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# Shared Sacrifice



► Deputy Leader of the DNA, Arinthia Komolafe (**Journal file photo**)

**"A Budget of Misery", Says DNA**

BY LICEC BASTIAN  
*Journal Staff Writer*

The Democratic National Alliance (DNA) has lashed out at the government stating that the new budget is one of misery for the poor and that the Free National Movement's administration decision to consult is a little too late.

Deputy Leader of the DNA, Arinthia Komolafe in a statement yesterday said that the 2018/2019 Budget presented is a "Landmark budget of hardship" that lacks evidence of economic growth, presented to an economy too fragile for the proposed revenue measures, and stated that the "government must go back to the drawing board".

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**Finance Minister Says Gaming Houses Causing Hardship**

BY BERTHONY McDERMOTT

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Peter Turnquest says Gaming Houses have resulted in significant hardship, particularly to the family islands.

The Minister told members of the House yesterday that since the legalization of gaming houses, around some \$3 billion dollars have been gambled and that it is estimated that these business persons are making anywhere between \$50- \$60

BY JAMEELHA MISSICK  
*Journal Staff Writer*

**D**ebate on the 2018/2019 budget off to a fiery start yesterday, as Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, K. Peter Turnquest, sought to give what he called the unfiltered truth; the "unsugared" reality of the country's finances that led to the painful decision to increase value added tax (VAT) to 12 per cent. He said the government's immediate actions are

designed to provide this period of shared sacrifice.

Reiterating a case made during his communication last Wednesday, the DPM went to great lengths to separate the Minnis administration from the previous Christie government, who he has repeatedly chastised for being clueless on planning and reckless in spending, having racked up a staggering debt of \$2.6 billion, stagnating the economy for its full five years in office.

"They talk a good game indeed, but miserably fail to score when it counts," he said.

"They're still trying to talk

a good game while in opposition, but they're reputation for failure weighs them down, and their pronouncements are simply the void of meaning," he added.

"And then without any shame, after taking in the people's value added tax revenue, and making the debt and the deficit exponentially larger and leaving a mountain of bills behind, they have the temerity, the gall, to be outraged that this administration is actually cleaning up the mess that they made of our fiscal situation."

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► Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, K. Peter Turnquest (**Journal file photo**)

## RETIRED SUPT. OF POLICE ELAINE SANDS PRESENTED A COPY OF HER BOOK TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL



► Retired Superintendent of Police, Elaine Sands (centre left), along with support group, presented Governor General Her Excellency Dame Marguerite Pindling (centre) with her book entitled '7 Tips to Enlighten and Empower Those Living in an Abusive Relationship - Victims of Abuse Booklet.' The presentation took place on Monday, June 4, 2018 at Government House. (**BIS Photo/Derek Smith**)

## MP PAY INCREASE NOT AN OPTION

BY LEAH COOPER  
*Journal Staff Writer*

Pay raises for members of parliament will not be a priority this fiscal year, according to Deputy Prime Minister Peter Turnquest.

Just last November, Prime Minister Dr. Hubert Minnis promised in the House of Assembly that he will push for a pay increase for members of parliament in the next budget.

Minister of Works Desmond Bannister also commended the prime minister at the time, describing Dr. Minnis' actions as "courageous" and "long overdue".

The government flipped the script this time around as Mr. Turnquest confirmed that a pay raise will not be considered.

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**Body Found Floating In Abaco Waters**

BY LICEC BASTIAN  
*Journal Staff Writer*

they discovered the body of a male floating in waters".

The body of a man was found floating in waters near the Sandy Point Government Dock in Abaco yesterday morning.

Police on the island are now investigating the circumstances surrounding this discovery that was made shortly before 10am Wednesday.

Police in Northern Bahamas were called to an area near the Sandy Point Government Dock, where

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**PUBLIC NOTICE****THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE****CATERING OF MEALS FOR THE ROYAL BAHAMAS POLICE FORCE  
NEW PROVIDENCE - FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2018/19**

The Government of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas, through the Ministry of Finance invites Tenders for the **CATERING OF MEALS** for the Fiscal year 2018/19 for the Royal Bahamas Police Force Detainees – New Providence..

All interested persons/companies are invited to collect the Tender Document which includes product specifications between the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday; beginning June 4 2018:

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Bids must be deposited in the Tender's box bearing no identity of the bidder at the Ministry of Finance, Cecil Wallace-Whitfield Centre, West Bay Street, Nassau, Bahamas, no later than 9:30 a.m. on or before Tuesday, June 19 2018.

Bidders or their designated representatives are invited to be present for the Tender opening on Tuesday June 19 2018 when the Tenders Board meets at 10:00 a.m.

The Ministry of Finance reserves the right to reject any or all tenders.

Financial Secretary

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Despite what's being said, Mr. Turnquest, insists the decisions made in the 2018/2019 budget were not made lightly or without painstaking analysis and deliberations.

"The government believe it or not, did not take the easy way out, increasing taxes is not the easy way out," Turnquest

said.

"We were faced with a set of extraordinary circumstances, and we chose to act responsibly to pursue every available option we had, even the unpopular ones."

"I just want to put that out there, Mr. Speaker, ours is a government of action done in a transparent, accountable and responsible way."

The government has given

itself three years to get its fiscal house in order, namely eliminating the deficit and reducing its debt.

Failure to do so, said the DPM, would lead to a quickening crawl towards a fiscal point of no return.

The government's confident that at the end of its measures, it would be in a position to give back to Bahamians in 2019 and even more so in 2020/2021.

## "A BUDGET OF MISERY", SAYS DNA

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"The level of disrespect displayed by the Government in not consulting with stakeholders and the Bahamian people in the devising of the 2018/19 budget is unacceptable. This action is unbecoming of a government that professes its commitment to accountability and transparency.

"The uproar, anxiety and backlash created by this ill-advised approach to governance was avoidable.

"An attempt to consult after the conclusion of drafting of the budget, demonstrates a lack of appreciation for the importance of collaboration and a disregard for stakeholders," Mrs. Komalafe said.

The statement on behalf of the DNA further said that it is clear that the FNM administration has no plan for growing the Bahamian economy.

"In the absence of a plan, the current administration while in opposition took positions for political expediency, without regard for their ability to deliver if they were successful at the general election.

After just one year in office and the tabling of what they termed "the people's budget", the danger of electing individuals without a plan is apparent for all to see.

"The proposed budget has the fingerprints of international rating agencies and

multilateral agencies; it is those people's budget," Mrs Komalafe said.

"The FNM government must note that the Bahamian economy remains fragile, unemployment figures remain in double digits in New Providence and Grand Bahama.

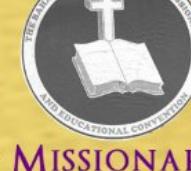
"Despite liquidity within the banking system being approximately two billion dollars (\$2B) dollars, individuals and business owners are either unable or unwilling to access capital," she said.

Mrs. Komalafe stated that from the DNA's perspective, the proposed budget is for the haves and not the have nots.

"This budget is indeed the people's budget of misery as the poor will become poorer amidst rising prices in oil, food, energy and services.

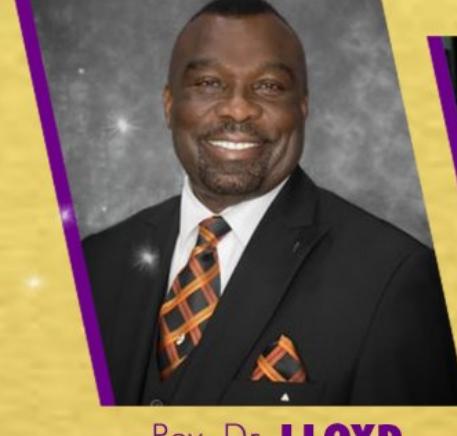
"The services industry which account for more than 60 per cent of Gross Domestic Product will be the biggest victim in this latest assault on the middle class to cripple the Bahamian economy in a vile attempt to rectify their collective sins of the past.

"The Minister of Finance described the budget as a landmark and transformational budget. We submit that this is a landmark budget of hardship with the potential to transform the lives of Bahamians for the worse," Mrs. Komalafe said.

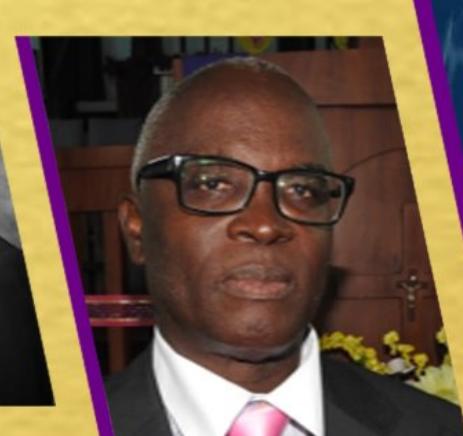
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**AMBASSADOR OF EL SALVADOR PRESENTED LETTERS OF CREDENCE TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL**

Her Excellency Sandra Geraldine Alvarado, Non-Resident Ambassador-Designate of the Republic of El Salvador to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, presented Letters of Credence to Governor General Her Excellency Dame Marguerite Pindling (pictured, left, during presentation) during a brief ceremony at Government House on Wednesday, May 30, 2018. (BIS Photos/Letisha Henderson)



## Probe of Fatal Plane Crash Underway

BY BERTHONY MCDERMOTT  
*Journal Staff Writer*

A team of three investigators from the Air Accident Investigation Department went to Rock Sound, Eleuthera yesterday to investigate a deadly plane crash that has left three male U.S citizens dead.

The aircraft was on its way to Fort Pierce Florida Tuesday when it crashed shortly after take off, bursting into flames.

Chief Investigator of the Air Accident Investigation Department Delvin Major told the Journal today that upon arrival to

the crash site the fire was still active.

He said, "today it was still smoldering; the fire truck had to come back out and put out some hot spots and we did not do too much today, but tomorrow we are hoping that with better conditions, we will be able to go through and start moving pieces and try to document what was not destroyed in the crash."

Mr. Major said that the manufacturers of the aircraft and the engine will be joining them in the probe.

The plan is to assist the manufacturers of the aircraft and engine to determine the cause of the crash.

## Finance Minister Says Gaming Houses Causing Hardship

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"The rates in other countries could go from 25 per cent all the way to 80 per cent that the State takes from the operator.

"The taxation on gaming houses is about creating equity and recognizing that the state has a burden as a result of this activity.

"This is to ensure that the state and the operator will participate on an equitable basis," said Mr. Turnquest.

The Finance Minister In the Budget Communication last Wednesday explained

that gaming houses that make revenues up to \$20 million will be taxed at a rate of 20 per cent; those that make between \$20 million and \$40 million will be taxed at a rate of 25 per cent; those that make between \$40 million and \$60 million at a rate of 30 per cent; those making between \$60 million and \$80 million at a rate of 35 per cent; those making between \$80 million and \$100 million at a rate of 40 per cent; and the gaming houses bringing in more than \$100 million at 50 per cent.

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The finance minister also indicated that there are no plans for the next three years to raise salaries.

Member of Parliament for Garden Hills Brensil Rolle remained loyal to the government's decision, as he implied that his views on the matter were not important.

He said, "I couldn't have an opinion, because my party and my government have spoken for me already."

With the upcoming raise on Value Added Tax (VAT), Labour Minister Dion Foulkes thought that economic growth should be the focus with regard to the budget at this time.

He said, "I think until there is a substantial increase in terms of economic activity, I think that MPs salaries should remain what they are."

The government announced the VAT increase from 7.5 per cent to 12 per cent last week in the House of Assembly.

This is expected to take effect July 1st of this year.

## Body Found Floating In Abaco Waters

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It is reported that on Tuesday, shortly before 8:00pm, officers acting on information and in possession of a search warrant, went to a residence in High Rock, Marsh Harbor, Abaco, where they searched the

home and discovered two plastic bags of suspected marijuana and two plastic bags of suspected marijuana seeds.

The two females were arrested and are expected to be arraigned before the Magistrate Court later this week.

## SPOTLIGHT ON BAIN GRANTS TOWN

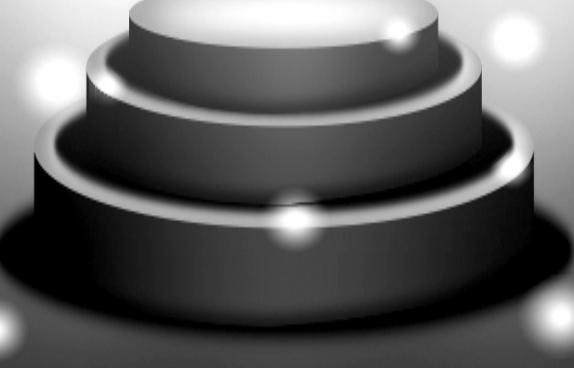
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# BAHAMAS FLAG DAY PARADE TO HERALD AND HIGHLIGHT BAHAMAS INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS IN S FLORIDA

• *Bahamians in S. Florida get ready to celebrate the country's 45th Anniversary of Independence*

**FORT LAUDERDALE, FL** – The First ever Bahamas Flag Day Parade in South Florida, will highlight a myriad of activities being planned by the local Bahamian community to celebrate the country's 45th Anniversary of Independence, July 10th.

The Flag Day Parade is set to take place June 7th with a caravan of cars that will parade through the streets from the BB&T Center, Sunrise, to Markham Park, 16001 W. State Road 84, in Sunrise, Florida, where

a Bahamas Independence Picnic and Fun Day will take place beginning 11:00 a.m.

The Parade and Picnic are only a few of the activities that are being planned by a Bahamas Independence Committee headed by The Bahamas Consulate General's Office for Florida. In addition to some Consulate staff members, the committee also includes representatives from The Bahamas Ministry of Tourism, Florida; Bahamasair, the National Association of The

Bahamas, The Bahamian American Federation of South Florida, and local Bahamians representing the leadership of churches, Bahamian organizations and businesses.

Although The Bahamas Flag Day is expected to be one of the top featured events, it will be preceded by a Bahamas 'Junkanoo in June' night, on Friday, June 29th at West Park, Florida, 3501 SW 56th Avenue. The Junkanoo in June event will be the jump start to the month long events in July, and will set the pace for the

cultural smorgasbord of events that will include Bahamian music, enter-

tainment, dance, art and the country's authentic cuisine.

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## GOV'T SECURES HURRICANE INSURANCE

BY JAMEELHA MISSICK  
*Journal Staff Writer*

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, K.

Peter Turnquest, announced in The House of Assembly yesterday the Minnis administration's move to secure insurance in the event

of significant damage from future hurricanes through the Caribbean Catastrophic Risk Insurance Facility (CCRIIF).

According to the DPM,

this coverage would cost \$3.4 million dollars.

"CCRIIF has provided new coverage for government infrastructure, based on three

island segments in order to cater to our unique archipelagic nation.

"So what they've done is that we were able to convince them that we should separate The Bahamas into three zones.

"The southern zone which is very sparsely populated, does not have a lot of public infrastructure, the central part which includes New Providence, that has a lot of infrastructure, and then the northern part which includes Abaco, Grand Bahama, and Bimini which has slightly less than what we have here in the capital."

The DPM added that the previous administration canceled the country's coverage with CCRIIF which he says deprived the country of a significant pay out for related

hurricane matters.

"Rather than trying to renegotiate the policy as we have done, they canceled it wholesale."

"Rather than going to CCRIIP and saying 'hey, this doesn't work for us, give us a program that works,' they took it out, and left us exposed."

"This program that we have negotiated with CCRIIP gives us the best possible coverage and the opportunity for return if in fact the country encounters an unthinkable, catastrophic event," said the Minister.

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## PM Cautions Public On Labour Day Tragedy

BY LEAH COOPER  
*Journal Staff Writer*

Prime Minister Dr. Hubert Minnis yesterday advised members of the public not to engage in "idle speculation" and rumors with regard to the Labour Day tragedy.

This stemmed from stories circulating on social media which suggested that driver Travis Sawyer irresponsibly left his vehicle unattended, resulting in the death of 4 women and injury of 24.

The prime minister also said that the public must be guided by "the rule of law and fairness".

He also assured that the result of the investigation will be reported and appropriate action will be taken.

Members of the House of Assembly observed a moment of silence for the victims of the Labour Day parade with Prime Minister Minnis echoing his condolences and words of encouragement to the bereaved families.

Dr. Minnis added that the government will continue offering support and care to all individuals in need of assistance.

He said, "As our union leaders and workers demonstrated during the march, we are one people united in

love. We remain united in this time of tragedy and suffering."

He added, "May God bring consolation to the bereaved at this time and may He continue to bless our Bahamas."

Trade union leaders have since urged the government to ban vehicles from the parade.

Minister of Labour Dion Foulkes said that he intends to leave this decision to the unions.

The National Congress Trade Union Bahamas (NCTUB) planned a candlelight vigil at the site of the accident this Friday at 7pm.

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# The Rough Cut

By Felix F. Bethel

## “...God don’t sleep...”

Police said one of the men pointed a gun at the officers.

The officers, being in fear for their lives, shot the armed man.

The man was taken to hospital where he died.

Police said they received information that the suspects were spotted in the area of McCullough Corner and proceeded there, where they encountered two men fitting the description of the suspects.

Police said one of the men pointed a gun at the officers.

The officers, being in fear for their lives, shot the armed man, police said.

The man was taken to hospital where he died.

Police said the second suspect fled.

A .40 pistol was recovered at the scene, according to police.

One woman retorted: -- “I get the news from my sister. I was home in the east. My sister called me crying, saying I must hurry up come.

“I said, ‘Hurry up come for what?’

“She said they just killed D, they just killed D.

“My baby boy started screaming, screaming. When I reached around here, it was a lot of people in the road saying police just [shot] my child for nothing.”

“Then the next one jumped out [of the vehicle]. When they search him, they ain’t find nothing.

“I was watching them and couple of my [friends who were] down there who could see them too, [were] looking.

“When I watched them, they searched him, then [the officer pulled] out his gun, he pushed him off and he [shot] him up.”

And then, the woman [as tears welled up in her eyes] vowed: -- “If it takes [my last] cent for me to get [my] justice, I will get it with [my last] cent, and God will be on my side with this. God don’t sleep. I leave it in God’s hand.”

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Evans’ uncle, Johnny Lee, said the young man had gone around the corner to return something to the shop for his aunt and to call his cousin because they were scheduled to go to a job where they decorate and set up for functions.

“We ain’t taking this one easy,” Johnny Lee said.

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The officers, being in fear for their lives, shot the armed man.

The man was taken to hospital where he died.

“We ain’t stopping with this. This one going straight to justice. We going full ahead with this. If it takes our last dollar, we [will] spend our last dollar. We [are] going to spend our money. We [aren’t] stopping with that.”

This incident marks the eighth person shot and killed by police for the year.

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**Police shot and killed a man on Independence Drive on May 19 after he reportedly opened fire on them.**

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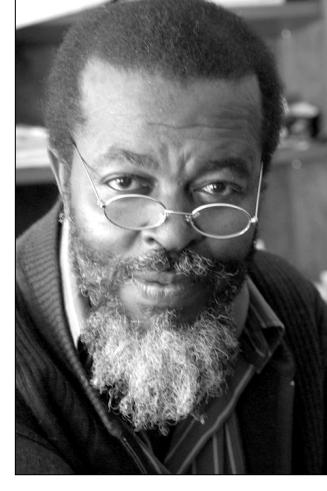
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As tears welled up in her eyes she insisted: -- “...God don’t sleep. I leave it in God’s hand...”

Lee, a mother of three, said she got the call early yesterday that her son was killed.

One man, who asked to remain anonymous, claimed he witnessed the incident.

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And yet, I say to you, my beloved brothers and sisters, please be reminded: ---- God don’t sleep!

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## EDITORIAL

# THAT BLOODY BEAT

As debate continues on that matter concerning the current administration’s volte face on the value added tax, so does the carnage on some of this island’s meanest of mean streets!

And for sure, there are all those other related stories concerning crime on the foot in places like Abaco and Grand Bahama - and clearly too, all those other slickly executed offences such as those which come packaged in with the trafficking of both drugs and people on the move.

Interestingly, therefore: -- Whether we trek northward to Freeport, Grand Bahama or whether we go to Inagua and Mayaguana in the southernmost quadrant of this archipelago, we find that there is everywhere a looming sense that things are somehow or the other not quite right; that we are not quite right and that [if the whole truth be told] we are also losing our way in a brave new wickedly nasty world.

It also quite in order to note that: -- When all else fails, the police can be expected to do what they always do: They round up the cars; they round up the drivers of the said cars; and thereafter, they drive into this or that crime-ridden, dope-addled community.

Once done with this exercise, they are matched – sometimes in a matter of minutes – with a well-choreographed display of policemen-on-the-foot, all doing their accustomed walkabout thing.

This they do because they are told by their commanding officers to do as they have been commanded --- and so they walk about.

As one clichéd message from police public relations routinely frames the issue: -- Officers went to Engleston, Bain Town, Kemp Road, Pinewood and Nassau Village...

As the police usually explain, “... We are flooding those areas with patrol cars. We gave our officers specific instructions to identify prolific offenders, those who are on bail for murder and other serious crimes. They will check and see what they are doing, paying them a visit to ensure they are on the straight and narrow. They will also look out for those persons who they suspect are

mixed up in crime. We believe that increased police presence in these different communities can assist in reducing the fear of crime...

But pray tell, of what use are these sentiments and beliefs in a day and in a time when the carnage continues and where young Black men now tire of life itself and where so very many of them now live in Dionysian frenzy of sex, drugs, orgiastic excesses, rampant misogyny and above all, where so very many of them know that, men just like them are intent on killing them.

And of course, when – as police report after bloody police report routinely confess: Police officers sometimes kill this or that ‘suspect’ attests: -- Whether inch by deadly inch or -- for that matter -- death by way of that final thundered report heard not by them but by neighbors, family and friends who know then know that, another dead dude is dead somewhere in the ghetto.

This is precisely why we sometimes have to wonder about some of those truly trivial things that [evidently] matter so very much to most of us.

At the top of that list of minor matters that apparently matter far too much would be for us to find out why so very many of our people seem to care so much about whether this or that basketball team in the United States of America is worth ‘pulling for’ or ‘pulling against.’

And of course, we would really, really want to know who so very many of our people seem to care so little when this or that supposedly pastoral and religious one is found out and thereafter revealed for the scoundrel he has always been; whether he happens to pedophile, pederast, child-molester or some other kind of dastardly pervert.

The fact of the matter is that we often wonder whether the men and women who routinely get away with the crimes they commit understand that, there is a connection between crimes – as committed in the suites – and crimes and criminals that are located on so very many this nation’s meanest streets.



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NO BETTER READING

# BTC Celebrates with 13 Achievers at Doris Johnson



## PUBLIC NOTICE

### THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE

#### CATERING OF MEALS FOR THE DETENTION CENTER -DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION - FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2018/19

The Government of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas, through the Ministry of Finance invites Tenders for the **CATERING OF MEALS** for the Fiscal year 2018/19 for the Detention Center, Department of Immigration.

All interested persons/companies are invited to collect the Tender Document which includes product specifications between the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday; beginning June 4 2018:

MINISTRY OF FINANCE  
SIR CECIL WALLACE-WHITFIELD CENTRE,  
WEST BAY STREET CABLE BEACH  
NASSAU, BAHAMAS

The tender Document must be completed in accordance with the instructions therein: - The original, along with three (3) copies of the completed proposal in English must be placed in sealed envelopes clearly marked "Tender Document for the "CATERING OF MEALS-DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION"

Bids must be deposited in the Tender's box bearing no identity of the bidder at the Ministry of Finance, Cecil Wallace-Whitfield Centre, West Bay Street, Nassau, Bahamas, no later than 9:30 a.m. on or before Tuesday, June 19 2018.

Bidders or their designated representatives are invited to be present for the Tender opening on Tuesday June 19 2018 when the Tenders Board meets at 10:00 a.m.

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Financial Secretary

As the school year comes to a close, thirteen students from Doris Johnson Senior High School were rewarded for their achievements. Last year, BTC pledged its support to the Student of the Month program where it recognized the outstanding achievements of students.

The program recognizes students at various academic levels that have demonstrated a commitment to academic growth and social development. Monthly, one student from the tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grade level is selected as the BTC Student of the Month. Each deserving student receives a \$100 cash prize along with a mobile device from BTC.

Principal, James Clarke

said this program has had a positive effect on the school since its inception in September 2017. Principal Clarke said, "So far we have seen where collectively our students have improved their GPA straight across the board from grades ten through grade twelve."

Being a star student is not easy, but these students pushed passed the odds and today are celebrated. For some of the students, this reward from BTC affords them their first device. Tenth grader, Kadeisha Adderley, said she struggled with her GPA due to distraction from peers. Kadeisha said, "When I changed my circle and my crowd I got a 3.42!"

Public Relations

Manager, Indira Collie said, "BTC became involved with the Doris Johnson Student of the Month program over a year ago. The aim of the program was to encourage academic growth at all levels, and seeks to reward those who are conscientiously making an effort to improve. We are proud to celebrate with all of the students. This effort again demonstrates the positive effects of partnering with the community."

BTC remains committed to youth empowerment and development. The company continues to encourage academic growth by rewarding individuals such as these, who make the necessary sacrifices to be successful in school.

## “SEAWORD-ALIV”

Aliv leading in support and sponsorship for yet another Bahamian event as they are the title sponsors for Creative Nassau's "Seawards Bahamas". The organization is launching a festival dedicated to promoting writing as an art form, profession, and an industry with the power to bring valuable diversification to the Bahamian economy.

With Aliv being the title sponsor of the three-day event, Chief Aliv Commercial Officer Gravette Brown says that the company believes that the festival is an innovative and progressive move in the direction of educating and bringing awareness to all aspects of the literary world in the Bahamas. She says, "at ALIV we believe there is a natural interplay between technology and Arts. We have a long history of successful collaboration with other artistic communities and now we are happy to move into this partnership with the literary arts."

Ms. Brown sets the record that Aliv is so much than just a phone provider. "We consistently stress that ALIV is more than a phone company, but rather a diverse, ever evolving entity dedicated to fostering meaningful experiences and pioneering

ground-breaking technology," she said.

ALIV has not only been dominating in the telecommunications aspect, but they have been leaving their mark by being open to supporting most if not all Bahamian festivities and events.

Creative Nassau and ALIV has set the event to take place from Nov 9-11 at the Atlantis hotel, the festival's proud Platinum Sponsor. ALIV has great promotions where those who would like to attend, can get free tickets and other prizes and surprises, including cellphones and instant number porting for those interested in being a part of the ALIV family.

Diamond sponsor, Sunshine Insurance's representative Paul Mcweeny says that the Sunshine Group of Companies wishes to maintain a strong foothold in society and always supports Bahamian and their initiatives.

Patricia Clinton-Meicholas, vice-president of Creative Nassau says that despite not always getting support from corporate companies, they never hesitate to reach out to Sunshine Group of Companies and they are most thankful to both ALIV and Sunshine Group of Companies.

## Fidelity Bank Apprenticeship Program



Across The Fidelity Group, we are driven by a clear purpose – making a positive difference in the lives of our colleagues so they can make a positive difference in the lives of customers and in the communities we serve! Therefore, in keeping with our guiding principles, and in support of our continued growth, we are seeking to attract PHDs to join our team. Job applicants who are Passionate, Highly Motivated & Driven to Succeed and wish to become Banking and Finance Apprentices should apply.

What can Participants in our Apprenticeship Program expect and what will they be doing?

We have a reputation for being a training bank. So naturally, we will be providing great personal and professional development with the opportunity to advance to supervisory and managerial positions in an accelerated program.

We will help participants to develop an in-depth knowledge of our products, services and processes; enhancing their communication, leadership, and people skills.

Our Apprenticeship Program is comprised as follows:

- One year in Deposit Administration, Business Development, and Customer Service
- One year in Loan Administration and Lending
- One year in Operations, Compliance, and Special Projects

To service our customers while being trained, coached and mentored requires that participants in our Apprenticeship Program can work flexible hours in any of our branches in New Providence, Freeport or Marsh Harbour, and are available to work on Saturdays as required. Fidelity offers Saturday Banking at most of its branches.

**FIDELITY**  
*We're good for you!*

We hire for attitude and potential, then train for skills. So what skills and qualifications will participants need? Because our training is extensive, participants will not need any previous experience in Banking or Finance. However, to succeed in this program requires that you already possess the following attributes:

- Ability to persevere and commit to a three (3) year program
- Ability to learn quickly in a fast paced environment
- Ability to receive constructive feedback
- Giving "EXTRA", with a passion for providing exceptional customer service
- Professional in demeanor, deportment, and dress
- High ethical standards in your work and personal life
- A passion for sales and solicitation in a strong sales culture

Additionally participants will need to possess either of the following qualifications:

- Bachelor's Degree with a GPA of 3.0 or above or
- An Associate's Degree with a GPA of 3.0 or above, and four (4) BGCSEs with a 'C' grade or above or
- A High School Diploma with a GPA of 2.8 or above, and four (4) BGCSEs with a 'C' grade or above and five (5) years working experience in any capacity

Participants will be assessed on a quarterly basis and must meet all the requirements of the program to be retained in the Apprenticeship Program. Come Grow With Us! Because at Fidelity "We're Good For You!"

**PLEASE SUBMIT RESUME AND TRANSCRIPT BEFORE: April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

### HUMAN RESOURCES

Re: Apprentice Program

51 Frederick Street | P.O. Box N-4853 | Nassau | F: 328.1108

[careers@fidelitybahamas.com](mailto:careers@fidelitybahamas.com)



► Essay contest winners are pictured standing with President of Templeton World Charity Foundation, Dr. Andrew Serazin. The winners are: R'yanna Wilson, Sadie Curtis Primary School - 1st Place Primary Division (centre); Danielle Saunders, St. Augustine's College - 1st Place Junior Division (left); and K'Shura Hanna, Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Academy - 1st Place Senior Division (Overall Winner - Highest Scoring Essay). (**BIS Photos/Raymond A. Bethel, Sr.**)

# EDUCATION MINISTER URGES

## Essay contest winners to be humble, thankful and do their best

BY KATHRYN CAMPBELL

Minister of Education, the Hon. Jeffrey Lloyd honed in the message of humility, thankfulness and always doing your best at the closing ceremony of the Laws of Life Essay Competition.

Some 2000 entries were submitted by primary, junior and senior high students in the 2018 competition now in its tenth year since its reintroduction to The Bahamas. The competition is organized by the Templeton World Charity Foundation and the Ministry of Education.

This year marks the first time a video contest was introduced to the competition. Entries were received in group or individual categories.

Teachers, parents, and well-wishers attended the event. They were entertained by Queen's College Choir and Aquinas College Pop Band.

"If there is ever a prayer from your lips, it

is thank you. Always thank your parents, thank your teachers, thank those things that do not go right because it is a set up for the things that are coming to you; thank this charitable foundation, thank Sir John Templeton, thank the Ministry of Education, thank the Commonwealth of The Bahamas. Be thankful at all times," said Minister Lloyd.

In his appeal to the students to exercise humility, he reminded them of one of the Beatitudes ... "Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom...." Life isn't about you; life is about life and you are the instrument of its magnificence."

Moreover, Minister Lloyd encouraged the students to do their best in everything. "Always do your best. The most important worship in life is to be your best," he stated.

Minister Lloyd extended appreciation to the committee, the judges and the Foundation.

He said, "This is a magnanimous task but it also speaks to what this Foundation means

and has meant to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas. We're grateful to them and grateful for them."

Video contest winners:

**Aneka Minnis, Charisma Minnis**  
(Queen's College) and Jurusha Munroe  
(St. Anne's) - 1st Place.

**Kathleen Mendoza**

(St. Francis de Sales School) - 2nd Place.

Grace Turner, Samia Rampersaud (Bishop Michael Eldon School) - 3rd Place.

**Michael Miller (Genesis Academy)** - Honourable Mention.

**Grade 11, C. C. Sweeting Senior High School** - Honourable Mention.



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ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT  
ROYAL BAHAMAS POLICE FORCE  
POLICE HEADQUARTERS  
FREEPORT, GRAND BAHAMA  
BAHAMAS

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