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PM: "Peace And Justice Transcends Race"



► Prime Minister, Dr. the Hon. Hubert A. Minnis addresses the Nelson Mandela Peace Summit at United Nations Headquarters in New York City, September 24, 2018. (BIS Photos/Yontalay Bowe)

Prime Minister, Dr. the Hon. Hubert A. Minnis told the delegates at the United Nations yesterday that "peace and justice are as indivisible as the bond of human dignity, which transcends race, creed, ethnicity and every circumstance of birth amidst the exuberant diversity of humanity."

Dr. Minnis was at the United Nations, New York, on the Occasion of the Nelson Mandela Peace Summit, during which he highlighted the role The Bahamas played to bring about the release in 1990 of Mr. Mandela from long imprisonment under apartheid in South Africa.

The Prime Minister was thankful to the UN for convening the Nelson Mandela Peace Summit in support of global goodwill. The Peace Summit honoured the centenary of Mandela's birth at this 73rd regular session of the UN General Assembly.

"Amidst the wars, conflicts, violence, injustice, hunger and bitter hatreds, which stalk the global commons, we find hope in the commemoration of the centenary of the birth of a noble soul, whose witness to reconciliation and peace is an eternal wellspring for humanity,"

Brazen Armed Robbers

BY LEAH COOPER
 Journal Staff Writer

The getaway driver of a brazen armed robbery got more than he bargained for when he set out to rob a bank customer this morning.

Police say that a customer was about to enter the Royal Bank of Canada Prince Charles Branch after 11:00am when a man robbed him of several deposit bags before jumping into a Toyota Passo with another man.

As the two were attempting to leave the scene, officers from the Bahamas Department of corrections confronted them.

The driver of the Passo reportedly attempted to hit the officers with the vehicle, and in fear of his life, one of the officers pulled out his service weapon and fired in the direction of the suspect,

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Police Probe Stabbing Incident

Police are investigating a stabbing incident that occurred yesterday, which has left an adult female with injuries. According to reports, shortly after 9:00am,

a woman was standing at a bus stop on Farrington Road, when she was approached by a male who stabbed her

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Woman Jailed For Fraud

BY JAMEELHA MISSICK
 Journal Staff Writer

A woman is behind bars after pleading guilty to over 10 counts of fraud.

Latoya Seymour, 44, was yesterday formally charged before Senior Magistrate Darence Rolle-Davis on 11 counts of fraud by false pre-

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URIAH MCPHEE PRIMARY CALLS UPON HER EXCELLENCY



► Grade 6 students and teachers of Uriah McPhee Primary School called upon Governor General Her Excellency the Most Hon. Dame Marguerite Pindling at Government House on Monday, September 24, 2018. (BIS Photos/Letisha Henderson)



DONATE A DOLLAR FOR BREAST CANCER WITH BAF IN OCTOBER
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Young father behind bars for fraud

Dr. Sands Elected President Of PAHO Directing Council



► Minister Sands is pictured with Director of the Pan American Health Organization, Dr. Carissa Etienne (Journal file photo)

The Minister of Health, Doctor Duane Ernest Sands has been elected President of the Pan American Health Organization's (PAHO) 56th Directing Council. The Council convenes the Region's health authorities to discuss and analyze regional health policies and set priorities for technical cooperation and collaboration among countries.

Dr. Sands will preside over the Directing Council, which began yesterday until 27 September, where ministries of health, from throughout the Region of the Americas will discuss a series of plans to reduce the shortage in health personnel, lower the number of deaths from cervical cancer, and improve the health of women, children and adolescents.

Dr. Sands thanked the Directing Council for the "distinguished honour of representing the Bahamas as president of the Directing Council," and expressed his hope that "the meeting will be useful in enabling countries to share experiences and gain consensus," in a Region that "has been a driving force for important health achievements in the world." He also highlighted the importance

of continuing work towards achieving universal health by 2030.

Dr. Sands is a doctor of cardiology and a vascular surgeon. He worked for more than 20 years as a cardiologist at the Princess Margaret Hospital in the Bahamas until May 2017, when he was appointed Minister of Health of the Bahamas.

Prior to this role, he was Chairman of the Bahamas Medical Council from 2007 until 2010. He holds diplomas from the American Board of Surgery and the American Board of Thoracic Surgery.

Dr. Sands, who succeeds Octavio Sanchez Midence, Minister of Health of Honduras, is also a member of the Caribbean Cardiac Society, the Wayne State Surgical Society, and is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He is also a lecturer at the University of West Indies.

The Minister of Public Health of Ecuador, Verónica Espinosa, and the Minister of Health and Population of Haiti, Marie Gréta Roy Clément, were both elected vice-presidents of the Directing Council.

BY JAMEELHA MISSICK
Journal Staff Writer

A young father of one was yesterday jailed for fraud.

Nathan Bain, 20, also known as Jason Cartwright, Jamal Davis and Jamal Bain, was arraigned before Magistrate Derence Rolle-Davis on six counts of fraud by false pretenses.

It is alleged that on Sunday June 17 – concerned with another – Bain obtained documents from four men.

The documents included Bahamian passports, NIB and voter's cards and \$40 cash each.

The victims, who were seeking employment in the construction field, were under the impression that Bain, who in this instance, went by the name Jason Cartwright, was an employee of Albany.

It is alleged that Bain, acting as a recruiting agent, told them he would be able to secure them jobs at the company if given their documents and \$40 toward their uniforms.

All four of the men met with Bain who spoke more about what was expected of them and told them that they would be able to start working the following day, adding that he would bring the uni-

forms.

The men, who reported to Albany on Monday June 18, later found out that there was no Jason Cartwright employed there and that they were deceived out of their documents and cash.

Bain, admitted he received the documents and the funds, and that his brother Jaron Bain gave him the name to use.

The accused said he went along with the plan because he was homeless, unemployed and had a daughter on the way.

He also told the court that his brother fractured his eye and gun butted him among other injuries, after he told him he would go to the police.

In two other separate incidents, Bain also received \$26 and \$59 from a man and a woman.

On Tuesday September 18, under the name Jamal Davis, Bain told a woman he was a Baha Mar Entry Department Supervisor after she told him her son was looking for a job.

The woman's son spoke with Bain and gave him copies and originals of his documents – including his police record, diploma and \$21 for a uniform and \$5 for insurance.

The woman took her son for an interview at the Baha Mar Academy, but when they got there, they were told there were no interviews on that day and they were not familiar with that name.

In another instance, under the name Jamal Bain, a man said he met Bain in August, who said he was a mechanic at Baha Mar and was "cool with the boss," so he would help him get a job.

The man gave Bain \$59.18 for uniform and VAT payment, his resume, NIB card, and a copy of his passport.

Upon arriving to Baha Mar, the man was told that there was no orientation and there was no one by the name of Jamal Bain employed there.

Bain insisted he was under the influence of his brother, who allegedly fled the country.

In the first matter, Magistrate Derence Rolle-Davis sentenced Bain to 2 months on each count, a total of 8 months and on the second matter 2 months, for a total time of one year to be served consecutively at The Bahamas Department of Corrections.

Bain was not represented by an attorney.



MINISTRY OF FINANCE

PUBLIC TENDER

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The Ministry of Finance advises that the following vessel has been forfeited to the Crown following breaches of the Fisheries Resources Jurisdiction and Conservation Act and resulting in the selling by Tender:

Vessel	Description
Name of Vessel: Brailyn	Brailyn
Manufactured By: Unknown	Unknown
Make: Unknown	Unknown
Model Year: Unknown	Unknown

*The Brailyn is a 53ft. fibreglass hull fishing vessel with extensive modifications. This vessel is equipped with Twin Detroit 6V Marne Diesel engines and one (1) four cylinder Cummins 35kw generator.

Interested persons may view the vessel by visiting the Royal Bahamas Defence Force Base, located on Coral Harbour, between the hours of 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday to Friday from September 10, 2018 to September 28, 2018.

Bids should be addressed in a sealed envelope to **The Financial Secretary, Ministry of Finance, 1st Floor Cecil Wallace Whitfield Building, West Bay Street by 5:00 pm on September 28, 2018.**

The face of the envelope should bear the words "Tender for Confiscated Vessel".

Each successful bidder will be required to make full payment to the Public Treasury, Nassau, Bahamas by cash, certified cheque, or credit/ debit cards for the vehicle being purchased within ten (10) working days of being notified by the Ministry of Finance. The successful bidder will be responsible for making full arrangements for the removal of the vessel within two (2) working days after full payment has been made.

The Ministry of Finance reserves the right to reject any or all bids and the items are being sold "as is where is" with no warranty to be implied or inferred. For vessels that are not registered in The Bahamas no guarantee is given as to its eligibility for registration elsewhere.

Marlon Johnson
(Actg.) Financial Secretary

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Intervention in Grand Lucayan is in National Interest

BY MATT MAURA

It would be an act of "sheer cruelty and neglect" toward the people of Grand Bahama for the government "to idly stand by and let the Grand Lucayan, a prime hotel property, go the way of the Royal Oasis," Minister of Tourism and Aviation, the Hon. Dionisio D'Aguilar told Parliament.

Addressing the House of Assembly Thursday (September 20, 2018), Minister D'Aguilar said news of the government's proposal to purchase the Grand Lucayan has sparked vibrant public debate. He said while many of the questions and arguments raised against the purchase of this property would have some merit under normal circumstances, "when a particular situation in a country is so critical, government must intervene in the national interest."

"As a veteran businessman, my personal belief is that governments should leave all businesses such as hotels, to be run by the private sector. However, there comes a time when a particular situation in a country is so critical that the government must intervene in the national interest."

"The Grand Lucayan Hotel is a case in point. This is not just about a hotel and its employees, nor is it just about an island. This is about the prosperity of an entire nation. It would be an act of sheer cruelty and neglect



► Minister of Tourism and Aviation, the Hon. Dionisio D'Aguilar (Journal file photo)

towards the people of Grand Bahama for the government to idly stand by and let the Grand Lucayan, a prime hotel property, go the way of the Royal Oasis."

Mr. D'Aguilar's comments came while Seconding the Motion for a \$35 Million Loan from Hutchison Whampoa for the Purchase of the Grand Lucayan Resort. He said the government's intention is not to hold on to the Grand Lucayan for any extended period of time, but to purchase it and "ready it for onward sale to the most attractive investor."

Mr. D'Aguilar said in pursuing the purchase of the 1200-room hotel property, the government seeks to

secure the foundation of Grand Bahama's tourism sector and bring about a critical turn around in the direction of Grand Bahama's economy.

"If the Government did not act, the closure of the hotel was a certainty. The Grand Lucayan is too important to Freeport and ultimately The Bahamas. It is too important and too big to fail. Failure to purchase this hotel would concretize significant losses to the Public Treasury, a loss of annual departure tax, VAT, Customs Duty, all in the millions of dollars if the Grand Lucayan is closed."

Minister D'Aguilar said if the resort is opened and becomes operational at effective

levels, it will secure the employment of approximately 1200 persons – the wages from which would amount to approximately \$20-\$25 million, not including indirect and induced employment. He said construction could produce a potential 500 jobs with annual wages of approximately \$15 million.

"All of this represents a significant injection into the economy of Grand Bahama," he said.

Minister D'Aguilar said the hotel's closure would have a devastating effect.

"Specifically, it would have a severe effect on the Port Lucaya Marketplace and Marina where over 50 businesses are in operation; it would have a severe impact

on the three daily Ferry Services from Florida, namely the Balearia, the Grand Celebration and the Grand Classica. We would eventually lose them. And it would have a severe impact on straw vendors and taxi drivers and all other ancillary businesses and suppliers that need this hotel to be open in order for them to survive."

Minister D'Aguilar said the closure of the Royal Oasis in 2004 has had a negative impact on Grand Bahama and its economy. He said the International Bazaar, which adjoins the hotel, is now a ghost town, full of derelict and abandoned buildings.

"Its state of near total disrepair is proving that once

you make the fatal mistake of allowing a hotel to close, it is extremely difficult, if not impossible, to get it re-opened.

"We have learned the lessons from previous governments – what damage inaction can cause. Inaction and closure is simply not an option for the Grand Lucayan, if the intention is to bring it back to life and to create the greatest economic impact."

Minister D'Aguilar said the government will act decisively in the best interests of the people of Grand Bahama and the people of The Bahamas.

"The numbers reveal a tourism sector that has received some traumatic body blows and we were elected on overwhelming numbers to do what is necessary to reverse that trend," Mr. D'Aguilar said.

"The purchase of the Grand Lucayan and its eventual re-development could be the catalyst to Grand Bahama's rebirth – a chance to improve the mood and confidence levels and provide a new destination unique from other islands and really allow for the proper re-branding of Grand Bahama."

"Behind any major decision, there must be a vision. What is the vision for Grand Bahama? Like the proverbial Phoenix that rises from the ashes, we envision the gradual and sure recovery of the island of Grand Bahama," Minister D'Aguilar added.

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Interested persons can contact the Administrative Officer at the said facility for permission to inspect the premises. To obtain a copy of the Scopes of Work and additional information, please contact any of the following telephone numbers: 502-47004780/4831.

All Tender documents are to be placed in a sealed envelope marked: "To Tenders Board" Janitorial Services at South Beach Health Centre, East Street South c/o Financial Secretary Ministry of Finance Cable Beach Nassau, Bahamas

Companies should submit bids no later than Monday, October 1, 2018. Only persons with a valid Business License, Tax Compliance letter, Registration Certificate and Letter from National Insurance (NIB) stating your company is in Good standing need apply. Bids will be opened on October 2, 2018. Bidders or Representatives will be requested to be in attendance.

PHA Rehabilitation Services Week Opens: Retirees and Staff Recognized



▶ Catherine Weech, Managing Director, PHA, is pictured, seated centre, with PHA Rehab Retirees who were recognized during the ceremony. Dr. Millicent Rollins, Deputy Director, Rehabilitation is shown standing at far left and Heather Hanlan, Director, Rehab Services is standing at far right. (BIS Photos/Derek Smith)

BY KATHRYN CAMPBELL

As the first Public Hospitals Authority (PHA) Rehabilitation Services Week officially opened, Monday, September 24, 2018, Catherine Weech, Managing Director, PHA, assured rehabilitative professionals that improving the quality of rehabilitative services in the Bahamas is an integral element of health services strengthening.

"The many challenges you face, particularly with respect to equipment procurement and equipment maintenance, lack of physical space and the need to scale up recruitment of rehabilitative professionals are front and centre at the highest levels of the PHA," said Ms. Weech.

The aim of the week is to increase public awareness of what rehabilitation is, what it does, who can benefit from it. Members of the PHA, physiotherapists and hospital administrators attended the ceremony at PHA's Corporate Office. The theme for Rehabilitation Services Week is 'Rehab: Your Progress is Our Passion.'

Former and present rehabilitation health care workers who have contributed to the development of rehabilitative care to patients were also recognized during the event.

In her remarks, the director urged the rehabilitation service workers to work to forge relationships with the University of The Bahamas to introduce the relevant allied health programs into

the curriculum in the future. She suggested the creation of a working group or committee of professionals to spearhead issues to ensure that The Bahamas is in a position to meet the demands for care, now and in the future.

She gave them the assurance of the support of the PHA and the Ministry of Health.

Ms. Weech acknowledged the organizing committee responsible for Rehabilitation Services Week. "Only your colleagues will have any idea of the dedication and skills required to help your patients make progress toward their individualized health outcomes. Only your families will understand the relentless hours of hard work invested in improving the lives of the patients in your care," she said.

In her welcome, Heather Hanlan, Director, Rehabilitation Services, explained that rehabilitation comprises a set of specialized interventions that are designed to optimize functioning and reduce disability in individuals with health conditions and may include circumstances of ageing, pregnancy, stress, congenital anomaly or genetic predisposition.

Miss Hanlan said according to the World Health Organization, fifteen percent of the world's population live with a disability. According to the 2010 Census, in The Bahamas, over 10,000 persons with disabilities reside here.

"It should come as no surprise that here in The Bahamas there is a total of only 115 licensed rehab

professionals, inclusive of the public and private sectors, serving a population of 400,000. It is noteworthy to know only 30 of these professionals work within the public healthcare system.

"It is therefore no mystery why it is important to raise public awareness of this often overlooked element of our public health system.

"With continued medical advancements, improvement of our health services, the ageing population and the increase in chronic non-communicable diseases within The Bahamas, more people are living longer and with disability. This means in addition to focusing our health services on reducing mortality, we have to simultaneously ensure that people get the best possible outcome after injury or illness. Rehabilitation is a key component in meeting this objective," said the director.

She affirmed PHA's commitment to strengthening the development of occupational therapy, recreational therapy, physiotherapy, speech language, pathology, audiology and respiratory therapy within the PHA and community.

Rehab services are currently offered within the PHA at the following:

The Princess Margaret Hospital: Physiotherapy, respiratory therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy (limited)

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Eneas Files

By Godfrey Eneas

The Bahamas In Decline

Over the past six to nine months, the LOVE 97FM afternoon radio programme, On Point, has emerged as an on-air Think Tank because of the type of issues which are discussed. On Point is viewed by many as a lecture theatre where subjects germane to the everyday life of the man on the street are discussed. These subjects range from slavery, Bahamian history, governance, the economy, a national vision, and yes, even food and nutrition.

Recently, the issues which brought The Bahamas and the Caribbean region face to face with its position in the global community stem from the fact that we are all members of the United Nations (UN). The global agenda is being driven by the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The Bahamas as a member of 190 country UN has signed on to the SDGs and is committed to the introduction and implementation of the goals.

The post-World War II period saw The Bahamas project itself as one of the most progressive and socio-economically stable countries during the era of the march to Independence. This commenced in the decade of the '50s. The second half of the 20th Century was good for The Bahamas. The twenty-five years of the Pindling government saw The Bahamas make great strides economically, politically and socially. The Bahamas was regarded as a prosperous developing country with a high per capita income.

In the 80s however, the world took a dramatic turn in its geopolitics. United States President Ronald Reagan, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and the President of the Soviet Union, Mikhail Gorbachev ended the Cold War and the Iron Curtain was no more. The symbol of this change was the fall of the Berlin Wall in November, 1989. This resulted in the disintegration of the Soviet Union and the world entered the era of globalization.

It is this era of globalization which featured the Internet, trade liberalization, technology and global trade. A borderless world was developed

because trade could be conducted in cyberspace. A new global economy came into being with companies like Microsoft, Apple, Amazon, Facebook and Expedia, which pretty much wiped out travel agencies as on-line booking became the chief vehicle in tourism. As result of the massive importance cybertrade is to the global economy, Apple, this year, became the first American publicly trading company to reach a \$1 trillion in value. In all of this global transformation, The Bahamas did not change its economy as the post-World War II Stafford Sands model remained the status quo.

Economic Decline

From 2000-2015, the Bahamian economy has shown a decline in the gross domestic product (GDP) per person. This fact was reflected in the International Monetary Fund (IMF) publication, *Unleashing Growth and Strengthening Resilience in the Caribbean*.

The publication indicated, over this period, that the regional per capita GDP has risen. In The Bahamas, however, as in most Caribbean states, growth was being inhibited by crime, debt, unemployment, bureaucratic bottlenecks, erratic policymaking and obstacles to the "ease of doing business". In The Bahamas the primary source of foreign investment is coming from China. The two most dynamic projects, Bahar Ma and the Pointe, are Chinese. For the Chinese, The Bahamas has attracted more investment capital than any other Caribbean country, including Cuba and the Dominican Republic.

The result of the lack of foreign direct investment, unemployment in The Bahamas is at unprecedented levels, particularly in the urban centers of Nassau and Freeport.

Ease of Doing Business

Among the one hundred and ninety (190) countries listed in this category, The Caribbean highest ranked country is Jamaica at number 70. The Bahamas, on the other hand, is not even in the first one hundred (100) as it is ranked num-



ber one hundred and nineteen (119). This puts us below Jamaica, St. Lucia, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Trinidad and Tobago and Antigua and Barbuda. This is where we have fallen.

Our ranking gets even worse in specific categories like starting a business, dealing with construction, getting electricity, registering property, getting credit, among several other categories. In these categories, The Bahamas is listed at 167.

One of the reasons for our inability to attract foreign direct investment stems from the fact that it is difficult to get started.

Human Development Index (HDI)

There are several ways to determine the progress of a country. One of them is the Human Development Index (HDI). The HDI was devised by the United Nations Development Program as a means of assessing a country's development based on life expectancy, literacy, education and income.

In 1987, the HDI for The Bahamas was 0.851. By 2014-2015, the HDI declined to 0.792 in 2015 and 0.790 in 2014. Over the past quarter of a century, the HDI for The Bahamas has declined. A part of the reason for our drop is because countries are advancing in the four categories mentioned above.

When one looks at the categories of Economic Decline, Ease of Doing Business and the Human Development Index, the key indicators show a regression in the 21st Century. It is very apparent that The Bahamas needs a new development model if our country is to advance in the 21st century.

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Pledged to Continue

As we celebrate almost a quarter of century in this great broadcasting venture, we are both thankful and grateful for the opportunity given us to serve and help build up our beloved Bahamas.

And thus, we note that: Societies have long had an interest in the ways in which their young are prepared for citizenship and in how they learn to take part in civic life. Today that interest might better be described as a concern-in fact as a growing concern, particularly in democratic societies.

There is evidence aplenty that no country, including our own United States, has achieved the level of understanding and acceptance of the rights and responsibilities among the totality of its citizens that is required for the maintenance and improvement of any constitutional democracy.

In the past decade we have witnessed dramatic demands for freedom on the part of peoples from Asia to Africa and from Central and Eastern Europe to Latin America.

And as we have seen one totalitarian or authoritarian regime after another toppled and fledgling democratic governments replace them, we may have become too optimistic about the future of democracy.

We also may have become too complacent, too sure of democracy's robustness or of its long term viability.

History, however, teaches us that few countries have sustained democratic governments for prolonged periods, a lesson which we as Americans are sometimes inclined to forget. Americans, of course, should take pride and confidence from the fact that they live in the world's oldest constitutional democracy and that the philosophical foundations underlying their political institutions serve as a model for aspiring peoples around the world.

The "shot heard 'round the world" two centuries ago at the opening of the American Revolution continues to resound today, and it should remind Americans that free institutions are among humanity's highest achievements and worthy of their full energies and earnest devotion to preserve.

Americans also should realize that civic education is essential to sustain our constitutional democracy. The habits of the mind, as well as "habits of the heart," the dispositions that inform the democratic ethos, are not

inherited.

As Alexis de Toqueville pointed out, each new generation is a new people that must acquire the knowledge, learn the skills, and develop the dispositions or traits of private and public character that undergird a constitutional democracy.

Those dispositions must be fostered and nurtured by word and study and by the power of example. Democracy is not a "machine that would go of itself," but must be consciously reproduced, one generation after another.

Civic education, therefore, is-or should be-a prime concern.

There is no more important task than the development of an informed, effective, and responsible citizenry.

Democracies are sustained by citizens who have the requisite knowledge, skills, and dispositions. Absent a reasoned commitment on the part of its citizens to the fundamental values and principles of democracy, a free and open society cannot succeed. It is imperative, therefore, that educators, policymakers, and members of civil society make the case and ask for the support of civic education from all segments of society and from the widest range of institutions and governments.

It is relatively easy for a society to produce technically competent people. But the kind of society Americans want to live in and the kind of government they want to have requires effort and commitment on the part of its citizens. Americans want a society and a government in which human rights are respected; in which the individual's dignity and worth are acknowledged; in which the rule of law is observed; in which people willingly fulfill their responsibilities and in which the common good is the concern of all.

Making that kind of society, that kind of government a reality is the most important challenge Americans face and the most important work they could undertake.

Whilst the text above is borrowed, we feel obliged to be thankful for what it says to us and to billions of people around the world as regards the great connection which links civics education to genuine nation-building!

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the Prime Minister said. "Peace and justice are as indivisible as the bond of human dignity, which transcends race, creed, ethnicity and every circumstance of birth amidst the exuberant diversity of humanity."

The Prime Minister recalled that at The Eighth Commonwealth Heads of

Government Meeting (CHOGM) held in The Bahamas in 1985, host Prime Minister the Late Sir Lynden Pindling, was a leading figure in the struggle for equality and majority rule in The Bahamas, who also led the charge for the release of Mandela.

That Meeting produced the Commonwealth Agreement on South Africa, also known

as The Nassau Accord.

The Prime Minister noted that The Nassau Accord pressed for the then government of South Africa to enter into negotiations with the black majority to end apartheid. The Accord also called on South Africa to end the occupation of Namibia.

"The struggle for peace and justice is universal," Prime Minister Minnis said.

He noted that in 2014, former Governor General Sir Arthur Foulkes penned a letter to the students of The Bahamas on the attainment of Majority Rule and the emancipation of The Bahamas in 1967.

Said Sir Arthur in his letter to the youth: "That event removed the last psychological shackles from the minds of many; it shattered false

notions of superiority or inferiority; it created the foundation upon which to build a society with opportunity for all; it unleashed the hitherto brutally-suppressed but powerful entrepreneurial instincts of a people.

"It freed many Bahamians from the fear of one another because of differences of colour or ethnic origin."

Prime Minister Minnis

said as the world reflects on the centenary of Nelson Mandela's birth, and the 70th anniversary of the Declaration of Human Rights, "the most enduring witness and testimony we may offer, is the manner of courage of a man of nobility and grace, who was prepared to give his very life in the service of humanity."



► Prime Minister, Dr. the Hon. Hubert Minnis, second left, prepares to speak at Nelson Mandela Peace Summit today at the United Nations, a conclave focusing on Global Peace in honour of the centenary of Nelson Mandela's birth. In group photo, pictured with the Prime Minister, from left are Chief Operating Officer, Prime Minister's Delivery Unit Viana Gardiner; H.E. Sheila Carey, Permanent Representative of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas to the United Nations; Minister of State for Grand Bahama in the Office of the Prime Minister, the Hon. Kwasi Thompson; and Senior Policy Advisor to the Prime Minister, Joshua Sears. (BIS Photos/Yontalay Bowe)



Request for Marine Surveyors

The Ministry of Finance is seeking experienced marine surveyors to conduct appraisal reports on vessels that have been confiscated and awarded to the Crown following breaches of the Fisheries Resources Jurisdiction and Conservation Act and the Dangerous Drugs Act.

Please note that submissions from interested persons should include the following:

- Qualifications
- Experiences

Also persons responding to this request should possess the following:

- A valid business license
- A Valid Identification
- Tax Compliance Certificate (TCC)
- A valid letter from National Insurance stating contribution status
- Copy of VAT Registration Certification (TIN)

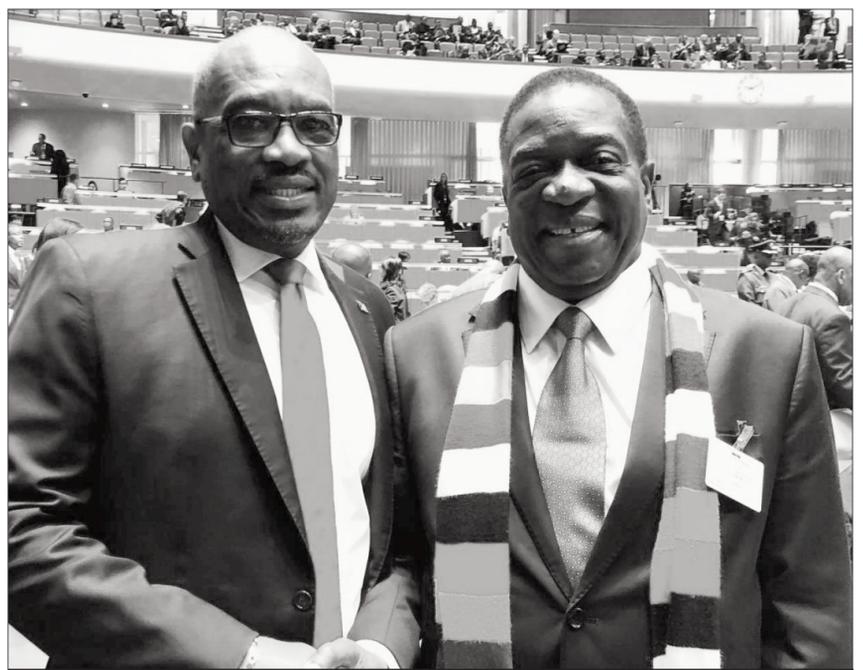
The expression of interest should be sent electronically via e-mail or post/ delivered in a sealed envelope. Electronic submissions must be circulated to leronneely@bahamas.gov.bs with the subject of "Marine Surveyor".

Conventional mail submissions should be delivered to the following address:

Mr. Marlon Johnson
Actg. Financial Secretary
Ministry of Finance
Cecil Wallace- Whitfield Centre,
West Bay Street,
Nassau, New Providence

The envelope must be identified with "Marine Surveyor".

Responses to this request must be submitted, using one of the submission methods described above, by 5:00



► The Prime Minister meets President of Zimbabwe Emmerson Mnangagwa. The General Debate of the 73rd Session of the General Assembly begins tomorrow. (BIS Photos/Yontalay Bowe)

Brazen Armed Robber

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hitting him.

His accomplice, however, escaped into a nearby residential area.

At last report, the injured man was in stable condition under heavy

police guard.

Meantime, several deposit bags were recovered and investigations into the matter are ongoing.

Woman Jailed For Fraud

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tenses.

It is alleged that over the course of two weeks, the accused, obtained \$8,440 from 15 people.

The court heard how this month alone, Seymour told the victims she was an employee at either Albany or Lyford Cay and had access to a large number of furniture and appliances that she would have first bid before being auctioned.

The accused even allegedly showed the people photographs of the items which included, televisions, refrigerators, washing machines, stoves, bedroom, living room and dining room sets.

According to the information revealed in court, after Seymour collected the money, she promised the

items would be delivered to the people.

However, she made excuses for not following through, alleging she was having car problems.

When the victims demanded a refund, Seymour allegedly promised to do so, but failed to reimburse the cash.

The defendant admitted she had lied, charging that she was desperate to pay off a very large bill.

She further told the magistrate she was not going to waste the court's time and that if given the opportunity, she would try her best to repay those persons.

When asked by the magistrate why she hadn't done this initially, she said she didn't know, adding that her place of employment - a local bar and grill - was

under renovations and had just reopened a few weeks ago.

When questioned about the money she had received, Seymour said she used it to pay bills.

The magistrate noted that because her actions was a planned scheme that netted 15 people, a penalty should be imposed.

Seymour then was sentenced to The Bahamas Department of Corrections for 2 years on 5 counts and 2 months on 6 counts.

The magistrate noted that the penalty was reduced, rather than 5 years total Seymour would have gotten, because of the early guilty plea.

The defendant has a previous conviction for an unrelated matter.

PINTARD CALLS FOR 'A MOVEMENT IN AGRICULTURE'

Asking the question, "Are You In?" the departments and agencies that make up the Ministry of Agriculture & Marine Resources gathered on Friday September 21st for the first ever "State of the Ministry" staff meeting. The event took place at the Expo Site of the Gladstone Road Agricultural Center (GRAC) and saw approximately 500 staff members from the

Ministry, Department of Agriculture, Department of Marine Resources, BAMS, BAIC and BAFHSA assembled to hear informative and motivational messages from the heads of the respective agencies.

The keynote message was delivered by Minister of Agriculture & Marine Resources, Hon. Michael Pintard. Minister Pintard

challenged team members to break down the walls that separate the entities that make up the portfolio and encouraged greater unity of effort on behalf of the Bahamian people. Citing the overlapping of roles and at times, encroachment in areas best handled by the private sector or industry stakeholders, Minister Pintard challenged his man-

agers and staff to work toward building a movement in agriculture.

He said our country's returns from the sector are at a level where the only direction we can go is upwards and he pointed out that the duplication of services within the portfolio is hindering the opportunity to improve the sector. "BAMS, BAIC, The Department of

Agriculture are engaging in much of the same things" he said. "We intend, through a collaborative way, through mature discussions, to work out how we can determine who is best suited to do what. We prefer to do it in a collaborative way because the truth is we have a mandate to do it and we'd rather people come not kicking and screaming but in a very col-

laborative way".

The gathering was an opportunity for the Ministry to also recognize recently retired staff as well as its outstanding employees. Among those being honored were former Deputy Director of Agriculture and current First Lady, Patricia Minnis and the Ministry's Public Servant of the Year, Dr. Lester Gittens.



GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS

THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE

THE PUBLIC FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND PERFORMANCE MONITORING REFORM PROJECT (PFM/PMR)

IT SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT MANAGER POSITION AVAILABLE



Title: IT Systems Development Manager

This notice is placed on behalf of The Ministry of Finance to provide background information regarding the objectives of the PFM/PMR Project to enable interested persons who meet the stated and other criteria to determine their eligibility and respond to this advertisement to offer their services under the requirements of the project. The Government of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas (GoB) has received financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB) under loan #3340/OC- BH to partially/totally fund the contract cost.

SUMMARY OF BACKGROUND INFORMATION

PFM/PMR will improve the Financial Management and Performance Monitoring capabilities of the Public Sector. Component IV: Public Procurement will modernize the public procurement system, promote efficient market competition & deliver value for money. The GoB is seeking a consultant to act as the focal point for overall development and delivery of complex internal/external IT system development projects across a variety of products and technologies.

DESCRIPTION OF ENGAGEMENT

The consultancy will take place over a 12 month period in Nassau, Bahamas. A detailed work plan with timeline to achieve the deliverables must be submitted 7 working days after contract signing.

FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Specifically, the consultant, in coordination with the Chief Procurement Officer, and the PFM/PMR Component IV Coordinator, shall

- Manage the delivery of multiple complex simultaneous system development projects from design through to release.
- Understand and contribute to technical solutions from design through to code level.
- Provide progress updates and work closely with outsourced providers to ensure the management of any delivery risks or issues.
- Define, document and report on project delivery phases including activities, sub-activities, milestones, event log, issues and risk log.
- Ensure awareness, involvement and support from the key stakeholders and participants by building strong project teams robust communication on the project status throughout its life cycle.
- Participate in reviews and meetings and provide updates on project progress.
- Take responsibility for ensuring that risks/issues are identified and managed closely and drive all stakeholders to deliver on time and to the required quality standards.
- Work closely with relevant teams internally to ensure alignment and coordination across operations as part of the seamless implementation of existing and new systems.
- Contributing to post-implementation reviews helping to demonstrate success or otherwise of projects and to introduce processes to yield more predictable results.
- Drive major and significant stability and performance improvements.

EDUCATION SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

- Bachelor level in Software Development, IT, or other similar disciplines
- At least 5 years of relevant experience in the private sector, non-profit or public sector (preferred)
- Experience of people management and the ability to lead and influence others including, formal personal development planning and individual, team and process performance management
- Experience in a variety of software development approaches and methodologies including Agile and Waterfall
- Experience in the development of software using open source platforms as Apache, PostgreSQL, Java-based technologies and open contracting data standards, and usage of UML.

SELECTION PROCESS

The individual for the consultancy will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost for National Individual procedures set out in the Inter-American Development Bank: Policies for the selection and contracting of consultants financed by the Inter-American Bank (Document GN-2350-9). Note that the Government of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas has the authority to reject any and all proposals without an explanation. Procurement notices will be posted online at www.bahamas.gov.bs CVs must be delivered by e-mail by 5:00pm, Friday, September 28th, 2018 to pfpmpmr@bahamas.gov.bs.



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Police Probe Stabbing Incident

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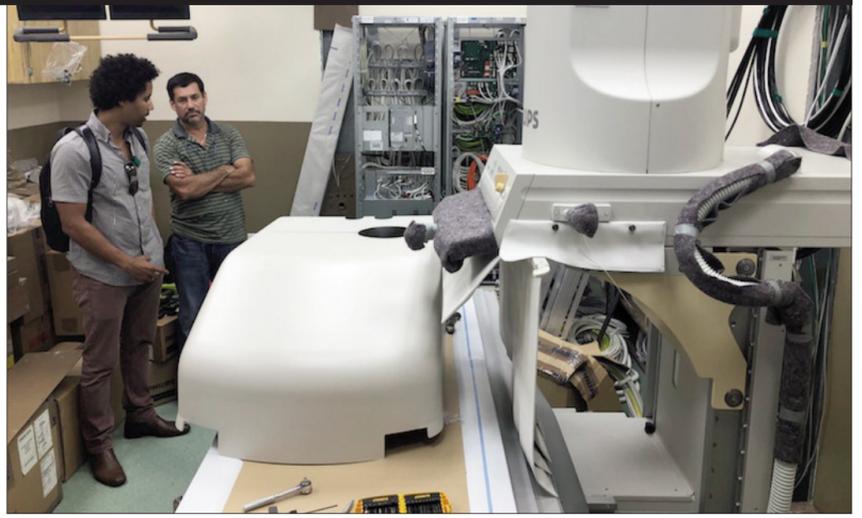
about the body, before running away. She was transported to hospital and is listed in stable condition. A

short time later, a man presented himself into the Central Detective Unit and was taken into custody in connection with this incident. Investigations are ongoing.

The Corey Newbold Ward at Princess Margaret Hospital has been renovated



► The Corey Newbold Ward at Princess Margaret Hospital has been renovated. Once completed it should add to the number of beds available at the hospital. (Photos The Ministry of Health)



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH
Grand Bazaar & Raffle
Saturday, September 29th, 2018
12 noon - 10 pm
Church Grounds: Robinson & Claridge Roads
Lots of Food & Games for All Ages!

Stalls	Games
HOME COOKERY	PUNCH BOARD
JERK (CHICKEN & PORK)	TIC-TAC-TOE
CONCH FRITTERS	LOLLIPOP SURPRISE
CONCH & FRIES	WHEEL OF FORTUNE
HOT DOGS & HAMBURGERS	HOOPLA
SNOW CONES & DAIQUIRIS	CLOWN FACE
SODAS & ICE CREAM	DRESS FOR LESS
CAKES & SWEETS	BINGO
CHICKEN WINGS & FRIES	SPLAT BALL
TEA PARTY / FASHION SHOW	COTTON CANDY
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INTERNATIONAL CUISINE	BOOKS & PLANTS
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Bahamas Maritime Authority

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Further information and application forms can be obtained from:

Mrs. Katie Clarke
Nassau Branch Manager
Bahamas Maritime Authority

Website: www.bahamasmaritime.com
Email: scholarship@bahamasmaritime.com
Tel: +1-(242)-356-5772
Fax: +1-(242)-356-5889

Completed applications must be submitted in person or by post, with copies of academic certificates/transcripts and proof of Bahamian citizenship, no later than Friday, 28th September 2018. Qualified applicants will be contacted for interviews.