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Bahamian Entertainer K.B (Kirkland Bodie) (Journal File Photo)
MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND HOME OFFICE CONSULTS PEOPLE ON RECYCLING EFFORTS

Minister of Environment and Housing, Romuald Ferreira, yesterday spoke of the need to cease the use of plastic in the country with a target date set for sometime in the year 2020.

Mr. Ferreira told attendees of a town meeting that it is estimated by 2050 that there will be more plastic in the ocean than fish if the country continues to use plastic and Styrofoam products.

He said, “Our government has decided that this is the best course of action. To prevent plastic from entering the ocean using a two prong bifurcated approach.”

The first on the list would be to ban the use of plastic and Styrofoam like take-out food containers, for example. The second would be to introduce generational change to the way landfill is operated in the country.

The minister advised the audience that this plastic ban will be “the fight” for this generation.

He also urged them to rise to the occasion so that this is “an urgent and pressing situation.”

Since the Plastic Ban 2020 initiative launched back in April, the minister said that his team has been working with great care and perseverance having engagements with the private sector.

He said that some of the needs that they discovered through their discussions was the need for alternative options concerning plastic and Styrofoam products and the need for financial incentives.

“Nothing in environment works unless the money is right. It is the economics behind it. So, in order for this plastic ban to work, we understand that the economics has to be right. ” he said.

He added, “On the other hand, there are some things that are bigger than economics. Some issues are larger or as large as life itself and threaten our very existence, and the time has come for us to make that decision on what is important to us.”

He also urged the audience to think of the legacy they wish to leave behind for future generations, and encouraged the country to support and fully participate in the initiative.
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responding to an article in yesterday’s Tribune. “What a complete and utter waste of police and prosecution time.”

Not to mention the fact that the Director of Public Prosecutions is supposed to be an independent creature. We look forward then to the specific directions being gazetted according to the law that the Free National Movement has now passed and brought into force,” said the Senator in a press statement.

The statement said, “the problem for us is that on what we see, no offense is disclosed. This is a simple social media war between two people on ‘you say and I say’.

That reference to the DPP is designed to intimidate PLP partisans in their social media warfare against FNM threats and constant attempts to defame the PLP and its leaders. It is shameful and nakedly political. Nothing more; nothing less.

“If however, the FNM persists in this folly, the PLP has a litany of complaints against FNM trolls on line and Save the PLP, all engaged in nakedly political warfare against FNM, the FNM shut down the investigation in their own interest and funding. We are prepared to inform the Director of Public Prosecutions as well about our suspicions so that there is balance in his investigations,” said Mr. Mitchell.

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Please submit resume and transcript before: April 20th, 2018

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Fidelity Bank Apprenticeship Program

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Minnis asks Church to Help Build a Better Bahamas

Prime Minister, Dr. the Hon. Hubert A. Minnis said that his vision and mission is to provide opportunities for residents to experience a better Bahamas. He was addressing the 36th Annual Convention of Calvary Deliverance Church on Sunday, July 22, 2018.

The church celebrated under the theme: “The Year of New Beginnings, Revelations, Declarations & Manifestations – The Year to Live and Not Die.”

The Prime Minister told the church that its theme is very timely as it evokes “the God of new beginnings, the God of rebirth and restoration.”

“Dear Brothers and Sisters, I ask for your prayers and your help as we work together to build a country committed to a greater Culture of Life, with more hope and opportunity for more of our people,” the Prime Minister said.

He noted that the late Pope John Paul II often spoke about the Culture of Life and the Culture of Death.

“He spoke of the need for the Church and the State to collaborate in the promotion of a Culture of Life, and to work together to address the attitudes and practices which give rise to a Culture of Death,” the Prime Minister said.

According to the Prime Minister, the dignity of every human being, made in the image and likeness of God, must be a shared and fundamental value for both Church and State.

“When we defend or uphold human dignity we promote a Culture of Life. We are all brothers and sisters and equal in the sight of Almighty God,” he said.

In this vein, he said that the fight and struggle for equity throughout history is essential to promoting and building a Culture of Life.

The Prime Minister also shared his vision for and mission for the country which is “to promote a greater Culture of Life by greatly expanding access to opportunity and hope for more Bahamians.”

He added: “I want more of our young people to realize their dreams and to develop their talents.”

According to the Prime Minister, access to quality education and training is fundamental in building a more prosperous and...
**Economic Shockwaves**

Since the year 2000, the Bahamas economy has been subjected to significant economic shocks from economic sources – some notable ones being the 9/11 incident in the United States, the global financial crisis of 2008, and the COVID-19 pandemic. These shocks have had a profound impact on the Bahamian economy and its ability to generate growth.

**NEW REALITIES**

By Godfrey Eneas

The Economic Challenge of the 21st Century For The Bahamas: What Is It?

The Inter-American Development Bank and the World Bank currently consider violence and insecurity to be the major obstacles to development. In health terms, intentional violence is the first cause of death in many countries of the region and it is estimated that there are 120,000 homicides a year.

In the year 2000, the Americas suffered the loss or transcendence of 14.2% of gross national product (GNP) — US$ 1.6 billion — because of violence. Moreover, 1.9% of the American economy is lost in human capital, an amount equivalent to the region’s total expenditures on primary education.

Additionally, 30 to 60% of all emergency visits to hospitals are due to violence. About 60% of all violent acts, whether murder, child abuse, family abuse, assaults, or blemishes, are associated with the consumption of alcohol. This is astounding.

And yet, it is also known that Prime Minister the Hon. Dr. Hubert A. Minnis has declared as follows — if it was up to him, people convicted of murder would be hanged without any remonstration on his behalf. The fact of the matter is — this bloody matter is not up to him.

Thank God for all the comfort and all his blessed assurances!

What is particularly salient in this regard has to do with how we define the term violence when it becomes ourselves an all-way-keen definitions to that mad man’s land where vengeance [and thus also vendetta] is the order of the day.

Now let’s be clear: — As all right-thinking Bahamians know so very well, matters gen- eral to man and order, inclusive of criminal proceeding, are subject to the ministrations of the judicial system.

This is precisely why we are obliged to con- clude that violence and its punitive re- lation of hanging is simply irrelevant from a legal perspective. To decide whether the life and death matter is relegated to the police or prime minister’s bluster and fluster as regards the lifestyle and equity matters ger- related to the realization that once put under the rubric of hanging — is simply irrelevant from a legal perspective. To decide whether the life and death matter is relegated to the police or prime minister’s bluster and fluster as regards the realization that once put under the rubric of hanging, we should understand that — Violence has become a public health issue.

Once we round up these horrors around this new way of looking at all the issue, we would come to the realization that there are no peaks or bottom of public health we might yet help decrease violence. For the more myriad expressions of vi- olence committed at all levels of society, inc- lusive of the harrow wreaked by so-called en- forcement officials.

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But for sure, what is truly of some moment has to do with a nagging suspicion that tells us that this kind of talk and action at this juncture has more to do with politics and some of the games that some in our land now play.

For as much as we know or care to know, it seems a most strange return to such bar- baric kill or be killed rhetoric; now riding high on the back of more and more Bahamians wreak the reality that they are cash-shoeped; that these lives are treated by a spoiling crime-rate and that, it seems as if murder is now the crook’s favourite pastime.

But as the Inter-American Development Bank and the World Bank have so wisely offered — When you think of vio- lence and how to control it, often the first thing that comes to mind is security; and thus our prime minister’s bluster and fluster as regards its deep approach of hanging — and thus this life and death matter is relegated to the police and the criminal justice system.

We should have none of this wicked aberration; instead, we should understand that — Violence has become a public health issue.

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MINISTRY OF LABOUR

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

Please be advised that the following trade unions are in compliance with Section 30 (1), (2), and (3) of the Industrial Relations Act CS221, Status Law of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas:

- Bahamas Educators Managerial Union (BEMU)
- Bahamas Electrical Utility Managerial Union (BEUMU)
- Bahamas Electrical Workers Union (BEWU)
- Bahamas Financial Services Management Workers Union (BFWSM)
- Bahamas Hotel and Restaurants Employees Association (BHERA)
- Bahamas Industrial Engineers Managers & Supervisors Union (BIEEUS)
- Bahamas Musicians Entertainment Union (BBMU)
- Bahamas Utilities Services & Allied Workers Union (BUAWU)
- Commonwealth Union of Hotel Services
- Union of Central Bankers (UCB)
- Union of Public Officers (UPO)
- Union of Tertiary Education of The Bahamas (UTEB)

SIGNED

Mr. John Pinder
Registrar of Trade Unions
THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS

GOVERNMENT NOTICE

MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND HOUSING

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

INVITATION FOR TENDER

Residential Waste Collection New Providence

The Government of The Bahamas is inviting Tenders for the weekly collection of residential waste in New Providence.

Interested parties may obtain further information, including eligibility to participate and may collect the bidding document(s) upon payment of a non-refundable fee of $100.00 per document, as of July 2, 2018 from:

The Department of Environmental Health Services
Elijah Road
Nassau Bahamas
Tel: (242) 355-5350, 322-8407

Between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday.

The method of payment will be certified cheque or cash. Tenders are to be submitted in triplicate and addressed to:

The Tenders Board
c/o The Financial Secretary
Ministry of Finance
Cecil V. Wallace Whitfield Centre
P.O. Box 9-2017
Nassau, The Bahamas

No later than 4:30 p.m. on the 13th August, 2018

Tenders will be opened at 10:00 a.m. on the 14th August, 2018 at the office of the Tenders Board, Ministry of Finance. The Government reserves the right to reject any and all Tenders.
K.B. Wants Commission Of Inquiry On Carnival

...million on entertainment, so I said before, you can take away a thousand here, and give a few hundred there, but the numbers don’t add up.

“A million dollars is a lot of money, in fact, at the press conference for this year’s 2014 privatization carnival organizers said they could pull off their event at a cost of Eight Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars, that was also in the news media reports. What do these guys know that the Bahamas Festival Committee did not know? And who will be held to account for wasting our monies? The Cabinet of the Bahamas at the time approved the millions of dollars that were released to someone or some group.

“Answers needed to be given. The Bahamian Treasury needs to be reimbursed for the people’s funds that were wasted on the Bahamas Junkanoo Carnival event. Some folks need to be held to account. This could be easily fixed if only we have the will to do so. The Bahamas Festival Committee, the Cabinet of the Bahamas, only has to bring forth the receipts and records from those past three carnival events and show us the proof,” says K.B.
Minnis asks Church to Help Build a Better Bahamas

productive, and a fairer and more just society.

Toward this end, beginning in September, those young people who meet the necessary qualifications will be able to attend BTVI for free, he said. In addition, beginning next year September, those young Bahamians who meet the necessary qualifications will be able to attend the University of The Bahamas tuition-free.

“This is a revolution in education in The Bahamas,” he said. “Indeed, it is one of the biggest advancements in education in our history.”

Another dream for many Bahamians is to own their own home, the Prime Minister said, adding that, “We promote the Culture of Life when we help to improve family life.” Scores of qualifying Bahamians will be able to purchase fully serviced-lots from the Government at extremely reduced rates. In some cases, the lots will be sold at a value 70 per cent less than market value. The lots will already include the infrastructure to start construction, including electricity, water and paved roads.

In the area of crime, the Prime Minister said particularly violent crimes and gang violence need to be addressed. These, he added, help to fuel a Culture of Death.

Last year, the Citizen Security and Justice Program was launched, which is specifically designed to help reduce crime.

“We want to give hundreds of young people the opportunity to help build a Culture of Life instead of being involved in behaviours which often lead to early deaths,” the Prime Minister said.

He also noted that the Over-the-Hill Redevelopment Project and the Economic Empowerment Zones Bill seeks to help reduce poverty and provide opportunity for more Bahamians.