

# Belize's economy has bounced back!

## Central Bank reports full economic recovery from pandemic and reducing inflation

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Nov. 27, 2024

The Central Bank of Belize (CBB) is reporting a full recovery of Belize's economy from the pandemic as well as falling inflation which had surged to 6.3% at its peak in 2022. At the CBB's latest press conference to present updates on Belize's economic landscape, Central Bank Governor, Kareem Michael remarked, "The Belizean economy has proved itself to be resilient." He listed the COVID pandemic, the oil price shock due to the Russia-Ukraine war, and adverse shocks from climate-related events including Hurricane Lisa in 2022, as negative occurrences that Belize has weathered. "Today, we can confidently



Kareem Michael, Governor, Central Bank of Belize

say that since the onset of the pandemic and these additional external shocks, our

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## Belisle family displeased with progress of Nah's triple murder case



(l-r) Vivian and Jon Ramnarace; David Ramnarace, deceased

by Charles Gladden

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In a statement released to the public this week, the family of 38-year-old Vivian Belisle Ramnarace—who died of wounds she received on New Year's

Eve in 2022 when a gunman believed to be Elmer Nah went to her home in Belmopan and fired shots at her, as well as her husband, 38-year-old Jon Ramnarace; and brother-in-law, 29-

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## Ever-closer NW screwworm has Belize authorities concerned

As of mid-November, there were 13 officially confirmed cases in Guatemala

BELMOPAN, Tues. Nov. 26, 2024

The discovery of the potentially devastating NW screwworm in municipalities very near to Belize has local agricultural authorities concerned. Servulo Baeza, CEO in the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security, told *Amandala* today that an infected head of cattle was intercepted on November 22 in southern Mexico at one of their checkpoints established in Catazajá, Chiapas as part of their screwworm prevention measures.

Mexico had eradicated the NWS screwworm over 30 years ago in 1991 along with Central American countries. Their Ministry of Agriculture, in a release on the discovery, reported that the



Servulo Baeza, CEO, Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security

country had spent \$750 million in that effort. Belize's Agriculture Ministry

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## "Sweet Bwai Caine" off to jail

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Nov. 28, 2024

On Tuesday of this week, a traffic officer was assaulted by as many as three persons while carrying out his duties, and tonight one of the culprits, who was identified in an amateur phone video of the attack that went viral, is behind bars.

That assailant is 31-year-old Evan Nicholas Caine, aka "Sweet Bwai Caine", a part-time bus conductor/caregiver who resides in Biscayne Village at Mile 23 1/4 on the Philip Goldson Highway.

According to police, 46-year-old Kenrick DeShield visited the police station and reported that whilst conducting duties between Miles 2 and 3 around 7:30 on Tuesday morning, he stopped a Bluebird bus heading from Benny's towards the Smart headquarters because the door was wide open, and he noticed the presence



Evan Nicholas Cain, remanded

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# Burrell Boom and surrounding villages underwater!



House in Crooked Tree Village in the Belize District

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Nov. 28, 2024

Last week, it was reported that most of Crooked Tree Village in the Belize District was submerged under water that flooded the area following the downpour of Tropical Storm Sara, thus making it difficult for village residents to commute without the assistance of boats. Several days later, Burrell Boom Village and surrounding villages were also inundated by the high-rising water from the Belize River which spilled over into homes and covered the village’s main entrance, making it impossible for lower vehicles to enter.

*Amandala* visited the Burrell Boom Village on Wednesday afternoon, November 27, and while it was impossible for us to go as far as we had planned into the interior of the village due to the high water level, we saw several homes underwater and residents using canoes to leave their

of this; but so far, [it] don’t look like it’s going down; it looks like it’s rising more than anything else,” he said.

“... We have a [two-story] house, but the upstairs isn’t an area that you can take beds there; it doesn’t have any roof or anything on it as well. In that case, we have to find a way to move out of the area and see if we could work,” he added.

*Amandala* visited Black Orchid Resort where its owner, Douglas Thompson, told us that since opening his business in 2005, this has been the third flooding he has experienced.

“This is our third time dealing with flooding from the river. 2008 was the worst so far. 2020 was worse than this. So, it seems to be receding, and it has done enough damage as is, but we are fortunate it doesn’t get any higher. Whatever we are experiencing is already on the ground and not raining. We’re keeping our fingers crossed that this is it, and maybe [in] a week or week



Bar at Black Orchid Resort suffers from flood waters

homes.

A village resident told *Amandala* that although the water level is not as high in his yard as it is in some other yards, he is concerned about the level of the water, which could potentially cover the adjoining roads in the next few days.

Hubert Carcamo, a longtime resident of Burrell Boom, described his own experience to *Amandala*.

“We have to use our means of transit which are canoes. So far, how has it affected us? The inside of the house has about 2 feet of water, so the good thing about it was we got a head start to elevate everything. Other than that, we have to see what will be the result

and a half the water should be gone,” he said.

According to Thompson, despite the flooding, most guests did not cancel their stay or leave early. However, work has to be done to restore the structures of the establishment, and several planned events will have to be canceled or postponed.

Thompson noted that he has been receiving less guidance and advisories from government departments than he had received in previous years.

“What we don’t have this time ... then, what we had in the past is

# Immigration and Customs forms to be electronic

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Nov. 28, 2024

The Cabinet has announced via press release that Immigration and Customs departure and arrival forms at the Philip Goldson International Airport (PGIA) will be electronic starting December 1, 2024.



The change is a collaborative effort involving the Department of Border Management and Immigration Services, the Customs and Excise Department, and the Ministry of Public Utilities, Energy, Logistics, and E-Governance.

On the date above travelers will use the platform to complete and submit the required immigration and customs information in advance through a user-friendly web link, enhancing data accuracy and streamlining the travel experience.

It will only be available to persons entering and departing through the

PGIA. It is a three-month trial phase until transitioning to a fully online process. During the trial phase both versions of the forms – physical and digital – will be accepted, but travelers will be encouraged to participate in the digital option.

This new strategy is a part of the Government of Belize’s plan to eliminate paper forms by March 31, 2025, the aim being to provide a modern travel procedure that will enhance the overall traveler experience for a faster and more convenient process. In the second phase, starting the end of January 2025, the other ports of entry in Belize will implement the change.

# Central Bank to revise limits on foreign currency for travel

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Nov. 27, 2024

At its press conference on Wednesday, the Central Bank of Belize (CBB) reported on four of over 50 special projects it says it is currently spearheading. Among them is exchange control modernization, and in particular, revising the limits for foreign currency travel facilities to ease travel. Governor Kareem Michael shared that currently, authorized dealers of foreign currency (domestic banks) can issue US \$250 per day for business travel, whereas those travelling for medical and vacation purposes can get US \$3,000 each. Deeming the limits to be outdated, the Central Bank intends to introduce an increase across the board to US \$10,000. This will take effect in January 2025. As expected, supporting documentation must be provided to bank tellers.

The Central Bank is also embarking on an update of the exchange control regulatory framework with the assistance of an IMF technical assistance mission. The work will also feature strengthening the exchange control administrative processes, and digitizing the data recording and monitoring system. An effect of this will be increased efficiency, as an applicant for a foreign currency permit will soon be able to use an online portal rather than filling out a form, and emailing it to the Bank or printing it to take to an authorized dealer. They will then be directed to the dealer of their choice to pick up the foreign currency.

## Changes coming in credit union sector

The Central Bank of Belize has had

the mandate to oversee the credit union sector since 2005. Today, Governor Kareem Michael informed the public that they have been working to increase the sector’s resilience and competitiveness. The assets held by credit unions in Belize have expanded to over 1 billion dollars since 2006, and they have also increased their range of products and services. The CBB is working on new credit union legislation to replace the original act that was enacted in 1944 and revised partially in 2022. Additionally, the bank intends to liquidate 19 inactive and defunct credit unions to eliminate “potential financial liabilities and risks to the overall financial stability ...”

## Implementation of credit reporting system planned for 2026

The Central Bank has been working for some time on implementing a Credit Reporting System (CRS). Governor Michael has pointed to the lack of such a data-driven system as one factor contributing to stubbornly high interest rates because the banks and financial institutions lack information on a customer’s creditworthiness to properly assess risk. At today’s conference, it was announced that the CRS should finally be operational in 2026 after the establishment of a Credit Bureau. Once the CRS comes on stream, customers will have a credit score based on their reputational collateral through their credit history. This will prove their capacity to repay their debt. The credit history will come from standardized non-traditional data like utility



# Joshua Ashburn’s wife charged and remanded

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Nov. 28, 2024

Tonight, the wife of businessman Joshua Moses Ashburn of Western Avenue joins him behind bars on four criminal offenses, including kept prohibited firearm and ammunitions and 2 counts of possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply.

She is 37-year-old businesswoman Xochil Natalie Lopez, a resident of #1 Halfmoon Street, Belmopan.

Late this evening Lopez, who was represented in court by attorney Dale Cayetano (former Family Court Director), appeared before a Senior Magistrate in Court #6.

Inside the courtroom, Lopez was read four criminal offenses, one count of kept prohibited firearm without a gun license for a black Glock Gen 5 USA 40 calibre pistol, one count of kept prohibited ammunitions for 24 .40 S&B, S&W brand live rounds of ammunitions; and two counts of possession of a controlled drug for 7,311.91 grams of cannabis and 1,696.44 grams of cannabis.

Lopez pleaded not guilty to all charges; but, due to the nature of the offenses she was remanded into custody at the Belize Central Prison until January 20, 2025. The sitting Senior Magistrate of Court #6 told her that under Section 16 of the Crimes Control Criminal & Justice Act, the Magistrate’s hands are tied from offering her bail.

Lopez was advised that she has the right to apply for bail at the High Court with the assistance of her attorney.

Lopez now joins her husband, Joshua Moses Ashburn, 47, a businessman and a resident of #6917 Western Avenue, Belize City. Ashburn, along with 2 others, Mario Fernandez and 20-year-old Keenan O’Connor, had been charged earlier.

On Monday, November 25, 2024, while the trio all pleaded not guilty to the kept prohibited firearm and



**Xochil Natalie Lopez (remanded)**

ammunitions, Ashburn wanted to plead guilty to the two counts of possession of a controlled drug. He told the court he was guilty to possession “simplicita” but not with intent to supply anyone. He said that, however, he never got an opportunity to speak to his attorney.

Meanwhile, O’Connor and Fernandez pleaded not guilty to all four counts.

However, the sitting Senior Magistrate of Court #6 told Ashburn that the charge before the court is for possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply, and so she could not accept a plea for a lesser charge; thus, his guilty plea for possession simplicita was rejected, and a plea of not guilty entered on his behalf.

Fernandez told the court that he only went there for work, that he never knew drugs was at the yard. Fernandez was represented in court on Monday by attorney Sharon Pitts-Robateau.

The four persons now facing the charges will appear together for the first time on January 20, 2025.

# Man accused of assaulting a police officer remanded to prison



**(l to r) Damion Saldano and Edward Saldano**

BELIZE CITY, Weds. Nov. 27, 2024

A policeman claims he was assaulted by the Saldano brothers who were armed with a gun, and this week police have levied charges of aggravated assault upon the brothers, the older brother also being slapped with a charge of escape.

They were picked up separately. First to be detained was the older brother, Edward Saldano, followed by his younger brother, Damion.

On Monday, November 25, 2024, Edward Saldano was arraigned before a Magistrate in Court #7 where he was read two counts of aggravated assault with a firearm upon police constable, Briceno Shal.

Edward Saldano was also read a charge of escape from lawful custody. He pleaded not guilty to both charges, but due to the nature of the offenses bail was denied and he was remanded into custody at the Belize Central Prison until January 8, 2025.

At 2:00 p.m. this afternoon, Damion Saldano, 23, a resident of M & M Street, Belize City, appeared unrepresented before a Magistrate in Court #7. He wanted to plead guilty; but on hearing that he would go to jail for 3 years, he entered a not guilty plea. Damion cried when he learned that despite his not guilty plea, he was going to jail on

remand.

He told the court that he cannot go back to jail for something he never did.

According to Damion Saldano, everything bad that happens, the police link him with his brother.

Initially, after being read the charge of aggravated assault, Damion Saldano told the court that the police officer fabricated the story. He said he spoke with the officer who told him that he didn’t understand why the police charged him because he (the officer) never told them that he was assaulted with any gun. He told the court that the officer wanted to withdraw the charge.

But that’s Damion Saldano’s version. The matter was stood down for a while and checks were made, and the virtual complainant’s name, Briceno Shal, was called outside the court room, but he was a no-show. Saldano’s arraignment continued at around 3:00 p.m.

Due to the nature of the offense, Damion Saldano was denied bail and remanded into custody at the Belize Central Prison until January 8, 2025, where he will now join his older brother, Edward Saldano.

The incident which has landed both brothers behind bars is said to have occurred on Thursday, November 21, 2024, in Belize City.

# Motorcycle collision kills man, injuries woman

by Charles Gladden

BELLA VISITA, Toledo District, Thurs. Nov. 28, 2024

A motorcycle accident claimed the life of a well-known electrician from the Toledo District on Wednesday night, November 27, and left a woman injured.

The deceased has been identified as

45-year-old Jose Hoppington of Independence Village and the injured woman is 34-year-old Xiomara Molina, a high school teacher.

Hoppington was riding a motorcycle after 9:00 p.m. in Bella Visita Village, Toledo District when he collided with Molina who was also riding a motorcycle in front of the Toledo Teacher’s Credit Union.

Reports suggest that the motorists collided head-on. Hoppington was transported to the Independence Polyclinic where he was pronounced dead. Molina sustained injuries to her forehead, left leg, and left forearm and remains hospitalized at the Independence Polyclinic.

Police are investigating the circumstances of the fatal accident.



**Jose Hoppington, deceased**

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# Big changes coming to PG

by Charles Gladden

PUNTA GORDA TOWN, Toledo District, Thurs. Nov. 28, 2024

The Government of Belize has announced two huge changes that will be coming to southern Belize that will make an economic impact on the Toledo District.

First, Cabinet approved the extension of the operational hours of the Punta Gorda Port of Entry. Previously, the facility only operated on weekdays. It was nonfunctional on the weekends, and that had a negative impact on economic activity in the town. However, all that has changed with the Cabinet decision this week.

Hon. Dr. Osmond Martinez, Area Representative of Toledo East told *Amandala* that the new operational hours for the Punta Gorda Port will be from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on weekends. Weekdays operation will remain from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Martinez added that he and the Prime Minister of Belize, Hon. John Briceño, after analyzing the Port's new operational hours, believe it will create



employment and enhance economic activity in Punta Gorda Town.

Cabinet's other approval is for tourism enhancement in Punta Gorda Town through modern infrastructure and marina development.

Martinez said that the marina will attract nearby boat owners from Guatemala to moor their vessels at the marina and allow them to spend time in Belize. He said that this will have a domino effect, as the growing number of tourists flocking to Punta Gorda Town will lead to more investors in the municipality.

The marina, whose estimated cost was not disclosed, as adjustments are still being made, will be funded by the Belize Tourism Board (BTB).

# Inauguration of Coast Guard base in Big Creek



by Charles Gladden

BIG CREEK, Toledo District, Thurs. Nov. 28, 2024

In celebration of the Belize Coast Guard's 19th anniversary, an inauguration ceremony was held on Thursday, November 28, for the opening of its Big Creek base in the Stann Creek District.

"19 years ago, the Government of Belize decided to form the Coast Guard. What is the purpose of the Coast Guard? When I was going to school, history taught me about pirates and buccaneers roaming the sea and confiscating any boat out at sea. So, countries around the world decided it was best to create a team to manage the coast, sea, and ocean to mitigate the amount of discrepancy on the high seas. And 19 years ago, Belize decided to do likewise, and I must say they are doing an excellent job," said Hon. Rodwell Ferguson, Area Representative for Stann Creek West.

"Before the Coast Guard, we used to call on the police or the BDF, but the Coast Guard understands the movements of the sea [better] than the BDF and the police. So, many times they are called upon, and they are there to the rescue. Most times they do a successful rescue and save lives ... As we celebrate the 19th anniversary of our Coast Guard, it is a major milestone [and] I know, as the country grows, we are going to have more demands for additional Coast Guard for the country of Belize," he added.

During the ceremony, Rear Admiral Elton Bennett, Commandant of the Belize Coast Guard, remarked on the success of the Coast Guard and achievements since its inception in 2005.

In August of this year, the Belize Coast Guard went airborne by introducing its drone squadron. Rear Admiral Bennett highlighted that since implementing this new capability, four

of its pilots have been qualified as trainers, and three of the Coast Guard pilots have gone to Mexico City to participate in training in drone operations.

"This new operational dimension bridges a gap in our capability, now enabling your Belize Coast Guard to conduct aerial surveillance in support of marine conservation efforts, while simultaneously supporting every one of our 22 other Coast Guard missions that have been given to us through legislation for us to execute," said Rear Admiral Bennett.

He mentioned that the Coast Guard can access the Cooperative Situational Information (CSII) and is a part of the All Partners Access Network.

"With these technologies and networks, your Coast Guard is well poised to better deter drug trafficking from our shores," he added.

One of the traditional threats monitored by the Coast Guard is drug trafficking, and in a notable successful mission officers seized two high-powered military-grade firearms and ammunition from a remote island.

During the past year, criminals collared by the Belize Coast Guard have paid more than \$53,000 in fines, and officers of the Coast Guard have confiscated more than 750 feet of gillnets from our waters to prevent illegal fishing in Belize's waters. 126 lives were saved out at sea including pulling people from the water, rescuing vessels that were in distress, and providing medical care.

"Even at 19 years of service, the Coast Guard must continue to seek new capabilities, and years of development to meet the new challenges that we face in an ever-increasingly complex security environment," Rear Admiral Bennett said.

The Big Creek base joins 5 other locations in Belize where the military conducts its operations.

It was built for 1 million dollars.

issued a flood forecast at 1:03 p.m. today, highlighting that flood levels are expected to continue decreasing from the Belize River at More Tomorrow; while at Double Run, increasing flood stage levels are approaching historical

TD16 levels. Regarding the Crooked Tree Lagoon, it reported that water levels have exceeded the causeway and continue increasing. The department advises residents to monitor waterways and exercise extreme caution.

# Burrell Boom...

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government. I don't [know] what department it was; they used to call every day and talk to us about the height of the water, and give us an idea of what to expect. In this instance, we don't have any knowledge of how much water to expect. It could have been much higher than this, but we could have known from the experience instead of by information provided by some department that should be able to [advise] us on the ground. We got nothing. I'm not trying to criticize the government, but they could have done a better job of monitoring and informing people. This flood is going to be in Belize City; there is no question about it. How much water and when? They should be telling Belize City residents who are in the zones that get flooded," he said.

Carcamo also said that there has not been a sufficient NEMO presence in the village during the flooding. However, today, Thursday, *Amandala* reached out to the chairman of Burrell Boom Village, Anselm Gillett, who informed us that members of NEMO had arrived at the village and were helping some residents.

"We try our best fu move who wahn move, but Belizean people stubborn. So, you can't force anybody but thank God, [it] looks like the water is going down now, so I'll give it another week before the water goes back to normal. If, there isn't any other rain," he said.

As previously mentioned, Crooked Tree Village was the first rural community to experience major flooding as a result of Tropical Storm Sara, forcing commuters to use boats. It was

reported last week that the operators of the commuters' regular bus had refused to return to the village because water levels had reached the second step of the bus.

According to George Tillett, chairman of Crooked Tree, over 100 persons, consisting of workers and students at various levels, normally commute daily via the buses from Crooked Tree across the causeway to the main road and on to the Philip Goldson Highway and their destinations which are mostly in Belize City; but with the floods, they need to be ferried by boats from Crooked Tree island through the length of the causeway to the main road, so they must exit the village by boat as early as 4:00 a.m. to ensure a seat on the bus that waits at the main road junction with the causeway.

As of the publishing of this article, Crooked Tree is still inundated, but an estimated 5 inches of water have receded since yesterday. Nonetheless, Tillett mentioned that "the island" has been split into five smaller ~~other~~ islands due to some parts being submerged while other areas of higher ground remain above water level; and he expects that vehicles will not be able to enter the village for the next 4 to 5 weeks. Tillett highlighted that as a result of the flooding, an estimated 7 individuals have been placed into shelters, with the possibility of them residing there for the next month or more.

In addition to the inundated portions of Crooked Tree and Burrell Boom, some low-lying areas of the Lords Bank community have also become flooded, forcing some residents to evacuate.

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# Capitalists who condemn welfare are myopic and unfeeling

Most Belizeans living in the mighty USA (Belizeans/BelAms) are accomplished, having taken advantage of the myriad opportunities that exist in a country that has been the dominant economic and military force on the planet since the end of World War II. Their observations are valuable because they provide a firsthand view to add to what we read in newspapers and see on the television about the country which, when it sneezes, we *kech* cold.

Most Belizeans in the US, definitely the vocal ones, are sympathetic to the right of center Democratic Party. But there are Belizeans in the US who champion the values of the far-right Republican Party, and they aren't shy about making known where they stand on the issues over there. Brother Neri Briceno, an "oil man" who is listed in his *Linkedin* profile as the Associate Director of Operations at Central Park Conservancy, is a frequent contributor to *The Reporter*, and host of Plus Television's morning show when he is vacationing in Belize. He is from the latter group.

In a commentary about the recently concluded presidential election in the US published in *The Reporter*, titled, "The New Trump Era", Mr. Briceno said: "The push for a welfare state also played a part in the Democrats' loss. While the U.S. has long had safety nets, the idea of a government-dominated welfare system rubbed many people the wrong way. The Democrats' focus on expanding the welfare state and making more people dependent on government handouts, did not sit well with the typical American voter, who still believes in the idea of the American Dream—working hard and getting ahead."

The US economy is the largest on the planet, and the vast majority of its 300 million plus citizens enjoy a standard of living that is among the highest. The US is wealthy, with enough to take care of the needs of all, but because of extreme wealth disparity, and an insufficient safety net, there are pockets

of severe poverty. It is estimated that over half a million unemployed or underemployed Americans live in makeshift abodes or on the sides of streets, and the high cost of healthcare bankrupts thousands each year. Describing a country that could turn its back on so many of its own as a welfare state seems imaginative.

The new US government promised to put the clamps on this "government-dominated welfare system", and cut fat in government. Subsidies for healthcare, education, and food are to be reduced, and the two million plus individuals employed by the federal government are going to see their ranks severely diminished. Outlining what's in store for the latter, a story by Jazmin Tolliver in *Huff Post* that discusses a new Cabinet appointee is titled, "Vivek Ramaswamy Pledges To 'Delete' Entire Government Agencies Alongside Elon Musk", and the title of a story in *Business Insider* by Ayelet Sheffey and Madison Hoff is, "Musk's DOGE [Dept. of Govt. Efficiency] wants to 'delete' entire government agencies."

In the name of efficiency, the Americans are going to guillotine workers, when their country has more than enough to feed, clothe,

house, and provide the best available healthcare for ALL its citizens. The Americans have the money to take very good care of all the country's citizens, but doesn't do so, because "people [being] dependent on government handouts [does] not sit well with the typical American voter ..."

There are Belizeans on the far right who would call our country a welfare state because of the expanding NHI, the large number of public servants, school subsidies for children and youth from not-so-well-off families, and various pantries. They would throw a party if the government announced that it would gut the ranks of the public service in the name of efficiency, if, of course, it doesn't directly impact them.

Indeed, it is accepted by many economists that government could run as well as it does now with several hundred fewer employees. And at this period in our existence, it does seem that there are jobs aplenty in the booming BPO industry for those who would be displaced. We must pray that growth in the call center industry doesn't stagnate, because it provides a reasonable income for our young people until they can find or create the kinds of jobs that remunerate them better.

We live in a time of dramatic change, with negative things occurring in the natural world—extreme weather phenomena and species on land and in the sea facing extinction; and in the man-made world there are major technological advances, which, depending on how they are managed, could lead to great good or grave injury.

In respect to the man-made world, in years past there were more jobs that involved taming the forest for agricultural purposes than machete/axe gangs in the country could handle. That work is now being done by bulldozers and other heavy equipment. More and more sugarcane plantations are using mechanical harvesters. Quite likely, there will be mechanical harvesters in the citrus orchards when the industry recovers. Major sections of modern shrimp farms are almost completely automated. In the world of education there are made-for-television modules that can replace flesh-and-blood teachers in a number of areas.

People who heap scorn on the "welfare state", scorn on people at the bottom of the ladder, will quickly change their tune when automation, artificial intelligence, replaces them in the workplace. Many a smug capitalist will be driven to their knees, begging for crumbs when the robots are unleashed, if "placement" isn't found for them so they aren't left out in the cold. Some of the most aggressive capitalists change their tune when LIFE happens to them—an illness that only the super expensive specialists can heal, a lawsuit against them that only the highest-priced lawyers can resolve, a decision by government or a new development that leaves their business high and dry, bankrupt and indebted to the gills.

These technological advances should make it easier for people to survive, not displace them. With the massive amount of wealth that the Americans have piled up through technological advances, much of it in the hands of a few individuals, they can afford to extract less from "vassal" states around the world. But that is wishful thinking. The American dream of greatness is to have more, and more, and more material wealth. There are Americans who have a heart for the less well-off. They are not the majority.

We have to take care of ourselves. If we call a bloated public work force, NHI, school subsidies, and various pantries, welfare, then we embrace the welfare state. Our economic system must be geared toward ensuring that the needs of everyone—the hardworking, the brilliant, those less gifted to function in the present system, even those who are called lazy—get taken care of. This is not a call for slacking off. People need jobs. The human being must have purpose; human beings must feel that they are making a contribution. The axe man found a job handling the chainsaw. Soon a robot will apply for his job. Government must help him find a new one.

The tools of production must be in the hands of those who are capable and ambitious. The resources of government must facilitate businesses, production. But the heroes and heroines in the marketplace can't hoard all the wealth. Big machines, robots, and computers are doing the heavy lifting. If we secure these tools and our leaders appreciate that "welfare" is essential in a capitalist system, all of us will win.



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Notice is hereby given that **YAAQOV VAQNIN** is applying for a Publican Special Liquor License to be operated at Belize Daiquiri Ltd. #8 Fort Street Tourism Village, Belize City, Belize District, Belize, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

**LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE:**  
Notice is hereby given that **EMILY ELIZABETH FORBES** is applying for a Bar and Restaurant Liquor License to be operated at Mango Plaza Limited; Mangos Beach Bar & Restaurant, Maya Beach, Placencia, Stann Creek District, Belize, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

**LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE:**  
Notice is hereby given that **MANUEL SUI** is applying for a Shop Liquor License to be operated at Sui Shop, Valley of Peace, Cayo District, Belize, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

**LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE:**  
Notice is hereby given that **WILLIAM HEWITT** is applying for a Publican Special Liquor License to be operated at Uno Mas Bar, Seaside Cabanas Hotel, Caye Caulker Village, Belize, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

**LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE:**  
Notice is hereby given that **ANA VALDEZ** is applying for a Store Liquor License to be operated at Susy's Store, San Jose Succotz Village, Cayo District, Belize, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

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Notice is hereby given that **VICTOR TIBURCIO PERDOMO** is applying for a Restaurant Liquor License to be operated at Tibbz, 34/36 Cardinal Ave, City of Belmopan, Cayo District, Belize, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

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Notice is hereby given that **VICTOR TIBURCIO PERDOMO** is applying for a Restaurant Liquor License to be operated at El Callejon, 28 Cemetary Road, Salvapan, City of Belmopan, Cayo District, Belize, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

**LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE:**  
Notice is hereby given that **JOHN CASTILLO** is applying for a Publican Special Liquor License to be operated at J&N's Culture Kitchen, 1211 North Riverside, Dangriga Town, Stann Creek District, Belize, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

**LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE:**  
Notice is hereby given that **WAYNE MCNAB** is applying for a Restaurant Liquor License to be operated at Biltmore Bistro, 3 ½ Miles, Philip Goldson Highway, Belize City, Belize under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

**LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE:**  
Notice is hereby given that **WAYNE MCNAB** is applying for a Public Special Liquor License to be operated at Palm Court Bar, 3 ½ Miles, Philip Goldson Highway, Belize City, Belize, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

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Notice is hereby given that **ROGER SALDIVAR JR.** is applying for a Publican Special Liquor License to be operated at Island Magic Villas, Caye Caulker, Belize, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

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Notice is hereby given that **ROGER SALDIVAR JR.** is applying for a Publican Special Liquor License to be operated at The Magic Grill, Caye Caulker, Belize, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

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Notice is hereby given that **DOYLE GARDINER** is applying for a Malt & Cider Liquor License to be operated at Doyle's Smokeyaad, Hopkins Village, Stann Creek District, Belize, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

**LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE:**  
Notice is hereby given that **ILLEANA ROSALLY SANTOS** is applying for a Publican Special Liquor License to be operated at Rosally Resturante & Bar, Santa Cruz Village, Stann Creek District, Belize, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

**LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE:**  
Notice is hereby given that **JOHN ROBERSON** is applying for a Restaurant Liquor License to be operated at Trey's Barn & Grill, Mile 54 George Price Highway, Teakettle Village, Cayo District, Belize, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

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Notice is hereby given that **HELIO ALDANA** is applying for a Shop Beer License to be operated at ZA Shop, Uch'Ben Ka, Maya Mopan, City of Belmopan, Cayo District, Belize, Belize under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

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Notice is hereby given that **BRIAN PATRICK SNAGG** is applying for a Publican Special License to be operated at Ruba Bar, 25 Lords Bank, Belize District, Belize, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

**LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE:**  
Notice is hereby given that **IAN ANDERSON** is applying for a Restaurant License to be operated at

Caves Branch Jungle Lodge, Armenia Village, Cayo District, Belize, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

**LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE:**  
Notice is hereby given that **JULIA ANGELICA PINELO** is applying for a Shop Liquor License to be operated at Roshi's Grocery Store, San Pedrito Area, San Pedro, Belize, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

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Notice is hereby given that **ESTEVAN CALIZ** is applying for a Publican Special License to be operated at Carolinas Restaurant and Bar, Big Falls Village, Belize District, Belize, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

**LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE:**  
Notice is hereby given that **EILEEN DE LA CRUZ** is applying for a Shop Liquor License to be operated at G&N Grocery, 53A Mahogany Heights, Belize District, Belize, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

**LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE:**  
Notice is hereby given that **FRANCISCO JAIR CUELLO** is applying for a Shop Liquor License to be operated at Cuello's Distillery Ltd., #65 Main Street, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk Town, Belize, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

**LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE:**  
Notice is hereby given that **HILBERTO CUELLO** is applying for a Publican General Liquor License to be operated at Cuello's Distillery Ltd., #53 Pickstock Street, Belize City, Belize, Belize, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

**LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE:**  
Notice is hereby given that **LUCIEN HASBUN** is applying for a Restaurant Liquor License to be operated at Good View Restaurant, 3896 Mountain View Boulevard, City of Belmopan, Cayo District, Belize, Belize, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

**LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE:**  
Notice is hereby given that **YESICA RIVERA** is applying for a Malt & Cide Liquor License to be operated at Richies Restaurant and Bar, #84 George Price Highway, Santa Elena, Cayo District, Belize, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

**LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE:**  
Notice is hereby given that **YESICA RIVERA** is applying for a Malt & Cide Liquor License to be operated at Twin Towns View Hotel, #9 Hudson Street, Cayo District, Belize, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance

Revised Edition 2000.

**LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE:**  
Notice is hereby given that **JIN XING ,LI** is applying for a Convenience Store Liquor License to be operated at New China Town Supermarket, Estrella Street, Caye Caulker, Belize, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

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Notice is hereby given that **JIN XING ,LI** is applying for a Publican Special Liquor License to be operated at China Town Palace, Estrella Street, Caye Caulker, Belize, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

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Notice is hereby given that **CARLOS HERNANDEZ AND HILDA ENRIQUEZ** are applying for a Publican Special Liquor License to be operated at C & H Restaurant and Bar, Hummingbird Highway, Cayo District, Belize, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

**LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE:**  
Notice is hereby given that **MARLLY VIVIANA CAMPILLO** is applying for a Publican Special Liquor License to be operated at Five Fusion Restaurant, 10 Nimli Punit Street, City of Belmopan, Cayo District, Belize, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

**LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE:**  
Notice is hereby given that **PETER TEICHROEB AND KARIM HAKIMI** is applying for a Publican Special Liquor License to be operated at The Shipyard Bar and Grill, 6.5 Miles, Philip Goldson Highway, Belize District, Belize, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

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Notice is hereby given that **PETER TEICHROEB AND KARIM HAKIMI** is applying for a Restaurant and Bar Liquor License to be operated at The Shipyard Bar and Grill, 6.5 Miles, Philip Goldson Highway, Belize District, Belize, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

**LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE:**  
Notice is hereby given that **JORGE ARMANDO RODRIGUEZ** is applying for a Hotel License (Single Bar) to be operated at Lucia's Guest House, 68 San Antonio Road, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District, Belize, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

**LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE:**  
Notice is hereby given that **HEATHER**



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MICHELLE MCINTOSH is applying for a Restaurant Liquor License to be operated at Caribbean Shrimp Restaurant and Bar, 100 Marage Road, Ladyville, Belize District, Belize, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

**LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE:**  
Notice is hereby given that CHARLES MCINTOSH is applying for a Convenience Store License to be operated at Tropical Holding, 1 Marage Road, Ladyville, Belize District, Belize, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

**LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE:**  
Notice is hereby given that FRANCISCO JAIR CUELLO is applying for a Shop Liquor License to be operated at Cuello's Distillery Ltd., # 65 Main Street, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk Town, Belize, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

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Notice is hereby given that Belize Island Holdings Limited is applying for Publican Special License for year 2025 for BLUE PEARL ICE CREAM BAR to be operated at Harvest Caye under the Intoxicating liquor License Ordinance Revised edition 1980.

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Notice is hereby given that Belize Island Holdings Limited, is applying for Publican Special License for year 2025 for HARVEST CAYE BAR & GRILL to be operated at Harvest Caye under the Intoxicating liquor

License Ordinance Revised edition 1980.

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Notice is hereby given that Belize Island Holdings Limited, is applying for Publican Special License for year 2025 for ABSOLUT SOUTH POOL BAR to be operated at Harvest Caye under the Intoxicating liquor License Ordinance Revised edition 1980.

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Notice is hereby given that Belize Island Holdings Limited, is applying for Publican Special License for year 2025 for ABSOLUTE COCKTAIL ON TAP to be operated at Harvest Caye under the Intoxicating liquor License Ordinance Revised edition 1980.

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Notice is hereby given that Belize Island Holdings Limited, is applying for Publican Special License for year 2025 for BACARDI BAR to be operated at Harvest Caye under the Intoxicating liquor License Ordinance Revised edition 1980.

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Notice is hereby given that Belize Island Holdings Limited, is applying for Publican Special License for year 2025 for THE PERFECT MARGARITA BAR to be operated at Harvest Caye under the Intoxicating liquor License Ordinance Revised edition 1980.

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Notice is hereby given that Belize Island Holdings Limited, is applying for Publican Special License for year 2025 for MAHOGANY BAR & GRILL to be operated at Harvest Caye under the Intoxicating liquor License Ordinance Revised edition 1980.

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Notice is hereby given that Belize Island Holdings Limited, is applying for Publican Special License for year 2025 for FLIGHTHOUSE BAR & GRILL to be operated at Harvest Caye under the Intoxicating liquor License Ordinance Revised edition 1980.

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**LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE:**  
Notice is hereby given that BOWEN AND BOWEN LTD., ORANGE WALK DEPOT, is applying for renewal of a Publican General License to be operated at Tower Hill in Orange Walk District for the year 2025 under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

**LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE:**  
Notice is hereby given that BOWEN AND BOWEN LTD., COROZAL

PUBLIC AUCTION SALE: PROPERTIES

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

COROZAL DISTRICT

REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Corozal North/ Corozal District	1	1087



Being a 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom concrete bungalow building with a flat concrete roof. This property has a covered front entrance verandah approximately 10ft by 20ft and sits on a property measuring 555.559 S.Y. (0.115 Acre). Attached to the back (Southern) side of the building is a laundry and general utility shed measuring approximately 15ft by 22ft, and on the east side is a garage measuring approximately 9ft by 12ft. Freehold Property of Kamir and Cindy Reyes.

ON SITE Saturday November 30<sup>th</sup> 2024 at 11am.

STANN CREEK DISTRICT

REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Dangriga South/ Stann Creek District	31	820



Measuring 441.31 Square Meter(s), this property consists of two income generating buildings.

Building 1 is an elevated timber post and currently serves as a Pre-School. This building comprises of [558 sf.] of enclosed space with [76 sf.] of open veranda space.

Building 2 is a concrete building with galvanized roofing comprising some [726 sf.] of enclosed space, and currently serves as a day care. This building benefits from a large open space, kitchen and bathroom. Freehold Property of Laurel and Vadira Diego.

ON SITE Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 1:00pm

DEPOT, is applying for renewal of a Publican General License to be operated at Santa Rita Road in Corozal Town, Corozal District for the year 2025 under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

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Notice is hereby given that BOWEN AND BOWEN LTD., DANGRIGA DEPOT, is applying for renewal of a Publican General License to be operated at 1 ½ George Price Drive in Dangriga Town, Stann Creek District for the year 2025 under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

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AND BOWEN LTD., BELIZE CITY DEPOT, is applying for renewal of a Publican General License to be operated at 1 Slaughterhouse Road in Belize City for the year 2025 under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

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Notice is hereby given that BOWEN AND BOWEN LTD., TOLEDO DEPOT, is applying for renewal of a Publican General License to be operated at Big Falls in Toledo District for the year 2025 under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

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Notice is hereby given that BOWEN AND BOWEN LTD., SANTA CRUZ DEPOT, is applying for a new Publican General License to be operated at 1-Mile Placencia Road in Santa Cruz Village, Stann Creek District for the year 2025 under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

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Notice is hereby given that BOWEN AND BOWEN LTD., BELMOPAN DEPOT, is applying for a new Publican General License to be operated at Mile 44 Belmopan in Cayo District for the year 2025 under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.





# Los capitalistas que condenan la asistencia social son miopes e insensibles

La mayoría de los beliceños que viven en el poderoso Estados Unidos (beliceños/*Belams*) son personas exitosas, que han aprovechado las innumerables oportunidades que existen en un país que ha sido la fuerza económica y militar dominante en el planeta desde el final de la Segunda Guerra Mundial. Sus observaciones son valiosas porque proporcionan una visión de primera mano que se suma a lo que leemos en los periódicos y vemos en la televisión sobre el país que, cuando estornuda, nos resfriamos.

La mayoría de los beliceños en los Estados Unidos, definitivamente los más expresivos, simpatizan con el Partido Demócrata de centro-derecha. Pero hay beliceños en los Estados Unidos que defienden los valores del Partido Republicano de extrema derecha, y no son tímidos a la hora de dar a conocer su postura sobre los problemas que se viven allí. El hermano Neri Briceno, un “petrolero” que figura en su perfil de *Linkedin* como Director Asociado de Operaciones en Central Park Conservancy, es un colaborador frecuente de *The Reporter* y presentador del programa matutino de Plus Television cuando está de vacaciones en Belize. Él pertenece a este último grupo.

En un comentario sobre las elecciones presidenciales que acaban de concluir en Estados Unidos y que se publicó en *The Reporter* y que lleva por título “La nueva era de Trump”, Briceno dijo: “La presión a favor de un estado de bienestar también influyó en la derrota de los demócratas. Si bien Estados Unidos ha tenido redes de seguridad durante mucho tiempo, la idea de un sistema de bienestar dominado por el gobierno no le sentó bien a mucha gente. El enfoque de los demócratas en expandir el estado de bienestar y hacer que más personas dependan de las dádivas del gobierno no le sentó bien al típico votante estadounidense, que todavía cree en la idea del sueño americano: trabajar duro y salir adelante”.

La economía estadounidense es la más grande del planeta y la gran mayoría de sus más de 300 millones de ciudadanos disfrutan de un nivel de vida que se encuentra entre los más altos. Estados Unidos es rico, tiene lo suficiente para atender las necesidades de todos, pero debido a la extrema disparidad de riqueza y a una red de seguridad insuficiente, hay bolsones de severa pobreza. Se estima que más de medio millón de estadounidenses desempleados o subempleados viven en viviendas improvisadas o en las cunetas de las calles, y el alto costo de la atención médica lleva a la quiebra a miles de personas cada año. Como un estado de bienestar, describir a un país que podría darle la espalda a tantos de los suyos parece imaginativo.

El nuevo gobierno de los EE.UU. prometió ponerle freno a este “sistema de bienestar dominado por el gobierno” y recortar los gastos del gobierno. Se reducirán los subsidios para la atención médica, la educación y la alimentación, y los más de dos millones de personas empleadas por el gobierno federal verán sus filas severamente reducidas. Para resumir lo que les espera a estos últimos, una historia de Jazmin Tolliver en el *Huff Post* que habla de un nuevo nombramiento al gabinete se titula “Vivek Ramaswamy se compromete a ‘eliminar’ enteras agencias gubernamentales junto con Elon Musk”, y el título de una historia en *Business Insider* de Ayelet Sheffey y Madison Hoff es “El Departamento de Eficiencia Gubernamental (DOGE en inglés) de Musk quiere ‘eliminar’ enteras agencias gubernamentales”.

En nombre de la eficiencia, los estadounidenses van a guillotinar a trabajadores, cuando su país tiene más que suficiente para alimentar, vestir, albergar y brindar la mejor atención médica disponible para TODOS sus ciudadanos. Los estadounidenses tienen dinero para cuidar muy bien de

todos los ciudadanos del país, pero no lo hacen porque “la gente [siendo] dependiente de las dádivas del gobierno no le sienta bien al típico votante estadounidense.”

Hay beliceños de extrema derecha que llamarían a nuestro país un estado de bienestar debido a la expansión del NHI, la gran cantidad de funcionarios públicos, los subsidios escolares para niños y jóvenes de familias no tan adineradas y las diversas despensas. Harían una fiesta si el gobierno anunciara que limpiaría las filas del servicio público en nombre de la eficiencia, si, por supuesto, no los afecta directamente.

De hecho, muchos economistas aceptan que el gobierno podría funcionar tan bien como lo hace ahora con varios cientos de empleados menos. Y en este período de nuestra existencia, parece que hay muchos puestos de trabajo en la floreciente industria de SPE para aquellos que se verían desplazados. Debemos rezar para que el crecimiento en la industria de los centros de llamadas no se estanque, porque proporciona un ingreso razonable para nuestros jóvenes hasta que puedan encontrar o crear el tipo de trabajos que los remuneran mejor.

Vivimos en una época de cambios dramáticos, en la que ocurren cosas negativas en el mundo natural: fenómenos climáticos extremos y especies terrestres y marinas en peligro de extinción; y en el mundo creado por el hombre hay grandes avances tecnológicos que, dependiendo de cómo se gestionen, podrían producir grandes beneficios o graves daños.

En lo que respecta al mundo creado por el hombre, en años pasados había más trabajos que implicaban domesticar el bosque para fines agrícolas de los que podían realizar las cuadrillas de machetes y hachas del país. Ese trabajo ahora lo realizan excavadoras y otros equipos pesados. Cada vez más plantaciones de caña de azúcar utilizan cosechadoras mecánicas. Es muy probable que haya cosechadoras mecánicas en los huertos de cítricos cuando la industria se recupere. Grandes secciones de las granjas camaroneras modernas están casi completamente automatizadas. En el mundo de la educación hay módulos hechos para la televisión que pueden reemplazar a los maestros de carne y hueso en varias áreas.

Las personas que menosprecian el “estado de bienestar”, menosprecian a las personas que están en la parte inferior de la escala, cambiarán rápidamente de tono cuando la automatización, la inteligencia artificial, los reemplace en el lugar de trabajo. Muchos capitalistas presumidos se verán obligados a arrodillarse, mendigando migajas cuando se desaten los robots, si no se les encuentra “colocación” para que no queden desamparados. Algunos de los capitalistas más agresivos cambian de tono cuando les sucede la VIDA: una enfermedad que sólo los especialistas súper caros pueden curar, una demanda en su contra que sólo los abogados más caros pueden resolver, una decisión del gobierno o un nuevo desarrollo que deja su negocio abandonado a su suerte, en quiebra y endeudado hasta las cejas.

Estos avances tecnológicos deberían facilitar la supervivencia de las personas, no desplazarlas. Con la enorme cantidad de riqueza que los estadounidenses han acumulado mediante avances tecnológicos, gran parte de ella en manos de unos pocos individuos, pueden permitirse extraer menos de los estados “vasallos” de todo el mundo. Pero eso es una ilusión. El sueño americano de grandeza es tener más, y más, y más riqueza material. Hay estadounidenses que tienen un corazón para los menos favorecidos. No son la mayoría.

Tenemos que cuidar de nosotros mismos. Si llamamos bienestar a una inflada fuerza laboral pública, NHI, subsidios escolares y diversas despensas, entonces abrazamos el estado de bienestar. Nuestro sistema económico debe estar orientado a garantizar que se atiendan las necesidades de todos: los trabajadores, los brillantes, los menos dotados para funcionar en el sistema actual, incluso aquellos a los que se llama perezosos. Esto no es un llamado a la holgazanería. La gente necesita empleos. El ser humano debe tener un propósito; los seres humanos deben sentir que están haciendo una contribución. El hombre del hacha encontró un trabajo manejando la motosierra. Pronto un robot solicitará su puesto. El gobierno debe ayudarlo a encontrar uno nuevo.

Las herramientas de producción deben estar en manos de quienes son capaces y ambiciosos. Los recursos del gobierno deben facilitar los negocios y la producción. Pero los héroes y heroínas del mercado no pueden acaparar toda la riqueza. Las grandes máquinas, los robots y las computadoras están haciendo el trabajo pesado. Si aseguramos estas herramientas y nuestros líderes comprenden que el “bienestar” es esencial en un sistema capitalista, todos ganaremos.

## Sunday Review News Review Talk Show

On XTV & Krem Radio

Live-streaming on X Television Face Book Page

Host: YaYa Marin Coleman

Date: Sunday, December 1, 2024

Time: 10:30 a.m. to noon

Guest: Rolando Cocom, Institute for Social & Cultural Research Director and Giovanni Pinelo, Research and Education Officer



Rolando Cocom



Giovanni Pinelo

Sunday Review will be repeated at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 1, 2024





The United States is presently in a state of transition from the Democratic Party’s Joe Biden presidency to that of the Republican presidency of the re-elected Donald Trump. Mr. Trump was elected three weeks ago and will be inaugurated on January 20, 2025. He has been nominating the members of his Cabinet, who, according to the U.S. constitution, have to be accepted by the Senate, which is controlled by the Republicans.

This week it was announced that the United States under President Biden has brokered a ceasefire between the Hezbollah of Lebanon and Israel. War continues, however, between Israel and

Hamas of Gaza. The Gaza war has been horrific beyond description, while the Lebanon war is relatively recent, but has resulted in massive damage to Beirut, the Lebanon capital, and other areas.

There is social and political tension within the United States itself, because Mr. Trump has promised mass deportation of immigrants from the day he is inaugurated. President Trump is supported by a movement referred to as the MAGA (Make America Great Again) group, which appears to have a white supremacist attitude.

From my personal viewpoint, there would have been a level of violence in

the United States had Mr. Trump and the MAGA movement been defeated in the election earlier this month. The rhetoric in the MAGA movement gave one that impression, especially when one considered the violent behavior of militant Trump supporters on January 6, 2020 at the U.S. Capitol in Washington.

I recently read a work by one Erik Larson about the period leading up to the American Civil War of 1861 to 1865. This war began in early April of 1861 with the shelling of the federal fortress at Fort Sumter, South Carolina, by Confederate elements which wanted to maintain chattel slavery as an American institution. Confederate

elements in America’s southern, slaveholding states had been heavily agitated by the election to the presidency of Abraham Lincoln in November of 1860.

But the incident which had earlier alarmed the South was the raid by a white American named John Brown on October 16, 1859, on the federal arsenal at Harpers Ferry in northern Virginia. John Brown was a militant abolitionist whose intention was to arm the region’s enslaved Blacks and spark widespread uprising.

In that same year, the United States had brokered the signing of a treaty between Great Britain and Guatemala on April 30, 1859, which delineated the borderline between Guatemala and British Honduras. This 1859 treaty will be a centerpiece of the negotiations/arbitration at the International Court of Justice (ICJ) which will rule on Belize’s borderline with Guatemala, the republic which claims it inherited ownership of Belize from Spain.

In Belize’s education system, we are taught nothing about the period from 1834, say, to 1859, a period during which slaves were freed in Belize (1838), Texas fought Mexico in 1835 to preserve slavery in Texas after Mexico outlawed slavery in the late 1820s, and the United States itself went to war with Mexico from 1846 to 1848, defeated Mexico and took possession of territory from Texas all the way to California.

The United States, which had declared the Monroe Doctrine in 1823, then confronted Great Britain in the 1850s, signing two treaties which stripped Britain of territory in Nicaragua and Honduras, and followed that up with the brokering, to repeat, of the 1859 treaty between Britain and Guatemala.

The period between 1834 and 1859 has never existed in the educational curriculum of British Honduras/Belize. Today, we Belizeans can see that we are in a tricky spot where Guatemala is concerned, and we have no idea what the mighty Trump’s thinking is where the Guatemala/Belize situation is concerned.

It struck me that John Brown’s raid on Harpers Ferry was just months after the Britain/Guatemala treaty in 1859. I thought some readers may be interested in Larson’s description of the raid and the context in which it occurred in the United States. The United States, incidentally, lost 750,000 lives in its Civil War.

Following are five paragraphs from pages 66 and 67 of Larson’s THE DEMON OF UNREST, published this year by Crown:

On October 16, 1859, John Brown, a fierce abolitionist, led a company of twenty-one men in an assault on the federal arsenal at Harpers Ferry



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Applicants must be in possession of a valid Teacher’s License.

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**Secretary  
Board of Governors  
P.O. Box 164  
Price Center Road  
City of Belmopan**



**Vacancies at Julian Cho Technical High School**



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

**1 Belizean Studies Teacher - Permanent**

**Qualification for Teacher:**  
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(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
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  - Recent Medical Certificate
  - Recent Police Record
  - **Valid Teacher’s License (Secondary level)**
  - Two **recent** letters of recommendation

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**Salary:**  
Salary will be in accordance with the government pay scale based on qualification.  
**Application packages must be addressed to:** Secretary  
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Julian Cho Technical High School  
P.O Box 171  
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Belize, Central America

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• Willingness to engage in extra-curricular activities  
• Excellent communication and interpersonal skills

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• Provide teacher support through interventions and training  
• Grade Analysis and interventions for improvement  
• Review and implement school policies.

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Application packages should include a signed letter of application, a resumé, a certified copy of a diploma reflecting the highest earned Degree, an official university transcript, a copy of a valid teacher’s license, a valid police record, a certified copy of social security card and two letters of recommendation.

Completed applications can be e-mailed to [mwhseducate@gmail.com](mailto:mwhseducate@gmail.com) or delivered to:  
**Chairman  
Board of Management  
Maud Williams High School  
Corner Dolphin and Raccoon Streets  
Belize City**  
**Deadline for Applications: Thursday December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024**



**Vacancies at Julian Cho Technical High School**



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**1 Bursar – Fulltime**

**Qualification for Bursar**  
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b) Prior experience as a bursar in the Belize Secondary school system

- Relevant skills and Knowledge**
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  - Skills in budget preparation and fiscal management.
  - Knowledge of cashiering and cash management principles, systems, procedures, and standards.
  - Knowledge of accounting and accounts receivable principles, methodology, and practices.
  - Knowledge of customer service standards and procedures.
  - Outstanding interpersonal and community relations skills and the ability to communicate and work effectively within a diverse community.
  - Ability to plan, organize, implement, and administer complex recordkeeping systems and procedures.
  - Knowledge of financial/business analysis techniques.

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  - Sealed transcript from all post-secondary institutions attended
  - Birth certificate or Passport
  - Certified copy of Social Security Card
  - Recent Medical Certificate
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**Deadline for applications is Monday, December 2, 2024.**



# Finally, I agree with Dylan Vernon on something

by Colin Hyde

Mr. Vernon, one of those Belizeans who keeps calling for us to dump the King and become more like the Americans, one of those Belizeans who doesn't realize that Belize has as much independence as it realistically needs/can handle/can defend, has come out for matters related to the Constitution to not be placed on the ballot in the next election. *The Reporter* said Vernon cautioned that we risked "reducing critical constitutional issues to partisan conflicts" if we had the "constitutional reform referendum on the same day as general elections." I agree lock, stock, and barrel.

The controlled sessions presided over by Brother Antonio Chanona have taken this show just about as far as that type of forum will allow. Away from the politics we can get on with this debate in earnest, in a necessary no-holds-barred environment, gloves off.

Anthony has done his part. This thing ordered by the overreaching civil society senators to shield Shyne Barrow from the 11th amendment (because of space constraints we won't ask John B to explain why he went along) has to be aired out. Yes, now it's time for us to pull out the stops, of course without losing all our decorum.

Ai, I have to remind myself

sometimes, to chisel away most of my rough edges so I don't lose my space in these pages. Staying, ehm, nice: our educated elite think that with more time for them and their friends to spin their web, their sophistry, they will have a greater chance to sell their agenda. People like me, we don't like cheap victories. Give them all the time they need to spread their foreign ideas. When this done, it must be as Therese Belisle-Nweke said, a Belizean thing.

***The Reporter goes overboard with Shyne***

First off, I'm not surprised about the enthusiasm in the world of hip hop fans, especially the BelAms and Belizeans who are frequent visitors to the USA, re: the Shyne Barrow show. They have their niche.

Readers of my column and my other published pieces know I not only have zero affinity for the gangster section in the hip hop genre, but that I also think it is sponsored by white supremacists. There is no upbeat in brothers murdering brothers in the streets, and sisters being prostituted; that's a mournful tune, a dirge.

My music bias aside, of course Shyne has an interesting story, and of course there are some good things about the brother. I understand that Hollywood did a great job, as they usually do. Aha, it is

novel, someone with Belizean roots "playing" the world on the movie stage. I'll have to watch this documentary. On the matter of the wild night when three people were wounded by bullets, so many people on Facebook shouting, "I told you he was innocent; I told you he was innocent." Hmm.

It's just so unfortunate that when the brother couldn't revive his gang banging days in song, which he persisted in even after finding a religion, his backers imposed him on us in the political arena. *Reporter* didn't do its homework when it went about telling us why we should take his quest to lead our country seriously, as in legitimate. Sorry, I think you went overboard there, Braa.

*The Reporter* named four guys from the art world – Reagan, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, and Trump—who rode their entertainment popularity into successful political careers. *The Reporter* could have added Jimmy Morales, and the super talented Pakistani cricketer, Amran Khan. If you checked those guys, you would see that, outside of their popularity as artists/athletes, they had pretty sound résumés. The 11th amendment aside, writing hip hop lyrics is no "creds" for leading Belize. I am not aware of any stories about the brother leading scout troops or being seriously involved in organized sports in

his youth ... or honing a special skill to serve the people, well, unless you put your premium on speaking English. Bah, all we have is the determined, selfish pursuit of hip hop.

I agree, though, that the comparison is a heap better than comparing him to Goldson, Mandela, and Castro, champions who put their freedom, their lives on the line for the good of their people. Not everyone who goes to jail is a hero. But Shyne is some kind of resilient to survive incarceration.

By the way, there's a story coming from our BelAms that Shyne is the biggest thing ever on the world stage with Belizean roots. No, no, no; hands down Marion is number one.

You know, there are interesting parallels between the two. Both have Belizean roots, both grew up in America—Marion in Los Angeles, Shyne in New York—and both were mostly fatherless. Marion pursued greatness in track and field, sprinting, and in 2000 the world was at her feet. Around that same time Shyne was making waves in gangsta rap. I've told you my feelings about that kind of music. I've told you that trouble came to Marion. It could be said that Brother Shyne went looking for it. That's it, for now.

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- Strong understanding of local and industry regulations (including AML laws, FATCA, and CRS).
- Excellent interpersonal skills and the ability to work collaboratively across all organizational levels.

All applications must be submitted via our online job portal along with a clear copy of your valid Belize social security card. Related queries can be sent to [vacancies@salient.bz](mailto:vacancies@salient.bz). This vacancy is open to individuals who are eligible to work legally under Belize law.

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6236 Bay Street, Belize City, Belize

For more information :  
+501-627-5694 or +501-630-9127







by Gilroy “Press” Cadogan



Cory Williams will be the favourite to win

The 34th Krem New Year’s Day Cycling Classic predictions

In cycling action, the PMA team with manager Mr. Peter Moulson will be the team to beat in the 34th Krem New Year’s Day Cycling Classic - from the border in Corozal to just across Belcan

# PRESS PREDICTIONS

## The sports psychic speaks

Bridge. The defending champion, American John Delong, will be here to defend his title. Team G-Flow is the strongest team right now in



Jyven Gonzales

Belize. They have 4 of the top cyclists right now in Derek Chavarria, Jyven Gonzales, Jayden Briceño - the new star, and Cory Williams, who has won the Caribbean Cycling Championship - which was a 94-mile long road race some 3 weeks ago. He was the runner up to champion John Delong in the 2024 Krem New Year’s Day Cycling Classic. He ran out of “gas” at the Travellers Rum factory, some 2 ½ miles away

from the finishing line. But he will be ready this New Year’s for the win. Next week, more stats.



The Brown Bombers team will win very easily

Results and predictions for Over-40 football

In the Anthony Mahler Over-40 football tournament at the Berger Field, the Brown Bombers team with captain Tyrone “T-Bone” Muschamp, Vallan Symms, and Edon “Yellowman” Rowley will be the team to beat in the playoffs of 4 teams. There are 7 teams in the competition, but the Brown Bombers team has the best “young” over-40 players. The Kulture Yabra team is the defending champion with Kevin

Rowland, Steve “Gellies” Young, Murray Menzies and captain Rudolph “Bolo” McKay. They will give most of those teams



Kevin Rowland

a lot of trouble. The Caye Caulker team, the BDF and Plaza teams are fighting for a playoff spot. 4 of 5 teams are very competitive. Ebony Lake-I and the Survivors - Bernard “Dubu” Thomas’s team - are out of the playoffs picture already. Next week, more stats.



Port Layola FC will beat the San Pedro Pirates

Local football Finals predictions

In local football playoff semi-finals results, the San Pedro Pirates shocked Verdes FC, 3 goals to 2, in Benque Viejo Del Carmen in front of their faithful fans. The game was well attended. The foreign coach for Verdes FC made two major changes that backfired on him. He took out midfielder Jordy Polanco and forward Krisean Lopez who are Verdes FC’s top 2 players. But the San Pedro Pirates FC, with Brazilian coach Jorge Nunez had his game plan well in place. Then in the other semi-final matchup, the defending champion, my team, Port



Andres Orozco

Layola FC edged Progresso FC, 2 goals to 1, in Belize City. A young player, Curtis Valerio, on a change, scored a beautiful shot on Charles Tillett, the Belize National Team goalkeeper. He did not make a move as yet. He is still stagnant in the goal from fright. Andres Orozco, our imported Colombian, converted a penalty that he created. Port Loyola FC will beat the San Pedro Pirates, 2-nil, in the 1st leg of the Finals in San Pedro this Saturday night. Next week, more stats.



The KC Chiefs and the Detroit Lions are both 10-1

NFL results and predictions

In NFL results and predictions, the Kansas City Chiefs and Patrick Mahomes beat the Carolina Panthers in a very close game. They are now 10-1. Then the Detroit Lions crushed their opponents very easily. So, both of them are now 10-1, the best record going to the playoffs in 6 weeks’ time. The



### TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE DESIGN OF A GENDER SENSITIZED DIGITAL AWARENESS CAMPAIGN (INDIVIDUAL)

**Institution:** Ministry of Finance  
**Country:** Belize  
**Project:** Digital Innovation to Boost Economic Development in Belize  
**Sector:** Science and Technology  
**Abstract:** To promote digitalization of firms and government services to promote growth and increase efficiency in Belize’s economy.  
**Loan No.:** 5647/0C-BL  
**Type of Engagement:** Individual  
**Process ID:** BL-L1039-P00036  
**Deadline:** Friday, December 6th, 2024; 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)

The Government of Belize (the “Borrower”) has received financing in the amount equivalent to ten million US Dollars (US \$10M) from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), and it intends to apply part of the proceeds to payments intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this loan to perform the consulting services (hereinafter called “Services”): Technical Assistance for the Design of a Gender Sensitized Digital Awareness Campaign under the Program for Digital Innovation to Boost Economic Development in Belize.

The specific objectives are to: (i) promoting firms’ growth through increased adoption of digital solutions, (ii) promoting firms’ efficiency through the digitalization of licensing processes; and (iii) reducing costs for citizens through the digitalization of civil registration services.

The objective of this consultancy is to design a gender-sensitized nationwide digital campaign to raise awareness targeting MSMEs, Digital Service Providers and other key beneficiaries to increase awareness and participation in project activities for the Digital Innovation to Boost Economic Development program.

The Ministry of Finance is now launching the process to fill a contractual position for a consultant to provide the “**Consultancy Services for the technical assistance for the design of a gender sensitized digital awareness campaign.**”

The Ministry of Finance invites eligible individuals to apply for the position of “**Consultancy Services to technical assistance for the design of a gender sensitized digital awareness campaign.**”. Further details, including the required application template and full Terms of Reference, can be obtained by emailing [khamilton.ceu@cpu.mof.gov.bz](mailto:khamilton.ceu@cpu.mof.gov.bz) between 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Mon- Fri.. Interested individuals must provide information demonstrating that they have met the required qualifications and possess relevant experience to perform the Services.

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

Qualified individuals should submit one (1) pdf file in English, using the required template, via e-mail to [khamilton.ceu@cpu.mof.gov.bz](mailto:khamilton.ceu@cpu.mof.gov.bz)

The Deadline for submission is no later than Friday, December 6th, 2024, by 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time) No late submissions will be accepted.

Karon Hamilton  
Procurement Specialist Assistant  
Central Executing Unit  
Ministry of Finance  
Belmopan City, Belize  
Tel: 501-822-2152/2158

Ref: Technical Assistance for the Design of a Gender Sensitized Digital Awareness Campaign



LETTERS TO THE Editor

The UDP in turmoil

Thursday, November 28, 2024  
The Editor, Amandala

Dear Editor,

Please allow me space in your widely circulated newspaper to give my observation and opinion as it relates to the United Democratic Party (UDP) turmoil. I'm not a political scientist, just an outsider looking in:

For a leader who has for a long time projected strength and stability within his party, the growing public awareness of his controversial political tactics makes the Opposition even more dysfunctional and divided. His growing isolation reflects not only his tenuous grasp for power, but also the unravelling of traditional stalwarts and structures that have historically supported the UDP.

There's too much overreach; the unilateral expulsion of elected party

members exposes leadership micromanagement and prioritization of personal and political image over substantive leadership and unity. Now there's the appointment/installation of new candidates which will now further divide the dwindling number of voters supporting the UDP. Will they vote for the United Democrat Party or for the Alliance for Democracy? This will certainly throw the General Elections into the hands of the People's United Party (PUP).

Additionally, they risk losing seats already held. My advice for them is to bury the hatchet and extend an olive leaf. There will still inherently remain division in the hearts of many, but at least they will go united into the next elections. Hon. Tracy Panton should have allowed their Party Leader to remain in his post, and after pinning their upcoming loss



on him, she would have stood a better chance at 2030. But ... This division will also hold back financial donors from supporting the UDP. The writing is on the wall.

The Opposition Party is focused on internal power struggles and political opportunism rather than on addressing the pressing issues Belizeans are facing, that are either overlooked or deliberately ignored by the government. The national implications of these developments cannot be ignored by the independent voters. This dysfunction risks eroding public trust in the Opposition at a time when General Elections may be just around the corner. The United Democratic Party's political strength depends heavily on internal political unity and trust. It raises questions about the UDP's credibility in forming the next

government. These divisive events highlight that there's a deep existential crisis within the UDP.

The UDP lost the Village Council elections as well as the Town and City Council elections, and will most likely lose the upcoming General Elections. This displays the party's inability to garner support. And now the mounting internal political crisis, collectively points to a party struggling to reconcile its internal policies with its unity. The failures can have far reaching consequences not only for the Opposition Leader's political future, but for the UDP's long-term stability. The question remains: Can the UDP navigate this unprecedented storm, or will it fracture under its division?

Sincerely,  
G. Requena



INVITATION TO TENDER

**CONSTRUCTION OF PEDIATRIC WARD, NORTHERN REGIONAL HOSPITAL,  
ORANGE WALK TOWN, ORANGE WALK DISTRICT**

The Ministry of Health & Wellness invites sealed bids for the supply of the necessary labour, equipment, and materials in relation to the following works:

**Construction of a Pediatric Ward at the Northern Regional Hospital**

If interested, bidding documents may be obtained from the Project Management Unit, Ministry of Health & Wellness at the address below.

**Project Management Unit  
Ministry of Health & Wellness  
East Block Building  
Belmopan City**

Bids shall be valid for a period of 120 days after bid opening, and shall be delivered to the address above on or before 2:00 p.m. on Friday, December 20, 2024. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders who choose to attend at 2:10 p.m. on Friday, December 20, 2024 at the address above.

Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the Ministry of Health & Wellness at [jbulwer@health.gov.bz](mailto:jbulwer@health.gov.bz) and [pmu@health.gov.bz](mailto:pmu@health.gov.bz).

The Ministry of Health reserves the right to accept any tender or reject all tenders.

Re: “Paradise lost? How cruise companies are ‘eating up’ the Bahamas”

by Marie-Therese Belisle Nweke

Wednesday, November 27, 2024

The situation encapsulated in the above headline can only occur when a nation's politicians and citizens are both environmentally and economically illiterate.

The resources on the African continent are the richest in the entire world, but the Western world and now the Chinese, in their greed and need, want it all. Why the Russian recent veto in the UN Security Council was particularly hurtful to the suffering people of Sudan, is because Russia's overwhelming support for the renegade Rapid Support Forces (RSF) militia in that nation's current civil war, and through its veto preventing humanitarian aid to Sudanese civilians, is because this militia has long controlled Sudan's gold trade. And, despite Russia's being the second largest gold producer in the world, US sanctions has made it much more dependent on Sudan's gold, in exchange for arming the Sudanese in this war of attrition begun in April 2023.

The natural resources of the Caribbean and Belize include, among other assets, their unusual natural beauty - of coral reefs, pristine white beaches, clear, blue seas, a wonderful climate and a variety of water sports. Belize, even more than its Caribbean neighbours, boasts the largest barrier reef in the Western Hemisphere and second in the world only to Australia's barrier reef, whose corals are now dying. You can clearly see Belize's barrier reef from outer space!

But why do you think Belize's once

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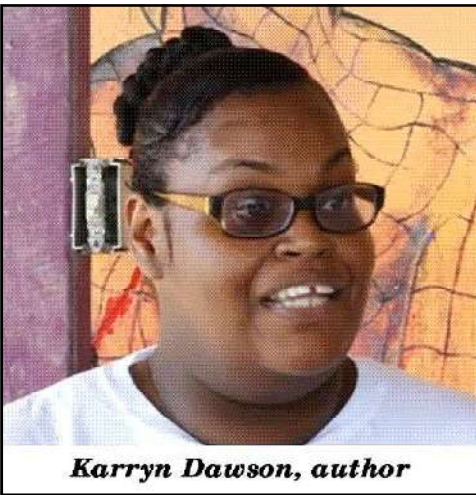
# Multi-lingual book launched at Lake-I Library

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Tues. Nov. 26, 2024

Two new and innovative books, written by Belizean Karryn Dawson, were released on Tuesday, November 26, to the public at the Lake Independence Library in partnership with the Belize National Library Service and Information System.

Dawson’s newly released book is divided into a two-part series: *Dream Powers: Where Dreams Become Adventures* and *Less is More: Faith-Driven Progress for Service Providers*. It is available in three languages—English, Spanish, and French—to attract readers from Central

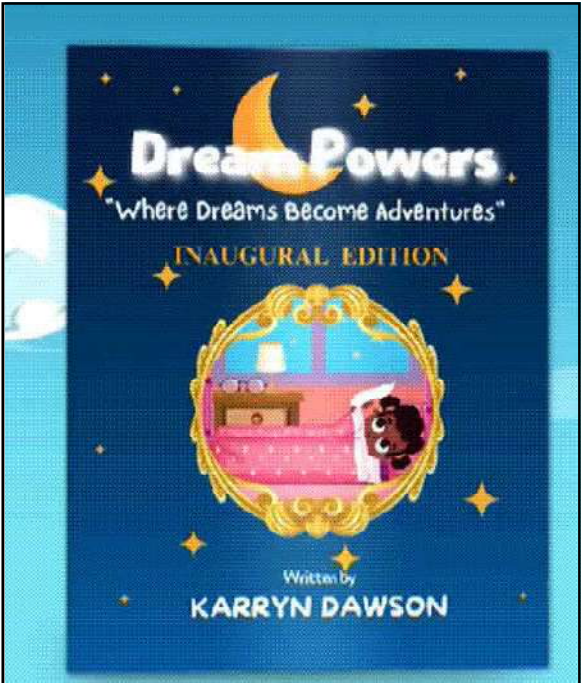


Karryn Dawson, author

America, the Caribbean, and even countries in other regions.

“I’ve had the opportunity to interact with people around the world. I’ve done it mostly virtually. What I find is that a lot of people that I interact with speak other languages. Then, having the opportunity to meet the persons who did the translations personally, I realized that we have this diverse community here. I did prioritize Spanish and French, because many times we spend time focusing on the fact that we are a part of the Caribbean. We’re the only English-

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Ministry of Rural Transformation  
Community Development, Labour and Local Government

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info@labour.gov.bz  
www.ruraltransformation.gov.bz

## CALL FOR PROPOSALS: Consultancy Services for the Comprehensive Review of the Labour Act in Belize

PURPOSE:

The Ministry of Rural Transformation, Community Development, Labour and Local Government is inviting proposals from qualified consultancy firms to conduct a comprehensive review of the Labour Chapter 297, Revised Edition 2020.

OBJECTIVES OF THE CONSULTANCY:

The objective of this consultancy is to engage a qualified consultancy firm to conduct a comprehensive review of the Labour Act, Chapter 297, Revised Edition 2020, with the aim of modernizing the Act and streamlining related legislations. This includes identifying areas for improvement, preparing recommendations for legislative changes that align with current labour standards and Belize's evolving needs, and drafting the necessary amendments.

MAIN ACTIVITIES:

- (i) **Inception Report:** Submit a detailed work plan, methodology, and timeline for the review process within two weeks of contract signing.
- (ii) **Situational and Policy Analysis Report:** Prepare an in-depth assessment of the current Labour Act, and related legislations based on public and stakeholders' consultations, interviews and a thorough desk review of key documentation, national regional, and international legislative records and any other relevant materials obtained through independent research using both quantitative and qualitative methodologies.
- (iii) **Conduct Public and Stakeholders Consultation:** Coordination with the Labour Act Review Committee, the Ministry of Labour and representatives of the ILO, to conduct consultations with social partners and national stakeholders.
- (iv) **Drafting of the White paper and the and Modernized Labour Act:** Prepare multiple drafts of the modernized Labour Act and overseeing the consultations conducted regarding these drafts.
- (v) **Presentation of Draft Legislation:** Present the draft legislation to key stakeholders, including the Review Committee, Ministry of Labour, and the ILO.
- (vi) **Final Report and Legislative Draft:** Produce a final version of the Modernized Labour Act.

QUALIFICATIONS, EXPERIENCE AND ELIGIBILITY OF CONSULTANCY FIRM

Consultancy firms seeking to undertake this consultancy must ensure that team members within the firm possess the following:

- A Law Degree (LLB) with at least ten (10) years of post-qualification experience in practicing law in Belize or the Caribbean, including experience in employment law.
- Demonstrated experience in legislative drafting and legal reform processes.
- A member in good standing with the Belize Bar Association or a recognized home-country Bar Association.
- In-depth knowledge of Belize's legal system, including the Labour Act and other labour laws, as well as familiarity with CARICOM Model Laws.
- Strong knowledge of Labour Market and Labour economics.
- Understanding of ILO Conventions and their application.
- Strong analytical, research, and communication skills.
- Ability to conduct qualitative and quantitative research.
- Experience in facilitating public and stakeholder consultations.
- Proficiency in English and Spanish.
- Ability to work independently and collaboratively.
- Sound judgment, strategic thinking, and the ability to manage competing project

- activities.
- Ability to produce high-quality outputs within time and budget.

SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS AND SELECTION PROCESS:

Each proposal should consist of the following:

1. Curriculum Vitae: A CV (2 pages maximum) highlighting the consultancy firm's experience in similar projects. It should include:
  - A summary of professional and academic qualifications, with emphasis on experience in legislative drafting, labour law, and legal reform.
  - Examples of previous work where the firm has led or contributed to the drafting or modernization of legislation, particularly in labour or employment law, Rule of Law, legal frameworks, CARICOM Model Law, knowledge of government processes, social dialogue, industrial relations, ILO Conventions, Recommendations and Protocols, and supervisory systems.
  - Detailed experience in stakeholder engagement, particularly in conducting consultations with diverse groups.
  - Relevant samples of work and/or hyperlinks to published material.
2. Cover Letter: A letter detailing the firm's interest in the position and its suitability for the role. It should outline the firm's understanding of the project scope and how its background aligns with the project's needs. Additionally, the letter should describe the proposed approach to managing the review and modernization of the Labour Act, including any unique strategies or methodologies. The letter should also indicate the firm's availability for the duration of the consultancy.
3. Technical Proposal: This should include a brief methodology, including the firm's approach to reviewing existing legislations, conducting stakeholder consultations, drafting new legislation, and finalizing the legislative framework. A draft timeline for the key deliverables (see section VI, paragraphs (i) to (iv) of the Terms of Reference) should be included. The proposal should also detail how the firm will ensure adherence to international labour standards while aligning with Belize's legal and socio-economic context.
  - The consultancy is expected to begin in January 2025 and complete the project by December 2025.
  - The schedule and method for stakeholder consultations will be determined jointly after the selection process, based on stakeholder availability.
4. Price Proposal: A price proposal that includes all consultancy fees and related expenses. Meetings and workshop costs will be covered by the Ministry.
5. References: Provide at least three professional references from previous clients or employers who can attest to the firm's capabilities in legal drafting and legislative review. Include contact details for each reference.
6. Incomplete proposals will not be considered.
7. The full Terms of Reference may be requested from labour.comm@labour.gov.bz.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE:

All submissions must be made by 20th December 2024 at 4:00pm to:

Labour Commissioner  
Ministry of Rural Transformation, Community Development, Labour and Local Government  
5163 University Boulevard, Belmopan City, CAYO





VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) invites applicants for the functions of National Consultant to assist with research and data collection for the evaluation of the Health Sector Support Programme in Belize.

Duty station: Belize City

Qualifications: *Essential:* A bachelor’s degree in a health-related field or the social sciences from a recognized University

*Desirable:* A Master’s degree in Public Health, Epidemiology, Health Policy, or related field

- Experience:
- 5 years of national experience, including two years of exposure to monitoring and evaluation
  - Experience collecting and analysing data to determine its accuracy, and in synthesizing documents
  - Experience in quantitative and qualitative data collection methods, data cleaning and reporting
  - Excellent writing skills
  - Solid computer skills in Microsoft Office Suite, including Excel or similar software

Languages: Very good knowledge of English and working knowledge of Spanish

- Deadline:
- Letter of application, Curriculum Vitae, and two current letters of recommendation should be sent to [blzmail@paho.org](mailto:blzmail@paho.org) or to P.O. Box 1834, Belize City no later than **4 December 2024**
- Detailed but concise CVs with links to references, relevant evaluation reports, and relevant work.
  - Detailed cover letter highlighting previous team experience in M&E, evaluation, and health systems.
  - 2 updated professional references

For further details visit our website <https://www.paho.org/en/vacancies>

PAHO/WHO has a smoke-free environment and does not recruit smokers or users of any form of tobacco.

NOTICE

GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE TREASURY BILLS  
ISSUE NUMBER 16/2024

Tenders are invited for an issue of Government of Belize Treasury Bills. The amount of the issue will be \$90,000,000.00.

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, 11 December 2024 and will be redeemed on Wednesday, 12 March 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, 6 December 2024.

The auction in the CSD will be open from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm on Wednesday 11 December 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))

13 November 2024



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Invites you to participate in an International  
Public Tender Ref. 03/2025

“EXTERNAL AUDIT SERVICES OF OIRSA  
HEADQUARTERS, NATIONAL REPRESENTATIONS AND  
EMPLOYEE PROTECTION SYSTEM FOR THE YEAR  
2024”

The terms and conditions will be available after completing the registration form at the link:  
<https://forms.office.com/r/nXnT35fXBC>



Bid submission date is on Thursday, January 16, 2025, from 08:00 am to 02:00 pm, as indicated in the specification and conditions, addressed to Licda. Sara Gabriela González, head of Purchasing and Contracting at OIRSA.

For questions and clarifications, write to the email [sgonzalez@oirsa.org](mailto:sgonzalez@oirsa.org) or call +(503) 2209-9232.

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Invites you to participate in an International Public  
Tender Ref. 04/2025

“EXTERNAL AUDITING SERVICES FOR OIRSA’S  
PROJECTS, REGIONAL & NATIONAL AGREEMENTS FOR  
THE YEAR 2024”

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GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, CULTURE, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

BELIZE EDUCATION SECONDARY REFORM PROGRAMME II

INVITATION FOR BIDS

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

The Project is being implemented by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Science and Technology (MoECST) through its Project Execution Unit (PEU). The MoECST has contracted Consultants who will assist the GOB with delivering the Project. The Consultants have prepared designs and contract documentation and will assist in tender administration and evaluation as well as supervise Project activities.

GOB now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for **BESRP II ICB: ORANGE WALK TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS**. The proposed works include, but are not limited to, the following:

**Construction of a new two-storey concrete classroom building, and a new two-storey science and home economics building on an existing campus as shown. Additionally, the works also include minimum site filling and concrete walkways.**

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

- (a) more than 50% beneficially owned by a citizen or citizens and/or a bona fide resident or residents of an eligible country, or by a body corporate or bodies corporate meeting these requirements; or
- (b) owned or controlled by the Government of an eligible country provided that it is legally and financially autonomous and operated under the commercial law of an eligible country and otherwise meets the eligibility requirements of the CDB Guidelines for Procurement (2006).

Eligible countries are member countries of CDB.

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

Qualification requirements include, inter alia:

- (a) An average annual turnover (defined as certified payments received for contracts and construction related works completed) within the best 2 of the last 5 years (the best two of the five years will be evaluated) of at least Five Million Two Hundred Thousand Belize dollars (BZ \$5,200,000.00). The best two of the five years (2019 to 2023) will be evaluated). The final year may be internally audited only if the external audit is not yet complete.
- (b) A demonstrable cash flow including access to credit of Eight Hundred Sixty Thousand Belize dollars (BZ \$860,000.00) of which BZ \$300,000.00 must be in liquid cash from a commercial bank or credit union.
- (c) Specific Experience as prime contractor in at least 3 (new build) building construction contracts within the last 10 years under the direct supervision of an independent design Engineer or Architect. Each cited project must include building works with an area of at least 10,000 SF with reinforced concrete masonry construction with electrical and plumbing systems (to comply with this requirement, works quoted should be at least 80 percent complete).

Bidding Documents (electronic version only) may be obtained by eligible bidders from the first address below. Requests may be made by written application (e-mail). Written applications must be clearly marked: **“Request for Bidding Documents for BESRP II ICB: ORANGE WALK TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS**, along with the name, address and contact information of the bidder for which Bidding Documents are being requested. Documents will be promptly dispatched, but under no circumstance will the GOB or MoECST or their authorised agent be held responsible for late delivery or loss of the documents so transmitted.

A pre-bid meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 10, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. at the location and will be followed by a joint site visit conducted by MoECST. Interested bidders should attend. All costs associated with a bidder’s attendance will be at the bidder’s own expense.

Submissions in sealed envelopes clearly marked **“Bid for ICB - ORANGE WALK TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS**, must be submitted to the second address below not later than **3:00 pm local time on January 06, 2025**. Bids will be opened publicly at the second address immediately after the deadline for submission of bids, in the presence of Bidders’ representatives who choose to attend meeting. Qualification information only must be simultaneously submitted via e-mail to the third address below.

All bids must be accompanied by a **Bid Security of Five Thousand Belize Dollars (BZD 5,000.00)**. Late bids will be rejected.

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

1. Address for Correspondence

Procurement Specialist  
Project Execution Unit  
Ministry of Education, Culture, Science and Technology  
3rd Floor Diamond Building  
Constitution Drive  
Belmopan, BELIZE, C.A  
[procurement.peu@moe.gov.bz](mailto:procurement.peu@moe.gov.bz) copied to  
[project.coordinator@moe.gov.bz](mailto:project.coordinator@moe.gov.bz)  
Telephone: 501-828-5147; 501-828-7898

2. Address for Bid Submission

Project Execution Unit  
Ministry of Education, Culture, Science and Technology  
3rd Floor Diamond Building  
Constitution Drive  
Belmopan, BELIZE, C.A  
Telephone: 501-828-5147; 501-828-7898

3. Address for Completed Qualification Information Only

Procurement Officer  
Procurement policy Unit  
Caribbean Development Bank  
**BARBADOS, W.I.**  
Tel: (+1 246) 539 1600  
Email: [procurement@caribank.org](mailto:procurement@caribank.org)





Invitation to Bid

Construction of Bella Vista Police Sub-Station  
N.º CABEI-WKS-005-2147/2024  
One Stage-One Envelope

Date: November 22, 2024

1. SOURCE OF RESOURCES

The Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI), as part of the services it provides to its beneficiary partner countries, is granting total financing for the Procurement for the Construction of Bella Vista Police Sub-Station, within the framework of the Belize Integral Security Programme (BISP).

2. EXECUTING AGENCY AND CONTRACTING PARTY OF THE BIDDING PROCESS

- 2.1 The Ministry of Economic Development (MED) is the Executing Agency of the Contracting Party, intends to use a portion of the funds of this financing to make eligible payments under the Contract for which this Invitation to Bid is being issued.
- 2.2 The Belize Integral Security Project is responsible for the present Procurement process for which invites eligible construction companies to submit bids for this procurement in a sealed envelope.
- 2.3 The Contractor will be selected and awarded in accordance with the procedures of the Central American Bank for Economic Integration as established in the Procurement Policy for Procurement of Goods, Works, Services and Consultancies with CABEI resources and its Regulations, which can be found on the following web site: <https://www.bcie.org>.

3. PRESENTATION OF THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS

- 3.1 General Objectives of the Procurement for the Construction of Bella Vista Police Sub-Station in Toledo District.
- 3.2 The Contracting Party makes available to interested parties all the documentation related to this Procurement necessary for the preparation of bids.  
Such information will be available free of charge:
  - a. Bidding package can be picked up physically from the Belize Integral Security Programme (BISP), Project Executing Unit, 1904 Constitution Drive, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Unit # 3, Belmopan City, or it can be downloaded from the Ministry of Economic Development’s website: <https://med.gov.bz>
- 3.3 Bids must be submitted to the address indicated below no later than **January 7, 2025, no later than 10:00 a.m.**  
Electronic submission of bids will not be permitted. No late bids will be accepted.  
Bids shall be opened publicly, in the presence of the representatives designated by the Bidder and any person who decides to attend, at the address listed below on January 7, 2025, at 10:15 a.m.
- 3.4 All Bids must be accompanied by a **“Bid Maintenance Declaration “**.
- 3.5 The address (addresses) mentioned above is (are): Elvis Requena

Project Coordinator  
Belize Integral Security Programme (BISP)  
Programme Executing Unit  
1904 Constitution Drive 2 nd Floor, Unit #3  
Belmopan City, Belize C.A.



REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

Technical assistance to provide Capacity Building and Change Management for Vital Statistics Unit (VSU) – Change Management Specialist (INDIVIDUAL)

**Institution:** Ministry of Finance  
**Country:** Belize  
**Project:** Program for Digital Innovation to Boost Economic Development in Belize (BL-L1039)  
**Abstract:** The project focuses on digital transformation of government services and demand for digital technology and innovation.  
**Loan No.:** 5647/0C-BL  
**Type of Engagement:** Individual  
**Process ID:** BL-L1039-P00035  
**Deadline:** Tuesday, December 10, 2024, 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)

The Government of Belize (the “Borrower”) has received financing in the amount equivalent to ten million US Dollars (US \$10M) from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this loan to perform the consulting services (hereinafter called “Services”): Technical Assistance to provide Capacity Building and Change Management for VSU under the Program for Digital Innovation to Boost Economic Development in Belize.  
The specific objectives are to: (i) promoting firms’ growth through increased adoption of digital solutions, (ii) promoting firms’ efficiency through the digitalization of licensing processes; and (iii) reducing costs for citizens through the digitalization of civil registration services.

One of the primary components of the Digital Loan is the digitalization of the Civil Registry. This will introduce an online Civil Registry and Vital Statistics System, which will optimize the services offered by the Vital Statistics Unit and create greater access for citizens in a more efficient manner. The system will allow for online applications for birth, death, and marriage certificates to speed up their issuance and lower their costs.

The Ministry of Finance is now launching the process to fill a contractual position for an individual to provide the **“Technical assistance to provide Capacity Building and Change Management for VSU – Change Management Specialist”**.

The Ministry of Finance invites eligible individuals to apply for the position of **“Technical Assistance to provide Capacity Building and Change Management for VSU – Change Management Specialist”**. Further details, including the required application template and full Terms of Reference, can be obtained by emailing [tjoseph.ccu@cpu.mof.gov.bz](mailto:tjoseph.ccu@cpu.mof.gov.bz) between 8:00 am – 4:00 pm, Mon-Fri. Interested individuals must provide information demonstrating that they have met the required qualifications and possess relevant experience to perform the Services.

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

Qualified individuals should submit one (1) pdf file in English, using the required template, via e-mail to [tjoseph.ccu@cpu.mof.gov.bz](mailto:tjoseph.ccu@cpu.mof.gov.bz) and/or two (2) hardcopies of their application to the address below clearly indicating “Change Management Specialist (BL-L1039)”- name of consultant

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

Trudy Joseph  
Procurement Specialist  
Central Executing Unit  
Ministry of Finance  
Sir Edney Cain Building, 2nd Floor  
Belmopan City  
Belize, Central America  
Email: [tjoseph.ccu@cpu.mof.gov.bz](mailto:tjoseph.ccu@cpu.mof.gov.bz)

Ref: **Change Management Specialist (BL-L1039)**- Your name



# Two suspected drownings occur on Monday

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Nov. 27, 2024

Police are awaiting the results of post-mortem examinations on the bodies of two men who reportedly perished in what are suspected to have been drowning incidents that took place on Monday, November 25.

55-year-old Rafael Vasquez of the Paslow Falls area of Bullet Tree Village, Cayo District, is the first victim who perished. It is believed that he died while attempting to cross the Mopan River.

His motionless body was reportedly found by two fishermen who were passing the area around 3:00 p.m., and saw Vasquez

lying in a face-down position at the river bank in some nearby bushes. When police carried out an initial inspection of the body, they did not observe any signs of foul play, so they labeled his death a drowning incident.

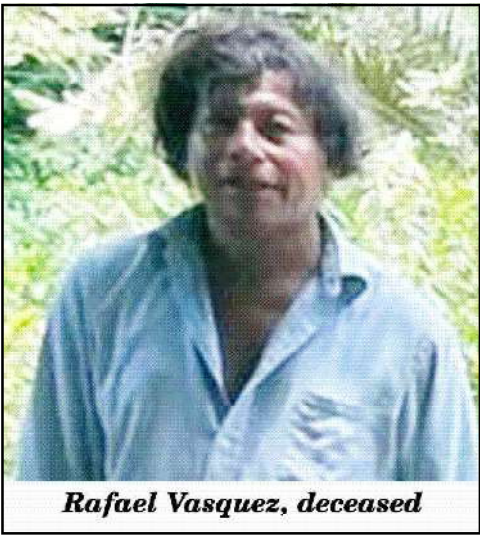
Relatives of Vasquez said that he routinely crossed the river between Paslow Falls and Bullet Tree to get home, and was a habitual drinker. They believe that he may have dived into the river while under the influence of alcohol, and due to the high water level, he was overpowered and perished.

Vasquez’s body awaits a post-mortem examination.

The other incident occurred that same day in San Pedro Town, Ambergris Caye, where the lifeless body of Manuel Choc was discovered.

According to police reports, between 4:25 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., Choc went for a swim in the sea while under the influence of alcohol, and minutes later his body was seen floating in the water.

He was retrieved by a bystander who performed CPR; however, he was unresponsive. No physical injuries were found on his body. Choc’s body was taken to the San Pedro Polyclinic, where he was pronounced dead. The body awaits a post-mortem examination.



Rafael Vasquez, deceased

## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (Individual Consultants)

Belize  
Resilient Rural Belize Programme

**Assignment title:** Recruitment of a *Procurement Associate for the RRB*  
**Reference no.** (as per procurement plan): *RRB.CS.83*

The Government of Belize through the Ministry of Finance, Economic Development and Investment has received financing from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) towards the cost of Resilient Rural Belize Programme (RRB) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for the recruitment of consulting services provided by an individual consultant as part of the post of Procurement Associate.

The use of any IFAD financing shall be subject to IFAD’s approval, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the financing agreement, as well as IFAD’s rules, policies and procedures. IFAD and its officials, agents and employees shall be held harmless from and against all suits, proceedings, claims, demands, losses and liability of any kind or nature brought by any party in connection with Resilient Rural Belize Programme.

The consulting services (“the services”) include:

- Assist with the development of accurate bidding documents for procurement activities for goods, works and services as per IFAD guidelines and procedures.
- Assist with the timely publication of advertisement for procurement activities and the issuing of bidding documents.
- Assist with scheduling Evaluation Committee meetings, booking of evaluators and preparing evaluation packages for Technical Evaluation Committee Members.
- Assist with obtaining signatures from Committee Members for Evaluation Reports for each activity.
- Assist with timely compiling and filing of documents for each procurement activity in both physical and electronic formats. Assist with organization and maintenance of physical records for each activity through accurate minuting of procurement upstream and downstream physical files.
- Assist with updating of electronic files of each activity on the OPEN platform.
- Prepare and submit, in a timely manner, precise minutes of pre-bid and negotiation meetings with bidders and potential contractors.
- Assist with obtaining signatures for contracts from all relevant parties.
- Maintain an effective system to keep records/documentation (payment requests, invoices, reports, acceptance certificates, payment vouchers) related to the financial management of all contracts in line with the RRB Contract management Plan (CMP).
- Assist with preparation and documentation of payment requests and supporting documents (payment certificates and acceptance certificates (provisional and final) for goods and works and services.
- Assist with the development and periodic updates of procurement plan.
- Assist in capturing and monitoring procurement data and identify progress towards the achievement of the procurement schedules.
- Participate in PMU team meetings in order to ensure timely implementation progress and a focus on procurement related activities.
- Undertake any other duties and responsibilities that may, from time to time, be reasonably requested by the procurement officer.

The duration of the assignment is for a period of one (1) year.

This request for expressions of interest (REOI) follows the general procurement notice that appeared on the IFAD website on August 17, 2023, on UNDB on August 17, 2023 and on Amandala and Belize Times newspapers on August 11, 2023 and August 18, 2023.

The Ministry of Finance, Economic Development and Investment/Resilient Rural Belize Programme now invites eligible Individual consultants (“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 in the form of a curriculum vitae (CV). A consultant will be selected in accordance with the individual consultant selection (ICS) method set out in IFAD’s Project Procurement Handbook that can be accessed via the IFAD website at [www.ifad.org/project-procurement](http://www.ifad.org/project-procurement). Interviews will be conducted as part of the selection process.

The shortlisting criteria is as follows:

Item	Criteria
A	Qualification
i	At least an Associate Degree in Management Studies, Finance, Procurement Management, Business, or other related field, from a recognized institution; OR A certificate of attendance of training course in basic procurement operations management or equivalent

Applicants interested in receiving the complete **Request for Expression of Interest (REOI)** document should send an e-mail (with subject: **Request for REOI CS.83 – Recruitment of a Procurement Associate for the RRB**) to the e-mail addresses below.

Any request for clarification on this REOI should be sent via e-mail to the address below no later than November 27, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. (local time). The client will provide responses to all clarification requests by November 29, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. (local time).

Expressions of interest consisting of submission form (EOI-1) and curriculum vitae (CV) (EOI-2) must be delivered via email, in pdf format as a single document, to the address below, by **December 5, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. local time**. Consultants are reminded to sign EOI-1 (Submission Form) and EOI-2 (CV) **to ensure administrative compliance** of their submission.

Resilient Rural Belize Programme  
Attn: Lemuel Palacio, Senior Procurement Officer  
Resilient Rural Belize Programme  
National Agriculture Showgrounds  
Belmopan City, Cayo, Belize

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# Finally, I agree with Dylan Vernon on something

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## I liked the letter to the US about Aviti/Haiti, except for ...

The UEF and BREDAA joined other groups in the Caribbean in a letter to the Americans, reminding them of some important history, calling them to task for initiatives that have damaged the interests of Haitians, and advising them on how they and their allies can go about making amends. The letter is factual, and calling out the Americans for being just too imperialist with their neighbors, particularly Haiti, is necessary. But I do have a question.

Before getting into the beef of the letter, for a couple months now I've been wanting to say thank you to Brother Romel Cuello for lending me James Michener's historical novel, *Caribbean*. I enjoyed the book, and it's quite informative, as historical novels go. I have, as Romel requested, handed it over to the UEF Library. Thanks very much.

The US was properly and deservedly scolded for its raw treatment of Haitian refugees, and for persistently undermining Haiti, and for their ingratitude to Haiti after the island nation's giant stand against imperialism led to their gaining the vast Louisiana Territory. US policies, the letter says, have "stunted Haiti's development, fostered violence, forced displacement, and deepened economic despair." The letter noted the flooding of Haitian markets with US agricultural products, which devastated Haitian industries and displaced farmers.

Speaking to the present crisis, the group chastises the US for "the flow of arms ... into the hands of paramilitary death squads." Presently, Haiti is in the grip of gangs; the nation is in chaos. I differ with the group when it says, "deploying Kenyan police forces to Haiti - a nation [Kenya] with only recent diplomatic ties to Haiti—signal an alarming disregard for the Haitian people's agency and self-determination. The U.S.-led decision to impose foreign forces, supposedly to manage Haiti's internal affairs, not only undermines Haiti's sovereignty but dismisses the Haitian people's right to self-governance and independent problem-solving." I have to believe that the majority of Haitians want law and order in the country, through any means necessary. It is the nature of most people to put peace, order, before everything else.

"Urging the U.S. to forge a new path—one that truly supports the right of the Haitian people to democratic government and nurtures an equitable and mutually respectful relationship with Haiti" is a humanitarian call, and if the US were to do so, the fruits could only be realized if the present chaos is arrested.

More Haiti: I see where France's Macron has called the interim Haitian government an insulting name for replacing their interim PM, Garry Conille. Macron said, "it's the Haitians who have destroyed Haiti by allowing drug trafficking. And then what they did: the prime minister was superb, I defended him, [but] they sacked him!" It is reported that France will provide US\$4.2 million for the security mission.

### VACANCY

A vacancy exists for the post of Legal Secretary.

Qualifications:

Sixth Form Graduate would be preferred, but work experience will be factored in.

Requirements:

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- ❖ Possess good interpersonal skills.
- ❖ Demonstrate professional telephone manners and be an active listener.
- ❖ Be mature and demonstrate initiative.
- ❖ Have knowledge of Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, Adobe PDF and QuickBooks.

Send application letter and two (2) recent letters of reference to:

Human Resources  
P.O. Box 2665  
Belize City  
Belize

Deadline: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2024



### REQUEST FOR BIDS (RFB) Supply and Delivery of Vehicle

**Institution:** Ministry of Finance  
**Country:** Belize  
**Project:** Belize Reliable and Resilient Energy System (BRRES)  
**Grant No.:** TFC2805-BZ  
**Deadline:** December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024; 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)

The Government of Belize has received financing from the World Bank (WB) for the implementation of the Project – Belize Reliable and Resilient Energy System (BRRES) in Belize. The Central Executing Unit to the Ministry of Finance, an executing agency of the Borrower, intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this grant for the Supply and Delivery of a Vehicle.

The Ministry of Finance now invites eligible bidders to submit sealed quotation for the Supply, and Delivery for the following:

No.	Item	Brief Description	Quantity
1	Pickup truck	4 x 4 Crew Cab	1

Interested suppliers may obtain the complete Bidding Document and further information from [tjohnston.ceu@cpu.mof.gov.bz](mailto:tjohnston.ceu@cpu.mof.gov.bz) between 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday.

This Request for Bids (RFB) shall be governed by the Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers (Fifth Edition – September 2023) and by the Government of Belize policies and best practices. The contract will be awarded to the Contractor determined to be substantially responsive to the RfB Documents and represents the lowest evaluated cost.

Suppliers should submit One (1) Original and Two (2) Copies in a seal envelope and delivered to the address below by **Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 10:00 am (Local Belize Time)**. Late bids will be rejected.

Therese Johnston  
Procurement Specialist Assistant  
Central Executing Unit  
Ministry of Finance  
Sir Edney Cain Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Belmopan City, Belize  
Email: [tjohnston.ceu@cpu.mof.gov.bz](mailto:tjohnston.ceu@cpu.mof.gov.bz)





**BACKGROUND:** The Belize Trade and Investment Development Service (BELTRAIDE) is Belize's national investment and export promotion agency, with a focus on supporting Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and for providing industry-specific training. As an organization committed to diversity and inclusion, BELTRAIDE values the unique perspectives and contributions of all individuals. To enhance our operations and fulfil our mission, BELTRAIDE seeks to strengthen its team by procuring qualified individuals for the positions listed below.

**OBJECTIVE:** The selected candidates will join BELTRAIDE's team as key contributors to our mission of promoting trade, investment, industry driven training and the growth of MSMEs in Belize. They will provide expert guidance and support to our clients, fostering strong relationships and driving economic development.

- POSTS:**
- Manager, BelizeINVEST**
    - Education:** Master's degree in Business Administration, Management, International Business, Marketing, Finance, or related field. *Or bachelor's degree with 5 years working experience.*
    - Experience:** Minimum of 3 years of management, with experience in investment promotion, enterprise development, and business support services.
    - Language:** Fluency in a second language, preferably Spanish
    - Additional Skills:** Demonstrate leadership and strategic thinking with expertise in enterprise development, investment manager, and project execution – capable of leading teams, fostering innovation, implementing growth programs for SMEs/ larger enterprises, and attracting investment projects while building strong stakeholder relationships
  - Investment Associate, BelizeINVEST (2)**
    - Education:** Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, Management, International Business, Marketing, Finance, or related field.
    - Experience:** Minimum of 2 years experience in investment promotion, enterprise development, and business support services.
    - Language:** Fluency in a second language, preferably Spanish
    - Additional Skills:** Proven experience in conducting market research, managing investor relations, and leading successful negotiations to drive investment opportunities and foster strong business partnerships.

**BENEFITS:** BELTRAIDE offers a competitive benefits package to its employees, which vary based on the job role and level. Specific entitlements will be confirmed upon offer.

Applicants can submit an Expression of Interest in letter format and Curriculum Vitae by email addressed to Mr. Ishmael Quiroz, Executive Director of BELTRAIDE at [executive.director@beltraide.bz](mailto:executive.director@beltraide.bz) and copied to Ms. Racquel Banner at [hr@beltraide.bz](mailto:hr@beltraide.bz)

Please be sure to include the relevant job title in the subject line of your email or application. **The deadline for receipt of submissions is 5:00 PM on December 2, 2024.** We look forward to your applications and appreciate your interest in joining BELTRAIDE's mission to promote trade and investment in Belize.



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**REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS  
FOR (1) PROJECT MANAGER AND  
(2) PROCUREMENT SPECIALIST  
(INDIVIDUALS)**

**Institution:** Ministry of Finance  
**Country:** Belize  
**Type of Engagement:** Individual Consultant (IC)  
**Deadline:** Wednesday, December 11th, 2024; 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)

The Government of Belize (GOB), with support from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), has established a Central Executing Unit (CEU) within the Ministry of Finance as a structure to contribute to the effective delivery of the development goals outlined in Belize's Medium-Term Development Strategy, 2022-2026 (MTDS). The CEU is responsible for the coordination and implementation of various loan and grant projects and serves as the primary point of contact for all stakeholders involved in each project assigned to the CEU. This centralized unit provides an efficient and effective way to facilitate the management of the projects, ensuring that all phases are completed on time and on budget. Through the CEU it is envisaged that there will be enhanced multi-sectoral collaboration among stakeholders during project design and implementation. Furthermore, with the in-house procurement, financial, monitoring, evaluation and reporting expertise, the CEU should minimize project start up and learning curve delays in procedures and reporting requirements previously experienced due to lack of expertise in these areas.

The Ministry of Finance is now launching the process to fill contractual positions for the following:

Vacant Posts
Project Manager
Procurement Specialist (2)

The Ministry of Finance invites eligible individuals to apply for the above-mentioned positions. Further details, including the required application template and full Terms of Reference, can be obtained by emailing [rpascascio.ceu@cpu.mof.gov.bz](mailto:rpascascio.ceu@cpu.mof.gov.bz) between 8:00 am-4:00 pm Mon- Friday. Interested individuals must provide information demonstrating that they have met the required qualifications and possess relevant experience to perform the Services.

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

Qualified individuals should submit one (1) pdf file in English via e-mail to [rpascascio.ceu@cpu.mof.gov.bz](mailto:rpascascio.ceu@cpu.mof.gov.bz) and/or two (2) hardcopies of their application to the address below clearly indicating the positions you are applying for and name of consultant.

The Deadline for submission is no later than **Wednesday, December 11th, 2024, by 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)** No late submissions will be accepted. Hard copies of the application should be submitted to the following address:

Ruby Pascascio  
Senior Procurement Specialist  
Central Executing Unit  
Ministry of Finance  
Sir Edney Cain Building, 2nd Floor  
Belmopan City, Belize, Central America  
Tel: 501-822-2152/2158  
Email: [rpascascio.ceu@cpu.mof.gov.bz](mailto:rpascascio.ceu@cpu.mof.gov.bz)

Ref: **Project Manager/ Procurement Specialist** - Your name





Estados Unidos se encuentra actualmente en un estado de transición de la presidencia Joe Biden del Partido Demócrata a la presidencia republicana del reelegido Donald Trump. Trump fue elegido hace tres semanas y tomará posesión del cargo el 20 de enero de 2025. Ha estado nominando a los miembros de su gabinete, quienes, según la constitución estadounidense, deben ser aceptados por el Senado, que está controlado por los republicanos.

Esta semana se anunció que Estados Unidos bajo el presidente Biden ha negociado un alto el fuego entre Hezbolá del Líbano e Israel. Sin embargo, la guerra continúa entre Israel y Hamás de Gaza. La guerra de Gaza ha sido horrible más allá de toda descripción, mientras que la guerra del Líbano es relativamente reciente, pero ha provocado daños masivos en Beirut, la capital del Líbano, y otras áreas.

Existe tensión social y política dentro del propio Estados Unidos, porque Trump ha prometido la deportación masiva de inmigrantes desde el día de su investidura. El presidente Trump cuenta con el apoyo de un movimiento llamado MAGA (Make America Great Again) [Hacer grande a Estados Unidos otra vez], que parece tener una actitud supremacista blanca.

Desde mi punto de vista personal, habría habido un nivel de violencia en los Estados Unidos si el Sr. Trump y el movimiento MAGA hubieran sido derrotados en las elecciones a principios de este mes. La retórica en el movimiento MAGA dio esa impresión, especialmente cuando se considera el comportamiento violento de los partidarios militantes de Trump el 6 de enero de 2020 en el Capitolio de los EE.UU. en Washington.

Recientemente leí una obra de Erik Larson sobre el período previo a la Guerra Civil estadounidense de 1861 a 1865. Esta guerra comenzó a principios de abril de 1861 con el bombardeo de la fortaleza federal en Fort Sumter, Carolina del Sur, por elementos confederados que querían mantener la esclavitud como una institución estadounidense. Los elementos confederados en los estados esclavistas del sur de Estados Unidos habían estado muy agitados por la elección a la presidencia de Abraham Lincoln en noviembre de 1860.

Pero el incidente que antes había alarmado al Sur fue el asalto que un estadounidense blanco llamado John Brown llevó a cabo el 16 de octubre de 1859 contra el arsenal federal de Harpers Ferry, en el norte de Virginia. John Brown era un abolicionista militante cuya intención era armar a los negros esclavizados de la región y provocar un levantamiento generalizado.

Ese mismo año, Estados Unidos había negociado la firma de un tratado entre Gran Bretaña y Guatemala el 30 de abril de 1859, que delineaba la frontera entre Guatemala y Honduras Británica. Este tratado de 1859 será una pieza central de las negociaciones/arbitraje en la Corte Internacional de Justicia (CIJ) que dictará sentencia sobre la frontera de Belize con Guatemala, la república que

afirma haber heredado la propiedad de Belize de España.

En el sistema educativo de Belize, no se nos enseña nada sobre el período comprendido entre, digamos, 1834 y 1859, un período durante el cual los esclavos fueron liberados en Belize (1838), Texas luchó contra México en 1835 para preservar la esclavitud en Texas después de que México prohibiera la esclavitud a fines de la década de 1820, y el propio Estados Unidos fue a la guerra con México desde 1846 a 1848, derrotando a México y tomando posesión de territorio desde Texas hasta California.

Estados Unidos, que había declarado la Doctrina Monroe en 1823, luego se enfrentó a Gran Bretaña en la década de 1850, firmando dos tratados que despojaron a Gran Bretaña de territorio en Nicaragua y Honduras, y luego siguieron con la intermediación, para repetir, del tratado de 1859 entre Gran Bretaña y Guatemala.

El período entre 1834 y 1859 nunca ha existido en el currículo educativo de Honduras Británica/Belize. Hoy, los beliceños podemos ver que estamos en una situación complicada en lo que respecta a Guatemala, y no tenemos idea de cuál es el pensamiento del poderoso Trump en lo que respecta a la situación de Guatemala/Belize.

Me llamó la atención que la incursión de John Brown en Harpers Ferry se produjo solo unos meses después del tratado entre Gran Bretaña y Guatemala en 1859. Pensé que a algunos lectores les podría interesar la descripción de Larson de la incursión y el contexto en el que ocurrió en los Estados Unidos. Estados Unidos, por cierto, perdió 750.000 vidas en su Guerra Civil.

A continuación, se presentan cinco párrafos de las páginas 66 y 67 de THE DEMON OF UNREST de Larson, publicado este año por Crown:

*El 16 de octubre de 1859, John Brown, un feroz abolicionista, lideró una compañía de veintiún hombres en un asalto al arsenal federal en Harpers Ferry en el norte de Virginia con la intención de armar a los negros esclavizados de la región y provocar un levantamiento generalizado. Los ciudadanos locales y la milicia lucharon contra Brown hasta un punto muerto hasta que llegó una fuerza federal, liderada por el coronel Robert E. Lee, por el momento un oficial del ejército de los EE.UU. Lee aplastó rápidamente la insurgencia de Brown, matando a diez de los hombres de Brown, incluidos dos de sus hijos. El efecto en todo el Sur fue galvánico. La incursión y su líder fueron la encarnación de las imaginaciones más oscuras de la caballería sobre los levantamientos de esclavos. Como diría más tarde un historiador: “Ni siquiera el más acérrimo de los radicales habría podido hacer que la amenaza de un holocausto interno pareciera tan real e inminente a los sureños como lo había hecho el severo y dedicado Brown.”*

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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 Resorts Limited.)

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



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
SAN PEDRO	7	2609

The freehold property of Mr. John Greif IV.

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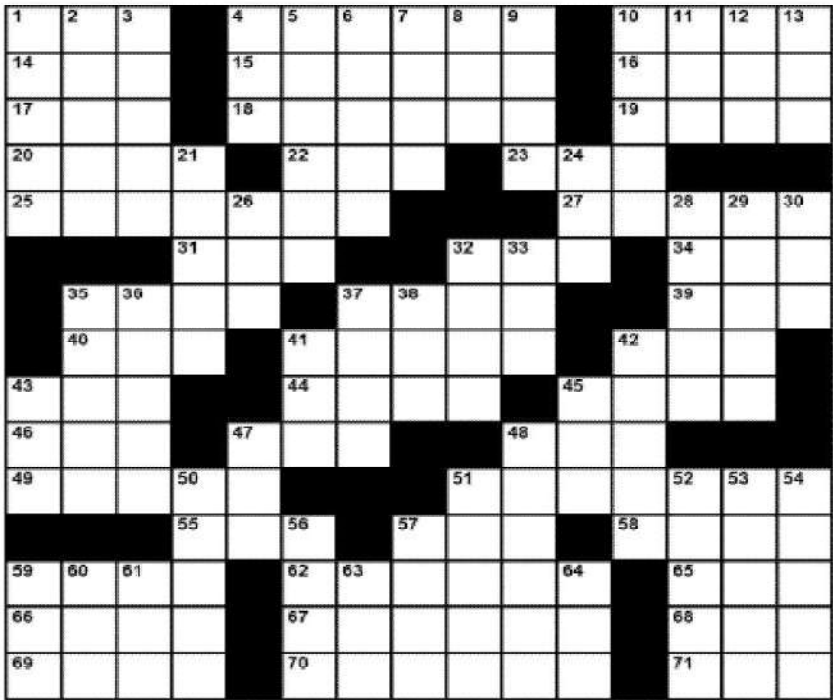
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Daily Printable Puzzle - 11-28-2024



Across

1. Baby's break  
4. Astonishes  
10. Garden plots  
14. Aquarius, e.g.  
15. Like a grebe's toes  
16. Final bio  
17. Airborne vampire  
18. Right now  
19. Be loyal to  
20. Autumn birthstone  
22. College growth  
23. Anything but that  
25. Have some faith  
27. Moby dick, for one  
31. Anteceding  
32. Electric fish  
34. Black sheep's trio  
35. Bridge bldr.  
37. Raise marks on the skin  
39. A rel.  
40. Be contrite  
41. Fissure  
42. Boxer, e.g.  
43. Additionally  
44. Beer in the making  
45. Fiber plant  
46. 18-wheeler  
47. Sound of deep thought  
48. Burt's frequent co-star  
49. Miff  
51. Sad sack  
55. Angry state  
57. A Ripkin  
58. Chinese horn  
59. Dance piece  
62. Lab monkey  
65. Claus aide  
66. Celts' land  
67. House annex  
68. Back at sea  
69. Almost proximate  
70. Brunch dish  
71. Cape in New Jersey

Down

1. Important one  
2. Be wide open  
3. Flower leaf  
4. According to  
5. Rationale  
6. Foregoing  
7. Clownish  
8. Catchall abbr.  
9. Discerned  
10. Fair structure  
11. Chicago lyricist  
12. Be left on base  
13. Farm home  
21. Feudal vassal  
24. Barn nester  
26. Act the human  
28. Costello's partner  
29. Colossal  
30. Big head  
32. 90-degree heading  
33. Blighted tree  
35. Banks and Ford  
36. Push against gently  
37. To --- it may concern  
38. Cochlea site  
41. Mountain basin  
42. Animated elephant  
43. Dada leader  
45. Exemplar of patience  
47. Him's opposite  
48. Flood  
50. Snake type  
51. Like a twangy voice  
52. Steel support  
53. Musical syllable  
54. Substantial  
56. As a result  
57. Cover with wax  
59. Bigwig in D.C.  
60. Cause for overtime  
61. Historic time  
63. Broadway mugger  
64. Arrange type

Crossword answers for last edition

The answers below are for the puzzle appearing in last Friday's edition of the Amandala. The answers for the above puzzle will appear in next week's Friday issue of this newspaper.

Daily Printable Crossword Puzzle - 11-21-2024 - Answers



From the Publisher

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in northern Virginia with the intent of arming the region's enslaved Blacks and sparking a widespread uprising. Local citizens and militia battled Brown to a standoff until a federal force arrived, led by Col. Robert E. Lee, for the moment an officer in the U.S. Army. Lee quickly crushed Brown's insurgency, killing ten of Brown's men, including two of his sons. The effect throughout the South was galvanic. The raid and its leader were the embodiment of the chivalry's darkest imaginings of slave uprisings. As one historian would later put it, "Not even the fieriest radical could ever have made the threat of an internal holocaust appear so real and imminent to Southerners as had the grim, dedicated Brown."

Ruffin understood at once that this changed everything. He was elated. Although the news at first seemed hard to believe, he wrote in his diary, "It really seems now most probable that the outbreak was planned and instigated by Northern abolitionists, and with the expectation of this starting a general slave insurrection. I earnestly hope that such may be the truth of the case. Such a practical exercise of abolition principles is

needed to stir the sluggish blood of the South."

In the North, the reaction was laden with a surprising degree of nuance. Widespread condemnation of the raid was tempered by warm praise for Brown's character and his moral stand. Even William Lloyd Garrison's the LIBERATOR made a distinction between the act and the underlying principle. Garrison described Brown as "conscientious, truthful, brave," but called the raid "a misguided, wild and apparently insane escapade". The New York INDEPENDENT echoed this, declaring, "The insanity of the act does not impeach the rectitude of the motive."

In the South, there was only rage and fear. Existing state militias saw a surge in new recruits; new companies formed as well and began actively drilling their volunteers. Stockpiles of weapons expanded. Communities formed vigilance committees to identify and eject citizens who might be harboring abolitionist views. An Atlanta newspaper warned, "We regard every man in our midst an enemy to the institutions of the South who does not boldly declare that he or she believes African slavery to be a social, moral, and political blessing."

PRESS PREDICTIONS

The sports psychic speaks

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Pittsburgh Steelers are now 9-2. The Buffalo Bills and Josh Allen will definitely be in the playoffs. This is my other playoff team - Lamar Jackson and the Baltimore Ravens; they are one of the top 3 best defensive teams in the league. The Philadelphia Eagles are one of the top best 5 teams right now. The San Francisco 49ers and the Minnesota Vikings will create some upsets down the stretch. The Houston Texans and the Washington Commanders will be fighting for a playoff spot alongside the Atlanta Falcons. The Dallas Cowboys and Dak Prescott will have to regroup for the next season. Next week, more results and playoffs predictions.



The Boston Celtics and the Cleveland Cavaliers are the best teams in the East

NBA results and predictions

In NBA action, the Cleveland Cavaliers are the best team right now at 20-3. Donovan Mitchell is their leader; he has the best quick-step to the basket, like Kyrie Irving from the Dallas Mavericks. The Los Angeles Lakers lost to the Orlando Magic by one point. Anthony Davis is the second-best scorer in the league. But Nikola Jokic will be the MVP again, 4 times in a 5-year span. No player has accomplished that feat in the NBA history. Larry Bird won 3 years in a row in 1984, 85 & 86. Nikola Jokic is averaging a triple double right now with 29 points, 13 rebounds and 11 assists. They lost to the Dallas Mavericks by 15 points. Luka Doncic is one of the top players in the league. Next week, more stats.



Nikola Jokic

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First Registration and Prescription notices

CHAPTER 194, LAWS OF BELIZE NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13

LRS-202314903

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

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

  
for Patricia Robateau Blackett (Mrs.)  
Registrar of Lands

APPLICATION NO. LRS-202418394

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section SAN IGNACIO NORTH Block No. 23 and being Parcel No. 3233 Formerly Lot No. 109, 494.247 Square Meters situate in San Ignacio Town, Cayo District.

This parcel of land is subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 2101 of 1999 dated 11<sup>th</sup> August, 1999 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 24 of 1999 at Folios 1207 to 1214 in favor of TERESITA SILVA.

LRS-202212552

Registered Land Act  
Chapter 194  
Section 140(1)

OWNERSHIP BY PRESCRIPTION

Name of Applicant	Registration Section	Block No.	Parcel No.
JOSIE ANN RODRIGUEZ AND ANN MARGARET BLEASE	CAYE CAULKER	12	935

Application for ownership by prescription for the above mentioned parcel situate in CAYE CAULKER Registration Section has been received from JOSIE ANN RODRIGUEZ AND ANN MARGARET BLEASE being Parcel No. 935 containing 500.00 Meters.

The attention of the general public is hereby drawn to this notice. Any person whose rights and interest may be affected by the registration of JOSIE ANN RODRIGUEZ AND ANN MARGARET BLEASE as proprietor with Absolute Title for Parcel No. 935 CAYE CAULKER Registration Section containing 500.00 Square Meters is hereby requested to show cause on or within one month from the date thereof, why ownership should not be granted to JOSIE ANN RODRIGUEZ AND ANN MARGARET BLEASE.

  
for PATRICIA ROBATEAU BLACKETT (MRS.)  
REGISTRAR OF LANDS

LRS-202314895

Registered Land Act  
Chapter 194  
Section 140(1)

OWNERSHIP BY PRESCRIPTION

Name of Applicant	Registration Section	Block No.	Parcel No.
MARINA DE LEON	LADYVILLE/ LORD'S BANK	16	13145

Application for ownership by prescription for the above mentioned parcel situate in LADYVILLE/LORD'S BANK Registration Section has been received from MARINA DE LEON being Parcel No. 13145 containing 923.91 Meters.

The attention of the general public is hereby drawn to this notice. Any person whose rights and interest may be affected by the registration of MARINA DE LEON as proprietor with Absolute Title for Parcel No. 13145 LADYVILLE/LORD'S BANK Registration Section containing 923.91 Square Meters is hereby requested to show cause on or within one month from the date thereof, why ownership should not be granted to MARINA DE LEON.

  
for PATRICIA ROBATEAU BLACKETT (MRS.)  
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Name of Applicant	Registration Section	Block No.	Parcel No.
EDGAR ALBERTO BENITES	LADYVILLE/ LORD'S BANK	16	13066

Application for ownership by prescription for the above mentioned parcel situate in LADYVILLE/LORD'S BANK Registration Section has been received from EDGAR ALBERTO BENITES being Parcel No. 13066 containing 363.59 Square Meters.

The attention of the general public is hereby drawn to this notice. Any person whose rights and interest may be affected by the registration of EDGAR ALBERTO BENITES as proprietor with Absolute Title for Parcel No. 13066 LADYVILLE/LORD'S BANK Registration Section containing 363.59 Square Meters is hereby requested to show cause on or within one month from the date thereof, why ownership should not be granted to EDGAR ALBERTO BENITES.

  
for PATRICIA ROBATEAU BLACKETT (MRS.)  
REGISTRAR OF LANDS

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Name of Applicant	Registration Section	Block No.	Parcel No.
ANTONIO LEONEL COWO	LADYVILLE/ LORD'S BANK	16	13072

Application for ownership by prescription for the above mentioned parcel situate in LADYVILLE/LORD'S BANK Registration Section has been received from ANTONIO LEONEL COWO being Parcel No. 13072 containing 865.60 Square Meters.

The attention of the general public is hereby drawn to this notice. Any person whose rights and interest may be affected by the registration of ANTONIO LEONEL COWO as proprietor with Absolute Title for Parcel No. 13072 LADYVILLE/LORD'S BANK Registration Section containing 865.60 Square Meters is hereby requested to show cause on or within one month from the date thereof, why ownership should not be granted to ANTONIO LEONEL COWO.

  
for PATRICIA ROBATEAU BLACKETT (MRS.)  
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Name of Applicant	Registration Section	Block No.	Parcel No.
ORLANDO COWO	LADYVILLE/ LORD'S BANK	16	13071

Application for ownership by prescription for the above mentioned parcel situate in LADYVILLE/LORD'S BANK Registration Section has been received from ORLANDO COWO being Parcel No. 13071 containing 1,604.40 Square Meters.

The attention of the general public is hereby drawn to this notice. Any person whose rights and interest may be affected by the registration of ORLANDO COWO as proprietor with Absolute Title for Parcel No. 13071 LADYVILLE/LORD'S BANK Registration Section containing 1,604.40 Square Meters is hereby requested to show cause on or within one month from the date thereof, why ownership should not be granted to ORLANDO COWO.

  
for PATRICIA ROBATEAU BLACKETT (MRS.)  
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Name of Applicant	Registration Section	Block No.	Parcel No.
LEOPOLD EDWARD WESTBY	LADYVILLE/ LORD’S BANK	16	13062

Name of Applicant	Registration Section	Block No.	Parcel No.
MARGARET ELIJIO	LADYVILLE/ LORD’S BANK	16	13065

Application for ownership by prescription for the above mentioned parcel situate in LADYVILLE/LORD’S BANK Registration Section has been received from LEOPOLD EDWARD WESTBY being Parcel No. 13062 containing 373.00 Square Meters.

Application for ownership by prescription for the above mentioned parcel situate in LADYVILLE/LORD’S BANK Registration Section has been received from MARGARET ELIJIO being Parcel No. 13065 containing 2,225.95 Square Meters.

The attention of the general public is hereby drawn to this notice. Any person whose rights and interest may be affected by the registration of LEOPOLD EDWARD WESTBY as proprietor with Absolute Title for Parcel No. 13062 LADYVILLE/LORD’S BANK Registration Section containing 373.00 Square Meters is hereby requested to show cause on or within one month from the date thereof, why ownership should not be granted to LEOPOLD EDWARD WESTBY.

The attention of the general public is hereby drawn to this notice. Any person whose rights and interest may be affected by the registration of MARGARET ELIJIO as proprietor with Absolute Title for Parcel No. 13065 LADYVILLE/LORD’S BANK Registration Section containing 2,225.95 Square Meters is hereby requested to show cause on or within one month from the date thereof, why ownership should not be granted to MARGARET ELIJIO.

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Name of Applicant	Registration Section	Block No.	Parcel No.
DORIS YOLANDA ALVAREZ	LADYVILLE/ LORD’S BANK	16	13058

Name of Applicant	Registration Section	Block No.	Parcel No.
JUAN BURGOS	LADYVILLE/ LORD’S BANK	16	13117

Application for ownership by prescription for the above mentioned parcel situate in LADYVILLE/LORD’S BANK Registration Section has been received from DORIS YOLANDA ALVAREZ being Parcel No. 13058 containing 773.90 Square Meters.

Application for ownership by prescription for the above mentioned parcel situate in LADYVILLE/LORD’S BANK Registration Section has been received from JUAN BURGOS being Parcel No. 13117 containing 225.08 Square Meters.

The attention of the general public is hereby drawn to this notice. Any person whose rights and interest may be affected by the registration of DORIS YOLANDA ALVAREZ as proprietor with Absolute Title for Parcel No. 13058 LADYVILLE/LORD’S BANK Registration Section containing 773.90 Square Meters is hereby requested to show cause on or within one month from the date thereof, why ownership should not be granted to DORIS YOLANDA ALVAREZ.

The attention of the general public is hereby drawn to this notice. Any person whose rights and interest may be affected by the registration of JUAN BURGOS as proprietor with Absolute Title for Parcel No. 13117 LADYVILLE/LORD’S BANK Registration Section containing 225.08 Square Meters is hereby requested to show cause on or within one month from the date thereof, why ownership should not be granted to JUAN BURGOS.

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Name of Applicant	Registration Section	Block No.	Parcel No.
BERNARDINO RODRIGUEZ MONTOYA	LADYVILLE/ LORD’S BANK	16	13159

Name of Applicant	Registration Section	Block No.	Parcel No.
NELSON JOEL DIAZ	LADYVILLE/ LORD’S BANK	16	13059

Application for ownership by prescription for the above mentioned parcel situate in LADYVILLE/LORD’S BANK Registration Section has been received from BERNARDINO RODRIGUEZ MONTOYA being Parcel No. 13159 containing 642.65 Meters.

Application for ownership by prescription for the above mentioned parcel situate in LADYVILLE/LORD’S BANK Registration Section has been received from NELSON JOEL DIAZ being Parcel No. 13059 containing 1,046.59 Square Meters.

The attention of the general public is hereby drawn to this notice. Any person whose rights and interest may be affected by the registration of BERNARDINO RODRIGUEZ MONTOYA as proprietor with Absolute Title for Parcel No. 13159 LADYVILLE/LORD’S BANK Registration Section containing 642.65 Square Meters is hereby requested to show cause on or within one month from the date thereof, why ownership should not be granted to BERNARDINO RODRIGUEZ MONTOYA.

The attention of the general public is hereby drawn to this notice. Any person whose rights and interest may be affected by the registration of NELSON JOEL DIAZ as proprietor with Absolute Title for Parcel No. 13059 LADYVILLE/LORD’S BANK Registration Section containing 1,046.59 Square Meters is hereby requested to show cause on or within one month from the date thereof, why ownership should not be granted to NELSON JOEL DIAZ.

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Name of Applicant	Registration Section	Block No.	Parcel No.
KENRICK LYNDON CRAWFORD	LADYVILLE/ LORD’S BANK	16	13128

Application for ownership by prescription for the above mentioned parcel situate in LADYVILLE/LORD’S BANK Registration Section has been received from KENRICK LYNDON CRAWFORD being Parcel No. 13128 containing 627.83 Square Meters.

The attention of the general public is hereby drawn to this notice. Any person whose rights and interest may be affected by the registration of KENRICK LYNDON CRAWFORD as proprietor with Absolute Title for Parcel No. 13128 LADYVILLE/LORD’S BANK Registration Section containing 627.83 Square Meters is hereby requested to show cause on or within one month from the date thereof, why ownership should not be granted to KENRICK LYNDON CRAWFORD.

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Name of Applicant	Registration Section	Block No.	Parcel No.
JACQUELINE ANN GOODING	LADYVILLE/ LORD’S BANK	16	13064

Application for ownership by prescription for the above mentioned parcel situate in LADYVILLE/LORD’S BANK Registration Section has been received from JACQUELINE ANN GOODING being Parcel No. 13064 containing 1,254.83 Square Meters.

The attention of the general public is hereby drawn to this notice. Any person whose rights and interest may be affected by the registration of JACQUELINE ANN GOODING as proprietor with Absolute Title for Parcel No. 13064 LADYVILLE/LORD’S BANK Registration Section containing 1,254.83 Square Meters is hereby requested to show cause on or within one month from the date thereof, why ownership should not be granted to JACQUELINE ANN GOODING.

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Name of Applicant	Registration Section	Block No.	Parcel No.
SHANE ADRIAN VARGAS	LADYVILLE/ LORD’S BANK	16	13102

Application for ownership by prescription for the above mentioned parcel situate in LADYVILLE/LORD’S BANK Registration Section has been received from SHANE ADRIAN VARGAS being Parcel No. 13102 containing 649.99 Square Meters.

The attention of the general public is hereby drawn to this notice. Any person whose rights and interest may be affected by the registration of SHANE ADRIAN VARGAS as proprietor with Absolute Title for Parcel No. 13102 LADYVILLE/LORD’S BANK Registration Section containing 649.99 Square Meters is hereby requested to show cause on or within one month from the date thereof, why ownership should not be granted to SHANE ADRIAN VARGAS.

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Name of Applicant	Registration Section	Block No.	Parcel No.
KIMORA MARCELLA SPAIN	LADYVILLE/ LORD’S BANK	16	13081

Application for ownership by prescription for the above mentioned parcel situate in LADYVILLE/LORD’S BANK Registration Section has been received from KIMORA MARCELLA SPAIN being Parcel No. 13081 containing 602.52 Square Meters.

The attention of the general public is hereby drawn to this notice. Any person whose rights and interest may be affected by the registration of KIMORA MARCELLA SPAIN as proprietor with Absolute Title for Parcel No. 13081 LADYVILLE/LORD’S BANK Registration Section containing 602.52 Square Meters is hereby requested to show cause on or within one month from the date thereof, why ownership should not be granted to KIMORA MARCELLA SPAIN.

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Name of Applicant	Registration Section	Block No.	Parcel No.
VILMA VICTORIA SPAIN	LADYVILLE/ LORD’S BANK	16	13078

Application for ownership by prescription for the above mentioned parcel situate in LADYVILLE/LORD’S BANK Registration Section has been received from VILMA VICTORIA SPAIN being Parcel No. 13078 containing 660.75 Square Meters.

The attention of the general public is hereby drawn to this notice. Any person whose rights and interest may be affected by the registration of VILMA VICTORIA SPAIN as proprietor with Absolute Title for Parcel No. 13078 LADYVILLE/LORD’S BANK Registration Section containing 660.75 Square Meters is hereby requested to show cause on or within one month from the date thereof, why ownership should not be granted to VILMA VICTORIA SPAIN.

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Name of Applicant	Registration Section	Block No.	Parcel No.
FELIPE ENRIQUE CHAN	LADYVILLE/ LORD’S BANK	16	13137

Application for ownership by prescription for the above mentioned parcel situate in LADYVILLE/LORD’S BANK Registration Section has been received from FELIPE ENRIQUE CHAN being Parcel No. 13137 containing 699.54 Square Meters.

The attention of the general public is hereby drawn to this notice. Any person whose rights and interest may be affected by the registration of FELIPE ENRIQUE CHAN as proprietor with Absolute Title for Parcel No. 13137 LADYVILLE/LORD’S BANK Registration Section containing 699.54 Square Meters is hereby requested to show cause on or within one month from the date thereof, why ownership should not be granted to FELIPE ENRIQUE CHAN.

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Name of Applicant	Registration Section	Block No.	Parcel No.
STEVEN VARGAS	LADYVILLE/ LORD’S BANK	16	13093

Name of Applicant	Registration Section	Block No.	Parcel No.
VIOLET ANTONETTE PANDY	LADYVILLE/ LORD’S BANK	16	13077

Application for ownership by prescription for the above mentioned parcel situate in LADYVILLE/LORD’S BANK Registration Section has been received from STEVEN VARGAS being Parcel No. 13093 containing 1,302.80 Square Meters.

Application for ownership by prescription for the above mentioned parcel situate in LADYVILLE/LORD’S BANK Registration Section has been received from VIOLET ANTONETTE PANDY being Parcel No. 13077 containing 1,097.64 Square Meters.

The attention of the general public is hereby drawn to this notice. Any person whose rights and interest may be affected by the registration of STEVEN VARGAS as proprietor with Absolute Title for Parcel No. 13093 LADYVILLE/LORD’S BANK Registration Section containing 1,302.80 Square Meters is hereby requested to show cause on or within one month from the date thereof, why ownership should not be granted to STEVEN VARGAS.

The attention of the general public is hereby drawn to this notice. Any person whose rights and interest may be affected by the registration of VIOLET ANTONETTE PANDY as proprietor with Absolute Title for Parcel No. 13077 LADYVILLE/LORD’S BANK Registration Section containing 1,097.64 Square Meters is hereby requested to show cause on or within one month from the date thereof, why ownership should not be granted to VIOLET ANTONETTE PANDY.

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Name of Applicant	Registration Section	Block No.	Parcel No.
CAROLA FIDELIA HUMES	LADYVILLE/ LORD’S BANK	16	13116

Name of Applicant	Registration Section	Block No.	Parcel No.
WALTER TIMOTHY MCCULLOCK	LADYVILLE/ LORD’S BANK	16	13147

Application for ownership by prescription for the above mentioned parcel situate in LADYVILLE/LORD’S BANK Registration Section has been received from CAROLA FIDELIA HUMES being Parcel No. 13116 containing 321.78 Square Meters.

Application for ownership by prescription for the above mentioned parcel situate in LADYVILLE/LORD’S BANK Registration Section has been received from WALTER TIMOTHY MCCULLOCK being Parcel No. 13147 containing 1,281.27 Meters.

The attention of the general public is hereby drawn to this notice. Any person whose rights and interest may be affected by the registration of CAROLA FIDELIA HUMES as proprietor with Absolute Title for Parcel No. 13116 LADYVILLE/LORD’S BANK Registration Section containing 321.78 Square Meters is hereby requested to show cause on or within one month from the date thereof, why ownership should not be granted to CAROLA FIDELIA HUMES.

The attention of the general public is hereby drawn to this notice. Any person whose rights and interest may be affected by the registration of WALTER TIMOTHY MCCULLOCK as proprietor with Absolute Title for Parcel No. 13147 LADYVILLE/LORD’S BANK Registration Section containing 1,281.27 Square Meters is hereby requested to show cause on or within one month from the date thereof, why ownership should not be granted to WALTER TIMOTHY MCCULLOCK.

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Name of Applicant	Registration Section	Block No.	Parcel No.
SOILA GARCIA PEREZ	LADYVILLE/ LORD’S BANK	16	13073

Name of Applicant	Registration Section	Block No.	Parcel No.
JULIO ROLANDO VASQUEZ	LADYVILLE/ LORD’S BANK	16	13131

Application for ownership by prescription for the above mentioned parcel situate in LADYVILLE/LORD’S BANK Registration Section has been received from SOILA GARCIA PEREZ being Parcel No. 13073 containing 843.16 Square Meters.

Application for ownership by prescription for the above mentioned parcel situate in LADYVILLE/LORD’S BANK Registration Section has been received from JULIO ROLANDO VASQUEZ being Parcel No. 13131 containing 707.77 Square Meters.

The attention of the general public is hereby drawn to this notice. Any person whose rights and interest may be affected by the registration of SOILA GARCIA PEREZ as proprietor with Absolute Title for Parcel No. 13073 LADYVILLE/LORD’S BANK Registration Section containing 843.16 Square Meters is hereby requested to show cause on or within one month from the date thereof, why ownership should not be granted to SOILA GARCIA PEREZ.

The attention of the general public is hereby drawn to this notice. Any person whose rights and interest may be affected by the registration of JULIO ROLANDO VASQUEZ as proprietor with Absolute Title for Parcel No. 13131 LADYVILLE/LORD’S BANK Registration Section containing 707.77 Square Meters is hereby requested to show cause on or within one month from the date thereof, why ownership should not be granted to JULIO ROLANDO VASQUEZ.

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Name of Applicant	Registration Section	Block No.	Parcel No.
DOUGLAS ERNESTO RECI NOS	LADYVILLE/ LORD’S BANK	16	13095

Name of Applicant	Registration Section	Block No.	Parcel No.
FRANK ALEXANDER YOUNG	LADYVILLE/ LORD’S BANK	16	13106

Application for ownership by prescription for the above mentioned parcel situate in LADYVILLE/LORD’S BANK Registration Section has been received from DOUGLAS ERNESTO RECI NOS being Parcel No. 13095 containing 1,058.43 Square Meters.

Application for ownership by prescription for the above mentioned parcel situate in LADYVILLE/LORD’S BANK Registration Section has been received from FRANK ALEXANDER YOUNG being Parcel No. 13106 containing 744.67 Square Meters.

The attention of the general public is hereby drawn to this notice. Any person whose rights and interest may be affected by the registration of DOUGLAS ERNESTO RECI NOS as proprietor with Absolute Title for Parcel No. 13095 LADYVILLE/LORD’S BANK Registration Section containing 1,058.43 Square Meters is hereby requested to show cause on or within one month from the date thereof, why ownership should not be granted to DOUGLAS ERNESTO RECI NOS.

The attention of the general public is hereby drawn to this notice. Any person whose rights and interest may be affected by the registration of FRANK ALEXANDER YOUNG as proprietor with Absolute Title for Parcel No. 13106 LADYVILLE/LORD’S BANK Registration Section containing 744.67 Square Meters is hereby requested to show cause on or within one month from the date thereof, why ownership should not be granted to FRANK ALEXANDER YOUNG.

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Name of Applicant	Registration Section	Block No.	Parcel No.
JEANNETHE DEL ROSARIO CATIN CRUZ AND MARIA LIZETH CATIN	LADYVILLE/ LORD’S BANK	16	13129

Name of Applicant	Registration Section	Block No.	Parcel No.
BELLSON AUGUSTIN BLAIR	LADYVILLE/ LORD’S BANK	16	13086

Application for ownership by prescription for the above mentioned parcel situate in LADYVILLE/LORD’S BANK Registration Section has been received from JEANNETHE DEL ROSARIO CATIN CRUZ AND MARIA LIZETH CATIN being Parcel No. 13129 containing 339.81 Square Meters.

Application for ownership by prescription for the above mentioned parcel situate in LADYVILLE/LORD’S BANK Registration Section has been received from BELLSON AUGUSTIN BLAIR being Parcel No. 13086 containing 427.80 Square Meters.

The attention of the general public is hereby drawn to this notice. Any person whose rights and interest may be affected by the registration of JEANNETHE DEL ROSARIO CATIN CRUZ AND MARIA LIZETH CATIN as proprietor with Absolute Title for Parcel No. 13129 LADYVILLE/LORD’S BANK Registration Section containing 339.81 Square Meters is hereby requested to show cause on or within one month from the date thereof, why ownership should not be granted to JEANNETHE DEL ROSARIO CATIN CRUZ AND MARIA LIZETH CATIN.

The attention of the general public is hereby drawn to this notice. Any person whose rights and interest may be affected by the registration of BELLSON AUGUSTIN BLAIR as proprietor with Absolute Title for Parcel No. 13086 LADYVILLE/LORD’S BANK Registration Section containing 427.80 Square Meters is hereby requested to show cause on or within one month from the date thereof, why ownership should not be granted to BELLSON AUGUSTIN BLAIR.

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Name of Applicant	Registration Section	Block No.	Parcel No.
JASON JOSEPH ELEJIO	LADYVILLE/ LORD’S BANK	16	13096

Name of Applicant	Registration Section	Block No.	Parcel No.
LYNDON SYDNEY GILL	LADYVILLE/ LORD’S BANK	16	13099

Application for ownership by prescription for the above mentioned parcel situate in LADYVILLE/LORD’S BANK Registration Section has been received from JASON JOSEPH ELEJIO being Parcel No. 13096 containing 743.25 Square Meters.

Application for ownership by prescription for the above mentioned parcel situate in LADYVILLE/LORD’S BANK Registration Section has been received from LYNDON SYDNEY GILL being Parcel No. 13099 containing 758.34 Square Meters.

The attention of the general public is hereby drawn to this notice. Any person whose rights and interest may be affected by the registration of JASON JOSEPH ELEJIO as proprietor with Absolute Title for Parcel No. 13096 LADYVILLE/LORD’S BANK Registration Section containing 743.25 Square Meters is hereby requested to show cause on or within one month from the date thereof, why ownership should not be granted to JASON JOSEPH ELEJIO.

The attention of the general public is hereby drawn to this notice. Any person whose rights and interest may be affected by the registration of LYNDON SYDNEY GILL as proprietor with Absolute Title for Parcel No. 13099 LADYVILLE/LORD’S BANK Registration Section containing 758.34 Square Meters is hereby requested to show cause on or within one month from the date thereof, why ownership should not be granted to LYNDON SYDNEY GILL.

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Name of Applicant	Registration Section	Block No.	Parcel No.
ELMER ELIAS GUERRA	LADYVILLE/ LORD'S BANK	16	13074

Application for ownership by prescription for the above mentioned parcel situate in LADYVILLE/LORD'S BANK Registration Section has been received from ELMER ELIAS GUERRA being Parcel No. 13074 containing 918.73 Square Meters.

The attention of the general public is hereby drawn to this notice. Any person whose rights and interest may be affected by the registration of ELMER ELIAS GUERRA as proprietor with Absolute Title for Parcel No. 13074 LADYVILLE/LORD'S BANK Registration Section containing 918.73 Square Meters is hereby requested to show cause on or within one month from the date thereof, why ownership should not be granted to ELMER ELIAS GUERRA.

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Name of Applicant	Registration Section	Block No.	Parcel No.
ANNA ARACELI CHI	LADYVILLE/ LORD'S BANK	16	13076

Application for ownership by prescription for the above mentioned parcel situate in LADYVILLE/LORD'S BANK Registration Section has been received from ANNA ARACELI CHI being Parcel No. 13076 containing 877.51 Square Meters.

The attention of the general public is hereby drawn to this notice. Any person whose rights and interest may be affected by the registration of ANNA ARACELI CHI as proprietor with Absolute Title for Parcel No. 13076 LADYVILLE/LORD'S BANK Registration Section containing 877.51 Square Meters is hereby requested to show cause on or within one month from the date thereof, why ownership should not be granted to ANNA ARACELI CHI.

Patricia Robateau Blackett (Mrs.)  
Registrar of Lands

LRS-202315036

Registered Land Act  
Chapter 194  
Section 140(1)

OWNERSHIP BY PRESCRIPTION

Name of Applicant	Registration Section	Block No.	Parcel No.
JUANA DE LA CRUZ TECK	LADYVILLE/ LORD'S BANK	16	13135

Application for ownership by prescription for the above mentioned parcel situate in LADYVILLE/LORD'S BANK Registration Section has been received from JUANA DE LA CRUZ TECK being Parcel No. 13135 containing 622.11 Square Meters.

The attention of the general public is hereby drawn to this notice. Any person whose rights and interest may be affected by the registration of JUANA DE LA CRUZ TECK as proprietor with Absolute Title for Parcel No. 13135 LADYVILLE/LORD'S BANK Registration Section containing 622.11 Square Meters is hereby requested to show cause on or within one month from the date thereof, why ownership should not be granted to JUANA DE LA CRUZ TECK.

Patricia Robateau Blackett (Mrs.)  
Registrar of Lands



POSITION: Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Officer

Scope of Work: Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Officer is the principal officer in charge of the monitoring, evaluating and improving data management systems in line with the national results framework for children in Belize.

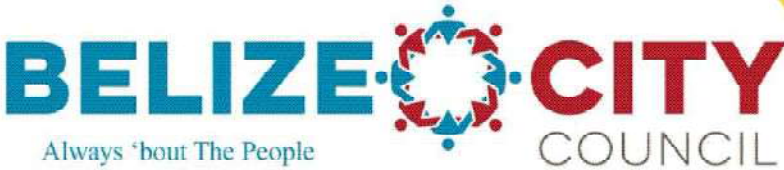
Organizational Relationship: The M&E Officer is accountable to and reports directly to the Executive Director.

Qualification: Minimum of a Bachelor's Degree in Economics, Statistics, Social Sciences, Public Administration, Business Administration or Monitoring & Evaluation.

Professional Experience: 3-5 years in monitoring and evaluation of program/project management.

Responsibilities and Tasks:

- Establish and implement the results-base matrix for a mechanism on M&E coordination for NCFC
- Establish and maintain good working relations with the relevant government ministries and social sector agencies on the National Children's Agenda (NCA) and its implementation
- Assist with the development of M&E systems within other social sector agencies and government departments where needed for the plan of action for children implementation
- Work with the implementing partners and agencies in reviewing their existing approaches to monitoring and evaluation and management information systems and agree on any required changes to be advocated in line with plan of action M&E systems design.
- To coordinate quarterly (or as regularly required) data collection on implementation of the plan of action for children.
- Organize and undertake training or mentoring of other social sector agency and government departments personnel relevant to plan of action implementation
- Submit required annual analytical reports on the plan of action implementation to the National Commission
- Plan for regular opportunities to identify lessons learned and implications for future reporting
- Represent the NCFC on committees that are relevant to the monitoring and evaluation of the plan of action implementation
- Manages the implementation of an annual Resource Mobilization Plan
- Provides annual work plans and budgets for M&E program work
- Provides monthly program and financial reports for the M&E program work
- Assist the Executive Director with any other duties as may be assigned periodically



CAREER OPPORTUNITY



BUILDING SUPERVISOR

The Belize City Council is seeking applicants to fill the position of Building Supervisor.

All interested persons must submit their application packages in a sealed envelope addressed to the Human Resources Manager no later than Monday, December 9, 2024.

VISIT THE COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT BOARD ON THE BELIZE CITY COUNCIL WEBSITE FOR A FULL DESCRIPTION OF THIS POSITION.



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General Registry

No. 290 of 2022

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF BELIZE, A.D. 2022

IN THE MATTER OF Section 42 (1) of The Law of Property Act, Chapter 190 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000-2003

AND

IN THE MATTER OF an Application for an Order of declaration of title to land on the ground of long possession by Paul Arthurs

TAKE NOTICE that Paul Arthurs of 665 Wildwood Lane West Lane, West Chicago, Illinois 60185 applies to the Court Pursuant to Section 42 (1) of the Law of Property Act of the Laws of Belize for an Order of Declaration of title to Land particularly described as 59 acres in Mullins River Area, Grant No. 39 of 1894 and 30 of 1893 in the Stann Creek District.

TAKE NOTICE that this Application will be heard on the 28<sup>th</sup> of November 2024 at 1:15 p.m. at the High Court of Belize.

Dated the 14<sup>th</sup> day of November 2024

Orson Elrington

Attorney-at-Law for the Applicant

The Applicant's address for service is:

Elrington and Company


Attorney-at- Law and Notary Public

#7 Church Street, Belize City, Belize

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TRADEWINDS

### Charter Operations Manager & Sales Manager team

Tradewinds is a global yacht chartering company that offers high-end 7-day charters to our guests and members. We are currently looking for an experienced charter operations manager and sales manager team.

The Charter Operations Manager will be responsible for co-managing the Belize Base in coordination with the Sales Manager, ensuring corporate policies, protocols and standards are met and quality standards are delivered for the best luxury vacation experience for our guests and members.

Both positions require extensive experience in Catamaran Charter Management.

The Sales Manager will be a natural leader who can manage crew and guest relations. The Manager will be responsible for the Belize Base membership and charter sales. They will train and mentor our crews on Sales techniques, strategies and corporate policies as well as liaise with guests purchasing memberships and points packages. They need to be skilled in contract execution. The Sale Manager is also responsible for maintenance of our fleet of catamarans. They need to be skilled in boat maintenance, supervise the base technician and dock crew to ensure all boats are serviced and maintained to the highest standards of safety and efficiency. They will also supervise the sailing Captains and need to hold an RYA Yachtmaster's Offshore ticket, have a valid STCW, and a divemaster designation would also be an asset. Also need to be fully conversant in Customs and Immigration for inbound and outbound vessels.

The Charter Operations Manager will be responsible for co-managing the Belize Base in coordination with the Sales Manager, ensuring corporate policies, protocols and standards are met and quality standards are delivered for the best luxury vacation experience for our guests and members.

The ideal candidate will be experienced with the following key role requirements:

- Preparing Sales contracts, Crew scheduling, Yacht quality control inspections
- Managing a detailed supply chain for provisioning of food, beverages, parts, contract labor
- Guest management, onsite customer service as well as pre and post charter coordination
- Budget management, petty cash control, vendor account reconciliation and invoice payments
- Supervisory background, including crew training and emergency crew relief coverage
- Inventory management, purchasing, stocktaking, have experience with charter provisioning
- Familiar with Customs and Immigration for inbound and outbound vessels
- Work well under pressure, be trustworthy, enthusiastic, productive and cost conscience
- 3 years minimum experience in the Luxury Catamaran Charter delivery
- STCW certification, and other sailing certificates.

If you're an experienced team in luxury yacht Charter Management and would like to join our world-class team and have the credentials listed above, please send your resume, including certifications and references to [belize@trade-winds.com](mailto:belize@trade-winds.com).

## Public Notice of Proposed Marina Construction

Mile 5 Landings Limited Belize City, Belize- Construction of Marina for Cargo and Fuel Supply Landing

The public is hereby being informed of a proposed plan by Mile 5 Landings Limited Belize City, Belize to construct a marina at the following location:

- **Coordinates:** 1,939,574.94"N, 367574.66"E
- **Parcel #:** 2483, Block 16
- **Location:** Vista Del Mar, Belize

The proposed marina will serve as a docking facility for the landing of cargo and fuel supplies to support local transportation and trade needs.

**Public Participation:**

In accordance with Belizean regulations, the public is invited to review the proposed plans and provide feedback. Comments and concerns may be submitted in writing to the Belize Port Authority within **two weeks** from the publication date of this notice.


**Submission Deadline:** December 10, 2024

**Where to Submit Comments:**

Belize Port Authority  
Attention: Port Commissioner  
P.O. Box 633, 4 Mls George Price Highway, Belize C.A.

For further inquiries or to view the proposed plans, please contact the Belize Port Authority at 501-222-5567/5666/5662 or email [bzportauth@btl.net](mailto:bzportauth@btl.net)

**Issued by:**



TRADEWINDS

### Captain and First Mate/Chef required...

TradeWinds is a global yacht chartering company that offers Luxury 7-day charters to its guests. We are looking for an experienced **Captain and First Mate/Chef (crew couple)** that are willing to commit to a minimum of one year on one of our luxury yachts based in Placencia.

**Captains** must have the RYA (commercially endorsed) Sailing Skipper's license or its practical equivalent. The **First Mate/Chef** must hold Level 2, Basic Food Hygiene and Safety Certificate. Both the Captain and the First Mate are required to have valid STCW qualification (Includes Personal Survival Techniques; Fire Prevention and Firefighting; Medical First Aid; Maritime Security Awareness; Communication; Leadership; Teamwork & Human behavior and one of them must be a certified Dive Master. **Captains** must demonstrate sound leadership and hosting skills, have solid charter delivery experience, together with a good grasp of boat maintenance. They are expected to assist the **First Mate**, and split the cleaning chores, such as dishes, cabins, bathrooms, and midweek turnaround. **First Mate/Chef's** need to go the extra mile in food delivery, taste, and presentation, be a well-rounded hostess, and must be able to assist the Captain with Sailing and Boat handling. Both candidates will be required to demonstrate first-class boat handling skills.

The Captain and First Mate share a small crew cabin and therefore must be in a long-term committed relationship.

Interested Crew Couples please send resumes containing references and certifications with a covering email stating why they should be considered to: [belize@trade-winds.com](mailto:belize@trade-winds.com)

Occasionally we have need for Relief Captains or First Mates. If you have these specific qualifications and experience, kindly send your Resume, References & certifications.





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## New Year's Day 2025

# Who will win?

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### New Year's Day 2025!!

1991	Michael Lewis (first)	2010	Carlos Hernandez (first)
	Ernest Meighan (second)		Carlos Manuel Hernandez (second)
1992	Francisco Flores (first)	(Ladies)	Shalini Zabaneh (first)
	Fitzgerald Joseph (second)		Anthea Sutherland (second)
1993	Derrick Mahler (first)	2011	Marco Salas (first)
	Orlando Chavarria (second)		Juan Rojas (second)
1994	Douglas Lamb (first)	(Ladies)	Shalini Zabaneh (first)
	Ronald Sutherland (second)		Patricia Chavarria (second)
1995	Robert Mariano (first)	2012	Geovanni Choto (first)
	Gustavo Carillo (second)		Byron Pope (second)
1996	Nigel Matus (first)	(Ladies)	Kaya Cattouse (first)
	Ian Smith (second)		Shalini Zabaneh (second)
1997	Fred Usher (first)	2013	David Henderson (first)
	Michael Lewis (second)		Gregory Lovell (second)
1998	Francisco Flores (first)	(Ladies)	Shalini Zabaneh (first)
	James Frampton (second)		Patricia Chavarria (second)
1999	Ernest Meighan (first)	2014	Byron Pope (first)
	Skip Spangenburg (second)		Carlos Lopez (second)
2000	Ariel Rosado (first)	(Ladies)	Shalini Zabaneh (first)
	Quinton Hamilton (second)		Gabrielle Lovell (second)
2001	Miguel Perez (first)	2015	Hector Rangel (first)
	Shane Vasquez (second)		David Santos (second)
(Ladies)	Karen Rosito (first)	(Ladies)	Alicia Thompson (first)
2002	Amilila Knowles (second)		Kaya Cattouse (second)
	Barney Brown (first)	2016	Joel Adan Borland (first)
	Hugo Rostrain Monterosa (second)		Gregory Lovell (second)
(Ladies)	Ann Marie Bennett (first)	(Ladies)	Alicia Thompson (first)
2003	Douglas Lamb (first)		Kaya Cattouse (second)
	Frank Cannon (second)	2017	Ron Vasquez (first)
(Ladies)	Fiona Humes Gonzalez (first)	(Ladies)	Brandon Cattouse (second)
2004	Marlon Castillo (first)		Alicia Thompson (first)
	Mateo Cruz (second)		Kaya Cattouse (second)
(Ladies)	Fiona Humes-Gonzalez (first)	2018	Giovanni Lovell (first)
	Claudett Maheia (second)	(Ladies)	John DeLong (second)
2005	Michael Lewis (first)		Alicia Thompson (first)
	Shane Vasquez (second)		Kaya Cattouse (second)
(Ladies)	Marinette Flowers (first)	2019	John DeLong (first)
2006	Scottie Weiss (first)	(Ladies)	Clayton Travis (second)
	Marlon Castillo (second)		Kaya Cattouse (first)
(Ladies)	Alicia Thompson (first)		Nicole Gallego (second)
	Marinette Flowers (second)	2020	Oscar Quiroz, Jr. (first)
2007	Shane Vasquez (first)		Joslyn Chavarria, Jr. (second)
	Marlon Castillo (second)	(Ladies)	Alicia Thompson (first)
(Ladies)	Gina Lovell (first)		Nicole Gallego (second)
	Shalini Zabaneh (second)	2021	NO RACE (DUE TO COVID)
2008	Neo German Camacho Villegas (first)	2022	Brandon Cattouse (first)
	Reyes (second)		Derrick Chavarria (second)
(Ladies)	Shalini Zabaneh (first)	(Ladies)	Gabrielle Gabourel (first)
	Alicia Thompson (second)		Kaya Cattouse (second)
2009	Marlon Castillo (first)	2023	Derrick Chavarria (first)
	Gregory Lovell (second)	(Ladies)	Jyven Gonzalez (second)
(Ladies)	Lori Harkey (first)		Kaya Cattouse (first)
	Shalini Zabaneh (second)	2024	John DeLong (first)
			Cory Williams (second)
		(Ladies)	Kaya Cattouse



# Paradise lost? How cruise companies are ‘eating up’ the Bahamas

Another vast tourist resort project promising jobs and prosperity. But critics say such developments imperil the pristine environments they advertise



Joseph Darville is worried that the big cruise lines and developers will ‘come in and eat what’s left of our country’. Photograph: Richard Luscombe/the Guardian

by Richard Luscombe in Freeport, Grand Bahama

www.theguardian.com, Wed 27 Nov 2024

Joseph Darville has fond memories of swimming with his young son off the south coast of Grand Bahama island, and watching together as scores of dolphins frolicked offshore. A lifelong environmentalist now aged 82, Darville has always valued the rich marine habitat and turquoise blue seas of the Bahamas, which have lured locals and tourists alike for generations.

The dolphins are now mostly gone, he says, as human encroachment proliferated and the environment deteriorated. “You don’t see them now; the jetskis go by and frighten them off.

“There’s a lot going on. It’s a tragedy – and continues to be a tragedy,” says Darville.

Now, he fears further acceleration of the decline, with the scheduled opening next year of Carnival Cruise Line’s vast Celebration Key resort, now under construction on the island’s south coast.

The sprawling entertainment complex across a mile-long beach, already stripped of its protective mangroves, will ultimately bring up to an additional 4 million people a year to the island, Carnival says, with four of its ships able to dock simultaneously.

Concerns about giant cruise ships bringing multitudes of tourists, and pollution, to the ecologically fragile Bahamas are nothing new. Neither is the concept of foreign-owned cruise companies buying land to build private retreats exclusively for their passengers: Disney’s Castaway Cay, a private island near Great Abaco, last year celebrated its 25th birthday.

But if only for their scale alone, Celebration Key and two other expansive developments just like it, either recently opened or being built elsewhere in the 700-island archipelago, represent a worrisome new threat, campaigners say.

Cruise companies have spent at least \$1.5bn (£1.1bn) since 2019 buying or leasing land in the Caribbean, according to a Bloomberg analysis in May, and Darville wonders what that means for the future of his beloved islands.

As executive chair of the environmental group Save the Bays, he was part of an alliance that fought against the Grand Bahama development, as well as Disney’s Lookout Cay at Lighthouse Point, which opened on Eleuthera island in June, and Royal Caribbean’s Royal

Beach Club at Paradise Island, which broke ground in April.

“It has to stop somewhere; we have to preserve something for our future generations, for our own native Bahamians,” Darville says. “We cannot always be seduced by these cruise lines and other developers who come in and eat what’s left of our country.”

The “seductions” he sees are the cruise lines touting the supposed economic advantages to the Bahamas of being allowed to buy and develop land, promoting what he claims are questionable environmental credentials, and pledging community investments for locals in terms of jobs and grants for small businesses and education.

Such messaging has been well received in a country still struggling to recover from Hurricane Dorian in 2019, the worst natural disaster in its history, which prompted the near-collapse of the tourism industry.

An unemployment rate that reached almost 20% after the storm and subsequent Covid-19 pandemic has finally dropped back into single figures, but a stroll around once-bustling Freeport, the largest town, cruise port and commercial hub of Grand Bahama, provides plenty of

swamped.

Disney says it created more than 200 “high-quality” jobs for locals at Lookout Cay, has invested more than \$1m into the local economy since it opened, and has promised almost as much again for playgrounds, sports fields and infrastructure for the island’s students.

On Paradise Island, Royal Caribbean’s deal for the 7-hectare (17-acre) site included a promise that Bahamians “will be invited” to own up to 49% of the venture.

The websites of all three projects are also heavy with words and phrases such as “environmental commitment”, “sustainability” and “responsibility”.

Meanwhile, Isaac Chester Cooper, the Bahamas’ tourism minister, continues to cite a Tourism Economics study, prepared for Carnival in 2019, stating that the “development, construction and ongoing operation of Celebration Key” would create thousands of Bahamian jobs and generate a \$1.5bn boost for the Bahama’s GDP.

By contrast, Carnival Corporation recorded an all-time high \$21.6bn annual revenue in 2023; Royal Caribbean’s revenue increased 57% year-on-year to \$13.9bn; and that of Disney’s Magical Cruise Company, while smaller at \$2.2bn, still represented a rise of almost 91%.

Cooper did not return a request for comment from the Guardian.

Darville concedes it is harder to push an environmental message in such circumstances. “Whenever there’s word there’s going to be cruise ship development coming to the Bahamas, the first thing the government looks at, and the people generally, is how many people will be employed, what economic benefits we’re going to derive,” he says

He says that ignores the environmental impact

and damage caused by developments on previously pristine Bahamas beaches. Mangrove destruction is a particular concern, given the protection the trees provide against storm surge from hurricanes.

But campaigners say the projects are also significantly detrimental to wildlife, in water and on land, as well as precious coral reefs already imperiled by rising sea temperatures.

At Lookout Cay, Disney built a half-mile-long pier to allow cruise liners to dock, driving countless support posts deep into the seabed. The company insisted that “viable individual corals within the pier’s footprint were expertly relocated to improve the health of struggling coral reefs in the area”.

Darville is skeptical and worries about the

effect on coral reefs and fish populations of thousands of people in the water slathered in chemical-based sunscreens. “When Disney was putting out its proposal, no matter what they said or how they did it, there was going to be a catastrophic impact,” he says.

Gail Woon, executive director of the educational non-profit group Earthcare, and partner of the Global Cruise Activist Network, an alliance of industry critics, says previous developments in the islands that were touted as environmentally friendly turned out to be anything but.

She cites a private golf resort where residences can cost tens of millions of dollars, but construction and operations destroyed coral just offshore.

“We had coral reef biologists testify that if you put a golf course on the beach and fertilize the grass, the run-off will go into the ocean and kill the coral because they can’t take large amounts of nitrogen and phosphorus,” she says.

“They went ahead and did it anyway, then where there should have been pristine sand and clear water they have these big clumps of green and brown macro-algae that smothers the corals. They were destroying the product they were trying to promote.”

Through projects such as Earthcare’s EcoKids, Woon and others around the Bahamas are working to educate the next generation about environmental challenges facing the country and the world.

It’s a message reinforced at Conservation Cove, a small but thriving living laboratory east of Freeport where cruise ship tourists and pupils on school field trips learn the importance of coral reefs and mangrove restoration.

Javan Hunt, mangrove nursery coordinator at Conservation Cove, says: “If you make decisions based on ignorance, you allow people to run over you, or sell you something that’s not in your best interest.

“So, for me the most important thing is to educate those coming up, so that in five years, 10 years and beyond, they can make informed decisions – and won’t just smile when someone is presenting shit to them and telling them it’s treasure.”

(AMANDALA Ed. Note: On the Guardian pages of this article we came across the below advertisement for Calabash Caye in Belize.)

14 Acres on Calabash Caye  
Calabash Caye gem: 14 acres, 2000 ft beachfront, exquisite home for sale.



An infinity pool at the Grand Lucayan Resort, Grand Bahama. The resort is now mostly empty and awaiting a buyer. Photograph: M Timothy O’Keefe/Alamy

evidence of the island’s decline.

The waterfront 542-room Grand Lucayan resort, formerly the grande dame of Grand Bahamian tourism, sits mostly empty, abandoned and awaiting a buyer, with only a small portion of the development still open.

The adjacent straw market, once a thriving hub of souvenir stalls, entertainment and refreshment, is largely bereft of customers, even when a cruise ship is in town. And taxi drivers can spend a day or more waiting at the airport or cruise terminal without earning a fare.



It is hardly surprising, then, that the cruise companies, amplified by the Bahamian government, honed their pitches for land deals to receptive ears, focused on the jobs they would create and the dollars they would bring in.

Carnival, for example, says all but two of the 31 construction companies working on Celebration Key are owned by Bahamians. Job fairs over the summer, offering employment with perks including medical insurance and paid time-off, were



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## NOTICE

Intention to revoke Grant Works Forest Reserve protected area declaration.

The Grant Works Forest Reserve, located in north Stann Creek District was declared as a Forest Reserve in 1989 via Statutory Instrument No. 95 of 1989 to safeguard the wetland areas and floodplains which emptied into it from the Pomona Valley. In 1995 the Reserve boundaries were modified to accommodate the ongoing rural expansion in that area. To date, all of the Grant Works Forest Reserve has been fully parcelled out.

Pursuant to section 19(2) of the National Protected Areas Systems Act, Revised Edition 2020, the Minister with responsibility for Forests Act hereby publishes the intention to revoke Grant Works Forest Reserve protected area declaration Furthermore, in accordance with section 18 (1) prior to revoking a declaration, the Minister, shall hold such other public consultations with persons having an interest in the area, including users of the area. To this end, a public consultation will be held at the Hope Creek Community Center on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 10:00 am.

Members of the public and all affected persons are also invited to submit to the Minister written representations on or objections on or before January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025 in response to the Intention to revoke Grant Works Forest Reserve protected area declaration.


## From the Publisher en Español

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Ruffin comprendió de inmediato que esto lo cambiaba todo. Estaba eufórico. Aunque al principio la noticia parecía difícil de creer, escribió en su diario: “Ahora parece realmente muy probable que el estallido fuera planeado e instigado por abolicionistas del Norte, y con la expectativa de que esto iniciara una insurrección general de esclavos. Espero fervientemente que esa sea la verdad del caso. Se necesita tal ejercicio práctico de los principios abolicionistas para agitar la sangre inerte del Sur.”

En el Norte, la reacción estuvo cargada de un sorprendente grado de matices. La condena generalizada de la incursión se vio atenuada por cálidos elogios al carácter de Brown y su postura moral. Incluso el LIBERATOR de William Lloyd Garrison hizo una distinción entre el acto y el principio subyacente. Garrison describió a Brown como “consciente, veraz, valiente”, pero calificó la redada como “una escapada equivocada, salvaje y aparentemente demente”. El New York INDEPENDENT se hizo eco de esto, declarando: “La locura del acto no impugna la rectitud del motivo”.

En el Sur, solo había rabia y miedo. Las milicias estatales existentes vieron un aumento en nuevos reclutas; también se formaron nuevas compañías y comenzaron a entrenar activamente a sus voluntarios. Las reservas de armas se expandieron. Las comunidades formaron comités de vigilancia para identificar y expulsar a los ciudadanos que pudieran albergar opiniones abolicionistas. Un periódico de Atlanta advirtió: “Consideramos a cada hombre en nuestro medio un enemigo de las instituciones del Sur que no declare audazmente que él o ella cree que la esclavitud africana es una bendición social, moral y política”.



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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. Agronomist (X2) b. Transformation Officer (X4)
Contract #:	a. 149/2024/GCF/BacSuF/Belize/CCCCC b. 150/2024/GCF/BacSuF/Belize/CCCCC
Estimated Start Date:	January 2025
Deadline for Submission:	on or before 2:00 p.m. Belize Time (GMT-6), Wednesday, 18 December 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. “Agronomist” (X2)  
b. “Transformation Officer” (X4)


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


Requests for clarification should be received by the Centre no later than: **Wednesday, 4 December 2024.**


The deadline for submission of bids is **on or before 2:00pm (GMT-6), Wednesday, 18 December 2024** via the CCCCC electronic bidding box <https://www.caribbeanclimate.org/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.


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# St. Ignatius RC girls & Wesley Methodist Upper boys win Belize City primary schools football championship

by William Ysaguirre

BELIZE CITY, Tues. Nov. 26, 2024

The St. Ignatius RC School girls and the Wesley Upper boys won the Belize City primary schools football championships organized by the National Sports Council at the Berger Field in Belize City on Tuesday afternoon, November 26.

In Game 1, the St. Ignatius girls triumphed, 4-0, over the St. Luke Methodist School girls with a brace each from Carmin Henry (3' & 10') and Ariane Chatam (23' & 29').

In Game 2, the Wesley Methodist Upper School boys won, 1-0, over Ebenezer Methodist School, in sudden death penalty shootout, after a 1-1 draw in regulation, with no goals scored in 10 minutes of overtime, and a 4-4 tie after 5 penalties each, Le'Rique Bowman (27') struck first for Ebenezer



St. Ignatius RC girls – Belize City 2024 Primary Schools Female Football Champions



Wesley Methodist boys – Belize City 2024 Primary School Male Football Champions



Wesley GK Debron Gonguez scored 6th and winning PK vs Ebenezer

Methodist, but pint-sized Kyrone Martinez (29') quickly equalized for Wesley Upper, sending the match into overtime.

In penalties, Khayri Martin, Kaylon McLaren, Paul Alvarez and Zaoylem Jones converted for Ebenezer; while Ebenezer's goalkeeper Zion Clarke stopped Wesley's first try. Ebenezer's 3rd kicker missed the goal completely, while Kyrone Martinez, Keifer Thurton, Raymond Amania and Jefferson Martinez converted for Wesley, tying the shootout at 4-4 each after 5 kicks each. The shootout then went into sudden death, and Malachi Baptist converted for Ebenezer, but so did Aiden Sho for Wesley. Wesley's goalkeeper Debron Gonguez then blocked Bowman's kick on Ebenezer's 7th try, and proceeded to score the winning penalty to clinch the championship win for Wesley.

Both champions and sub-champions advance to the Belize District championship finals to be held at Berger Field on Friday, November 29, when they will challenge the Belize Rural champions, the Our Lady of the Way RC School girls & boys from Ladyville, and the island champions (from San Pedro/Caye Caulker). The Belize District champions will then go on to represent at the National Primary Schools Football Championships to be organized by the National Sports Council and hosted by the Football Federation of Belize at the FFB Stadium and the Isidoro Beaton Stadium in Belmopan on Friday, December 6.

John Vergara; he converted from the penalty spot (85') for the 2-1 win.

Finals 1st leg match on Saturday, November 30:

Port Layola FC vs San Pedro Pirates at the Ambergris Stadium.

## San Pedro Pirates upset Verdes 3-2 in PLB semifinals

by William Ysaguirre

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Nov. 28, 2024

The San Pedro Pirates will challenge the defending champions, Port Layola FC, in the Premier League of Belize (PLB) 2024-25 Opening Season football finals, after a historic 3-2 upset of regular season standings leaders, Verdes FC, at the Marshalleck Stadium in Benque Viejo last Saturday night, November 23.

Verdes defender Darrel Myvett's attempt to deflect a pass from Pirates' Keydenshay Bowen (19') to Jaheim Mena sent the ball into the net for the dreaded auto-goal. Aldin Forman's header (36') finished off a corner kick by Jesse Smith to give the Pirates a 2-0 lead at the half.

Nahjib Guerra (58') came off the bench to narrow Verdes' deficit after the break, and the Colombian import Arles Balanta (90+4') finished a pass from Guerra into the box for the equalizer. This tied the aggregate score at 3-3 after a 1-

1 draw in the first semifinal on the island the week before, until the Pirates' Moises Hernandez (90+5') launched a long-range cruise missile from over 30 yards that sailed over goalkeeper Woodrow West, who was caught some distance out of his goal, and it screamed in just under the crossbar: 3-2 final.

Port Layola FC secured the home field advantage for the final with 2 wins, schooling Progresso FC, 2-1, at the Marion Jones Sports Complex on Sunday evening, November 24. The Sugar City squad came into the match



Moises Hernandez scored Pirates' 3rd and winning goal vs Verdes

desperate to reduce the deficit from their 4-2 loss the week before, and Harlan Cassanova's shot (44') beat goalkeeper Carlos Palacio, Jr. but was annulled as a handball.

Last year's Interdistrict MVP Curtis Valerio came off the bench for Port Layola to open the scoreboard (69') with a left-foot rocket into the top left pigeon-hole that left National Team goalie Charles Tillett frozen. The visitors were also reduced to 10 men when Trimayne Harris was ejected with a red card, but Progresso's

substitute Jonard Castillo (75') equalized, 1-1. Colombian import Andres Orozco would not be denied when he was fouled inside the goal area by Progresso defender





Berger United leads BTB U-13 Mundialito



Phoenix FC goalkeeper Ornell Rubio makes save vs Belize United

by William Ysaguirre

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Nov. 27, 2024

Undefeated Berger United is leading the 5th Hon. Anthony Mahler Under-13 Mundialito, sponsored by Belize Tourism Board (BTB) and organized by the Belize District Football Association (BDFA), enjoying their 3rd, 4th and 5th wins at the Berger Field in Belize City on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, November 22-24.

In Game 1 on Friday afternoon, Phoenix FC enjoyed their first win, 2-1, over Ebony Lake, with goals by Keifer Thurton (7') and Kyrie Pook (12'). Only Edgar Diaz (28') scored for Ebony Lake.

In Game 2, Breylin Middleton's brace (5' & 28') led Berger United to their 3rd win, 2-1, over the Ladyville Rising Stars, for whom Nigel Hulse (9') had equalized 1-1.

In Game 3, Gregory Harris (18') led the Reality Youths to their 2nd win, 1-0, over the Sampson/Brown Bombers.

In Game 4, the defending champions, Belize United enjoyed their first win (after 2 losses), 3-1, over Tut Bay, with goals by Aiden Simpson (1'), Jaime Dominguez (17') and Azaire Gaynair (21'). Only Asher Welch (24') scored a consolation goal for Tut Bay.

On Saturday morning in game 1, Belize United scored their 2nd win, 3-2, over Ebony Lake, led by Jaime Dominguez's brace (7' & 28') and a goal by Schae Gordon (35'). Edgar Diaz (4') and Angel

Giron (10') scored for Ebony Lake.

In Game 2, the Reality Youths posted their 3rd win, 2-0, over the Ladyville Rising Stars, with goals by Harry Barcelona (21') and Royaughn Rodriguez (29').

In Game 3, Cardinal Welch's hat trick (28', 32' & 35') led Berger United, as they marched over Tut Bay, 6-0! Other goals came from Breylin Middleton (10'), Adolfo Gomez (30') and Khayri Martin (34').

In Game 4, Darwin Hernandez (31') salvaged a 1-1 draw for Phoenix FC against the Sampson/Brown Bombers, for whom Krence Flowers (27') struck first.

On Sunday morning, Reality Youths split the points with Tut Bay FC in a scoreless draw.

In Game 2, Breylin Middleton's hat trick, (3', 7' & 11') led Berger United to their 5th win, 4-0, over the Sampson Brown Bombers, as Alden Forman (19') added a 4th goal.

In Game 3, Ralph Mendoza's brace (5' & 11') led Belize United to their 3rd win, 5-0, over Phoenix FC, with other goals by



Undefeated Berger United leads BTB U-13 Mundialito



Belize United – BTB U-13 Mundialito defending champion

Azaire Gaynair (27'), Jefferson Martinez (30') and Schae Gordon (31').

In Game 4, Akeem Eiley's hat trick (20', 24' & 32') led the Ladyville Rising Stars to their 3rd win, 7-0, over Ebony Lake, along with a brace from Kent Noralez (15' and a reverse header 30') and goals by Zayden Brown (7') and Frederick Garbutt (26').

Games on Saturday, November 30:

Tut Bay vs Ldv Rising Stars  
Sampson/Brown-B vs Belize United  
Berger United vs Ebony Lake  
Phoenix FC vs Reality Youths  
Games on Sunday, December 1:  
Berger United vs Phoenix FC  
Ebony Lake vs Tut Bay  
Belize United vs Reality Youths  
Ldv Rising Stars vs Sampson/Brown-B

Re: “Paradise lost? How cruise companies are ‘eating up’ the Bahamas”

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abundant fish, lobster and conch stocks are declining, and which have always been far, far greater than those in the Caribbean, thanks to its great barrier reef? The answer ain't blowing in any wind! Like in this article on tourism in the Bahamas, it is boldly staring every Belizean in the face.

When 60 years ago, the legendary George Cadle Price, Belize's first Prime Minister, standing on the

rostrum at every one of his political meetings in Belize City, thundered against the evils of tourism with this warning: “We in Belize must never become a nation of waiters! No! No! No!” - he was at his most prescient. George Price was no fool; and he did not want Belize to become like many of the Caribbean island states, a nation where an essentially foreign comprador capitalist class, in cahoots with ignorant politicians, sell the slow poison of tourism to a compliant

Belizean citizenry.

Yet, Price was later ignored, and Belize's cayes and pristine beauty spots are now doomed to be destroyed, despite protests to the contrary. Currently, they are tiered into an elite and privileged class, generally white and foreign, and then far, far below this are those facilitating and serving it, while contentedly collecting scraps and crumbs. O ma se o!

Once upon a time, some of our

cayes were partly owned by Belizean families; now they are being bought up by “hurry-come-up” strangers with the requisite dollars.

Read full article: Paradise lost? How cruise companies are ‘eating up’ the Bahamas

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# Ever-closer NW screwworm ...

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lauded that country’s prevention measures which led to the detection of the infected animal in this instance, and its prevention of the spread of the disease in their country. However, CEO Baeza explained that the greater concern is the illegal cattle trade. He shed some light on the movement of cattle in the region stating, “A lot of the cattle from Nicaragua comes through Honduras, goes through Guatemala, and then ends up in Mexico.” According to Baeza, even the majority of Belize’s cattle exports to Guatemala are believed to eventually end up in Mexico. He added that, while countries seem to have a handle on the controlled trade, it is the informal trade that is worrisome.

As a result of the discovery of the infected animal in Mexico, the United States temporarily closed its border with Mexico for cattle trade. Mexico has done the same with Guatemala. Baeza stated that if even one case of the NW screwworm were to be detected in Belize, Mexico would suspend cattle trade with us. Another great concern for our authorities is a possible decline in Guatemala’s demand for our cattle as a result of oversupply of beef due to the measures taken by the U.S. and Mexico.

CEO Baeza estimates that 85% of our cattle is exported to Guatemala informally, while the remaining 15% is exported to Mexico via legal, regulated trade through the northern border. The cattle on the hoof goes to one buyer, SuKarne. In total, Belize exports between 35,000 and 45,000 heads of cattle annually. The value of our cattle industry is estimated to be around \$90 million annually.

While Belize remains free of the NW screwworm, the pest, which deposits its larva into open wounds

or mucous of mammals, is getting closer. Baeza revealed that since mid-November, there were 13 official reported cases of the screwworm in Guatemala, and there is an unconfirmed report that there is one in Peten. More worrying, however, is that there may be more unreported and undetected cases. Baeza said that Guatemala is under-resourced, and has admitted to being overwhelmed when it comes to ensuring active surveillance and monitoring to avert an infestation. On Monday, officials from Belize and Guatemala met and discussed better collaboration to prevent the spread of the myiasis disease caused by the screwworm.

Belize’s agriculture authorities continue to work closely with OIRSA, the Belize Agricultural Health Authority (BAHA) and the Belize Livestock Producers Association (BLPA). As part of our prevention measures, all trucks returning from Guatemala are required to be sanitized. There are points of control in Bullet Tree, Cayo and in Jalacte, Toledo, as no animal is being allowed to enter Belize from Guatemala. In our case, Baeza admits too that “resources is always a challenge.” He added that, as it currently stands, he believes BAHA is stretched thin. The Government recently approved a supplementary appropriation for prevention work. He said it is not enough, but “we are doing everything we can with the resources that have been provided.” The USDA is also providing some funding through OIRSA, and Belize is receiving some of those resources. However, it is not significant, because Belize was far removed from the area where the initial infestation started in February this year in Panama and Costa Rica.

Cattle farmers are being asked to remain vigilant and treat all wounds on their cattle.

# Belisle family displeased...

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year-old David Ramnarace—has expressed frustration over the paucity of information they have been receiving on the progress of the case, which has been proceeding at a snail’s pace, with multiple adjournments and delays.

The Belisle family declined an interview; nonetheless, they mentioned in their statement that they are receiving updates on the case through media reports like everyone else. In the family’s statement, they deny a claim made by attorney Richard “Dickie” Bradley that the enhancement of the video footage of the shooting of the victims is something “they don’t want to do”. “Our family is not opposed to this,” they assert in the statement.

The shooting took place at Vivian’s and Jon’s residence on Belen Street in the Maya Mopan area of Belmopan while the couple had been socializing with David and his common-law wife, 28-year-old Yemi Alberto, who had also been wounded by the shooter, but unlike the other three victims, did not lose her life.

Jon and David Ramnarace had been outside of the residence when the gunman entered the yard, and proceeded to shoot them, killing them instantly. The shooter then went inside the home and fired shots at the two women before leaving the scene. The chilling incident was captured by security cameras.

After the shooting, police identified one of their own – former police constable Elmer Nah—as the suspected killer. He was initially charged with the double murder of the Ramnarace siblings, but when shooting victim Vivian Belisle Ramnarace passed away 16 days later, his charges were upgraded to three counts of murder (of Jon, David and Vivian Ramnarace), as well as attempted murder, use of deadly means of harm, and wounding charges in connection with the shooting of Yemi Alberto, David’s girlfriend.

At every appearance at the Magistrate’s Court in Belmopan, Nah has professed his innocence, and after almost two years, the case proper has still not gotten underway, because at the end of every session involving



Elmer Nah

preliminaries, the case has been adjourned until a later date, only to be then pushed back again until another date.

Earlier this year, the case was moved to the High Court following the presentation of arguments by Nah’s defense attorney that enhancements to the video footage of the shooting would reveal that Nah was not the gunman seen in the video. Nah’s attorney, Senior Counsel Godfrey Smith, has secured the services of an audio forensics firm in Los Angeles, California.

Smith told reporters that he had requested the original footage of the incident along with his client’s cell phone and other items that are currently in the possession of the police. However, at the most recent court appearance, he mentioned that the items that he requested hadn’t been submitted by the Crown. These items are now scheduled to be submitted on November 29.

The family is appealing for the office of the Department of Public Prosecution (DPP) to comply with the requirements of the court so that the case can proceed at a brisker pace and hopefully reach a just conclusion.

The date of the next court appearance is December 16.

(AMANDALA Ed. Note: A copy of the Belisle family’s statement appears on page 37 in this issue of *Amandala*.)

# “Sweet Bwai Caine”...

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of excessive passengers.

DeShield said he signaled to the driver to stop, and he entered the bus to make checks; and that’s when he saw many standees. He said that he then noticed a male who weighed about 200 pounds sitting in front of the driver’s seat, but the driver refused to park the bus, and sped forward.

But, according to DeShield, after the bus had passed Mile 1 and as the bus approached the Belize Flour Mill Ltd., a male person dressed in a yellow shirt, whom he identified as Evan Caine, looked at him and said, “You need to get off the bus.”

Caine then grabbed his hand and pushed him off the bus along with the help of another male he recognized to

be Ocean Blease.

This morning shortly before 10:00, Caine was transported to the court in a prison van and, at around 10:15 a.m., he was escorted into a courtroom where he appeared unrepresented, and was read a single charge of aggravated assault upon a traffic officer, 46-year-old Kenrick DeShield, in the course of his duties.

After the charge was read to him, Caine told the sitting Magistrate of Court #7, “I wahn plea guilty, Maam.”

Immediately, out of an abundance of caution, given that Caine was unrepresented, the sitting Magistrate asked Caine if he understood what is an assault.

Caine replied by indicating that he did understand.

That’s when the facts of the case

were read out to him; and after hearing the facts, Caine maintained his guilty plea.

During a subsequent mitigation process, the sitting Magistrate asked Caine what he wanted the court to take into consideration before a sentence was passed upon him, and he said, “I just want to get over this and get back home to care for my mom.”

The Magistrate then asked him if that’s all he wanted her to take into consideration, and then asked him if he was not apologetic for his actions, as she could observe no remorse in his statements or his behavior.

That’s when Caine said, “Well, if I have the opportunity to apologize to the officer I would, but he is not

present”.

The Magistrate then explained to Caine the serious nature of the offense, since DeShield is a public officer and was doing his duties; and before sentencing him, she told him that she would remand him pending sentencing, so that she could decide on an appropriate sentence to impose.

She also indicated that in the ensuing time before sentencing, she would have the court summon the traffic officer so he could be present in court and so Caine could apologize to him in person.

Caine was then remanded into custody at the Belize Central Prison until next Wednesday, December 4, 2024.

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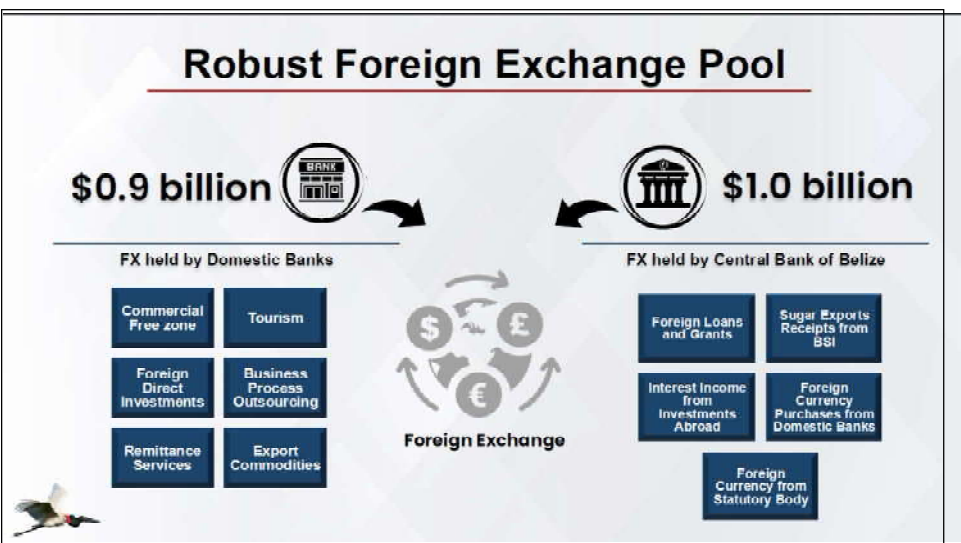
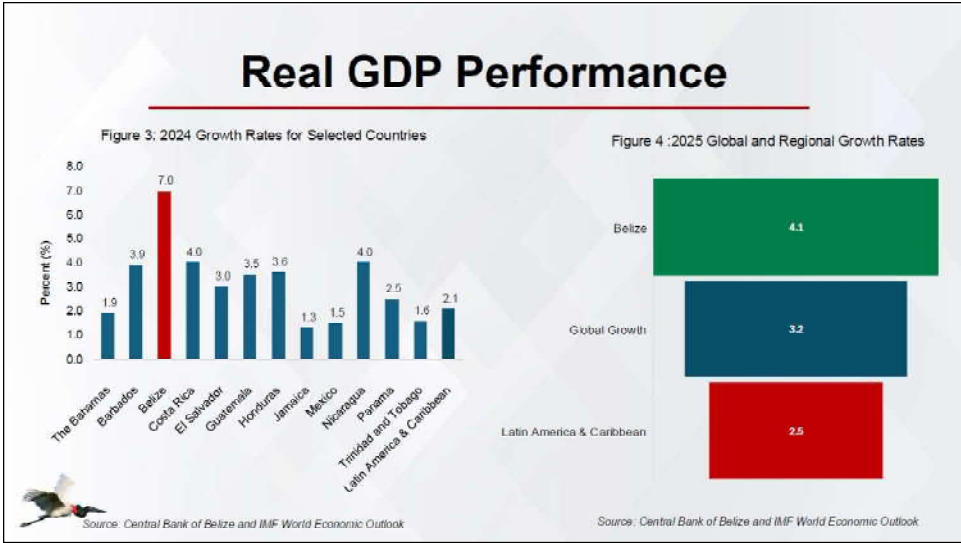
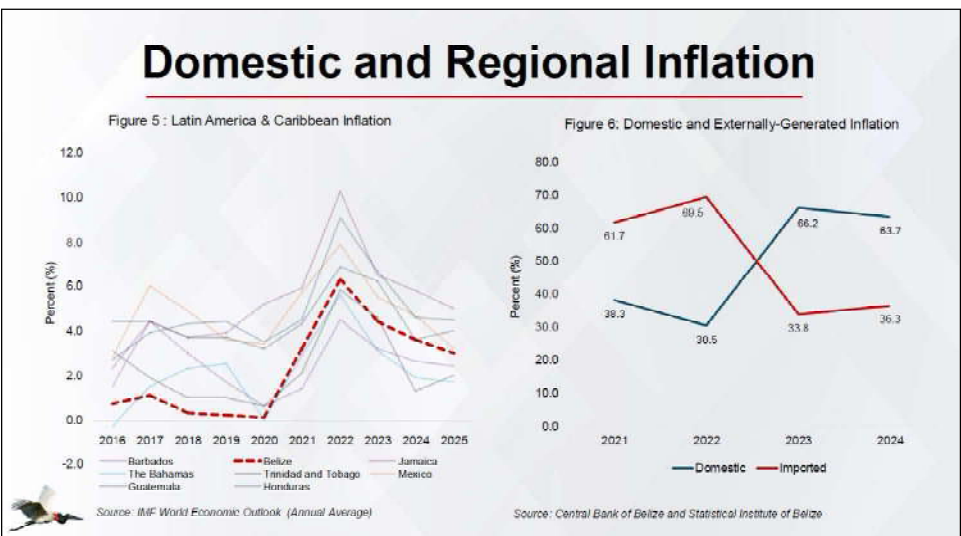
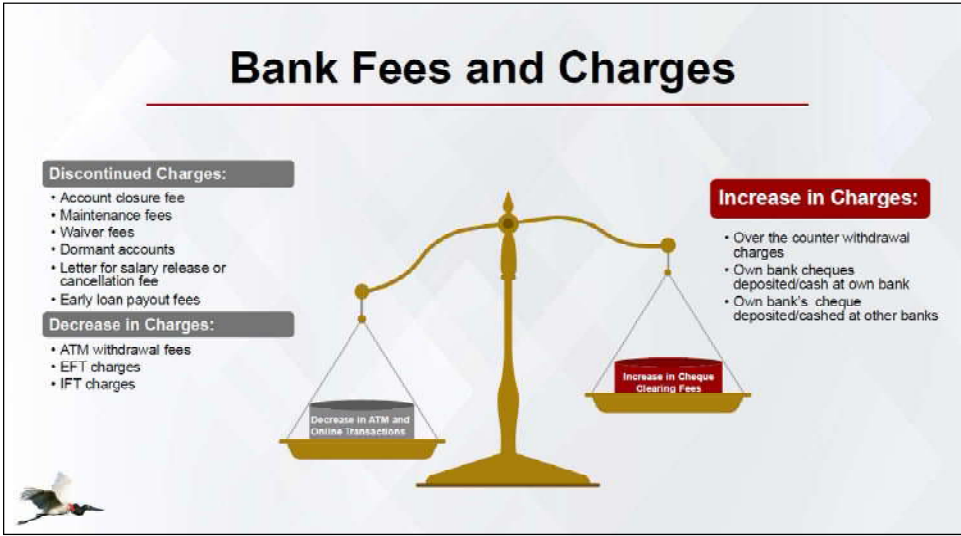
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# Belize's economy has bounced back!



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economy has fully recovered,” said Michael. In fact, he reported that the real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) per person in 2023 was at \$15,500, well over the projected \$13,500 if growth had continued on the path prior to the pandemic. Michael attributed the rebound in 2022 and 2023 primarily to the recovery of our tourism sector.

The Central Bank’s projection for Belize’s 2024 economic growth is a rate of 7%. This would be well above the IMF’s projected growth rate for Latin American and Caribbean countries, with the exception of Guyana, which is deemed an outlier due to its spectacular growth of over 40% linked to its recent oil discovery. For 2025, the projected growth rate for Belize is 4.1%, whereas the global average is expected to be around 3.2%.

When it comes to inflation, Michael shared that upward pressures on prices have weakened, and inflation is “trending downward.” He did admit, though, that despite real GDP growth and the increased minimum wage “which helped to raise income, rising costs have partially offset these income gains.” As a result, said Michael, Belizean households have had to trade-off to stretch their dollar in meeting their expenses. In 2023, the inflation rate had dropped to 3.6%, which Michael attributes in part to the “unwinding of supply chain disruptions” seen earlier in the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as ease in the “energy and commodity price pressures” from the Russia-Ukraine war. According to the available figures, the Central Bank notes that, whereas inflation was externally driven in 2021 and 2022, in 2023 it was an increase in the prices of domestically produced food items that accounted for the lion’s share (44%) of inflation.

The projection for 2025 is a further reduction of inflation to 3%. Michael did concede that perhaps the Statistical Institute of Belize (SIB), from whom they draw the inflation figures, ought to expand

the basket of goods and services used to determine its consumer price index, and perhaps include home prices and mortgage interest rates, which bite off a huge chunk of the disposable income of families. The Governor also cautioned that the impacts of climate-related events can also further drive up inflation.

**Domestic banks retaliated against the CBB’s attempt to drive down fees**

Today, Central Bank Governor Kareem Michael explained that the bank tried to do its part in assisting consumers through lowered transactional costs in the banking sector. “I’m sure the media is well familiar with this battle,” said Michael in reference to the negotiations that ensued when the Central Bank attempted to introduce Practice Direction 7 in 2023. In the subsequent negotiations that followed after a legal challenge was initiated by the commercial banks, it was agreed that all ATM fees would be capped at 25 cents, and there would be reduced fees for early pay-out of residential mortgages, among others. Michael agreed with the interpretation that the banks collectively retaliated by hiking fees for over-the-counter withdrawals and check clearings. When *Amandala* asked if the CBB has done an assessment to determine if the new fee changes imposed by the banks outweigh the benefits that resulted from its efforts to drive down banking fees, Michael responded, “The increases on this side should be less than the overall activity within the financial system, so, the way how online transactions have been growing -- and growing exponentially -- versus how many people still actually want to go into a bank and wait in line to do over the counter. And also, I think it is slowly sinking in within those people who are still using cheques that it is not the way to go. There are better ways to conduct financial transactions.”

**Room for improvement regarding**

**interest spreads**

During his remarks at today’s Central Bank press conference, Governor Michael also noted that there is room for improvement when it comes to the interest spreads for money lending, as well as the rate that commercial banks pay for deposits. He pointed out that there has been little change in this regard for more than 10 years. Imposing changes, however, would be challenging, according to Michael, who says that it is a reality faced by the banking sector in many small countries “that have similar market structures and macro environments that induce wider interest rate spreads.” He added, “In our case, I think the situation is compounded by the fact that our system is so small, having just four domestic commercial banks accounting for the lion’s share of the financial sector.”

**CBB reports robust foreign exchange reserves**

Another piece of good news shared by the Central Bank today was that its foreign exchange reserves remain robust, with 4 months of import cover or 1 billion dollars held by the Central Bank and another \$0.9 million held collectively by the domestic banks. Michael remarked that this is the highest our foreign exchange pool has ever been. Tourism, again, leads the charge with revenue from that sector up 11.6% or \$1.2 billion from January to September this year.

In the case of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), Michael informed that it is “very strong” for the first three quarters of the year at 44% or \$195.4 million. Remittances are at \$222.3 million, while our export revenue is listed at \$783.3 million and business process outsourcing at \$169.1 million. Loan disbursements account for \$149.4 million.

**Debt to GDP ratio still listed as 64% despite new loans**

Belize’s finance experts in Government, like Minister of State Chris

Coye and Financial Secretary Joseph Waight, reported previously that from as far back as 2022, our debt-to-GDP ratio had gone down to 64%. Debt-to-GDP ratio, as per a definition by *Investopedia*, is a metric which compares a country’s public debt to its GDP, and reliably indicates a country’s ability to repay its debts by comparing what it owes with what it produces.

With the signing of the Blue Bond in November 2021, our debt-to-GDP ratio was reduced by 12% from a sky-high 133% to about 121%. When the Statistical Institute of Belize implemented rebasing (updating the methodology used to estimate GDP) in the first half of 2022, Belize’s rate was reduced to a percentage in the 80’s range. Thereafter, we were told that, with the agreement of the Venezuelan government to shave off between BZ\$257 million and \$327 million from our PetroCaribe debt, our public debt had gone down to 64.1% in 2022. The international standard for sustainability is 60%. But almost two years later, our authorities are still citing the same figure for our debt-to-GDP ratio, despite new loans having been approved by the National Assembly.

Our question to Central Bank Governor Kareem Michael today, when he reported the 64% figure at the Central Bank press conference, was why the debt-to-GDP ratio has remained the same despite the new external debt. Among them has been the BZ\$90 million Saudi loan for the University Hospital (June 2023) and BZ\$14 million from the Inter-American Development Bank for fisheries (October 2023), among many others. Michael explained that, with the rebasing exercise, the denominator (GDP) was increased by 27%, plus about 4 years of good growth. That resulted in the denominator becoming bigger in comparison with the numerator (the debt). In that regard, Michael also pointed out that due to fiscal discipline there has been amortization (repayment of loans) that has reduced the debt.





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