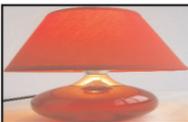


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Former BPL Board Members Accused Of Abuse

BY LEAH COOPER
 Journal Staff Writer

Minister of Works Desmond Bannister made serious charges against fired board members of Bahamas Power and Light (BPL) yesterday. He claimed that they had their personal expenses paid for on the company's dime.

He said "Chairman Mrs. Darnell Osbourne got a security system for her house and got BPL to pay for it. That type of



▶ Minister of Works Desmond Bannister (Journal File Photo)

AG Accuses Opposition Of Subverting Justice

BY LEAH COOPER
 Journal Staff Writer

The Attorney General yesterday lashed out at the opposition following its call for an official investigation into new developments coming out of former Cabinet Minister Shane Gibson's extortion and bribery case.

Mr. Gibson's legal team is pushing for the case to be dismissed on various grounds including accusations of witnesses being coached.

In a recent statement,

Opposition Leader Philip Davis charged that the case revealed a rottenness at the highest levels of government and law enforcement, so much so that he had no alternative but to demand the government resign forthwith.

"The government's wickedness needs to be exposed", he said at the time, "and wrongdoers must be called to account..."

Attorney General Carl Bethel said the govern-



▶ Opposition Leader Philip Davis (Journal File Photo)

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PM Takes Delegation To Lucaya

BY JAMEELHA MISSICK
 Journal Staff Writer

The Prime Minister, his cabinet along with a delegation from the Attorney General's Office all go to Grand Bahama today, to view first hand what's happening on that island.

This includes visiting the Grand Lucayan Hotel.

The government recently announced plans to purchase the multi-million-dollar property - no doubt a real financial sacrifice.

Press Secretary, Anthony Newbold, said some of that money will be

taken from the budgets of Ministries.

"Most ministries never get to spend all the money that's been allocated to them, it just doesn't happen," he said.

"The minister talked about that, that you'd look at an area that you think I

can get 10 million over here and 20 million over here.

"On the other hand, one of the things I've also said about this whole deal is, it's not a situation where you're going to take 65

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New Measures At Sandals

BY JAMEELHA MISSICK
 Journal Staff Writer

Additional hygiene and sanitation measures have been put in place at The Sandals All-inclusive Resort, Cable Beach, following a stomach virus outbreak. The measures have led to a reduction in the number of new cases.

"It's very important when people describe cases that we talk about, what I call the syndromic definition," said Health

Minister, Dr. Duane Sands.

"So the typical syndromes include nausea, vomiting and diarrhea.

"If we look at the syndromic definition, in the last 24 hours there have been no patients with nausea, vomiting and diarrhea.

"This is not to say that there haven't been people with nausea, or people with vomiting or people with diarrhea.



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thing is wrong. It cannot be condoned as a Member of Parliament as a Minister, I cannot condone that type of thing.”

He added, “Mrs. Osbourne would get someone to do her make up and gave the bill to BPL in hundreds of dollars, and in some instances, BPL has paid for it. BPL is going to have to account to me why they have paid to go to her house, and there are many personal bills that she has submitted like that.”

“I’ve authorized the CEO of BPL to provide it to media because you and the Bahamian people have to know this nonsense that has been going on,” said the Minister.

Mr. Bannister accused Mrs. Osbourne of having an agenda.

He said, “this occupation and preoccupation with Mr. Patrick Rollins, who is a qualified electrical engineer, Mr. Rollins was appointed Executive Director by me.”

“That was a post that the chair constantly asked me to appoint her to, to such an extent that in December she and Mrs. Thompson provided me with proposals to pay her \$300,000 to be the Executive Director.”

“I still have that in writing. These are the personal things that I have to admit political interference with, because I told him what the salary would be for her and it wasn’t going to be anything close to

that.”, he said.

The Minister said he will not allow taxpayers’ money to be wasted under these circumstances.

There has been a war of words between the Minister of Works and former the BPL board members.

Last week, Minister Bannister made a brief statement when he said the old board was at loggerheads on virtually every critical issue.

This, he said, became costly to the company, particularly as relationships deteriorated.

Mr. Bannister made it clear at the end of a one-page release on the issue out of respect for BPL former board members, he has no intention of discussing their dismissal in any further detail, until

yesterday.

However, a scathing letter was written by the former board members Darnell Osbourne, Nicola Thompson and Nick Dean giving their side of the story.

The trio claimed had the board been left to its devices without external interferences, the mechanisms in place to prevent gridlock would have been effective...and it was this interference, they say, that undermined the board’s functionality, particularly the leadership of the chair.

A newly appointed board chairman is Dr. Donovan Moxey.

Other members include James Moss, Debra Wood, Ferron Bethel and Viana Gardiner.



► Former BPL Chairman Mrs. Darnell Osbourne (Jornal File Photo)

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million or 60 million or whatever they eventually agree on, from this pot over here and say ‘here you have 65 million dollars, give me the hotel,’ it’s not going to happen,” said Newbold.

The Press Secretary said while no specific Ministry has been identified just yet, whichever ones are chosen will not necessarily suffer as a result of the purchase.

While on the island, the government also plans to speak with employees of the Lighthouse Point, as well as nearby vendors.

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ment regards this as “an egregious attempt to subvert the course of justice.”

He added, “they’re seeking to take a legal matter that is before a court of law and make it a political matter before the court of public opinion. The government of The Bahamas is not going to be distracted by that. We trust that the law enforcement is not distracted by that.”

He added, “the matter is raised, it’s before the courts. The proper tribunal is the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas to whom we look for justice, and guidance in all things and we refuse to allow ourselves to be drawn into a process where members of the opposition are seeking to convert a criminal matter, making it into a political matter.”

“That is absolutely contrary to all legal ethics and

to all respect before the courts before whom the criminal matter is presently about to be heard.”, he said.

When asked to comment on the issue, National Security Minister Marvin Dames said the allegations are just that.

He said, “I know that the police have conducted themselves in a very professional manner, and so we’ll just have to wait and see how it turns out.”

New Measures At Sandals

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“But even if you consider that definition, one of or two of the above, the numbers are decreasing.”

“And so we are hoping that we’re watching the end of this challenge, believed to be a problem

with norovirus, which is very difficult to identify except with expensive testing,” said Dr. Sands.

The gastrointestinal symptoms included nausea, vomiting and diarrhea.

Both guests and hotel workers were struck with illness.

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There will be a Public Briefing on Wednesday, 15th August 2018, at the Ministry of Finance, at 10:00 am. During the Public Briefing questions regarding the Project and Terms of Reference will be addressed.

Permanent Secretary



Ministry Of Transport and Aviation

Road Traffic Department

Please be advised that The Controller of the Road Traffic Department in accordance with the provision of the Road Traffic Act Chapter 220, hereby publishes his intentions to grant available, **Self-Drive Car/Scooters and Private Scheduled (School Bus) Franchises and Variations**.

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- A copy of National Insurance Card
- A current police record
- A letter of Intent (or Business Plan if Available)

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- A current police record
- A copy of Driver’s Public Service Badge

All applications should be submitted to the Franchise Unit, Road Traffic Department at The Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium no later than 4:00p.m. Friday August 10th 2018.



▶ Acting Minister of Youth, Sports and Culture, and Minister of Education, the Hon. Jeffrey Lloyd is pictured with former Wide Receiver and current Miami Dolphins Senior Vice-President of Special Projects & Alumni Affairs Nat Moore and other stakeholders, during the US football organization's presentation of sports equipment to The Bahamas, on August 20, 2018, at the Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium. Pictured (from left) are President of the Flag Football Association Jayson Clarke; Jeff Rodgers and Eldece Clarke of the Ministry of Tourism; Mr. Nat Moore; Minister Lloyd; Director of Sports at the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture Timothy Munnings; and President of the Commonwealth American Football League Antonio Maycock. **(BIS Photos / Eric Rose)**



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CHAPTER 339
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(AMENDMENT) () REGULATIONS, 2011**

The public is advised that prices as shown in the Schedule for LEAD FREE GASOLINE sold by Freeport Oil Company Limited (FOCOL) became effective on Wednesday, July 25, 2018.

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PART A NEW PROVIDENCE		INCLUDING SEA FREIGHT		
RUBIS Bahamas Ltd.	LEAD FREE ULSD	4.40 4.27	4.40 4.27	5.01 4.65
PART B FREEPORT, G.B.		INCLUDING SEA FREIGHT		
Freeport Oil Co. Ltd.	ULSD	4.41	4.41	5.01
PART C GRAND BAHAMA (NOT FREEPORT)		INCLUDING SEA FREIGHT		
RUBIS Bahamas Ltd.	LEAD FREE ULSD	4.29 4.14	4.47 4.32	5.05 4.70
PART D ABACO, ANDROS ELEUTHERA		NOT INCLUDING SEA FREIGHT		
RUBIS Bahamas Ltd.	LEAD FREE ULSD	4.40 4.28	4.64 4.46	5.19 4.84
PART E ALL OTHER FAMILY ISLANDS		NOT INCLUDING SEA FREIGHT		
RUBIS Bahamas Ltd.	LEAD FREE ULSD	4.41 4.30	4.66 4.46	5.22 4.86

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MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS
BUILDINGS REGULATIONS ACT, 1971

NOTICE OF DEMOLITION ORDER
IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING ORDER

To: Mr. Jerry Pratt
Nassau, Bahamas

REF: A SINGLE STOREY WOODEN BUILDING LOCATED ON RUPERT DEAN AND PRATT ALLEY NASSAU, BAHAMAS

File No. 2046

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Craig Delancy
Buildings Control Officer

March 15, 2018

MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS
BUILDINGS REGULATIONS ACT, 1971

NOTICE OF DEMOLITION ORDER
IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING ORDER

To: Mr. Mario Newbold
No. 37 Hospital Lane & Dunmore Street
Nassau, Bahamas

REF: A TWO STOREY WOODEN BUILDING LOCATED ON NO. 37 HOSPITAL LANE & DUNMORE STREET NASSAU, BAHAMAS

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NOTICE OF DEMOLITION ORDER
IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING ORDER

To: Ms. Beryl Brown
No. 3 Dumping Ground & Ferguson Street
Nassau, Bahamas

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Office of the Prime Minister seeks the services of a Service Provider to conduct a Land Audit throughout the Commonwealth of The Bahamas in order to establish all land that is owned, leased or licensed for use by the Government. The Land Audit will build upon the work executed under The Bahamas Land Use, Policy and Administration Project, 2009 (LUPAP).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Government will engage the Service Provider to conduct the Land Audit which will:

- Specifically identify land and give ownership information within the study area in coordination with the Surveyor General;
- Conduct a comprehensive assessment of all properties within the study area;
- Create a user-friendly GIS database with ownership categories with useful fields that will assist in the planning and packaging of interventions;
- Create a Land Audit report (maps, tables and graphs, as applicable) for each island; &
- In particular regarding Crown Lands and Treasury Lands, to determine:
 - What Government Land has been alienated for use by others, either in the form of lease holds, licenses, authorizations, joint ventures and contractual obligations;
 - What Government Land is presently under commitments to be alienated, either via grant, lease holds or other means which has not yet been perfected;
 - What Government Land is presently under consideration to be divested either via grant, conveyance, lease or other means which has not yet been perfected; and
 - Whether Government Land leased to third parties is being used for its agreed upon purpose.

DELIVERABLES

- A Land Audit report containing methodology and Land Audit findings and recommendations;
- A Land Audit database with Title Documents as applicable and information on structures in the study area, submitted in Microsoft SQL or IBM Data base 2 format;
- An A0 map size with an overlay of subject land parcels; and
- 2x copies of DVDs/ CDs with GIS spatial datasets (WGS84 ESRI or ITRF shapefiles) of the above.

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Does 'not long for this world' describe your company?

The 2018 series salutes fashion mogul Peter Nygard's Golden Jubilee detailing his rags to riches story and incredible business success over these past fifty years. The Clifton Review will take an inside look at how he did it.

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.

How badly do you want business success?

If it didn't take focused effort to achieve high levels of business success, more businesses would be as successful as many of the giants out there. And, we'd be celebrating more phenomenal business growth as that of fashion mogul Peter Nygard's.

As we have been discussing, organizational alignment is considered to be one of the most important business strategies for achieving business success. And as we having been sharing, a Harvard Business Review article has shed some light on how to achieve it and how to avoid its pitfalls.

With a view to testing your organization's effectiveness, you were given two key questions from that article to ask yourselves during our previous discussion on organizational alignment:

How well does our strategy support the fulfillment of our purpose?

How well does our organization support the achievement of our strategy?

Writers for that Harvard Business Review article explain the results to these questions (that you scored on a scale of 1 to 10) through the use of a four-square matrix, which we will breakdown so you can determine where your company falls.

The x and y scales depicts two factors: "How aligned is your strategy with your organizational capabilities?" and "How aligned is your strategy with your long-term purpose?" respectively. The bottom left quadrant represents no alignment at all for the business; they label it "Not long for this world" and illustrate its meaning with a specific business example.

Not long for this world: Companies that score low on both scales are in crisis, even if it isn't immediately obvious. Their strategies do not – cannot – fulfill their larger purpose, because they fail to effectively address customer preference, market conditions, and competitor capability. Equally significant, their organization is incapable of delivering against strategic priorities.

The fall can come quickly. Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) was a flagship bank, feted for its stellar financial performance. It grew rapidly in the late

nineties and early 2000s, transforming itself from a regional Scottish bank into a national British bank with the acquisition of National Westminster Bank in 2000, finally and fleetingly becoming a global universal bank with the acquisition of ABN Amro in 2007.

At its peak, RBS employed 170,000 people and operated in more than 50 countries with annual profits of £10.3 billion. In 2008, however, RBS failed spectacularly and was nationalized by the UK government to prevent its collapse.

Many have speculated since about failures of its leadership under its bullish former CEO, Fred Goodwin. Goodwin was notoriously combative, with a "Fred says" autocratic management style. RBS was also famous for its "strategy of not having a strategy," being largely opportunistic and relying upon aggressive plays, agility, and audacity to outpace peers.

Supercharged inorganic growth — especially the acquisition of ABN Amro — meant that RBS grew very large, very quickly, with multiple different operating structures and sub-cultures. RBS outgrew the ability of its command-and-control leadership structure to effectively govern complex and diversified activities across international operations.

Many poor business decisions resulted in an accumulation of unsustainable toxic debt. Almost a decade on from its nationalization, RBS still remains on life support provided by UK taxpayers and is yet to return to sustainable profit, posting yet another loss in 2015 that has more or less wiped out the equivalent of all the public money invested since its downfall.

(From "A Simple Way to Test Your Company's Strategic Alignment" By Jonathan Trevor and Barry Varcoe: hbr.org)

Stay tuned for more info on the matrix to discover your testing results.

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EDITORIAL

Violence Rampant

If today's Bahamas is to survive and prosper, we must hammer out of a new charter of freedom and clearly and we must forge a renewed sense of what it means when reference is made to the idea of 'nation-building'.

Nation-building can and will only be realized when Bahamians decide that, this process should be dominated and led by them that they shed their dependency on others and thereafter decide that [yes]! They can build the Bahamas with their own hands; and that, [yes]! They can and, indeed, must [in the immortal words of Arthur Hanna]: - Strive to wipe every tear from every eye in this Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

Sadly, this vision is under daily assault by men and women who would continue to help build a society where dependency is seen as has the preferred way of making it in the world; thus that mighty horde of men, women and children who look to the government for the roves over their heads, the food for their sustenance and clearly too, the modicum of schooling their children are afforded.

And so, votes are bartered for things and promises of even more things: thus government-provision of this, that and a whole lot more; and so, this fiscally ruinous situation has today reached that point where –as we have learned – tens of thousands of working women and men routinely look to government and their harried representatives for a clutch of those much sought after food assistance coupons.

We are told that they also look to the same source for money owed to their preferred Cable provider; and for money owed their favorite cosmetologist; and for money they owe this or that lawyer after unsuccessfully chasing after this or that errant baby-father.

And the beat goes on in this distressed place.

This is surely our own home-nurtured crying shame.

And for sure, this bad situation is now set to come to flower in even more dread violence and human abuse; and

thus we continue to bemoan and lament that mighty efflorescence of hurt and god-awful harm which routinely attend the already blighted lives of thousands of our people.

This is nothing less than hell on earth not only for the families of both victim and victimizer.

Evidently, situations such as these are but some of the symptoms attending the death of civility, law and order!

When, for example, a man 'decides' that he will chop another man about his body with a machete, one can only wonder about not only the man, but also about how it came to be that he became infested with the idea that he should butcher another human being and that, he would fly in the face of the Almighty.

Is this man sick? Is this man enraged? Is this man a fit and proper person to be dragged off to court; or perchance, is this man demon-possessed?

For our part, we admit our impotence in the face of this wrath unleashed and quite frankly, we confess that we are at a profound loss as to how it now arises that there is so much pent-up rage and violence driven conflict in our land.

But for sure, even as we make this admission, we are constrained to reiterate our oft-stated view that some of the problems we now face at all levels of this troubled society are clearly little more than symptoms of a deeply rooted canker-like social pathology.

Evidently, we could have done more. We should have done more; and so, today we must –as a matter of the most urgent priority – convene those caucuses, those conclaves and for sure, those community level meetings where –as a people who would seize the day – we might yet get a better grip on these seriously important issues, challenges and problems.

This is no small task.

This is precisely why we are fearful for what the immediate future portends namely more violence, more fury and even more mayhem and murder making the news.

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NOTICE

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 Ch321, Statue Law of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas:

- Bahamas Educators Managerial Union (BEMU)
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Signed
Mr. John Pinder
Registrar of Trade Unions
THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS



NOTICE

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR
NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF TRADE UNIONS

The public is hereby notified that the Registration of the following Trade Unions has been cancelled pursuant to section 15(b) of the Industrial Relations Act Chapter 321 Statue Laws of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

- BahamaLand Construction & Allied Workers Union
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- Bahamas Cement, Marine, Maintenance Building Construction & Allied Workers Union
- Bahamas Marine Dock Construction & Refinery Workers Union
- Bahamas Maritime Port & Allied Workers Union
- Bahamas Petroleum Retailers Association
- Bahamas Security Allied Workers Union
- Commonwealth Transport Distributive & Allied Workers Union
- Commonwealth Transport Union
- Eastside Stevedores Union
- Optometric Association of The Bahamas
- Public Service Drivers Union
- The Bahamas Containers Port & Allied Workers Union
- United Brotherhood Long shore Union

Mr. John Pinder
Registrar of Trade Unions

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
Farrington Road
Nassau Bahamas
Tel: (242)-302-5150, 322-8037

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 (3) in a sealed envelope(s) and addressed to:

The Tenders Board
c/o The Financial Secretary
Ministry of Finance
Cecil V. Wallace Whitfield Centre
P.O. Box N-3017
Nassau, The Bahamas

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

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