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New BPL Board Gets Mandate

BY JAMEELHA MISSICK
 Journal Staff Writer

Out with the old, and in with the new as Bahamas Power and Light's (BPL) new executive board was introduced yesterday.

In an official presentation of the board members, Minister of Public Works, Desmond Bannister, told the members that there was a critical need for teamwork. "All of that raises wonderful opportunity for leadership to emerge, he said.

"I believe that leadership emerges in circumstances where good people are pulled together to



▶ Minister of Public Works, the Honourable Desmond Bannister (Journal file photo)

BPL Committed To Improving Power

BY LEAH COOPER
 Journal Staff Writer

The new BPL Board of Directors had a productive day, putting emphasis on power generation. According to Chairman Donovan Moxey, jam-packed with meetings addressed an array of topics dedicated to improving the country's power supply. Discussions covered everything from government's investigation into the previous board to tackling the vexing problem of providing the company's customers with the service they deserve.

When asked what he had to say about customers that just want their power on, newly appointed Chairman Donovan Moxey said, "we're working on that. There are a number of things and we know a number of our issue lies within power generation, which needs to be resolved as quickly as possible." He added, "there's probably a couple of other issues that were mentioned today involved with transmission and distribution in really determining the cause of fault in our

Gov't's BPL Response Called "Petty"



▶ Democratic National Alliance's Deputy Leader Arinthia Komolafe (Jornal file photo)

BY LEAH COOPER
 Journal Staff Writer

The Democratic National Alliance's (DNA) Deputy Leader Arinthia Komolafe says that the government's response to the ongoing Bahamas Power and Light (BPL) saga has been underwhelming, inadequate and petty. She said yesterday that the party followed the ongoing discussion "with interest." Mrs. Komolafe said, "this is unfortunate and unacceptable for an administration that professes a commitment to good governance, transparency and accountability." She added, "the fact is that the Bahamian people

Minister Violated FNM Principles, Says Roberts

Former Cabinet Minister Bradley Roberts says "it is patently clear that the problematic constant in the Bahamas Power and Light mess is Minister of Works Desmond Bannister."

In a hard hitting statement, Mr. Roberts said Mr. Bannister "has no respect for process, policies, law or order and is a liability as a Cabinet Minister. He must do the honorable thing and resign to bring a stop to this circus and distraction that will surely impede the government's ability to govern effectively and in the public's interest, failing Prime Minister Minnis is obliged to enforce his party seven principles of public life.

"Minister Bannister failed to comply with his party's seven principles of public life under Selflessness by appointing his close personal friend Patrick Rollins to the executive director post at BPL. Further he also violated principle numbers 2 and 3, Integrity and Objectivity," said the former PLP Chairman. He said, "the BPL



▶ Former Cabinet Minister Bradley Roberts (Jornal file photo)

board and the Chair in particular had good and cogent reasons for not signing off on the Shell North America Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the supply of LNG. Bannister's admitted political interference in the internal operations of the board compromised its independence and the principles of Corporate Governance that drives its decision-making processes. If the politician can

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NEMA GIVES FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO HURRICANE IRMA VICTIMS ON RAGGED ISLAND



▶ Captain Stephen Russell, Director of NEMA, issuing financial assistance estimating at \$72,000, to families impacted by the devastating Hurricane Irma in 2017. At Ragged Island on Friday, August 24 2018, accompanied by assistant accountant at Eva Lightbourn and Family Island Administrator for Exuma and Ragged Island Preston Cunningham. (BIS photo)

"BPL Crisis Shocking"

Opposition Leader Philip Davis says "the recent news stories about Bahamas Power and Light (BPL) have conveyed unfortunate allegations of a culture of cronyism, favoritism, male chauvinistic behavior and corruption that too many Bahamians find absolutely shocking."

In a Press Release yesterday, Mr. Davis said, "to

those who know firsthand the true habits of the leadership of the FNM, it is simply no surprise. However, it is not our intent to offer political jabs as the issue of BPL goes beyond politics, it impacts our economy and way of life in a material way. "It is clear that BPL

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▶ Opposition Leader Philip Davis (Journal file photo)

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ALL THE NEWS YOU NEED TO READ IN THE MORNING

PIPELINE CAUSED EXUMA OIL SPILL

BY JAMEELHA MISSICK
Journal Staff Writer

Sun Oil says it is committed to a safe environment after the recent oil spill in Exuma waters was confirmed to be pipeline related.

In a statement, the company said it's taking swift action to contain and remediate diesel fuel released at

the Exuma Marina, adding that it commits to full cooperation to prevent future incidents.

According to reports, last Monday, operators of the marina at Emerald Bay notified the Exuma office about a diesel release.

Following an initial assessment and joint containment, efforts by Sun Oil and Emerald Bay per-

sonnel, an emergency response team from New Providence was dispatched to Exuma to provide additional resources and support to manage the incident.

Clinton Rolle, Sun Oil's Deputy General Manager explained, that "swift action along with favourable wind and tidal patterns contained the

release to a confined area within the marina."

This, he said, and the immediate dispatch of their emergency management team allowed them to quickly remediate the situation to minimize environmental impact.

Mr. Rolle said they were able to successfully recover the fuel from the water by Tuesday and then

complete the final remediation process on Wednesday evening.

"The pipelines installed at the site are double walled, consistent with industry best practice, and the lines are pressure tested annually, a process witnessed by government authorities to confirm their on-going integrity," Mr. Rolle said.

According to the company, there were no identified pipeline problems at the Exuma facility during the testing that occurred in May 2018.

Sun Oil said it "wants to assure the Bahamian community and especially residents of Exuma, that their commitment to safe, environmentally-friendly fueling operations is strong."

GOV'T SEALS GRAND LUCAYAN DEAL

BY JAMEELHA MISSICK
Journal Staff Writer

The government of the Bahamas has made a \$10 million deposit for the purchase of The Grand Lucayan Hotel in Freeport, Grand Bahama. Prime Minister, Dr. Hubert Minnis made the announcement after he and a delegation toured property, yesterday.

The Prime Minister told reporters the deposit for the purchase of the 65-million-dollar hotel has already been made, the agreement of sale signed, and the government hopes to complete the purchase of the hotel within the next 30 days.

However, the Prime Minister said he wants to send a strong message to his cabinet and parliamentary

colleagues from Grand Bahama, not to get any ideas.

"We are holding the hotel to preserve and protect the economy of Grand Bahama," he said.

"Once a sale is available, this hotel goes as soon as possible, we would like to sell it.

"I do not want my cabinet colleagues to come forth with their list saying these are my 10 constituents I need hired, these are my 20, it won't happen.

"So you've heard it from the horse's mouth, it won't happen. Don't bring your list.

"If the manager accepts the list, that manager will be fired. So no list Kwasi, no list Michael, we are not in that business.

"But as the Memories [hotel] is opened, you can bring your list because then

you'll need more staff.

"But your list should be fair, your list should consist of Bahamians," he said.

When asked if he thought the price tag was too much, the Prime Minister said, "when we're talking about the lives of an individual and the economy of an entire nation, I don't think you can put a cost on that.

"You're talking about the demise of Grand Bahama, you walk through the market, you've seen individuals were near tears; with the pain and the suffering they've gone through, and now how happy they are that there's some form of hope coming forth for them."

The Prime Minister said the government would like to see Bahamians purchase the hotel, reiterating the

PM ADDRESSING HOTEL PURCHASE



► Prime Minister, Dr. the Hon. Hubert Minnis addressing the media at Grand Lucayan resort in Grand Bahama on Wednesday, August 22, 2018 after a tour of the property along with his Cabinet Ministers and other officials.
(BIS Photos/Yontalay Bowe)

fact that the government does not intend to run the hotel, but to save the jobs of the 400 hundred Grand

Bahamians who work there.

All information regarding the deal, the Prime

Minister said will be presented in a complete report when parliament resumes.

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have received more coherent, logical and detailed information on occurrences at BPL from its former board members than the duly elected gov-

ernment of The Bahamas."

"Responses from the political directorate have been weak, petty and focused on matters of less importance to the main issues impacting BPL," she said.

The party's deputy leader said that the DNA welcomes the investigation on the matter. However they submit that any investigation into this matter must be "independent, thorough and expedited."

Mrs. Komolafe said, "In this regard, as the allegations relate to a substantive minister, within the cabinet, the independence of the reviewing party or body from the political directorate is a must."

She added, "the government cannot be seen to be investigating itself without tainting the process with suspicions of bias and a lack of objectivity."

The DNA official said that she is "hopeful that

the announcement of the launch of an investigation is not an attempt to silence the professionals whose integrity have been brought into question or a tactic to sweep this serious matter under the proverbial rug."



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Office of the Prime Minister
Cecil Wallace Whitefield Centre
Nassau, N.P., The Bahamas

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c/o Acting Financial Secretary
Ministry of Finance
Cecil Wallace Whitefield Centre
Nassau, N.P., The Bahamas

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Information submitted becomes the property of the Office of the Prime Minister, who reserves the right to reject any or all bids received.

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



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- A letter of Intent (or Business Plan if Available)

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- A copy of the first (4) pages of a valid passport
- A copy of National Insurance Card
- 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.

"BPL Crisis Shocking"

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would not be able to successfully access the international capital markets, which has been planned for later this year, unless the claims and counter-claims of mismanagement and abuse of funds by the Board and Executive Management are independently investigated and the appropriate actions taken.

I have publicly called on the Prime Minister to act in the public's interest and cause for an investigation into this growing controversy and scandal that have engulfed the BPL board,"

said Mr. Davis.

He said, "with the subsequent announcement of an investigation, Prime Minister Minnis must now quickly indicate who would be conducting the investigation, the terms of reference for the investigation and clearly indicate what interim actions he will take until the investigation is completed.

With respect to the latter matter, the Prime Minister should immediately remove BPL from the portfolio of the Minister of Works and have the CEO and the Executive Director placed on administrative leave by BPL until after the

investigation is complete.

"To have the three men maintain executive oversight of the corporation throughout the investigation opens the door to the perception of manipulation of evidence and the intimidation of possible witnesses. We are not seeking to be prejudicial but this is the proper thing to do.

"The Prime Minister should also not seek to engage companies which are conflicted such as Ernst & Young or PWC as both of these companies are benefitting from current contracts with BPL, given under circumstances which may also raise concerns.

"Instead, the Prime Minister through his Minister of Finance should ask the Auditor General to conduct this review and provide the Auditor General with all of the resources necessary to complete the review in a timely manner," said the PLP leader.

"As the review would be conducted by the Auditor General, the final report would be shared simultaneously with the full House of Assembly and the Government; this is an important safeguard against the Government burying the report through a failure to disclose its

results."

Mr. Davis said, "the Terms of Reference of this review should include a review of the so-called personal expenses of the Executive Chairman; the alleged unauthorized travel of both the CEO and the Executive Director; the CEO's adherence to the policies of the Corporation inclusive of hiring and procurement and the directives of its regulator URCA; and the planning and execution of the Voluntary Separation Programme (VSEP).

The latter point is especially important as the CEO has publicly stated that the VSEP by design has left the

Corporation critically short of experienced personnel in some areas. The rationale for putting the Corporation at risk demands answers.

"In addition, based on projected savings, it would appear that the cost recovery from employee savings due to the VSEP would take three to five years, making the exercise a foolish waste of money.

"We implore the Prime Minister to act in the interest of the country and not his party and incorporate these suggestions or risk a further crisis of confidence in the holders of Bahamian Government debt," said Mr. Davis.



MINISTRY OF LABOUR
THE PRICE CONTROL ACT, 1971
CHAPTER 339
THE PRICE CONTROL (GASOLINE & DIESEL OIL)
(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.

SCHEDULE

PLACE	ARTICLE	MAXIMUM WHOLESALE SELLING PRICE PER U.S. GALLON		MAXIMUM RETAIL SELLING PRICE PER U.S. GALLON (VAT INCLUSIVE)
		MAXIMUM SUPPLIERS' PRICE \$	MAXIMUM DISTRIBUTORS' PRICE \$	
PART B FREEPORT, G.B.		INCLUDING SEA FREIGHT		
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INCLUDING SEA FREIGHT				
RUBIS Bahamas Ltd.	LEAD FREE ULSD	4.40	4.40	5.01
		4.27	4.27	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	4.47	5.05
		4.14	4.32	4.70
PART D ABACO, ANDROS ELEUTHERA				
NOT INCLUDING SEA FREIGHT				
RUBIS Bahamas Ltd.	LEAD FREE ULSD	4.40	4.64	5.19
		4.28	4.46	4.84
PART E ALL OTHER FAMILY ISLANDS				
NOT INCLUDING SEA FREIGHT				
RUBIS Bahamas Ltd.	LEAD FREE ULSD	4.41	4.66	5.22
		4.30	4.46	4.86

ACTING PERMANENT SECRETARY



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

1. TAKE NOTICE that the Minister Of Public Works in pursuance of the powers conferred upon the Minister by Section 10 (1)(b)(i) of the *Buildings Regulations Act Chapter 188*, has made an Order dated the February 20, 2018 copy of which has been affixed on the premises requiring you the owner of the respective premises described above to remedy the cause of the said building or structure being in a ruinous dilapidated state, by demolishing the said building and removing any rubbish resulting from the demolition within sixty (60) days from the date of the Order.

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

REF: A SINGLE STOREY WOODEN BUILDING LOCATED AT NO. 3 DUMPING GROUND CORNER & FERGUSON STREET NASSAU, BAHAMAS

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Office of the Prime Minister
Cecil Wallace Whitfield Centre
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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.

Bids must be submitted and sealed in an envelope clearly marked: APPOINTMENT OF SERVICE PROVIDER TO CONDUCT A LAND AUDIT WITHIN THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS. All Tenders must be received no later than 4:30 pm on Friday, 3rd August, 2018, and addressed to:

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STILL ‘STICKING TO YOUR KNITTING’?

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.

Does your business have a clear-cut purpose that you are sticking to no matter what changes are taking place around you? Then you may be at risk of having a business that is 'boldly going nowhere'.

There was a time when the business catch phrase, 'stick to your knitting' was a very serious warning to businesses by strategists. Stick to you knitting is all about remaining focused on what you do best.

Unfortunately though, doing that in a twenty-first century world, especially with a new world order of technology, is no longer the smart thing to do. It works against making the changes that the times may demand.

If fashion mogul Peter Nygard had 'stuck to his knitting', he would have remained a manufacturer and never became a retailer selling breakthrough designs that contributed to the phenomenal growth of his multi-million-dollar empire.

So, in aligning your organization, the idea of first having the right purpose is very important to your business viability.

In continuing to review the testing results from the Harvard Business Review article, "A Simple Way to Test Your Company's Strategic Alignment" (By Jonathan Trevor and Barry Varcoe) the bottom right quadrant of the test result matrix is "Boldly going nowhere".

This is based on the x and y scales described as "How aligned is your strategy with your organizational capabilities?" and "How aligned is your strategy with your long-term purpose?" respectively. Trevor and Varcoe explain this result's significance below:

Boldly going nowhere: Businesses that have strong alignment between their strategy and organization, but weak alignment between strategy and purpose are classed as "boldly going nowhere."

In our experience, there are many capable businesses with great people that lack a coherent, overarching purpose that helps guide shifts in strategy. The

result is a company that becomes less and less capable over time as customers move on and talented employees depart for new pastures.

Kodak is a famous example of a terrifically capable blue chip business brought low by confusion about how best to fulfil its purpose in the digital world. Although they developed digital photographic technology, too many people in the company focused on the core organizational competence of film.

Instead of seeing digital cameras as a new way to execute on the organizational purpose of capturing "Kodak moments," they hewed to their existing, film-centric strategy. That left them out of sync with the changing preferences of consumers for digital media and instant sharing.

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

It appears from Trevor and Varcoe's description of Kodak that Kodak stuck to its knitting and had challenges redefining their purpose to take advantage of the fast-moving, continuously-evolving digital world.

Many individuals still likely use the term that's a 'Kodak moment'. As you can see from the article's example, even the popularity of a business nor how well-known it is will save a business from an inability to grow and soar to new heights.

Business strategy, more now than ever, is essential to phenomenal business success. While every business strategy out there may not be a good fit for your organization, there are a number of them that business strategists would consider essential. Organizational alignment is one of them.

We will present the final test result from the Harvard Business Review article next.

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EDITORIAL

Conclusion Repudiated

"...Criminals, the young men especially, who are involved in the life of crime, as you can see they are very, very bold and they will go to the very end in trying to injure somebody to get away. I want to send a stern warning to those who want to live that life of crime to stop it. At the end of the day if you continue, this will be the end result..." Assistant Commissioner of Police Clayton Fernander.

Obviously, death at the hands of the police –stern warning or no such 'stern' warning need not end in the death of anyone, police or civilian!

But yet, today bloody facts on the ground attest to last Friday's dreadful facticity where –as we have known by way of first-hand knowledge: --The end result for one young Black man came this Friday past at the end of Lucky Heart Corner with that being his death; and thus: Today's commentary has as its' frame of reference that dead body on the ground on Lucky Heart Corner, just to the east of Young Street, off East Street, the eastern most boundary of Grants Town.

As we have been informed [reliably or not]: Around 2 p.m. [on Friday past], officers were taking in an individual found in possession of a firearm at White's Alley, off Wolff Road, when they heard gunshots coming from the back street, Moore Avenue---Officers responded to the shots and saw a young man on a motorbike, armed with a hand gun, firing shots in the air--- The officers exited their vehicle and ordered the man to stop but he fired at them and sped off---A high-speed chase ensued onto East Street and ended at a dead end on Young Street.

In truth, the man who died came to his dead on Lucky Heart Corner.

He was shot to death by the police!
And as we can also report, on the morrow of the Lucky Heart Corner police-delivered killing, note can be made to how another man sustained serious injuries after being shot in Fox Hill early on Saturday morning.

As we learn, the man was shot on Romer Street shortly before 2.00am and transported to hospital. He is listed in critical condition.

This is all so sad and perhaps even, all so very unfortunate for all of us.

Indeed, then: As it has been for quite a while now, murder most foul has been on the hoof, riding high and leaving dead

bodies piled upon even more dead bodies in its terrifying wake.

In one recent instance: A man was shot and killed at an FML web shop on Balfour Avenue and East Street.

In another deadly case, another young black man was shot dead by the police.

Let there be no mistake about that matter concerning police-related killings of young armed or un-armed Black men; the fact of the matter remains: The police are making for themselves nothing more and nothing less than a reserve army of very many of these angry young Black men.

And for sure- as this cadre matures and simmers, they drag along their sons and daughters, their neighbors and friends.

Evidently, as these people go and grow, they plot revenge, they teach hate of the police to others in their suffering circles—and thus, the bloody beat continues!

This bodes ill for all of us.

This is why we would admonish the Minister of National Security, the police high command, the Minister of Health and of course, the Hon. Dr. Hubert A. Minnis that they should –at their earliest convenience consider [as science-based fact]: Violence is a major public health issue and thus, by both logic and necessary extrapolation, police-driven violence can never be seen as one of the best answers to criminal-driven inter-personal conflict.

And thus, today, our utter repudiation of any such dead-end denouement as the one recently suggested by Assistant Commissioner Clayton Fernander!moved on, but he returned to the subject near the end of our dinner..."

In truth, whilst that dinner may have ended on a very strange note, the fact remains: Trump's days are now numbered.

And thus, one way and one day –when-ever- Trump's political end will come; and when it does, some around the world will shout good-riddance and others will crow their plethora of hallelujahs.



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MINISTRY OF LABOUR

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

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- Bahamas Utilities Services & Allied Workers Union (BUSAWU)
- Commonwealth Union of Hotel Services
- Union of Central Bankers (UCB)
- Union of Public Officers (UPO)
- Union of Tertiary Educators of The Bahamas (UTEB)

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



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- Bahamas Maritime Port & Allied Workers Union
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- Bahamas Security Allied Workers Union
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- Commonwealth Transport Union
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Mr. John Pinder
Registrar of Trade Unions

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

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

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Interested persons and organizations are invited to the public meeting to discuss the proposed development.

Signed
Charles B. Zonicle
Acting Director of Physical Planning



**MINISTRY OF LABOUR
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CHAPTER 339
THE PRICE CONTROL (GASOLINE & DIESEL OIL)
(AMENDMENT) () REGULATIONS, 2011**

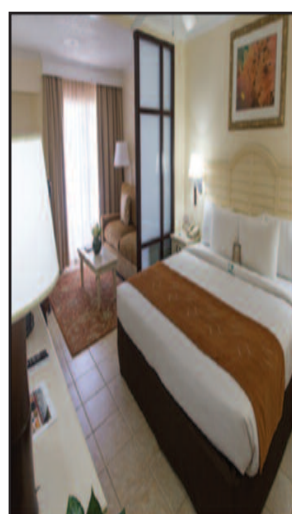
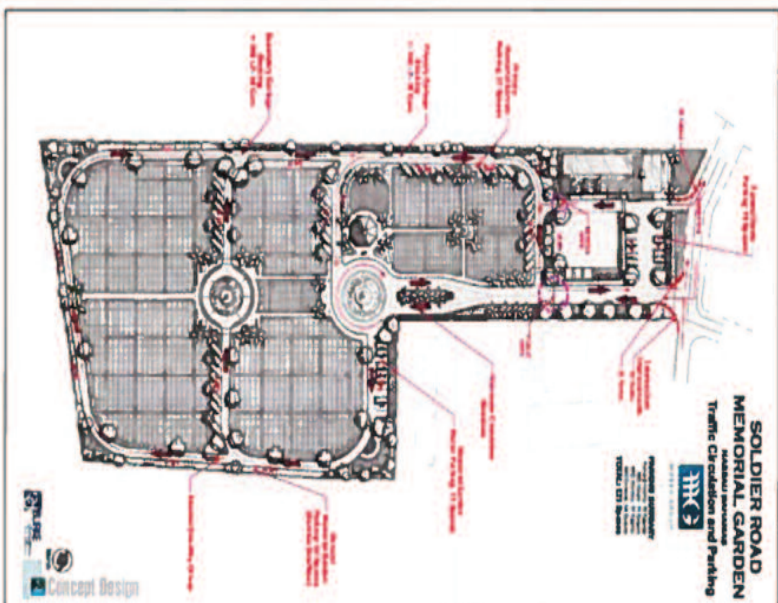
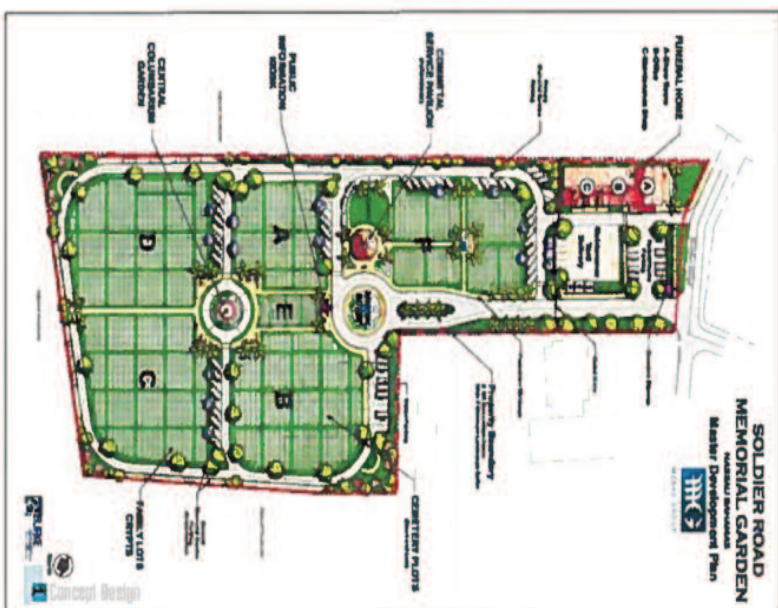
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INCLUDING SEA FREIGHT				
SOL Petroleum Bahamas Ltd.	ULSD	3.98	4.16	4.54
PART D ABACO, ANDROS ELEUTHERA				
NOT INCLUDING SEA FREIGHT				
SOL Petroleum Bahamas Ltd.	ULSD	4.12	4.30	4.68
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MINISTER VIOLATED FNM PRINCIPLES, SAYS ROBERTS

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reach into the boardroom, fire board members on a whim, then rehire his personal friends on the board, what is the purpose of the board in the first. Also, hiring multiple board members as executives of BPL is not good corporate governance and does not culti-

vate a culture of independence.

"This comes on the heels of his handling of the more than \$3 million contract for the retrofit of the Stephen Dillet Primary School, a no bid contract that ended up over budget by \$1.3 million with no explanation.

"Reports of his hiring

his daughter, nepotism is also a violation of these principles of public life as it creates a fundamental conflict between one's personal interests and the public's interests. As a matter of fact, this practice is discouraged widely in the public service for the same reason," said Mr. Roberts.

"The public is well

aware of the FNM inspired and self-imposed SEVEN PRINCIPLES OF PUBLIC LIFE published in their election Manifesto. The listed principles are essentially a pledge, a code of conduct and a solemn covenant between them and the Bahamian public.

"The public now know that this was all hot air

because they have violated all seven of those principles without pretense as if they are above the law. The Prime Minister has misled the Parliament on Oban; the National Security Minister admitted to witnessing tampering; the Tourism Minister misled Parliament on NAD tents; the Health Minister

insists on being both health regulator and health services provider at both public and private health facilities; the Education Minister has misled the public on the status of public school repairs and the Deputy Prime Minister has misled the Parliament and the public on any number of issues," Mr. Roberts said.

New BPL Board Gets Mandate

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deal with circumstances that may be adverse in some situations, not all.

"There's not all adversity in BPL; there are lots of good things happening here, lots of great things that have happened here.

"But there is some adversity and there are some and that's one of the reasons you're here, with your record experience and your abilities," said Mr. Bannister.

The minister reminded the board that they were

responsible for a few things, one of them, maintaining a relationship with the union.

"As minister I have tried to have an open door with the unions here," Bannister said.

"You have two unions, and you have two mature union leaders, compared to many of my past experiences.

"You have union leaders who are going to be prepared to work with you, it's important to be able to sit down and talk with them.

"They represent a group

of workers at this company who are valued and it's important for us to understand what they're saying and to develop the relationships that are going to lead to the workers feeling valued," he said.

The new board is comprised of chairman Donovan Moxey, Deputy Chairman Stephen Holwesko, James Moss, Debra Wood, Viana Gardiner, Robyn Oglevee and Ferron Bethel, who was the only former member to be reappointed to the board.

BPL Committed To Improving Power

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network and we learn today, there are some studies that are about to take place to determine exactly what these issues are."

"For us as a board, we

know that we're the only electricity provider in the country. We're the largest one. People are paying a high cost for power and we want to make sure that power stays on", he said.

As for the government's investigation, Mr.

Moxey said they have no problem cooperating with the government in that capacity.

However, the new board has no intention of becoming distracted by matters surrounding the previous board.

NEMA makes financial contributions to Hurricane Irma victims on Ragged Island

Captain Stephen Russell, Director of the National Emergency Management Agency, NEMA, issued financial assistance estimating \$72,000 to Family Island residents impacted by the devastating Hurricane Irma in 2017.

Captain Russell was accompanied by assistant accountant at NEMA, Eva Lightbourne and Family Island Administrator for Exuma and Ragged Island Districts Preston Cunningham.

Captain Russell and his team made the visit on

Friday, August 24, 2018, to issue cheques on behalf of the Government.

The financial aid was based on assessments carried out by technical teams of the former National Recovery and Reconstruction Unit (NRRU).


Following the assessments, 18 households were approved for assistance and received a maximum of \$4,000 (per household) to further assist with post Hurricane Irma recovery efforts.

During the assessments, it was also discov-

ered that approximately 45 per cent of the houses impacted were not built in accordance with The Bahamas Building Code.

Captain Russell reminded members of the Ragged Island District Council that they must ensure what is being constructed on the island, be built in accordance with the building code. He stressed that as hurricanes are becoming more frequent and intense, that they must make hurricane preparedness a part of their way of life, year-round.

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