taxes. Ensure tax compliance and manage payroll taxes
- **Budgeting and Forecasting:** Creating budgets, monitoring financial performance, and forecasting future cash flows. Create budgets and financial forecasts
- **Cost Management:** Analyzing costs and advising on efficient spending. Analyze costs and advise on efficiency initiatives. Knowledge of cost accounting and accurate management of cost centers.

**Qualifications:**

- Proficiency in accounting software (QuickBooks, Xero, etc.)
- Knowledge of tax regulations and fundamental accounting principles
- Associates degree in business or accounting. Bachelor’s degree a plus.
- Bilingual: English and Spanish
- Microsoft Office suite user knowledge.
- Willing to travel as reasonably needed.

**How to Apply:** Interested candidates are encouraged to submit their resume and cover letter to [yolani.garmendia@logixsourcedirect.com](mailto:yolani.garmendia@logixsourcedirect.com) by November 30, 2024

**We look forward to welcoming a dynamic and detail-oriented individual to our team!**

## VACANCY

**Job Title:** Business Manager

**Location:** Orange Walk, Belize

**Job Summary:** We are seeking a highly organized and proactive **Business Manager** to oversee and manage key operational aspects of our company. The successful candidate will be responsible for logistics, purchasing, human resource compliance (including social security and work permits), and ensuring compliance with all business-related permits and licenses. Additionally, this role includes overseeing payroll, billing, invoicing, and collections from customer accounts.

**Key Responsibilities:**

- **Logistics Management:** Oversee the company’s logistics operations to ensure timely and cost-effective procurement and delivery of goods and services.
- **Purchasing:** Manage vendor relationships, negotiate contracts, and ensure cost-effective procurement of materials and services.
- **Human Resource Compliance:** Ensure adherence to labor laws, manage social security, work permits, and handle employee-related documentation.
- **Compliance:** Ensure the business complies with all relevant permits and licenses, maintaining an up-to-date record of compliance.
- **Payroll Management:** Process employee payroll, ensuring accuracy and compliance with labor regulations.
- **Billing, Invoicing, and Collections:** Manage customer accounts, ensure timely invoicing, and oversee collections to maintain healthy cash flow.

**Requirements:**

- **Education:** Associate Degree in Business Administration, Finance, or a related field (Bachelor’s degree preferred).
- **Experience:** Minimum of two years of experience in a similar role.
- **Languages:** Bilingual (English and Spanish).
- Strong organizational, problem-solving, and communication skills.
- Familiarity with Belizean labor laws, social security requirements, and business permit processes.
- Proficient in Microsoft Office and financial management software.

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## BELIZE PROCUREMENT WEEK

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November 6th  
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November 8th  
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# TENDER NOTICE

## AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM MAINTENANCE SERVICES

The Social Security Board invites bids for the provision of Air Conditioning System Maintenance Services for the below:




- Corporate Headquarters, Bliss Parade, Belmopan
- All SSB Branches, Countrywide

Interested contractors can request a bid package or ask for additional information by emailing [shgongora@socialsecurity.org.bz](mailto:shgongora@socialsecurity.org.bz).

Bid documents **must** be submitted in a sealed envelope to the office of the GENERAL MANAGER, CORPORATE SERVICES, SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD, BLISS PARADE, P.O. BOX 18, BELMOPAN, BELIZE C.A. on November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, on or before 4:00 p.m. and labelled as follows:

**"2024-03-Air Condition System Maintenance Services Social Security"**

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# REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

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

**Tender:** MEA EXPERT TO DEVELOP A NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION AND REPORTING OF CHEMICAL-RELATED MULTI-LATERAL ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENTS (MEAs) AND THE GLOBAL FRAMEWORK ON CHEMICALS (GFC) – FOR A PLANET FREE OF HARM FROM CHEMICALS AND WASTE

The Government of Belize (GOB), through the Department of the Environment under the Ministry of Sustainable Development and Climate Change, is seeking qualified individuals to submit proposals for consultancy services as a Multilateral Environmental Agreement (MEA) Expert. The consultant will be responsible for developing a National Strategy for the Implementation and Reporting of Chemicals-Related MEAs and the Global Framework for Chemicals (GFC). **This consultancy is open to individual consultants for a duration of eight months.**

OUTLINED BELOW ARE A FEW REQUIRED SERVICES OF THIS CONSULTANCY:

- Revision of the text and annexes of current commitments and requirements of the Basel, Rotterdam, Stockholm, and Minamata Conventions,
- A Situational Analysis including the needs, weaknesses, and vulnerabilities in Belize’s institutional capability, implementation, and reporting,
- Stakeholder Consultations.
- A National Strategy and Action Plan to determine how to increase institutional capacity to plan, establish, carry out, oversee, and manage national programs, policies, and strategies for the sound management of chemicals and waste in Belize,
- Final Report (National Strategy and Action Plan) outlining the key findings, recommendations, and outcomes of the national strategy development process and action plan.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS NOT LIMITED TO:

- Minimum of a master’s degree in environmental science, environmental management, chemicals management, environmental law, environmental governance, or related fields.
- A minimum of five (5) years of professional experience in chemical management, hazardous substances, environmental policy, or related disciplines.
- Possesses experience in formulating national strategies focused on sustainable development, pollution prevention, or chemical safety.
- Experience in risk assessment and data analysis of chemicals and hazardous waste.
- Experience in technical evaluations of chemicals and hazardous waste.

For Terms of Reference which lists further description of the required services, expected outputs, full required qualifications, experience and skills, and submission procedures, kindly request via email at [chemicals@environment.gov.bz](mailto:chemicals@environment.gov.bz) and copy [procurement.asst@environment.gov.bz](mailto:procurement.asst@environment.gov.bz)

**Deadline for submission:**  
Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 no later than 10:00 a.m., local time.

# PRESS PREDICTIONS

The sports psychic speaks

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leadoff hitters in the game today. Aaron Judge will be the American league MVP for the second time in his career. The Dodgers have won 7 World Series out of 20 already. They are seeing their 21st appearance. The NY Yankees won 27 of 40 World Series appearances. They are seeking their 28th World Series in 41 tries. Next week, more stats.

## INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL



**Real Madrid will beat FC Barcelona in the El Clasico**

International football results

In international football action, the El Clasico of Spain in the La Liga will be this Saturday at 1:00 p.m. in Barcelona. The game has already sold out. Robert Lewandowski vs Kylian Mbappé. Real Madrid has 24 points in 10 games; they beat Celta, 2 goals to 1. Then FC Barcelona has 27 points; they crushed Sevilla, 5 goals to 1. Lewandowski leads the La Liga with 12 goals. Mbappé has 6 goals. Atletico Madrid is in third place with 20 points. In the EPL, the most entertaining and the most exciting league in the world, Liverpool has the lead over Manchester City; Arsenal is in third place because they lost, 2-nil, to Bournemouth. Chelsea lost to Liverpool, 2 goals to 1. Manchester United came from behind to beat Brentford, 2 goals to 1. There will be some very interesting games in the UEFA Champion of Champions League. FC Barcelona vs Bayern Munich; then Real Madrid will beat Borussia Dortmund, 2-nil. Next week, more stats.



**Robert Lewandowski vs Kylian Mbappé**



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Pope of Rome, when the Pope signed the Treaty of Tordesillas in 1494. This was how big the Pope was, how big Catholicism was, until religious hell began to break loose in 1517.

And, as an incidental postscript, this is how the “civilized” Europeans used to execute people as recently as three and four centuries ago: They were hanged until the point of unconsciousness, cut down, revived, castrated, disembowelled—the entrails dragged out and burned in front of the living victim—then beheaded and the body cut into four quarters for public display.



October 23, 2024

NOTICE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC

This is to inform you that pursuant to the Telecommunications (Licensing Classification, Authorisation, and Fee Structure) Regulations, 2020, as amended from time to time, that **BELIZE TELEMEDIA LIMITED** of Esquivel Telecom Center, #1 Saint Thomas Street, Belize City, Belize has applied to the Public Utilities Commission for the use of frequency spectrum to provide Point to Point Communications between Belize City to Caye Caulker and between Caye Caulker to San Pedro.

BELIZE CITY		CAYE CAULKER													
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IN THE HIGH COURT OF BELIZE A.D 2024

CLAIM NO. 305 OF 2024

ASCENDANCY BELIZE LTD. CLAIMANT

AND

MARIA ROCHES DEFENDANT

TO: MARIA ROCHES of 5 Pineapple Street, Water Supply Area, Punta Gorda Town, Toledo District, Belize

TAKE NOTICE that Claim No. 305 of 2024 has been commenced against you in the High Court of Belize, by ASCENDANCY BELIZE LTD. a company duly incorporated under the Laws of Belize with registered office situate at #13 Corner Landivar and 4th Streets, Kings Park, Belize City, Belize in which the CLAIMANT’S claim is for monies owing by the Defendant to the Claimant, being principal and interest due and payable on account of loans advanced to the Defendant under and by virtue of a Deed of Mortgage and Charge with Memorandum Accompanying Charge executed by the Defendant inclusive of legal fees:

AND it has been ordered that service of the Fixed Date Claim Form with Affidavit in Support of 31st May, 2024 be effected on you by this advertisement.

AND you are required to enter an appearance within twenty-eight (28) days of the second publication of this Notice of the Fixed Date Claim Form by causing an appearance to be entered for you at the Office of the Registrar of the High Court of Belize.

AND you are required to attend court on Monday, January 27th, 2025 at 09:30 a.m. before the Honorable Justice Tawanda Hondora at the High Court of Belize to defend the said Claim.

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

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

DATED the 16th day of October, 2024.

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

NOTICE

GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE TREASURY BILLS

ISSUE NUMBER 15/2024

Tenders are invited for an issue of Government of Belize Treasury Bills. The amount of the issue will be \$67,408,200.00.

The Bills will be issued in electronic form only evidenced by an electronic book entry in the Central Securities Depository (CSD) of the Central Bank of Belize in multiples of \$200 and will be repayable at par 91 days after issue. They will be issued on Wednesday, 13 November 2024 and will be redeemed on Wednesday, 12 February 2025.

Each tender must be for \$200 or a multiple of \$200 and must specify to five decimal places the amount which is offered for each one hundred dollars face value of the Bills sought.

Members of the public who wish to participate in the auction must submit their bid to the Central Bank of Belize electronically to [bids@centralbank.org.bz](mailto:bids@centralbank.org.bz) or at the designated drop off box no later than 12:00 noon on Friday, 8 November 2024.

The auction in the CSD will be open from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm on Wednesday 13 November 2024.

Successful bidders should arrange to settle via the Automated Payment & Securities Settlement System of Belize (APSSS).

Bank: Central Bank of Belize  
Account: GL1CORP0402627

The Government of Belize reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all tenders in whole or in part.

CENTRAL BANK OF BELIZE

Notices are placed on Central Bank of Belize Website ([www.centralbank.org.bz](http://www.centralbank.org.bz))

22 October 2024



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

Request for Expression of Interest  
Consulting Firm

Country: Belize  
Project: Skill for the Future Program  
Loan No.: BL-L1044  
Institution: Inter-American Development Bank  
Abstract: Consultancy Service to Design and Implement Programs to Promote Participation of Women in 4IR Education Fields.  
Reference No.: QCBS/3.1.3/2024/04  
Deadline: Friday, November 8, 2024, at 2:00 pm (local Belize time)

The Government of Belize acting through the Ministry of Education, Culture, Science and Technology (MOECST) has received financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), toward the cost of the Skill for the Future Program and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) for the Consultancy Service to Design and Implement Programs to Promote Participation of Women in 4IR Education Fields include the following objectives with an expected duration of 12 months.

The objectives of the consultancy are:

The main objective of this consultancy is to increase access to gender-specific education services to promote inclusive education by providing girls and young women with the confidence, tools, knowledge, and support to enter and flourish in the world of 4iR. Specific objectives include:

(i) Design and implement extracurricular 4iR activities for 1,000 primary and secondary female students, including reinforcement classes in STEAM and coding, as well as field visits, group mentoring and interaction with female STEAM role models

(ii) To develop a comprehensive strategy aimed at information outreach to girls and their families to promote their continued studies and work in 4iR fields including recruitment for the extracurricular activities

The Project Execution Unit under the MOECST now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

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.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Fixed Budget Selection (FBS) method 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 bidders as defined in the policies.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture to enhance their qualifications. For the purpose of establishing the short list, the nationality of a firm is that of the country in which it is legally incorporated or constituted and in the case of Joint Venture, the nationality of the firm appointed to represent it.

Further information regarding the scope of the consultancy and the requirements to submit Expression of Interest (sample template available) can be obtained at the address below during office hours i.e. 9:00 to 17:00 hours local Belize time.

The Expression of Interest (EOI) should include:

Letter of interest from the firm

Proof of their legal status as a firm

Portfolio with information and reference of relevant projects/assignments (including date, place, size and cost of the project)

Company Profile related to the assignment (Company structure, demonstrated experience, skills and expertise)

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below or by e-mail by November 8, 2024, 2:00 pm, local Belize time.

Project Execution Unit, Ministry of Education, Culture, Science and Technology  
Attn: Mrs. Ingrid Acosta  
Senior Project Coordinator  
1900 Constitution Drive,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor,  
Belmopan  
Tel: 501-828-5147  
E-mail: [project.coordinator@moe.gov.bz](mailto:project.coordinator@moe.gov.bz) and [procurement.specialist@moe.gov.bz](mailto:procurement.specialist@moe.gov.bz)

VACANCY

AUDITOR GENERAL, OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL

Applications are invited from suitably qualified applicants to fill the post of Auditor General, Office of the Auditor General.

A. Basic Purpose of Position:

The Auditor General is responsible for the overall management of the Office of the Auditor General and auditing of the account of all Government Ministries, Departments, City Councils, Town Boards, Village Councils, Statutory Bodies and special audits as requested by the National Assembly.

B. Analysis of Position:

1. Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

- a. In accordance with Section 120 of the Belize Constitution, Chapter 4 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020 the Auditor General shall:
  - (i) Satisfy himself that all moneys that have been appropriated by the National Assembly and disbursed have been applied to the purposes to which they were so appropriated and that the expenditure conforms to the authority that governs it.
  - (ii) At least once in every year audit and report on the public accounts of Belize, the accounts of all officers and authorities of the Government, the accounts of all courts of law in Belize, the accounts of the Belize Advisory Council and every Commission established by the Belize Constitution and the accounts of the Clerk to the National Assembly.
  - (iii) Submit every report made by in pursuance to Section 120 (2) of the Belize Constitution, Chapter 4 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020 to the Minister responsible for Finance and notify the Clerk, National Assembly, of the date report is submitted.
  - (iv) Exercise such other functions in relation to the accounts of the Government or the accounts of other authorities or bodies established by law for public purposes as may be prescribed by or under any law enacted by the National Assembly.
- b. Ensures the auditing of the accounts of all Accounting Officers and all persons entrusted with the collection, receipt, custody, issue or payment of public monies, or with the receipt, custody, issue, sale, transfer or delivery of any stamps, securities, stores or other government property of any kind whatsoever, on behalf of the National Assembly.
- c. Ascertains whether all reasonable precautions have been taken to safeguard the collection of public monies and that the ordinances, directions, and instructions relating thereto have been duly observed.
- d. Establishes whether all public monies disbursed have been expended and applied under proper authority and the for the purposes intended by such authority.
- e. Ascertains if all reasonable precautions have been taken to safeguard the receipt, custody, issue and proper use of government property, including stamps, securities and stores, and that the regulations, instructions and directions relating thereto have been duly observed.
- f. Manages the financial and administration activities of the Office.
- g. Submits annual budget (revenue and expenditure).
- h. Provides advice to the Government Ministries/Departments and Stakeholders.

2. Qualifications Required:

- i. Master's degree in relevant field such as: Public Finance, Public Sector Management, Accounting, Management Studies, Economics, Public Administration, Government, Human Resources Management/ Development, Business Administration, Political Science or Public Policy.
- ii. Certificate from either the Government Accountability Office (GAO) or Canadian Comprehensive Auditing Foundation (CCAF) or be a Certified General Accountant (CPA) or be a member of the Association of Certified Chartered Accountants (ACCA).
- iii. Have served a minimum of three (3) years as Deputy Auditor General or equivalent posts.

3. Competencies/Skills:

Technical:

- Experience in applying relevant legislation, regulations, policies, audit standards and agreements
- Ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing
- Experience in resource management
- Demonstrate and maintain effective leadership skills
- Analytical skills
- Ability to interpret technical managerial reports

Behavioural:

- Ability to make decisions in a timely manner
- Time management skills

C. Supervisory Responsibility:

Entire Office of the Auditor General

D. Conditions of Service:

In accordance with the terms of contractual agreement

E. Salary:

Government of Belize pay scale 26 of \$50,133 x 1,644 - \$81,369 per annum

Interested persons in possession of the required qualification and experience who have the aptitude for post are to submit a complete application package through the Job Search and Employment Application Website <https://www.publicservice.gov.bz/> or directly at <https://jobs.publicservice.gov.bz/> no later than the 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2024.

BY ORDER OF CHARGE  
NOTICE  
OF INTENTION TO SELL

LA INMACULADA CREDIT UNION LIMITED, a Credit Union duly formed and registered in Belize under the Credit Union Act Chapter 314 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011 with registered office situated at No. 5 Park Street, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District, Belize, hereby gives notice of its intention to exercise its Power of Sale as Chargee under the virtue of Charges between those hereinafter named and the said La Inmaculada Credit Union Ltd. with said Charges registered at the Land Registry. The Credit Union will at the expiration of TWO MONTHS from the date of the first publication of this notice sell the properties described in the schedule hereto.

ALL offers to purchase the said property must be made in writing to LA INMACULADA CREDIT UNION LIMITED. from whom full particulars and conditions of sale may be obtained.

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT piece or parcel of land being Parcel No.4955, Block 16 situated in the Caribbean Shores/Belize Registration Section, Belize District, and held under Land Certificate LRS-201512368 TOGETHER with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon, the freehold property of Braulio Javier Contreras.

ALL THAT piece or parcel of land being Parcel No.89, Block 4 situated in the San Jose Palmar Registration Section, Orange Walk District, and held under Land Certificate 7766/06 TOGETHER with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon, the freehold property of Abel Santiago Blanco.

Dated this 07<sup>th</sup> day of October of 2024

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STATUTORY NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of DANIEL ROBERT BOLON, deceased of Maya Center Village, Stann Creek District, 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 DANIEL ROBERT BOLON, deceased, of Maya Center Village, Stann Creek District, Belize who died on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021, and in whose estate Grant of Administration has been granted to POLINARIA POP of Maya Center Village, Stann Creek District, Belize, and DONNA BERNELL POWELL of #14 Seagull Street, San Pedro Ambergris Caye, Belize District, Belize, should lodge such claims or demands with the said POLINARIA POP and DONNA BERNELL POWELL 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 POLINARIA POP and DONNA BERNELL POWELL shall proceed to distribute the assets of the said DANIEL ROBERT BOLON, deceased, amongst the beneficiaries entitled thereto, having regard only to claims and demands of which they shall then have had notice.

DATED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October 2024

Per:   
ESTEVAN PERERA & COMPANY LLP  
Attorneys-at-Law for  
Polinaria Pop and Donna Bernell Powell

FORMAL NOTICE OF LEGAL ALERT

23<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024

REGARDING	REGISTRATION SECTION:	SAN IGNACIO NORTH
	BLOCK:	23
	PARCELS NO:	889, 890, 891
	LEGAL OWNERS NAME:	OSCAR RAMON MANZANERO

Formal Notice is hereby publicly broadcast, served by legal process, and communicated and given to HERITAGE BANK LIMITED, and AUCTIONERS KEVIN A. CASTILLO AND CHRISTIANA R. CASTILLO, and REGISTRAR OF LANDS MS. PATRICIA ROBATEAU, that, any purported charges held by the said Bank and filed at the Lands Registry regarding the above Land Parcels is DEFECTIVE and cannot be relied on. NOTE carefully that any future dealings with this matter are STATUTE BARRED.

Important: It has come to the attention of the legal proprietor of the above referenced three (3) Land Parcels, Oscar Ramon Manzanero with Absolute Title, Freehold, Private Land, that the abovementioned parcels are being advertised for sale and/or auction by AUCTIONERS KEVIN A. CASTILLO AND CHRISTIANA R. CASTILLO, and by said Heritage Bank Limited. See attached Heritage Bank and Auctioneers Public Notice of Sale for Block 23, Parcels 889, 890, 891, San Ignacio North owned only by Manzanero.

Accordingly, Hereon and All Be Advised, and take legal notice, that any offer of sale, purported sale and/or auction of these properties is NOT BONA FIDE, given the above Legal RAMIFICATIONS. This property sale is not authorized by the property owner or legally sanctioned otherwise. Any offer of sale, purported sale and/or alleged auction of these properties, and any alleged purchase and/or transfer of these properties and registration as result of same is deemed both illegal and injurious to said proprietor and claims for legal remedies plus monetary damages shall be filed for same.



INVITATION TO BID

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

Tender: Invitation to Bid – Procurement of One (1) Mule

The Government of Belize (GOB), through the Forest Department’s “Integrated Management of Production Landscapes to Deliver Multiple Global Environmental Benefits” Project within the Ministry of Sustainable Development and Climate Change, invites suitable companies to submit their bid proposal for the supply and delivery of One (1) Mule.

Few Required Specifications:

- 1. 2 door Mule
- 2. Hard coat full windshield
- 3. 4500 lb winch (installed)
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- 5. Latest Delivery Date – December 2024

For a complete Request for Quotation listing further specifications required as well as Submission Procedures, kindly request via email at [procurement.asst@environment.gov.bz](mailto:procurement.asst@environment.gov.bz) with CC to [procurement.officer@environment.gov.bz](mailto:procurement.officer@environment.gov.bz) and [PA.gef6@environment.gov.bz](mailto:PA.gef6@environment.gov.bz)

Deadline for submission: Nov 8th 2024, 3:00 P.M.

# A real existential threat indeed!!

by Marie-Therese Belisle Nweke

Thursday, October 24, 2024

I read Glen Gillett’s latest piece, “Philosophy and Politics,” on this election and I wish I could share his optimism.

I am not a cynic or a pessimist, just a dyed in the wool sceptic. Perhaps this has to do with the fact that I know there are more fools in this world than wise people. Plus, after seeing the line-up of major members of America’s capitalist parasitic class all behind Trump, who is a smaller member of their club, and for purely opportunistic reasons, since their

only ideology is the power of money, the desperation to win will ensure it is doable. I shall not hold my breath - Qué sera, sera. And let the heavens fall! (Thérèse)

An Aside:

At Wesley School in Belize City, we had to study the history of “British Honduras” from Primary 1 to 6. We learnt then that the Settlement of Belize began in 1638. We were taken to buildings on then Regent St. in which ballasts from slave ships formed part of them. We also learnt that St. John’s Anglican Cathedral, said to be the oldest

building in Central America, was built with slave labour.

That reminds - the last Miskito (Waika) king, an ancestor of yours (Evan X) and mine on my mother’s side and your maternal grandmother’s side, was the last Miskito king to be crowned there. That was in 1816 and he was George Frederic Augustus 1. The Miskito are the indigenous people of Nicaragua and Honduras. But their land later became a protectorate of Britain, and they generally converted to Christianity; hence their many links to Belize.

At Wesley College, we studied World History in Form 1. So we learnt about the Sumerians and empires such as the Mongol, the Quing, those of Persia, Greece, Rome and the Ottoman. We also learnt about the world’s greatest religions, such as Islam, Buddhism, Taoism, Judaism and Christianity.

at the height of its industrial revolution and preferred machines to human labour. Secondary school at Wesley College lasted for four years, and then you wrote the Cambridge University Overseas School Certificate Exam.

This exam. was at the time the gold standard of British education at secondary level throughout the former British Empire. Remember that this empire had 120 colonies - the French had just 80 - and lasted for almost 400 years and ruled over almost 500 million people. The British controlled territory that would be the equivalent of 56 sovereign nation states today. That is why the English language is so ubiquitous, ditto for the laws, literature, culture and mores of this former empire, which are still very much alive in this 21st century. The British lion no longer roars, but it has bred cubs, one of whom we all know.

For the very few like myself who had university ambitions, just 7 of us signed on to two more years at Wesley College to write the Higher Schools certificate exam, or G.C.E. “A” Levels. All were girls and only one was a boy. Those, like myself, who elected to read History as one of our subjects found that we had to study British History (1688-1945) and European History (1492 - 1945). There was also the History of the Reformation, which was optional.

That was what the Wesleyan schools offered in Belize, or rather British Honduras, in the 1950s and 1960s. I have no idea what Wesley College, the oldest secondary school in Belize, is doing today. (Thérèse)

## UN Human Rights Office - OPT: UN Human Rights Office is concerned over the potential destruction of the Palestinian population in north Gaza

Source: OHCHR (Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights) reliefweb.int, 20 Oct. 2024

The UN Human Rights Office is increasingly concerned that the manner in which the Israeli military is conducting hostilities in north Gaza, along with unlawful interference with humanitarian assistance and orders that are leading to forced displacement, may be causing the destruction of the Palestinian population in Gaza’s northernmost governate through death and displacement. This is particularly the case around Jabalya, Beit Lahiya and Beit Hanoun.

For two weeks since 6 October, the Israeli military has taken measures that make life in north Gaza impossible for Palestinians while repeatedly ordering the displacement of the entire governorate. Israeli authorities prevented the entry of all essential supplies to north Gaza between 1 and 14 October, exacerbating the already dire situation under which food and fuel supplies to the north were dwindling, and many were facing starvation. After 15 October, a token amount of aid seems to have entered the

In Form 2, we did Commonwealth History, which meant studying about India, the Far East, Africa, Australia and Canada.

It was in Forms 3 and 4 that we were immersed with the History of the Caribbean by texts written solely by brilliant West Indian scholars, some of whom I later met at UWI as my lecturers; one was even the dean of my faculty and taught me political philosophy. In one text book we studied at Wesley College, these historians bluntly stated and proved that the British abolished slavery and freed their slaves primarily for ECONOMIC reasons. Slavery had become not only expensive and an economic drain, but Britain was

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Country:	Belize
Donor:	Green Climate Fund (GCF)
Project Name:	Building the Adaptive Capacity of Sugarcane Farmers in Northern Belize (BaCSuF)
Contract Title:	a. Monitoring and Evaluation Officer b. Gender Officer c. Communications Officer d. Transformation Specialist
Contract #:	a. 127/2024/GCF/BacSuF/Belize/CCCCC b. 128/2024/GCF/BacSuF/Belize/CCCCC c. 129/2024/GCF/BacSuF/Belize/CCCCC d. 135/2024/GCF/BacSuF/Belize/CCCCC
Estimated Start Date:	November 2024
Deadline for Submission:	on or before 2:00 p.m. Belize Time (GMT-6), Friday, 15 November 2024

The Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC) has received grant funding from the Green Climate Fund for Building the Adaptive Capacity of Sugarcane Farmers in Northern Belize Project (BaCSuF).

The CCCCC intends to use part of the proceeds of the grant for the following contracts:

- a. “Monitoring and Evaluation Officer”
- b. “Gender Officer”
- c. “Communications Officer”
- d. “Transformation Specialist”

The detailed Request for Expression of Interest, Terms of Reference and other related documents can be downloaded at: <https://www.caribbeanclimate.bz/blog/category/opportunities/procurement-2/procurement/>

Requests for clarification should be received by the Centre no later than: **Friday, 8 November 2024.**

The deadline for submission of bids is **on or before 2:00pm (GMT-6), Friday, 15 November 2024** via the CCCCC electronic bidding box <https://www.caribbeanclimate.bz/bid-submission>.

The CCCCC is not bound to accept any bids received and may cancel the selection process at any time prior to the award of contract without liability. Interested bidders that do not comply with the requirements set out in the REOI document may be disqualified. The CCCCC is an equal opportunity employer.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

The murderous logistics of Israel’s ethnic cleansing campaign in northern Gaza

Eyewitnesses say the IDF is starving residents, targeting hospitals, bombing shelters, and murdering civilians in the streets

Sharif Abdel Kouddous and Abubaker Abed  
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Wed. Oct. 23, 2024

As part of Israel’s concentrated ethnic cleansing campaign in northern Gaza, it has severely disrupted phone and internet access—meaning that one of the only ways information about the latest brutal assault can reach the world is through the courageous reporting of Palestinian journalists who have remained in the area. The same is true across the Gaza Strip, where a relentless aerial and ground [assault] continues without pause.

On Wednesday, the Israeli military accused six Al Jazeera journalists of being “terrorists,” claiming they are members of Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad. Israel also published purported evidence that supposedly supported their claims. One Israeli military spokesman even posted videos of himself singling out Al Jazeera correspondent Anas al-Sharif and accusing him of being a member of the military wing of Hamas.

These direct threats against journalists appear to be laying the groundwork for Israel to assassinate them. The IDF has already killed upwards of 170 journalists in Gaza over the past year, an unprecedented number in modern history.

One of the targeted journalists, Hossam Shabat, today called on people to speak out using the hashtag #ProtectTheJournalists: “I plead everyone to share the reality about Journalists in order to spread awareness about the real plans of the Israeli occupation to target journalists in order to impose a media blackout. Spread the hashtag and talk about us!”

In our report below, we delve into the mechanics of the Israeli campaign in north Gaza, drawing on first-hand accounts—including from some of the targeted journalists—and the latest casualty figures.

On Monday, Al Jazeera correspondent Anas al-Sharif posted a photograph from northern Gaza



Ethnic Cleansing in Jabalia 2024  
(Pic: Anas al-Sharif)

capturing the Israeli military’s brutal depopulation campaign. In the photo, hundreds of Palestinian men, women, and children crowd together on a bombed-out street, carrying their few belongings in plastic bags. They all face the same direction, as if moving in procession, holding their ID cards up in the air to an Israeli soldier just out of view. The caption reads: “Ethnic Cleansing in Jabaliya 2024.”

For the past 19 days, the Israeli military has waged a concentrated campaign of extermination and ethnic cleansing in northern Gaza, according to medical staff and eyewitnesses who have been speaking to Drop Site News. The IDF has besieged the area with troops, blocked roads, and constructed earthen barriers, while cutting off access to food, water, fuel, and medical supplies. From the air, it has targeted homes, shelters, schools and hospitals with relentless airstrikes. Quadcopters are shooting civilians in the streets. Amid shelling and demolitions on the ground, soldiers have rounded up residents, arresting hundreds and forcing tens of thousands to march south. “This is the first time since the beginning of the war that the occupation army has besieged an area and then begun a campaign of bombing, killing and starvation in such a complete way,” Mahmoud Basal, the spokesperson for the Civil Defense in Gaza, told the Palestinian press agency Safa.

In one of the deadliest incidents, at least 87 people were killed or have been reported missing following an airstrike on a residential block in Beit Lahia on Saturday. More than 40 people were injured in the strike, including infants, some of whom were taken to Kamal Adwan hospital. Video shared by the ministry of health shows several children barely clinging to life in the hospital’s intensive care unit, including footage of a months-old baby lying dead next to another severely wounded child covered

in gauze and hooked up to tubes receiving treatment.



Displaced families fleeing Israeli army operations in Jabaliya in northern Gaza / Source: AFP via Getty Images

On Monday, at least 10 people were killed and 30 injured in the shelling of an UNRWA school sheltering displaced Palestinians in the Jabaliya camp after the Israeli military ordered them to evacuate. In Beit Lahia on Tuesday, 15 people were killed in an Israeli drone strike, followed by a tank shelling on a school that had become a shelter for the displaced, killing seven.

The Israeli military on Wednesday released aerial footage showing crowds streaming out a bombed out landscape and extolling the “tens of thousands” of citizens that have been forced to flee Jabaliya. Al Jazeera also posted footage from Israel’s national broadcaster showing IDF trucks carrying dozens of blindfolded Palestinian men reportedly from Jabaliya.

So far, the assault has claimed the lives of over 770 people, a number certain to go up with countless more casualties lying in the streets and under the rubble in areas Israeli troops have barred emergency crews from accessing. “Israeli forces are executing people in the streets, in shelters, everywhere,” Ismail Al-Thwabta, the spokesperson for the Information Ministry in Gaza, told Drop Site News. Over 1,000 others have been injured and more than 200 civilians have been “kidnapped,” according to the Government Media Office in Gaza, with dozens more missing.

The focus of the military campaign is the northernmost governorate in the Gaza Strip, an area known as North Gaza. The stretch, where some 200,000 Palestinians still remain, includes the cities of Beit Lahia, Beit Hanoun, and Jabaliya, along with Jabaliya refugee camp, the largest refugee camp in the Gaza Strip.

The UN Human Rights Office issued a statement on Sunday voicing its concern that Israeli forces in North Gaza are interfering with humanitarian aid and facilitating the forced expulsion of Palestinians. “The Israeli military has taken measures that make life in north Gaza impossible for Palestinians while repeatedly ordering the displacement of the entire governorate,” the office said. Thousands of homes, shelters and other

structures have also been destroyed “causing massive and unprecedented destruction,” the Government Media Office in Gaza said in a statement.

Images and video shared by journalists on the ground show large groups of civilians on the street being rounded up, with Israeli tanks positioned next to them. On Monday, Al Jazeera correspondent Hossam Shabat posted on X that Israeli forces

that day had attacked a school in the Jabaliya refugee camp, forcing people out. “Then they lined them up and shot anyone who dared to move. Any male over the age of 16 is being detained, tortured, and investigated,” he wrote. “Many people who are being lined up are sick individuals, such as amputees, cancer patients, and young kids who are being asked to stand in line for hours. The situation is catastrophic.”

As Israeli operations in the north have intensified, its planes are dropping flyers over the area and deploying drones fitted with loudspeakers ordering people, warning people that the area will be detonated while they are inside their homes if they do not evacuate immediately. Israeli troops have also bombed and burned down shelters for the displaced.



Fadi Redwan, forcibly displaced from Jabaliya refugee camp by Israeli troops on October 8, 2024 / Photo by Abubaker Abed

Amid the carnage, those who have been forced out describe a hellish journey south, made to walk for many kilometers past Israeli tanks and troops.

Fadi Redwan, a 22-year-old resident of Jabaliya refugee camp, was forced to leave his family on October 8 and head to Kamal Adwan hospital for a blood transfusion to treat his thalassemia, a blood disorder that affects hemoglobin levels. “On my way, the streets were a picture of horror and trauma: decomposing bodies gnawed by dogs, children’s skulls here and there, scattered skeletons amid the rubble of homes. I couldn’t do anything as snipers and quadcopters were shooting everyone,” Redwan told Drop Site News. Not long after he reached the hospital, Israeli soldiers encircled and



**Solid Waste Management Authority**  
**Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change**



**INVITATION TO BID**

**Ministry of Sustainable Development, & Climate Change on behalf of Belize Solid Waste Management Authority**

1. The Government of Belize (or GOB) acting through the Ministry of Sustainable Development, & Climate Change on behalf of Belize Solid Waste Management Authority, now invites sealed Bids from eligible and qualified Bidders for the Services mentioned below in the table.

Contract No.	Name	Contract Period
12-2024/2025	Loading, Trucking, Barging and Other Heavy Equipment Services for the Caye Caulker Solid Waste Transfer Station Facility	36 months

2. Procurement will be conducted through the Open Tendering Process in accordance with the provisions of the laws governing public procurement within Belize.
3. This invitation is open to all eligible Bidders as described in the Bidding Documents.
4. Qualification requirements are provided in Section II of the Bidding Documents. Prospective Bidders’ attention is drawn to the Instructions to Bidders in the Bidding Documents.
5. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English may be obtained by interested Bidders by way of email application to the email address below.
6. The Bidding Documents will be emailed to the Bidder at the email address specified in the email application.
7. Bids must be delivered to the address below on Friday, November 15, 2024 or before Friday, November 15, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. Electronic bid submission shall not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the Bidders’ representatives, who choose to attend in person at the address below on Monday, November 18, 2024, at 10:15 a.m. Interested public/civil society entities and NGOs can also attend the Bid opening.
8. All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid-Securing Declaration as specified in the Instructions to Bidders.
9. The Government of Belize will declare a firm ineligible, either indefinitely or for a stated period, to be awarded a contract funded by the Government of Belize, if it at any time determines that the firm has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent, coercive, or collusive practices in competing for or in executing a contract.
10. Bidders are required to submit as part of the bid “the Statement of Ethical Conduct and Fraud and Corruption”. In case of misleading information or non-adherence to the Fraud and Corruption provisions of the Bidding Documents, the Bidder shall be pursued by the GOB.
11. The address referred to above for:
- (i) application for Bidding Documents, (ii) submission of Bids, and (iii) opening of Bids, is:**

**The address referred to above is:**  
**Belize Solid Waste Management Authority**  
**Attn: Mrs. Terese Arzu, Procurement Officer**  
**3013 Bougainvillea Street, Orchid Garden Area City of Belmopan,**  
**Belize, C.A.**  
**Tel: (501) 802 1527**  
**PO Box 285**

**E-mail: [ArzuTL@gobmail.gov.bz](mailto:ArzuTL@gobmail.gov.bz) , [procurement@solidwaste.gov.bz](mailto:procurement@solidwaste.gov.bz)**

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Contract No.	Name	Contract Period
11-2024/2025	Loading, Trucking, Barging and Other Heavy Equipment Services for the San Pedro, Ambergris Caye Solid Waste Transfer Station Facility	36 months

2. Procurement will be conducted through the Open Tendering Process in accordance with the provisions of the laws governing public procurement within Belize.
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# From the Publisher en Español

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España en 1898 para apoderarse de Cuba, Filipinas, Guam y otras posesiones. Pero cuando Fidel Castro derrocó al dictador Fulgencio Batista a principios de 1959, pronto empezó a estar en desacuerdo con los EE.UU., y entonces Fidel declaró que era comunista, tras lo cual los estadounidenses entrenaron a algunos exiliados cubanos en Guatemala para invadir Cuba en 1961. La invasión fracasó.

Castro era un hombre de gran coraje y convenció al líder ruso, Nikita Khrushchev, que se instalara misiles nucleares en la isla para defender su revolución del gigante estadounidense. Esto dio lugar al drama histórico de octubre de 1961 conocido como la Crisis de los Misiles de Cuba. Esto se resolvió cuando el presidente estadounidense, John F. Kennedy, aceptó retirar misiles nucleares estadounidenses de Turquía, que está cerca de Rusia, a cambio de que los rusos sacaran sus misiles de Cuba. Fidel estaba furioso por la rendición de los rusos ante los estadounidenses, que fue como le pareció a él. Desde entonces, la estructura de poder estadounidense ha hecho que sea una prioridad aplastar a Cuba, y el pueblo cubano se ha mantenido firme en su resistencia. Bajo el régimen de Castro y el comunismo, los cubanos lograron grandes éxitos en materia de educación, biotecnología y apoyo militar a los pueblos que luchaban contra el imperialismo, como los africanos que luchaban contra el *apartheid* en el sur de África. Pero el pueblo cubano ha pagado un precio enorme por su valor y sus posiciones de principios.

Cuba ha sido un gran amigo de Belize, y Belize ha correspondido en lo que respecta a la retórica de nuestros líderes. Belize, por supuesto, no está en condiciones financieras de ayudar a Cuba, pero hay una consideración que no es la financiera. Esa consideración tiene que ver con nuestra psique o perspectiva nacional. Nosotros, los criollos beliceños, en particular, tenemos una perspectiva de Pedro Ardimaes. Es decir, creemos en salir de las crisis mediante el uso de nuestro cerebro y la "trucología".

Ahora bien, es cierto que muchos cubanos han huido de la Cuba comunista desde la Revolución Cubana de 1959 para vivir y trabajar en los Estados Unidos, principalmente en Florida, donde les ha ido muy bien y constituyen un muy poderoso lobby político anticastrista y anticubano.

La gente me dice que Cuba sigue siendo un tanto racista en lo que respecta al trato que dispensa a los cubanos de ascendencia africana, pero siempre me ha parecido que los cubanos de tez más oscura han encontrado en general la vida más aceptable bajo la Revolución Cubana que antes de ella. Sé que los cubanos de ascendencia africana han desempeñado un papel destacado en el apoyo militar de Cuba a las luchas anticoloniales en todo el planeta.

Pero volvamos a nosotros. Parece que la mayoría, o un gran porcentaje, de los criollos beliceños han emigrado a los Estados Unidos, donde aparentemente les ha ido bien. El ejército estadounidense siempre ha sido una opción para los beliceños, especialmente después de mediados de los años 70, cuando los estadounidenses abolieron el servicio militar obligatorio para los estadounidenses que cumplían 18 años. La juventud estadounidense comenzó a rebelarse contra el servicio militar durante la guerra de Vietnam en los años 60, y su rebelión fue nacional y violenta. El gobierno estadounidense decidió abolir el servicio militar. Esta decisión ha funcionado bien para los estadounidenses y, para repetir, ha creado más oportunidades para los beliceños. Para aprovechar estas oportunidades, los beliceños tienen que transferir su lealtad de Belize a la Estatua de la Libertad.

Así que ahora nos centraremos en los desafíos que un patriota beliceño, Wil Maheia, ha estado planteando a los guatemaltecos, tanto civiles como militares, en el río Sarstún. Desarmado frente a las armas automáticas guatemaltecas, Maheia ha demostrado un coraje notable. No se ha comportado como el típico criollo beliceño. No ha bailado el baile de Pedro Ardimaes.

En una conversación con Rufus X recientemente, hablamos de los peligros que Wil ha afrontado. Es una situación que muchos beliceños no quieren examinar. Pero hay que dar respeto a quien lo merece.

Los británicos tienen una reputación internacional de coraje militar. Recuerden, esta isla una vez dirigió un imperio que gobernó el mundo. El coraje británico frente al fuego fulminante fue immortalizado en un poema narrativo de Alfred, Lord Tennyson, titulado "*La carga de la brigada ligera*", basado en una carga de caballería británica contra los rusos en 1854 durante la guerra de Crimea.

Shakespeare, sin embargo, pintó el retrato de un clásico soldado británico sin honor, cuando creó el personaje ficticio del Caballero John Falstaff, en *HENRY IV, PARTE UNO*. La filosofía de Falstaff era simple: "*La mejor parte del valor es la discreción*" (V.iv.120), y "*El honor es un mero escudo de armas*" (V.i.142).

Falstaff recorría las calles de Londres con el hijo del rey Enrique IV y armaron un alboroto. Pero cuando Enrique IV murió y su hijo se convirtió en Enrique V (1386-1422), terminó su relación con Falstaff y su equipo y se convirtió en el hombre que la mayoría de los británicos consideran su mayor guerrero/rey.

En las próximas dos semanas se celebrarán elecciones presidenciales en los Estados Unidos de América, la superpotencia gobernante del mundo. El pueblo estadounidense está muy dividido. El estado de ánimo allí parece feo. Las armas de alto poder abundan excesivamente. Si juzgamos por los acontecimientos del 6 de enero de 2020, Pedro Ardimaes no tiene ningún papel que desempeñar en la tierra del Tío Sam.



## NEW PUZZLE Daily Printable Puzzle - 10-24-2024

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51. Lhasa monks  
52. Slander  
53. Carpentry or printing  
54. AOL rival  
56. Anxious  
57. Currency of Bangladesh  
59. Chicago lyricist  
60. Addressee  
61. 100 percent  
63. Baby fish  
64. Farm abode

## 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 - 10-17-2024 - Answers

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# Cries from Gaza

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There is so much, too much that is taking place across the ocean in the ongoing siege upon the occupied population of Gaza and now Lebanon, that we hardly have the space to share all the sad images and reports of the human catastrophe that continues to unfold, thanks to ample supplies of bombs and drones by western allies of the Israeli military that shows no mercy for the helpless and defenceless women and children and old folks being massacred in their search for the few Hamas and Hezbollah warriors amongst them.

Here are a few short introductory paragraphs from reports this week by Democracy Now! news agency:

### “The Gaza I know is gone”: Israel's rampage continues as survivors struggle for food, water, safety

Guest: [Muhammad Shehada](#)  
writer and analyst from Gaza.  
[www.democracynow.org](http://www.democracynow.org), Oct. 22, 2024

Israeli forces have killed at least 115 Palestinians and injured nearly 500 over the past two days, according to Palestinian health officials. This comes as Israel continues to carry out a brutal siege on northern Gaza, which has been described as a “surrender or starve” policy of ethnic cleansing. As the military demands that tens of thousands of Palestinians leave the north, senior government ministers are pushing for new Jewish settlements in Gaza. Meanwhile, images and video have emerged from northern Gaza showing Israeli forces separating Palestinian men from their families and taking them away.

Almost all aid has been cut off to the region, with hospitals under siege and barely able to function. “It’s a deliberate strategy of humiliating, terrorizing and punishing the civilian population,” says Palestinian writer and analyst Muhammad Shehada, who is originally from Gaza and is following developments closely as chief of communications at Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Monitor.

### “We have lost all credibility”: Hala Rharrit on quitting State Dept. & ending U.S. complicity in Gaza

Guest: [Hala Rharrit](#)  
former career diplomat who resigned from the State Department over the Biden administration’s Gaza policy.  
[www.democracynow.org](http://www.democracynow.org), Oct. 23, 2024

As human rights groups continue to call out war crimes committed by the Israeli military, we speak to the only U.S. diplomat to publicly resign from the Biden administration over its policy on Israel. We first spoke to Hala Rharrit when she resigned from the State Department in April, citing the illegal and deceptive nature of U.S. policy in the Middle East. “We continue to willfully violate laws so that we surge U.S. military assistance to Israel,” she says after more than a year of Israel’s war on Gaza. Rharrit says she found the Biden administration unmovable in its “counterproductive policy,” which she believes has gravely harmed U.S. interests in the Middle East. “We are going to feel the repercussions of that for years, decades, generations.”

# House meeting on Friday...

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### GOB/ SSB Deed Settlement

The Government of Belize will enter into an agreement with the Social Security Board (SSB) to settle and set off debt obligations arising from the compulsory acquisition of Belize Telemedia Communications Limited from the Ashcroft Alliance.

A former Ashcroft company, Sunshine Holdings LTD, borrowed \$10 million from the SSB fund to purchase shares in BTL. In 2009 when the government compulsorily acquired the company, it did not make provision for the deduction of the loan amount to SSB. In subsequent court rulings, the Caribbean Court of Justice said GOB had no right to deduct the funds.

The Ashcroft Alliance effectively collected the compensation for BTL shares owned by Sunshine Holdings LTD, but was not obliged to repay the loan, since the company was not owned by the government.

Since then, interest has multiplied the quantum of the loan up to \$30 million dollars as of June 2024. Neither Sunshine nor the Government has settled any of the liabilities to date.

“We have no legal obligation to pay, but we believe that we have a moral obligation to protect the workers’ money,” PM Briceño said during the House meeting.

PM Briceño said that the government will fully assume the Sunshine debt, a total of \$30, 863,632.21, and set off the cost against debt owed to the Government by the SSB, which totals \$16,852,109.46 cents. The remaining \$14 million dollars will be paid to the SSB using treasury notes.

“We are giving them a 5-year note of 4 million, with an interest rate of 3 percent per annum, and a 10-year note of 10 million with an interest rate of 3 % per annum,” PM Briceño said.

### Mandatory age of marriage increased

The mandatory age of marriage is now 18 years old. The Minister of Families and Children said during her presentation on the Bill that no child should be subject to enter into a signed contract.

This amended bill increases the age of marriage from 16 years old with parental consent, to 18 years old mandatorily. This means that parents and guardians are no longer able to approve the marriage of minors who are 16 or 17 years old.

Last year, at the Youth Parliament session, the young parliamentarians sent a resounding message that it is high time this practice comes to an end.

The full sitting can be found on the Government of Belize Press Office page on Facebook.

# The murderous logistics of Israel’s ethnic cleansing campaign in northern Gaza

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stormed the facility. “They checked my ID, my medical report, and my phone,” Redwan said. “They only gave back my ID and medical report and ordered me and five others like me with thalassemia to head to the south.”

With Apache helicopters overhead, Redwan and several others also seeking care were forced to leave the hospital. “The streets were filled with corpses and piles of rubble and it was difficult to walk straight. Anyone looking left or right was shot dead,” he said. “There were many decomposing bodies and the smell was utterly horrific.” After a 10-hour trek, he reached the Netzarim corridor, a securitized stretch of land established by the Israeli military with bases and checkpoints that divides northern and southern Gaza, where soldiers eventually allowed him to pass through.

Sixteen hours after Redwan was forced out of the hospital, he finally reached Deir al-Balah in central Gaza, where more than a million displaced Palestinians are crowded into tents on every street with little sanitation or infrastructure, taking refuge with a friend in a tent. “My family was extremely worried about me. When I finally called them, they broke down in tears as they thought I had been killed. I am now a patient and have nothing with me. I was trembling with cold yesterday as I only have this T-shirt,” Redwan said. “It was the first time I had seen Israeli soldiers—it was the shock of a lifetime. I am now without my family. I dream of having the most basic things, such as clothes to get warm and some food to eat. I don’t know how I’ll endure this, but I hope it’ll end and I’ll be back with my family. I am severely traumatized.”



A photo of one of the fliers the IDF is dropping over North Gaza/ Shared with Drop Site News

Key to Israel’s campaign in the north has been the targeting of hospitals, Al-Thwabta told Drop Site News. Following repeated attacks, the three partially functioning hospitals in the area—Kamal Adwan, Indonesian, and al-Awda—are almost out of service. Over 350 patients are trapped inside the three hospitals, including pregnant women and people who recently underwent surgery, according to Médecins Sans Frontières.

“Israeli attacks hit Kamal Adwan Hospital today, which remains under Israel’s constant bombings and with no

medical aid or supplies,” Al-Thwabta said. “We’ve been calling out the world to allow safe corridors to provide the north with the basic necessities. However, there’s been no response. Even our request to provide healthcare professionals with food was rejected.”

Dr. Hussam Abu Safia, Director of Kamal Adwan Hospital, said the hospital has run out of blood and a number of wounded have died as a result of the severe lack of resources. “We are now implementing a priority treatment system. This is the reality,” he said. Dr. Eid Sabah, the Director of Nursing at Kamal Adwan Hospital said in an audio message shared with Drop Site that Israeli forces have shelled and closed all roads and streets leading to the hospital, preventing ambulances from reaching the facility, effectively isolating it.

At the Indonesian hospital, “the occupation bombs the generators, cutting off electricity, causing patients to die after being disconnected from oxygen devices,” Dr. Munir Al-Borsh, director-general of the ministry of health, said in a statement. “Doctors and medical staff dig graves to bury the martyrs inside the hospital, which is besieged by tanks, as they are unable to leave.”

And at the Al-Awda Hospital, Israeli forces “have completely surrounded the hospital, and we cannot leave or approach the windows,” Dr. Mohammed Salha, the acting director of the hospital, said in a message. “We only eat one meal a day, which is half a loaf of bread or a small plate of rice. Two days ago, occupation forces fired artillery shells at the hospital, destroying two floors of patients’ accommodation and water tanks.”

With Israel continuing to enforce a near-total blockade, the humanitarian crisis is becoming catastrophic. On

Monday, Israeli forces killed six men in the Jabaliya refugee camp attempting to get drinking water, Al Jazeera reported. Also on Monday, the UN said Israel had, for the fourth consecutive day, denied an urgent request it had made to allow access to the Jabaliya refugee camp to rescue people trapped under the rubble. Israel also denied a

separate request by the UN to deliver food, water, and fuel. Farhan Haq, the UN’s deputy spokesman, said Israel also denied 28 UN requests to deliver humanitarian aid to Jabaliya, Beit Hanoun, and Beit Lahiya between October 6 and 20. Several other requests, he added, “faced impediments.”

On Tuesday, the Israeli military said in a statement that over 230 trucks carrying aid have entered northern Gaza since last week, despite multiple reports from journalists on the ground and humanitarian organizations

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north, but this does not commensurate with the needs of the population.

While the Israeli military has demanded that all civilians leave north Gaza, it has continued to relentlessly bomb and attack the area, especially in and around Jabalya Camp. These attacks have made it extremely dangerous for civilians to flee, and the UN Human Rights Office has received reports over the last weeks of Palestinians targeted while fleeing. Many Palestinians in the north have also expressed fears that should they flee; they will never be allowed to return to their homes in north Gaza. Israeli troops have also destroyed residential buildings and attacked schools serving as shelters, resulting in numerous civilian casualties and further limiting available shelter as winter approaches. One strike on a residential block in Beit Lahiya on 19 October killed at least 87 Palestinians according to the Gaza Ministry of Health. Keeping with the trend in this escalation, many of the casualties appear to be children and women.

The Israeli military’s resumed attacks on two of the three main hospitals in north Gaza put even more pressure on the civilian population. All three hospitals, already damaged in previous IDF attacks, are also struggling with shortages of supplies and fuel. Rescue teams and medics continue to report restrictions and direct and indirect attacks by the Israeli military, hindering lifesaving operations, including the recovery of Palestinians trapped under rubble. Internet services in north Gaza have been disrupted since 19 October, and at least 3 Palestinian journalists were killed in the last 2 weeks, limiting the available information about the conditions of life in north Gaza.

Reports also indicate that tens of Palestinian men are being taken into custody by the IDF, raising fears that they may be subjected to arbitrary detention as well as torture and other ill-treatment, especially considering previous violations documented by the UN Human Rights Office. Israel must promptly announce the identity of all those taken into custody and ensure their access to their lawyers and families.

We reiterate that all parties must respect and protect civilians. Palestinian armed groups must refrain from deliberately co-locating military objectives and civilians or civilian objects and must take all feasible precautions to protect the

pushing back on that claim, including the World Health Organization. The group said on Wednesday that when teams were granted access to Kamal Adwan Hospital to evacuate critical patients, their request to bring food, fuel, blood, and medicine was denied.

In a letter addressed to senior Israeli officials dated October 13, U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin said Israel must take steps in the next month to allow more humanitarian aid into Gaza or face potential restrictions on military aid. Yet at the same time, White House national security spokesperson John Kirby stressed in a press briefing that the letter was intended not as a threat, but as a way to “reiterate the sense of urgency we feel and the seriousness with which we feel it, about the need

civilian population and civilian objects under their control against the effects of attacks. Even where Palestinian armed groups have failed to comply with these norms of IHL, Israeli forces retain their obligations to respect the principles of distinction, proportionality and precautions in attack.

The UN Human Rights Office reminds the State of Israel of the provisional measures ordered by the International Court of Justice on 26 January 2024 that it take all measures within its power to prevent the commission of all acts within the scope of Article II of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide in relation to Palestinians in Gaza. It also reminds Israel that, as the occupying power, it must ensure the provision of food, medical supplies and shelter for the population of Gaza, as also ordered by the International Court of Justice.

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## The countdown!

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after getting the last 3 elections wrong, they now talk about it being a toss-up! Listen, in these last 2 weeks the polls will trend in one direction, and I’m very optimistic that it will be in Kamala’s favor. We are already seeing evidence of it, even as nefarious players try to muddy the waters. Light will prevail. Remember in *Lord of the Rings* when the wizard Gandalf struck his staff into the ground and the orcs disappeared? Well, on November 5, when that staff strikes the ground again, Saruman Trump will be defeated, and he and his orcs will descend into that darkness that they were destined for!

Stop complaining and worrying about the election! Vote early; I was going to say “often”, paying tribute to old Chicago elections; but get off your a\*\*es and go vote!

Glen aka Frodo Baggins

for an increase, a dramatic increase in humanitarian assistance.”

Phillippe Lazzarini, the Commissioner-General of UNRWA, posted an urgent message on X on Tuesday:

—Nearly three weeks of non-stop bombardments from the Israeli Forces as the death toll increases.

—Our staff report they cannot find food, water or medical care.

—The smell of death is everywhere as bodies are left lying on the roads or under the rubble. Missions to clear the bodies or provide humanitarian assistance are denied.

—In northern Gaza, people are just waiting to die.

—They feel deserted, hopeless and alone. They live from one hour to the next, fearing death at every second.



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CULTURE APPAREL  
DIVA'S PARADISE  
GEMS OF BELIZE HANDMADE FASHION  
GG'S ONLINE  
HAIR AND FASHION GALORE  
HANGER'S CLOTHING  
J & K FASHIONZ GALORE  
JEWELRY GALORE  
K'S CLOSET CLUB  
K'S FAMILY FINDS  
K & D FASHION  
KIRIDIAN COUTURE  
LA CHIC MELANGE  
LISA BABB'S CLOTHING SALE  
LORI'S BEADS & CRYSTALS  
MERCY'S COLLECTION  
PAM'S PROCESSING  
PRETTY HOT & THICKE BOUTIQUE  
SEB'S HANDMADE CRAFT  
SELINA'S MERCHANDISE  
SENIOR ANIME  
SEW COLORFUL  
SHEVAL JEWELRY  
SHINERS NAIL BOUTIQUE  
SOL CLAY JEWELRY  
SWEET P CROCHET WORLD  
THE MAN'S-LET COLLECTION  
T & B EVERYDAY ESSENTIALS  
TEK A LUK  
TEUL'S BEADS  
THE JEWELRY HUB  
THEJEWELERBZ  
TIMELESS BELIZE  
TRENDZ BOUTIQUE  
TRINKET TREASURES BELIZE

### BEAUTY

BELIZE TROPICAL SENSES  
CHOSEN BODY SRCUBS  
D GLOW UP  
GRACE SKIN CARE BY KELSEY  
GREEN HEALING NATION  
HELLO BODY!  
IMMEDIATE SALES  
MAKEUP BY MON  
MY BEAUTY  
NARI SELF CARE  
PEACOCK BARGAINS  
SKIN KISS BY KRIS

### DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES

BARGAIN BUSTER  
BELLA MANI SALON & SPA  
BRILLIANCE STORE  
BRODIES CO. LTD  
CELLULAR WORLD BELIZE  
DELTA WAREHOUSE  
DIBARY BELIZE  
DIGI BELIZE  
DIVA'S PARADISE PLUS SIZE BOUTIQUE  
FEMINA'S STORE  
LAVISH STORE  
MIAMI FASHIONS  
MIKADO  
MILANI PALACE  
MIRAGE BELIZE  
MAYA ELECTRONICS  
NOW N FOREVER  
SENSATION X-TREME  
SMART BELIZE  
TRIMZ  
TROPICANA  
TRENDZ BOUTIQUE

### ENTERTAINMENT/DRINKS

BELIZE BREWING CO. LTD. (BELIKIN BEER)  
BRAIN FREEZE MARGARITAS BAR  
BRAIN FREEZE SLUSHEE  
DY SMOOTHIE CRAZE  
MECHA'S  
GREEN LIZARD JUICE  
SMITHY'S NATURAL BLEND  
EDITH'S TAMBOLA  
SWEET PAIN BAND 3.0  
MIME MARTINEZ  
COCONO BWAI  
BLUE STEEL SOUNDS  
IMPACT ONE SOUNDS  
KINGLONGE

### HIGHLIGHTS

20% DISCOUNT ON PROPERTY TAX OUTSTANDING ARREARS  
TRAFFIC ONE-STOP  
GRAND ANNIVERSARY RAFFLE  
MSME ROAD SHOW  
PEAK OUTSOURCING  
BCC'S LED SHOWCASE  
DYS' ENTREPRENEURS  
CERTIFIED BY SPIRIT  
GALEN UNIVERSITY  
GLOBALCOM BPO  
READY CALL CENTER BPO  
ITZ'AT STEAM ACADEMY  
KAYA FOR ALBERT  
KIRKLAND SMITH'S SCHOOL OF VISUAL ART  
MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION  
THE WELCOME RESOURCE CENTER  
SHEREE YOUNG'S HALLOWEEN STOP  
THE BOOK CENTER  
FREE KIDS ZONE  
RAYJAY'S CHILDREN RIDE-ON

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