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Bahamas In "Paradise Papers" Leak

BY AMAJAHL KNOWLES
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The Bahamas is among 19 countries highlighted in the "Paradise Papers", a data leak that has shed light on several questionable schemes regarding offshore finance throughout the world.

The Bahamas is one of the premier

financial centres that has a menu of financial structures that would be complimentary to any financial advisor involved in offshore financial services.

It is not unusual for the very wealthy to seek to shelter their assets from business competitors and people of ill-intent. It became a practice for the very wealthy to insulate their wealth by diversifying their holdings geographically and using a variety of

methods.

One source in the financial services sector said, "this is a global conspiracy to undermine confidence in international financial centres by selecting industry leaders in particular jurisdictions and destroying the reputations of those leaders and their companies."

The name "Paradise Papers" refers to a data breach of 13.4 million files of clients of the law firm Appleby in various jurisdictions,

including the Bahamas. Most of the documents – 6.8 million – relate to the law firm and corporate services providers that operated together in 10 jurisdictions under the name Appleby, a premier law firm based in Bermuda. Last year, the "fiduciary" arm of the business was the subject of a management buyout and it is now called Etera.

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► Progressive Liberal Party Chairman, Fred Mitchell (Journal file photo)

MITCHELL: MPs Salary Increase Won't Stop Corruption

BY LICEC BASTIAN
Journal Staff Writer

Progressive Liberal Party Chairman, Fred Mitchell, says that an increase in Members of Parliament (MP) salary will not deter corruption in public office.

Mr. Mitchell's statement came about as a result of Bain and Grant's Town MP Travis Robinson's statement that a salary increase for MP's would stem the corruption, and that there must be a balanced approach when he compared the MP's salary to that of janitorial salaries.

"One of his [PM Minnis] members of parliament, the youngest one got up and said you got to pay the salary because it's a janitorial salary and because this is going to stop corruption."

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MINISTER DAMES OPENS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ILLEGAL NUCLEAR ELEMENTS



► Minister of National Security the Hon. Marvin Dames speaks, on September 4, 2017, at the Official Opening Ceremony for a training course on Project STONE (Stop Trafficking Of Nuclear Elements), held at the Paul Farquharson Center, Police Headquarters, and organized by the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL), with the financial support of the Government of Canada. (BIS Photo/Eric Rose)

RBPF working to keep guns off the streets

BY ONIKE ARCHER
Journal Staff Writer

Owners of illegal Guns roam the streets of the Bahamas and the Royal Bahamas Police Force (RBPF) has been arduously working on getting these guns off the street.

Two males were taken into custody yesterday following the seizure of an illegal handgun over the weekend.

Acting on intelligence, Drug Enforcement Unit Officers went Gambier Village where they accosted two males who aroused their suspicion.

The two males were searched, as well as a Honda vehicle and found was a Taurus pistol with three rounds of ammunition. The two males were subsequently taken into custody.

Also, two adult females along with an adult male were taken into custody following the seizure of an illegal handgun in Andros yesterday.

Around 10:30am, officers assigned to the North Andros District, acting on intelligence, intercepted a Lancer Mitsubishi vehicle occupied by two females and a male in Red Bays, Andros.

The trio along with their

vehicle were searched and a MAC 10 full automatic sub-machine gun was found inside the vehicle. The three suspects were subsequently taken into custody.

Additionally, South Central Division officers also seized another handgun on the streets of New Providence yesterday.

Acting on intelligence conducted a search of an abandoned building located at Old Cedar Way, Yellow Elder Gardens, where they uncovered an Austrian Pistol with three rounds of ammunition.

No one was arrested for this seizure.

MITCHELL CALLS FOR DPM'S APOLOGY

BY LICEC BASTIAN
Journal Staff Writer

Progressive Liberal Party (PLP) Chairman, Fred Mitchell is calling on the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Peter Turnquest to publicly apologize for misleading the Bahamian people regarding the \$42 million Hurricane Relief funds that Mr. Turnquest said the Free National Movement (FNM) administration could not trace.

"He [Mr. Turnquest] needs to apologize to the House [of Assembly] for misleading the House and to the Bahamian public," Mr. Mitchell said.

The PLP Senator alluded to the fact that DPM Turnquest admitted that monies that he [Turnquest] had previously said was 'missing' or that the Minnis administration could not find was in fact, in the consolidated fund where the former administration said it was.

Mr. Mitchell explained that the finance minister, after being pressed by the media asked the reporters if he was "speaking Greek", when they asked him if there was still an ongoing investigation in the alleged missing \$42 million. It's right in the consolidated funds where they said it was'.

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Bahamas In "Paradise Papers" Leak

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Among the clients caught up in this data breach are prominent persons like Queen Elizabeth the second and the U.S Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross. Mr. Ross, a billionaire, now faces calls for his resignation in the United States.

The files set out the myriad of ways in which companies and individuals can avoid taxes allegedly using artificial structures. These schemes are legal if run correctly, but many appear not to be, according to the daily The Guardian in The United

Kingdom.

The leaks were obtained by the German newspaper Süddeutsche Zeitung.

Süddeutsche Zeitung shared the material with the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists, a US-based organization that coordinated the global collaboration. Süddeutsche Zeitung has not, and will not, discuss issues around sourcing.

There are also details from 19 corporate registries maintained by governments in secrecy jurisdictions – Antigua and Barbuda, Aruba,

Barbados, Bermuda, the Cayman Islands, the Cook Islands, Dominica, Grenada, Labuan, Lebanon, Malta, the Marshall Islands, St Kitts and

Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent, Samoa, Trinidad and Tobago, and Vanuatu.

The papers cover the period from 1950 to 2016.

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"Salary has nothing to do with corruption. You're either a good man or a bad man; a good woman or a bad woman, that's how that works, and money doesn't change whether you're good or bad," Mr. Mitchell said.

He further called for Robinson to apologize stating that his comments were insulting and out of line.

"That young man, who made that statement, the MP for Bain Town has to think again and really needs to apologize to the Bahamian public for that remark, because it's insulting and totally out of line," he said.

Supporting his party's leadership stance to stand aside on the promise made by Prime Minister Dr. Hubert Minnis to increase MP's salary, Mr. Mitchell said in a YouTube video that the announcement by Dr. Minnis was hypocritical, as Dr. Minnis himself rejected the idea of a pay raise only three years ago, when he was the opposition.

"As chairman of the PLP, I want to support the announcement made by the Honourable Philip Davis who indicated that the Progressive Liberal Party stands aside from this request or promise by the Prime Minister.

"It really is as the leader says, a matter of hypocrisy because three years ago, when the Progressive Liberal Party was trying to deal with benefits and allowances and not salaries, he got up and made the statement that as long as he is the leader of the FNM, he would not see a pay raise for members of parliament, because there was too much human suffering in The Bahamas," Mr. Mitchell said.

Alluding to another civilian that had recently given a 30-day-notice of termination at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Mitchell said that it's an act of cruelty for the Minnis administration to suggest pay increase for MP's when public servants are being dismissed.

"In the last six months since these folk have been in power, at least a dozen people have been dismissed from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in similar circumstances.

"It's a real act of cruelty across the public service. This has been the pattern of the Free National Movement, and in the face of that, this man has the temerity to get up and say that he is going to offer an increase to the Members of Parliament," Mr. Mitchell said.

"It's an act of hypocrisy and the PLP must stand aside from it," he said.

MITCHELL CALLS FOR DPM'S APOLOGY

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"The 'they' that he was referring to was the Progressive Liberal Party and that's a fact. We said it wasn't lost. He said that we diverted the money away from its purpose to pay for our campaign.

"That turned out to be a gross untruth; all along the money was right there," Mr. Mitchell said in the video on his website.

Mr. Mitchell further stated that what Mr. Turnquest stated in the House of Assembly

during his contribution to the budget "is not something the Minister of Finance should be saying".

Upon introducing the new budget to Parliament in May of this year, Mr. Turnquest said the new government upon coming to office met "the cupboard bare." This statement along with the fact that there was no agreement on the exact amount of the fiscal deficit between the Ministry of Finance and the Central Bank of the Bahamas caused confusion in the financial sector.



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Participants, organizers and stakeholders photographed on September 4, 2017, at the Official Opening Ceremony for a training course on Project STONE (Stop Trafficking Of Nuclear Elements), held at the Paul Farquharson Center, Police Headquarters, and organized by the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL), with the financial support of the Government of Canada. (BIS Photo/Eric Rose)

Minister Dames Opens International Conference on Illegal Nuclear Elements

Minister of National Security the Hon. Marvin Dames said, on September 4, 2017, that, on behalf of the Ministry of National Security, and by extension, the Government of The Bahamas, he took "immense pleasure" in welcoming international participants and organizers to the training course on Project STONE (Stop Trafficking Of Nuclear Elements).

"I am pleased to be at the opening of this training workshop, organized by the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL), with the financial support of the Government of Canada, to address the topic of stopping trafficking in nuclear

elements," Minister Dames said at the Official Opening Ceremony held at the Paul Farquharson Center, Police Headquarters.

"Project STONE is intended to improve the ability of The Bahamas and Jamaica to detect and interdict nuclear and other radiological materials, by strengthening capacities to safely monitor, identify, confiscate and establish regulatory control over unlawfully-held radiological materials," he added.

Minister Dames told the organizers and participants from Jamaica that he hoped that their time in The Bahamas would be both beneficial and enjoyable, as he

hoped that they could avail themselves of the opportunity to enjoy the country's cultural expressions.

He pointed out that the Government of The Bahamas recognized the importance of having INTERPOL as a strategic partner in its fight against transnational organized crime.

"Therefore, please allow me to convey my Government's sincerest appreciation to the team at INTERPOL, for convening and organizing this training workshop and for allowing us the opportunity to host it," Minister Dames said.

Minister Dames noted that, while globalization had expanded international trade

to the economic benefit of many countries around the world, all were quite aware that it had also diversified the range of organized crime activities that countries now face.

"This is a phenomenon that we have been, and we must continue to, confront head on," Minister Dames said. "We would only be able to effectively combat this broadening range of criminal activity through concerted, strategic and collaborative co-operation at a global level.

"INTERPOL plays an ever expanding and critical role in this battle."

Organized crime, Minister Dames said, had manifested

itself in different activities, including Drug Trafficking and Trafficking in Firearms; Trafficking in Human Beings; Smuggling of Migrants; Money Laundering; Cyber Crime; and Terrorism.

The global security landscape had shifted over the years and continues to do so as a consequence of "this dynamic and evolving world that we live in," Minister Dames noted.

"In the Caribbean Basin, the challenge of avoiding the scourge of the illicit trafficking, the associated laundering of funds, as well as other international criminal activities, is intensifying," Minister Dames said. "The

links between the trafficking of drugs, firearms, humans and other forms of organized crime, therefore calls for an integrated and co-operative approach to address the various areas of nexus."

While addressing participants, Minister Dames said that, as guardians of their respective citizens' safety and security, the goal is to develop and adopt viable and innovative strategies to the benefit of their "respective peoples."

The effective sharing of crime fighting initiatives and intelligence in this contracting global environment is a necessity, he noted.

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The Bahamas Agriculture & Marine Science Institute WEEKLY PRICE REPORT WEEK BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 25th, 2017

Wholesale Crop	Weight	Size	BAMSI		USDA-AMS		Retail Weight	BAMSI		USDA-AMS	
			Price	Price	HIGH	LOW		Price	HIGH	LOW	
Banana	40lbs		18.00		20.00	20.00	1lb.	0.49	0.72	0.49	
Papaya	10lbs		14.00		18.00	16.00	each	1.59	1.57	1.57	
Habanero Green	8lbs		16.00		15.00	12.00	1lb.	2.50	1.88	1.50	
Habanero Orange	8lbs		40.00		15.00	12.00	1lb.	5.50	1.88	1.50	
Okra							1lb.	3.00	N/A	N/A	

Wholesale Prices Weight	Weight	Price
Whole Chicken	40lbs	28.36
Leg Quarters	40lbs	66.04

Retail Prices Weight	Weight	Price
10lbs	8.49	
10lbs	19.24	

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UB Becomes Home for Let's Swim Bahamas

BY ONIKE ARCHER
Journal Staff Writer

It is important that all Bahamian Children know how to swim. So an organization called Let's Swim Bahamas plans to teach Bahamians how to swim. Ending their competitive swim training, Coaches Andy and Nancy Knowles launched Let's Swim Bahamas at The University of The Bahamas (UB) yesterday.

Former competitive swimmer, Olympian and now former competitive swim coach Andy Knowles has taken part in the competitive world of swimming for 50 years and now he is ready to use his talent in other ways.

Speaking with The Bahama Journal, Mr. Knowles said, "God gives you grace for your seasons in life and I've done the competitive stuff for 50 years and it was becoming more of a burden after going to one thousand swim meets, going to the Olympics seven times."

Although witnessing the

works with kids he has trained over the years and having the ability to see their growth as a competitive swimmer, many competing in Carifta and the Olympics, Mr. Knowles stated that he and his wife realized their true passion was teaching kids how to swim.

"When we started Let's Swim Bahamas, we just realized our passion was switching so much to this. It brings us a lot of satisfaction, a lot of joy just working with the kids and teaching them to swim."

Andy and Nancy Knowles first witnessed the Let's Swim Program in Australia and instantly, it sparked inspiration for the married couple to start a similar program in The Bahamas.

"When we saw the whole thing work so well in Australia, we thought to ourselves, we can really do that here at home," Mr. Knowles said.

The Knowles' have tried for several years to find a home for the Let's Swim Bahamas programme, but have been unable to lock

down a stable home base until now.

Mr. Knowles informed this Journal that they have tried pools at Lyford Cay International School, St. Andrews School, South Beach Swimming Pools, St. Anne's High School and Doctor's Hospital Pool on Blake Road. Now UB has proven to be the ideal location with five primary schools surrounding nearby.

Let's Swim Bahamas will officially start in January 2018 with its primary focus on grades five and six and have secured five thousand primary school students with the help of The Government through the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Sports, Youth and Culture.

The first five schools included in the Swim programme are Woodcock Primary on January 8th, Eva Hilton Primary on January 22nd, Albury Sayle on February 5th, TG Glover on March 5th and Stephen Dillet on April 9th.

President of UB, Dr. Rodney Smith speaking on the importance of the swim



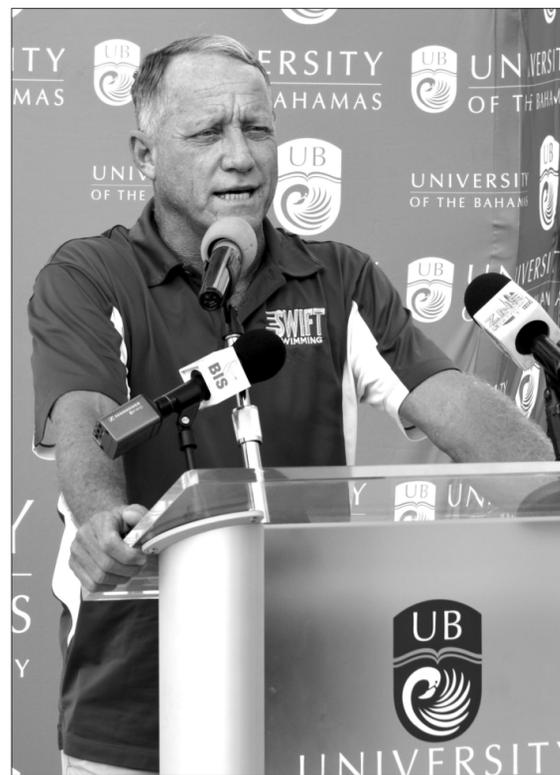
▶ Refurbished UB pool at the Oakes Field Campus.

programme at UB told the Journal, "I think it's extremely important for Bahamian children to learn how to swim."

He continued, "The wealth of our country is in the marine resources. The majority of our country is in the water; over one hundred square miles of ocean, so I think in terms of our future, it's going to lie within the ocean, so all children need to learn how to swim."

Referencing students at UB, Dr. Smith said, "I would like to see all University of The Bahamas students learn how to swim as well. In fact we want to be sure that they learn how to swim."

Kimberley Rolle, Director of University Athletics added that the pool is in perfect shape now and unlike before, it now has a heater for the colder months, which will be a tremendous boost for the student-athlete population, as it will greatly help with rehabilitative efforts.



▶ Andy Knowles of Let's Swim Bahamas speaks about the importance of increasing the numbers of swimmers in the country.



▶ Official photo showcases UB, Let's Swim Bahamas and Ministry of Education officials as well as the mascots for the UB Mingoos and Let's Swim Bahamas.

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"Initiatives such as this when managed efficiently would enhance the capacity of the National Central Bureaus (NCBs) in the Caribbean region, through the provision of timely INTERPOL support to law enforcement investigations, offering training for police forces, and promoting regional operations in different crime areas," Minister Dames said.

Minister Dames noted that, in Resolution 1540 (2004), the United Nations Security Council decided that all States shall refrain from providing any form of support to non-State actors that attempt to develop, acquire, manufacture, possess, transport, transfer or use nuclear, chemical or biological weapons and their means of delivery, in particular for terrorist purposes.

He said that the resolution

requires all States to adopt and enforce appropriate laws to that effect, as well as other effective measures to prevent the proliferation of those weapons and their means of delivery to non-State actors, in particular for terrorist purposes.

"The CARICOM-UNSCR 1540 implementation initiative, was the first such effort in any region to collectively implement a non-proliferation mandate, demonstrating CARICOM's understanding of the urgency of the threat of chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) proliferation and the need to pool resources in facing this present challenge," Minister Dames said.

He noted that terrorists exploit gaps in security. All in the Caribbean, Minister Dames said, must continue to do their part in strengthening global regime for protecting the nuclear materials that terrorists desire for their ultimate

weapon.

"There is a consensus among international leaders that the threat of nuclear terrorism is real. Nuclear terrorism is one of the most serious threats to global security and stability," he said. "It is also preventable with more aggressive action."

Minister Dames pointed out that some terrorist groups have demonstrated interest in using a nuclear device.

"Terrorists do not need to steal a nuclear weapon and it is quite possible to make an improvised nuclear device from highly enriched uranium or plutonium being used for civilian purposes," Minister Dames said. "And, there is a black market in such materials. Further, the existence of well-established human and drug trafficking networks, as well as a high volume of container-based trade, could be exploited to move nuclear, biological and chemical-related materials."

He stated that a terrorist nuclear explosion could kill hundreds of thousands, create billions of dollars in damages and undermine the global economy.

"Former Secretary General Kofi Annan of the United Nations said that an act of nuclear terrorism 'would thrust tens of millions of people into dire poverty' and create 'a second death toll throughout the developing world,'" Minister Dames said.

In a region still struggling with issues of drug smuggling, organized crime, and corruption, Minister Dames noted, the implementation of UNSCR 1540 had often taken a subordinate role to other more pressing concerns.

"However, in recent years leaders in the region have begun to recognize that full implementation of UNSCR 1540 would likely have positive spillover effects for the capacity of their domestic systems

to deal with problems related to those pressing issues such as securing borders and enforcing anti-smuggling laws," Minister Dames said. "Regional organizations have also recognized this approach and have linked the implementation of UNSCR 1540 with overall capacity-building aimed at increasing development."

Minister Dames told participants he noted that they had a very full and diverse range of agenda items to cover over the next five days.

"This speaks in part to the complexity of the challenges with which we are faced and the absolute need for us to take a multidisciplinary approach in addressing these challenges," he said. "Once again I trust that you find the workshop very informative and that you return to your respective workplaces better prepared to play your part in stopping the trafficking of nuclear elements."

Smith's Duplicity—Bacon's Countless Court Absences

We covered the start of this war with articles describing the battle over easement rights, the mysterious burning of a home, the blocks to rebuilding, and countless questionable court filings. This series of articles asks the needed questions and presents the arguments in full.

Fred Smith, Save The Bays Director and attorney, is hypocritically up in arms over fashion mogul Peter Nygard's application (submitted by attorney Damian Gomez) to be excused from court appearances, despite the fact that hedge-fund billionaire Louis Moore Bacon is absent from all court cases he has launched in The Bahamas.

A recent *Tribune* article "Supreme Court Judge To Give Ruling On Nygard's Absence" reported, "Fred Smith, QC, lead counsel for the Save The Bays (STB), objected to Mr Gomez's application on the grounds that acceding to it would be prejudicial to STB."

The article says this about the response from Mr. Nygard's attorney:

"Mr Gomez also submitted that given the circumstances, Mr Nygard's absence and consequent application can cause no prejudice to STB. He said he was 'at a loss' about STB's claims on the matter."

Mr. Gomez has to be at a loss over Fred Smith's hypocritical objections when every court case involving Louis Bacon is taking place without Louis Bacon being present.

Yet, the article explains, "Mr Smith insisted on STB's opposition of his [Nygard's] excusal application."

Bacon has brought cases against people for contempt of court and has never shown up in court for any of these cases. He has brought lawsuits against several individuals and hasn't shown up for them. Fred Smith and Louis Bacon's cohort of attorneys have the Bahamian Courts tied up in numerous cases involving Louis Bacon or organizations with which he is associated, like Save The Bays and the Coalition To Save Clifton. Many of these cases have been ongoing and will go into next year.

Even though the principle of having the right to face your accusers in court generally applies to criminal prosecutions, it can't be right for one person to launch countless court cases in a country he is not even a citizen of and then absent himself from every court proceeding, insinuating that every individual accused in court of offense against Louis Bacon has no right to confront him in court.

In essence, what's going on is that Fred Smith insists that no one else be allowed to be

THE CLIFTON REVIEW

By P. J. Malone

The Clifton Review is a bi-weekly column that examines the question of the Clifton project along with the evolution of the war between two billionaires, the links to unsavory characters, the use of the courts for personal agendas, the involvement of the Government opposition party (the FNM), and the attacks on the Government of The Bahamas.

absent from court. Yet, Louis Moore Bacon, a non-Bahamian, is pumping millions of dollars into the pockets of attorneys in The Bahamas like Fred Smith and others, to oppose whoever he likes while absent; and in the mean time requiring the Bahamian people to foot the bill for the hundreds of court hours and court officer salaries.

How fair is that?

And don't forget why: Because Louis Bacon is financially supporting Save The Bays campaign against one man for doing all of the same things Fred Smith himself has done, the Lyford Cay association has done, and Louis Moore Bacon has done.

Think about it. That is the campaign the Bahamian people are funding with millions of dollars of taxpayer monies paying court officials salaries so Louis Bacon can run his 'destroy-at-all-cost' campaign against Peter Nygard no matter the cost to the Bahamian people.

There is really something wrong with this picture.

Further, the one man who is the source of Bacon's contempt, Peter Nygard, is finding himself having to constantly defend himself in the courts against the unfair attacks by Save The Bays and Louis Bacon.

The *Tribune* article reported what Fred Smith is deviously declaring: "The Supreme Court is not a 'see-saw' that Mr Nygard can merely 'pivot' on when he sees fit."

So what is Fred Smith suggesting? That Save The Bays and Louis Bacon have the right to use the Bahamian courts as they see fit but no one else? No one has that right, but only one group is constantly seen as doing it.

Well, know this Fred Smith. The Bahamas is not a donkey that Louis Bacon can ride endlessly. Don't be surprised when that donkey turns around and kicks him for attempting to constantly take advantage of the Bahamian people and our court system to enact his ridiculous hatred of Peter Nygard.

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RESCUING THEM

I speak not to disprove what Brutus spoke,
But here I am to speak what I do know.
You all did love him once, not without cause.
What cause withholds you then to mourn for him?
O judgment! Thou art fled to brutish beasts,
And men have lost their reason. Bear with me.
My heart is in the coffin there with Caesar,
And I must pause till it come back to me.

Mark Anthony's Funeral Oration
—William Shakespeare

Believe it or not: Today's deeply challenged Bahamas has become that kind of feral place where pillage, mind-games and rip-off have become the means whereby many of our people now make their way in the world.

Regrettably, this way of getting over will – when the chips are down – lead to that dread place where we shall all pay a dear price for our shared neglect of values that once upon a time provided the glue which once upon a time bound us together.

As the immortal William Shakespeare once put it so pithily: Why judgment thou art fled to brutish beasts—and men have lost their reason!

And so today, we explore a thesis where the main claim we make suggests that: If we care for others as we care for ourselves, we would also make a major contribution to making the Bahamas a more beloved community of loving, caring family, neighbors and friends.

In this regard, then, we suggest that we have reached that crucial point where we are obliged to take full stuck of the fact that not only are now facing a congeries of crises; but that, we are also caught – as it were – teetering on the edge of a major financial meltdown at the level of the state itself.

Simply put, we just do not have available the money we need to buy all of the services we believe that we must have if we are to continue to live at that level which has become a comfort zone for tens of thousands of our fellow-Bahamians.

Alas! There is also that OTHER REALITY where thousands of our people now wallow in a despond of poverty; live in and under conditions that are deplorable—AND CLEARLY – most of these places are bad news gone to bed for an untold number of children who – through no fault of their own- have to struggle with both pollution and poverty. In addition,

some of these children learn early o'clock that you keep whatever you can hold.

And thus that nastiest of realities where some youth are encouraged to rip-off whomever whenever and however; thus that apparently never-ending supply of youth on their way to either sudden death on the streets or on occasion, straight to jail where they are further abused by a system that neither validates them nor see fit to give them a second chance.

In truth, these young people need someone or the other to throw them a life-line.

Here we might also note that, in addition to the lost youth, we also have a situation where an untold number of elders and seniors – especially those who are both indigent and ill – are currently being served up cruelly piled upon cruelty; neglect laced with even more neglect – and when it is also said and done many of these people are being ripped off, bamboozled, run amok as some of their own kin toss them into this or that poorly-run so-called OLD-FOLKS' HOME!

And thus, we now have an unholy mess of human suffering, troubles and horrors all rolled into one very nasty ball of the nastiest of confusions.

But yet, were we to sit back and listen to this or that newly minted men and women who are now 'dedicating' themselves to the so-called 'people' we would become – as it were – aghast at the continuing mismatch between what they are saying and the very little that they are doing!

This is so very sad!

And for sure, this deep sadness is today exacerbated by the fact, that some of the people who are out-there and who are now facing and dancing to the malignity inherent in being hungry and unemployed and therefore both sad and angry beyond words are – inch by inch – crawling to that point where they are thinking about how – despite the odds stacked against them – they can 'get over'.

And then and therewith, some of the most desperate decide that – come hell or high water – they will get rich quick or die trying!

This is truly amazing!

The sum of the matter remains that: We owe our supposedly sanctified selves far better than the rot we have cooked up in the last few days, weeks, months and years.



► **One Bahamas Church Service at Ebenezer Methodist Church in Honour of Centenarian Sir Durward Knowles** -- A One Bahamas Church Service was held at Ebenezer Methodist Church on Sunday, November 5, 2017 honouring the life and accomplishments of Bahamian Olympian, legendary sailor, and community benefactor Sir Durward Knowles, who celebrated his 100th birthday on Thursday. Representatives of many sectors of national life attended the service, including Governor General Her Excellency Dame Marguerite Pindling. Photos show Sir Durward greeting the Governor General inside the church and waving to First Bahamas Sea Scouts, assisted by his son, Randy; his daughter, Charlotte, gave remarks -- among notable speakers from religious, civic, athletic, and diplomatic corps areas of the society. (BIS Photos/Raymond A. Bethel, Sr.)

WOMEN'S RIGHTS ACTIVIST PRAISES IMMIGRATION DECISION

BY AMAJHL KNOWLES
Journal Staff Writer

Leading Women's Rights Activist and Director of Equality Bahamas Alicia Wallace said she considers the decision by the government to amend the Immigration Act a step in the right direction.

She says that she does not consider Prime Minister Dr. Hubert Minnis' decision to change legislation to allow Bahamian women the right to grant citizenship to their children a victory, but a consolation prize.

Last week the Prime Minister

made the announcement that his administration's intends to amend the immigration act to allow all Bahamian women the right to automatically transfer citizenship to their children regardless of where they are born.

This decision goes counter to the result of the 2016 gender equality referendum.

On the surface it seems like a victory for persons that have been campaigning for gender equality in the country, but this Journal spoke with Ms. Wallace who said it's anything but a victory.

"Is this a win in my eyes? No, it is more of a consolation prize. It might be necessary to move us in the direction we want to go on terms of gender equality and giving children of Bahamian women the same access to citizenship as Bahamian men

"It is important to note that the constitution is supreme law; that's why we went straight to the constitution to try to enshrine these rights and that people are safe and are in a position where they are depending on legislation for a right to citizenship," Ms. Wallace said.

Wallace also noted the fact that

description of the prime minister's announcement has been incorrect.

"The vote is not being overturned, The Prime Minister is not talking about making changes to the constitution against the will of the people. He is talking about making changes to legislation," Ms. Wallace said.

While saying there is nothing to celebrate yet, she adds that it is a small step in the right direction.

"It is a good thing to see the Prime Minister taking the initiative to make necessary changes despite the outcome of the referendum which we know is a result of a variety of

things. It's good to see the possibility of us moving forward and providing people with opportunity to have access to citizenship if they were born to a Bahamian mother," Ms. Wallace said.

In the June 8th gender equality referendum, the electorate was asked whether they would support Bahamian women being afforded the same right as their male counterparts.

The first of four questions in the vote - was overwhelmingly rejected. Of 83,271 total votes cast for this question, 32,249 people voted 'yes' while 51,022 voted 'no'.

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Evangelistic Temple's Women's Ministries Conference - 2017

If ever there was a time for the people of God – the women of God in particular – to be **“RELEASED”** supernaturally to do the work of God, it is now! **“Released”** is the theme of this year's Women After The Heart Of God conference. The conference, organized annually by the Women's Ministries of Evangelistic Temple, begins on Wednesday, November 8, and runs through Saturday, November 11. Sessions will be held at 7:30 p.m. week-nights, and will climax at 8 a.m. on Saturday, November 11, with a Prayer Breakfast. All sessions will be held at the Evangelistic Temple on Collins Avenue.

Guest speakers over the course of the four days, are spirit-filled and spirit-led ministers who are uniquely gifted to help women unlock and release the powers God has made available to them:

On Wednesday, November 8, Dr. Jasmin Turner-Dareus will speak for the topic **“Released to Prophecy,”** with Ezekiel 37:1-4 as her scriptural reference;

On Thursday, November 9, Dr. Judy L. Smith will speak on **“Released to Obey,”** with her scripture reference taken from Ezekiel 37:5-8;

On Friday November 10, Reverend Eileen Johnson will address the topic **“Released And Quicken in the Spirit;”** her scriptural reference will be Ezekiel 37:9-10; and

At the Prayer Breakfast on Saturday November 11, Apostle Brenda Pratt will speak on **“Released and Positioned,”** with Ezekiel 37: 11- 14 as her scriptural reference.

The Conference promises to be life-changing. And the change is urgently needed. In The Bahamas and around the

world, people – women – are in a desperate and dark place. God's Spirit is seeking to penetrate the spiritual darkness that is prevalent in society and even in much of the Church. As Ezekiel walked among the dead bones he saw very clearly that there was no life in them at all and that they had been dead for a very long time. The extreme dryness spoke primarily of Israel's spiritual bankruptcy as a nation, but it is a bankruptcy still obvious today in our nation and even in much of the church. But God has said that the Holy Spirit will use the Word of God to penetrate the spiritual deadness in the souls of men and women.

“Released” promises just that: emancipation from lawlessness, sin, and powerlessness, as we commit to walking hand in hand with God.

As in previous years, all conference sessions are free, with the exception of the Prayer Breakfast which requires a small donation of \$5. Attendees will also be given the opportunity to register for the conference with a seed of \$25, which will earn them a beautiful, frequently sought-after gift packet.

Min. Vernita Lopez, President of the Women's Ministries of Evangelistic Temple, urges all women from every walk of life and denomination to participate in this powerful transformative conference. She says it is her belief that God Almighty has already provided and placed on the inside of every born-again believer the power to walk in the miraculous and supernatural. It is up to us to **“RELEASE”** the power.

She says, with infant and child-care services available for children up to age 9, there is no excuse for any woman to stay at home. So prepare yourselves for this life transforming event, come, received and be **“RELEASED.”**