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STRIKE BY DOCTORS LOOMS

BY LEAH COOPER
 Journal Staff Writer

A strike action to the nation's physicians engaged with public hospitals is in the offing as no resolution is in sight regarding the many issues they have in dispute with the government and the Public Hospitals Authority. Over the weekend many of the doctors who are consultants were said to be weighing their options.

The President of the Trade Union Congress (TUC) Obie Ferguson last Friday said that he

Gov't Accused Of "Wanton Corruption"

The Chairman Emeritus of the Progressive Liberal Party, Bradley Roberts says, "there is a pattern of behavior of wanton corruption by the Minnis government that is unprecedented."

Mr. Roberts in a statement yesterday said, "this arrogant Free National Movement government remains unapologetic as it descends this country to the status of a Banana Republic."

He said, "This is the same Dr. Hubert Minnis

who saw his way to march on Parliament and the Ministry of Agriculture against Alfred Gray when an allegation of political interference was made against Minister Gray by a third party. Minnis repeatedly called for his resignation or termination. For his part and to his credit, then Prime Minister Christie removed the Local Government portfolio from Mr. Gray and had the matter turned over to



► Bradley Roberts, Chairman Emeritus of the Progressive Liberal Party (Journal file photo)

Plight of teen in Bahamas Hits U.S Press

The plight of a young girl in the Bahamas in search of medical care, who is being termed "stateless" by some activists, has reached the media in the United States, thus deepening the controversy.

According to an article in the Miami Herald, "For months, Taranique Thurston has been caught in limbo in the Bahamas while a cyst grows in her brain.

"She needs medical treatment in Miami that could save her life. But the 16-year-old can't travel to the United States because of a provision in the Bahamian citizenship law that has left her without a country.

"Her father is a Bahamian citizen. Her

mother, of Haitian descent, was born in the Bahamas and became a citizen four years ago. When Taranique was born — in the Bahamas — her parents weren't married. And that means, under a Bahamian law that traces citizenship through the father of a married couple, she's not considered a citizen and not entitled to a passport."

According to the article, Taranique is stateless. (Bahamian officials say she is a Haitian.) She's also increasingly ill.

"My daughter was diagnosed last year and we're still trapped here and can't move," said Taranique's mother,

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NYGARD CELEBRATING 50 YEARS IN FASHION



► Peter Nygard, second from left, hosted an event at the company's 1771 Inkster Boulevard location Wednesday to kick off his company's 50th anniversary celebration. With him are: Rene Law, Irene Golinski, Former Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba Pearl McGonigal, MLA for St. James Scott Johnston and vice-chairman of Nygard International Jim Bennett. (Photo/Winnipeg Sun)

Chamber of Commerce CEO Resigns

BY JAMEELHA MISSICK
 Journal Staff Writer

Days after being slapped with a 10-year barring from the Securities Commission and a hefty fine, Edison Sumner, on Friday, resigned from The Bahamas Chamber of Commerce and Employers Confederation (BCCEC)

with immediate effect.

In a letter to Chairman, Mike Maura Jr., Sumner said that during his five-and-a-half-year tenure, he has worked selflessly and tirelessly to represent the interest of, and advocate on behalf of the BCCEC and its membership and the private sector at large, at the highest level of pro-

fessionalism and efficiency, both nationally as well as regionally and internationally.

"We have had significant achievements and seen tremendous growth and development over the years and I believe I'm leaving the BCCEC in a much better state than when I assumed the role as

CEO over five years ago," Sumner said.

He added that unfortunately, recent reports of a long-standing legacy issue have made it challenging for him to continue in his role.

These reports relate to Sumner's former role as

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Americans Held For Drugs and Weapons

Two American citizens are in police custody after they were allegedly found in possession of suspected drugs and weapons by members of the Royal Bahamas Defence Force Marines on Friday Afternoon.

While on patrol shortly

after noon, officers conducted a routine boarding and search of a blue and white contender in the area of Nassau Harbour East. They said results of the search uncovered a small quantity of suspect-

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has plans to move forward off the heels of the Consultant Physician Staff Association (CPSA) giving the government five days to respond to their trade dispute filed to the Department of Labour.

Mr. Ferguson explained that there are quite several steps that needs to be taken before moving ahead with their intended plans.

He said, "for example if you want to have a strike, there's a process that you have to go through. First, you have to file a trade dis-

pute. You have to make sure that all parties are given a copy of the trade dispute. You then have to send a letter to the Minister of Labour requesting a strike vote."

He added, "you have to tell the minister where and when. The minister has to

supervise or send someone as a designated officer to supervise the polls. The polls then have to be satisfied by him and must be certified by him. Afterwards, you then go on strike."

This past Tuesday Labour Minister Dion

Foulkes told reporters that as of Monday he did not receive a trade dispute from the CPSA.

Mr. Ferguson, however, said he isn't certain that a trade dispute wasn't done.

He said, "to my knowledge, the president of the CPSA filed a trade dispute.

So, if the Minister said that it may be so, but that doesn't mean a dispute was not filed."

This, rather, means that the minister was not in possession of a letter.

However, Mr. Ferguson said he will ensure that this is clarified.

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the police.

"In stark contrast, Prime Minister Minnis behaves like a maximum leader, a dictator and a despot with no regard for and I dare say with utter disdain for the prevalence of the rule of law, established guidelines, policies and conventions. Dr. Minnis does so with impunity as he points the corruption finger at oth-

ers."

Mr. Roberts who is a former Minister of Works in the first Christie administration said, "on the issue of pattern of behavior, I point out again that National Security Minister Marvin Dames condemned himself under oath when he admitted to witness tampering and political interference in a criminal case. Works Minister Bannister admitted to political interfer-

ence and undermining the BPL Board but the Prime Minister in each case has failed to act. The PM announced an investigation but Minister Bannister remains in place to influence the outcome of the investigation, possibly compromising its independence and integrity. The optics are terrible," he said.

The former Cabinet Minister noted, "the Prime Minister (Dr.

Minnis) spent \$30 million toward the purchase of an asset without Parliamentary debate and a p p r o v a l . Communications placed in the public domain indicated the purchase of the Grand Lucayan was effective on the 11th September 2018. Any debate is moot at this point as the purchase was illegal but without consequences.

"His internal committee on the infamous and

fraudulent Oban debacle concluded that the Minnis government broke the law but without consequences," he said.

Mr. Roberts again reminds the Bahamian people of the FNM inspired the seven principles of public life in their 2017 Manifesto. All of these principles have been violated in just sixteen months, especially the principles of openness and transparency in awarding

government contracts.

"No lie lasts forever and the only thing worse than corruption is the appearance of integrity through slick PR and media manipulation. Dr. Minnis cannot remain quiet forever. He can run but he cannot hide from the accountability of the Bahamian people. Surely as the sun rises in the east and sets in the west, his and his government's day of reckoning is coming," said Mr. Roberts.

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ed marijuana onboard.

Police say further search of the vessel also uncovered two pistols, one shotgun and a total of 262 rounds of ammunition. The men reportedly could not produce documentation for

the weapons and ammunition.

Both occupants were escorted to the RBDF Harbort Patrol Facility and handed over to police officials for further investigation.

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



NOTICE

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.

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PART B FREEPORT, G.B.		INCLUDING SEA FREIGHT		
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ACTING PERMANENT SECRETARY

Nygaard celebrating 50 years in fashion

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In celebration of 50 years in business Nygard International showed off its \$5 million makeover at its 1771 Inkster Boulevard location in Winnipeg, Canada last

Friday.

The facility's exterior was completely redone and the building is now home to an extensive museum chronicling its history as well as founder Peter Nygard's life. The museum includes the Nygard family homestead

from Deloraine, which was their home when they came to Canada, as well as artifacts from his life and clothing the company has designed and produced through the decades.

The celebration coincides with the company's

two-week product development conference with suppliers and vendors from China, Jordan, Indonesia, Finland, Bangladesh and the U.S. attending.

"This initiative once again shows and cements Nygard's substantial and

enduring commitment to Manitoba," said Sharon Clark, Nygard's vice-president of communications and public relations. "We have continuously invested in our local economy by enhancing the geographic, business and social landscape of

Winnipeg and most importantly, by investing in the people of Winnipeg and Manitoba."

Nygaard International was founded on Winnipeg's Adelaide Street and now employs more than 1,500 people.

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Chief Executive Officer of Montague Capital Partners.

He was accused by the Securities Commission of improper record keeping and accounting, the mingling of client funds with those of the company's and conflict of interest.

However, Sumner entered into a settlement agreement with the Securities Commission in

May.

"The BCCEC is too important an organization and has [too] great a responsibility to be distracted or compromised by these matters," he said.

Sumner added that his decision to resign was in the best interest of the BCCEC as well as he and his family at this time.

"Being the CEO of the BCCEC has been the job of my life that I have enjoyed immensely and

shall miss it, but life goes on," he said.

The former CEO said he wished to thank the board of directors, staff and membership for giving him the opportunity to work with them and to represent them over the years.

He added that he wishes the BCCEC nothing but great success and continued growth and development and will continue to make himself available to

the BCCEC if and when called upon to do so.

The Chamber previously fully endorsed Sumner's performance and integrity after details of ten-year securities industry ban and total of \$210,000 in fines surfaced.

The Journal contacted Sumner for a response on the resignation, however he said he would reserve comments until a later date.



Edison Sumner, Chamber of Commerce Former CEO (Journal file photo)

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Ginette Caty. "My daughter is really, really distressed about the situation that's going on."

The article said, "Taranique's case is the latest example of the impact of a Bahamian nationality law that doesn't automatically grant citizenship to individuals born in the country after 1973, when the country gained independence from the United Kingdom. While the law affects all foreigners in the country, it has overwhelmingly affected the children of Haitian immigrants like Taranique.

After the Bahamas' Tribune newspaper began writing stories about Taranique's inability to get to the U.S. for medical treatment because of her irregular immigration status, her case caught the attention of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

In a 2017 report, UNHCR said an undetermined number of persons of Haitian descent born in the Bahamas are considered stateless, unable to acquire either Bahamian or Haitian nationality due to administrative barriers. The U.N. refugee agency has called on Bahamian authorities to address the gaps in their nationality law that have created the problem.

"It is unfortunate that Bahamian law continues to limit the transmission of citizenship and the inherent benefits that come with it, including the ability to hold a passport and freely travel," said Gary Seidman, a spokesman for UNHCR. "This case highlights the regrettable, and possibly life-threatening, consequences of being a person who is not recognized as a citizen of any country."

The Herald story said, "In the Bahamas, Taranique's nationality has been listed on official identity papers as Haitian, under the assumption that because her mother is part Haitian and wasn't a Bahamian citizen when Taranique was born, Taranique must be consid-

ered Haitian as well. But Caty says that's an outdated notion. She has appealed to both the Bahamian government and the U.S. Embassy in Nassau for help.

"They have to get it right, and it's common sense," Caty said. "If the birth certificate says the child was born here, mother was born here, father was born here — why does the passport have to say something else? In our country, we are still far back. That is why we need to get some other people to intervene and put some knowledge in these [people's] heads."

Caty, 34, who was also stateless until she received her Bahamas citizenship certificate four years ago, said she was told to seek a Haitian passport for her child — only to be turned away by the Haitian embassy. Under Haiti's constitution, the children of Haitians can claim Haitian nationality, but dual citizenship isn't recognized.

"The Haitian Embassy indicated that if I were born in Haiti or the father was born in Haiti, then they could have given that child Haitian nationality," said Caty. "But if the mother is a Bahamian and the father is a Bahamian, [the ambassador] said he is unable to give the second generation a different nationality because that would not be right. If I am a Bahamian and her father is a Bahamian how can my child be something else?"

The article stated: "But under the laws of the Bahamas, one of two countries in the Western Hemisphere (the other is Barbados) that retains gender discrimination in its nationality laws, it is possible. In cases where a child's father is Bahamian and the mother is not, and the parents are unmarried, the child takes the nationality of the mother, according to the country's constitution.

Immigration Minister Brent Symonette last month addressed an immigration backlog that has had some waiting as long as 20 years for citizenship. He said there is no consti-

tutional entitlement to citizenship. Young adults must apply for it between ages 18 and 19. Earlier this year, he announced a proposed change to the immigration law that would provide permanent residency, and not citizenship to those who fail to meet the application deadline.

In Caty's case, she was born in the Bahamas to a Mexican mother and Haitian father. She was stateless and living in the Bahamas, land of her birth, before she became a naturalized Bahamian — 13 years after she first applied.

"Had I gotten my document in time, all of my children would have been straight," said Caty, who had four of her five children, including Taranique, during her long wait for naturalization.

But even with a Bahamian passport, she concedes there is no guarantee that Bahamians will accept those whom they consider to be foreigners.

"Even if they give you the Bahamian passport you're still not considered Bahamian under their law," Caty said. "It has a lot to do with racism. It has a lot to do with hate and it has a lot to do with jealousy and it has a lot to do with envy. They feel like this is this land and we have a different blood."

Neither Symonette nor Foreign Minister Darren Henfield responded to a Miami Herald request for comment. It was reported last month that the government, after reading about Taranique's case, is working to get her to the U.S.

Caty said an official, Audette Wells-Simms, in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is supposed to be helping her with the application for a U.S. visa for Taranique based on the child's Certificate of Identification because she cannot get a Bahamian passport. Well-Simms did not respond to a Herald request for comment about the case.

Caty hopes the visa will be issued in time for a Sept. 18 appointment at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami. At

Jackson, Taranique is set to be evaluated by a specialist to determine her treatment. But no one seems to be sure whether Taranique will get to come to Miami. Caty said she keeps being asked by the foreign affairs ministry to resubmit documents that she has already provided.

The Herald said, The U.S. State Department would not discuss the case but a spokesperson said the embassy will accept a Bahamian Certificate of Identification as a valid travel document as long as individuals meet other requirements. Caty, who

was already turned down for a U.S. visa when she showed up at the embassy in the Bahamas, said she's waiting to see if this time will be different.

"We have to get there," she said. "I need my daughter to get the help that she needs. I need to save my daughter's life."

Fred Smith, a Freeport-based human rights attorney who has called for the Bahamas to provide citizenship to anyone born on its soil, said while the nationality law applies to all immigrants, Haitians feel its sting more than most other groups.

"Regrettably, Taranique is the tip of the iceberg," Smith said. "There are thousands of children born to Haitian parents in the Bahamas who are citizenship-in-waiting. ... Applications for citizenship are sitting in immigration and 'they can't find the files.'"

One of them is 23-year-old Dahene Nonard, whose parents migrated to the Bahamas from Haiti in 1983. Nonard, Smith, said has waited for five years to apply to become a citizen.

Nonard told reporters

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NOTICE

The Royal Bahamas Defence Force invites bids to the Tenders Board for insurance coverage for The Royal Bahamas Defence Force's Building, Musical Instruments, and Warehouses.

2. Specifications and schedules of assets can be obtained from the Ministry of Finance, Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
3. The quotes must be itemized to show the following:
 - a) Increased Value
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4. In providing quotations, reference the Buildings, the Musical Instruments and Warehouses for the Royal Bahamas Defence Force, the date for commencing coverage is the 30th September 2018 to 30th September 2020. The final date for submission is Friday 14th September 2018.

All submissions are to reach the Ministry of Finance by 5:00 p.m. on or before the above-mentioned date and to be addressed to the:

Financial Secretary
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P.O. Box N-3107
West Bay Street
New Providence, The Bahamas

NOTICE OF SITTING FOR NEW PROVIDENCE PORT AUTHORITY BOARD TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR LICENCES UNDER THE BOAT REGISTRATION ACT CHAPTER (277) & COMMERCIAL RECREATIONAL WATERCRAFT ACT, CHAPTER 278 A

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the New Providence Port Authority Board for New Providence and the Family Islands will be held at the Port Administration Building, Prince George Wharf on **TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 25th 2018** at 2:00 p.m, for the purpose of granting Licences under The Boat Registration Act Chapter 277 & Commercial Recreational Watercraft Act of Chapter 278 A.

Any Person entitled to and wishing to object to any application, should do so at least **six (6) days** before the date of the hearing, by submitting his/her objections in writing to the Board and to the applicant.

Persons attending the meeting on behalf of an applicant must produce written authorization at the meeting.

Applicants for renewals are not required to attend, unless they have received written notification from the New Providence Port Authority Board.

The under mentioned persons have applied for the grant of licences and renewal as specified below.

**BOAT REGISTRATION ACT
NEW MASTER'S LICENCE-NEW PROVIDENCE - 2018**

REG NO.	NAME	CLASS
NB/01/18	Brown Wilton Nassau, Bahamas	B
NB/02/18	Burrows Burnest Nassau, Bahamas	B
NB/03/18	Burrows Marcus P.O. BOX N-9886 Nassau, Bahamas	B
NB/04/18	Coakley Joel T. P.O. Box EE-17821 Nassau, Bahamas	A
NB/05/18	Farrington Gaston Nassau, Bahamas	B
NB/06/18	Flowers Nico P.O. BOX N-448 Nassau, Bahamas	B
NB/07/18	Hunt Ellis Keisha P.O. Box EE-17553 Nassau, Bahamas	B
NB/08/18	Leach Justin P.O. Box N1702 Nassau, Bahamas	B
NB/09/18	Lowe Bronson P.O. Box N-4427 Nassau, Bahamas	A
NB/10/18	Miller Ramond Allan Drive Nassau, Bahamas	B
NB/11/18	Rahming Edrin P.O. Box EE-15670 Nassau, Bahamas	B

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REG NO.	NAME	CLASS
NB/12/18	Russell Gromiko P.O. BOX SP-62792 Nassau, Bahamas	B
NB/13/18	Wallace Gianni P.O. Box EE-17413 Nassau, Bahamas	B
NB/14/18	Wells Craig P.O. Box N-10386 Nassau, Bahamas	B

**BOAT REGISTRATION ACT
NEW OPERATOR'S LICENCE-NEW PROVIDENCE- 2018**

REG NO.	NAME	CLASS
NB/20/18	Miller Aldeon D. Sea Breeze Nassau, Bahamas	D

**THE BOAT REGISTRATION ACT
NEW BOAT LICENCE - FAMILY ISLAND -2018**

REG NO.	APPLICATION	BOAT NAME	CLASS	PASS	USE
NB/01/18	RAV Bahamas Bimini Bay Resort & Casino Bimini Bahamas	"Dorado" 139'x35'x7.5 Tug Barge	B	0	Tug-Barg
NB/02/18	Cartwright Roger T/A Long Island Boat Rentals Mangrove Bush Long Island, Bahamas	"Summertime" 19ft Sundance	B	4	Rental
NB/03/18	Cartwright Roger T/A Long Island Boat Rentals Mangrove Bush Long Island, Bahamas	"Sea Ya" 13ft Boston Whaler	B	4	Rental
NB/04/18	Cartwright Roger T/A Long Island Boat Rentals Mangrove Bush Long Island, Bahamas	"Let's Go" 19ft Sundance	B	4	Rental

**THE BOAT REGISTRATION ACT
NEW BOAT LICENCE - NEW PROVIDENCE -2018**

REG NO.	APPLICATION	BOAT NAME	CLASS	PASS	USE
NB/54/18	Alliea Campbell Nassau, Bahamas	"No Name" Cycle Boat	A	16	Tours
NB/55/18	Sunshine Cruises Limited Nassau, Bahamas	"Missy" 65ft Bonner Yacht	B	100	Charters

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REG NO.	APPLICATION	BOAT NAME	CLASS	PASS	USE
NB/56/18	Ramatar Narine & Newbold Arjay Nassau, Bahamas	"Proud" 32ft Center Console	B	12	Rental

**NEW COMMERCIAL RECREATIONAL WATERCRAFT ACT
NEW PROVIDENCE - 2018**

REG NO.	APPLICATION	BOAT NAME	CLASS	PASS	USE
NB/85/18	Smith Feodor St. Vincent Road Nassau, Bahamas	"No Name" 11ft Crystal Kayak	D	1	Rental
NB/86/18	Smith Feodor St. Vincent Road Nassau, Bahamas	"No Name" 11ft Crystal Kayak	D	1	Rental
NB/87/18	Smith Feodor St. Vincent Road Nassau, Bahamas	"No Name" 11ft Crystal Kayak	D	1	Rental
NB/88/18	Smith Feodor St. Vincent Road Nassau, Bahamas	"No Name" 11ft Crystal Kayak	D	1	Rental
NB/89/18	Smith Feodor St. Vincent Road Nassau, Bahamas	"No Name" 11ft Crystal Kayak	D	1	Rental
NB/90/18	Smith Feodor St. Vincent Road Nassau, Bahamas	"No Name" 11ft Crystal Kayak	D	1	Rental
NB/91/18	Smith Feodor St. Vincent Road Nassau, Bahamas	"No Name" 11ft Crystal Kayak	D	1	Rental
NB/92/18	Smith Feodor St. Vincent Road Nassau, Bahamas	"No Name" 11ft Crystal Kayak	D	1	Rental
NB/93/18	Smith Feodor St. Vincent Road Nassau, Bahamas	"No Name" 11ft Crystal Kayak	D	1	Rental
NB/94/18	Smith Feodor St. Vincent Road Nassau, Bahamas	"No Name" 11ft Crystal Kayak	D	1	Rental
NB/95/18	Smith Feodor St. Vincent Road Nassau, Bahamas	"No Name" 11ft Crystal Kayak	D	1	Rental

**RENEWAL OF JET SKI
UNDER THE COMMERCIAL RECREATIONAL WATERCRAFT ACT
NEW PROVIDENCE - 2018**

REG NO.	APPLICATION	BOAT NAME	CLASS	PASS	USE
PIW 338	Wright Frankie Nassau, Bahamas	"No Name" 9ft Jet Ski	D	2	Rental

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**BOAT REGISTRATION ACT
RENEWAL MASTER'S LICENCE-FAMILY ISLANDS - 2018**

REG NO.	NAME	CLASS
8881	Rolle Alfred Farmer's Cay Exuma Bahamas	A

**BOAT REGISTRATION ACT
RENEWAL MASTER'S LICENCE-NEW PROVIDENCE - 2018**

REG NO.	NAME	CLASS
8993	Burrows Brent J. II P.O. Box EE-16551 Nassau, Bahamas	A
9405	Major Mario P.O. Box SS-5702 Nassau, Bahamas	A
8230	McKenzie Jerrad P.O. Box SS-5545 Nassau, Bahamas	B
9135	Miller Joevonte J. Star Estates Nassau, Bahamas	A
9200	Nixon Julian P.O. Box N-10359 Nassau, Bahamas	B
9604	Patton Peter Buttercup Lane Nassau, Bahamas	A
9409	Poitier Rashad A. P.O. Box N-969 Nassau, Bahamas	B
1145	Smith Ellis H. P.O. Box N-7776 Nassau, Bahamas	A
9355	Wallace Phicol Nassau, Bahamas	A


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A STUNNING MONUMENT TO A FIFTY-YEAR HISTORY

The 2018 series salutes fashion mogul Peter Nygård'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.

So what do you do after achieving 50 years of business success? You create a gallery-museum to tell your story. And that's exactly what fashion mogul Peter Nygard did.

In true Nygard form, he held a grand opening of a new entrance and the new NYGARD Gallery in his Inkster facility located in Winnipeg in the Manitoba Province of Canada. It is described by attendees as a stunning view of not just the showcases but of the rags-to-riches story itself including the ability to walk through the one-room structure Nygard's family lived in after immigrating to Canada.

Reporter Ashley Prest of the Winnipeg Free Press wrote about the opening of the Nygard Gallery:

Fashion mogul Peter Nygård's childhood home, a one-room homestead with some original furniture, is tucked into a corner of the entrance to his recently renovated 155,000-square foot head office and distribution building on Inkster Boulevard.

Nygård, 40-year employee Rene Law and 48-year employee Irene Golinski cut the ribbon Wednesday to officially unveil the \$5-million expansion to the building and celebrate the 50th anniversary of his company.

The Inkster building, which opened in 1976, is a large leap from the company's humble beginnings on Adelaide Street in 1968, Nygård told an assembled crowd of about 200 people, including employees, family, friends and some dignitaries. Guests included former lieutenant-governor Pearl McGonigal, MLA Scott Johnson (St. James) and Coun. Devi Sharma (Old Kildonan).

"This particular building and this particular development, yeah, I know it's gone a little overboard, but I don't know how else to do it anymore. It's always got to be the best or nothing at all," Nygård said to appreciative laughter from the crowd. "This is sort of taking New York into Winnipeg and taking Falcon Lake into Winnipeg right on Inkster."

Prest describes a fascinating look at the inside of the Gallery itself, which

opened last week:

The building's entrance has been transformed into a museum, which chronicles the company's history and doubles as a monument to Nygård. Two giant screens show fashion shows from over the years with back-lit, full-body photos of famous super models such as Linda Evangelista, Tyra Banks and Beverly Johnson lining a seating area with plank tables and faux palm trees.

But larger than life are the photographs of Nygård himself. Collages on three walls depict Nygård with actors, politicians and models he has met during his career. Electronic photo albums are scattered about the first few metres of the entrance showing photos of Nygård throughout the years of growing his empire, as a child and a young man. There's even a classic car.

("Fashion mogul unveils Inkster office renovation: Museum chronicles Nygård's career": September 13, 2018)

The Winnipeg Sun also reports on the grand occasion:

In celebration of 50 years in business Nygard International showed off its \$5 million makeover at its 1771 Inkster Boulevard location this week.

The facility's exterior was completely redone and the building is now home to an extensive museum chronicling its history as well as founder Peter Nygard's life. The museum includes the Nygard family homestead from Deloraine, which was their home when they came to Canada, as well as artifacts from his life and clothing the company has designed and produced through the decades.

("Nygard celebrating 50 years in fashion": September 13, 2018)

Congratulations to Peter Nygard on his 50 years and the opening of his new Gallery!

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EDITORIAL

Our Shared Fate

If ever there was a time when we –as a Bahamian people- should re-double efforts aimed at binding us together in love, that time is surely now in this dread season; becalmed –as we are- in a time when and where no day passes when there is no report of hurt, harm and death on the loose and rampant in our Bahamas.

In addition, practically no one seems to have a clue as to what should be done in the circumstances currently extant not only in our country, but throughout all these ex-slave ex-plantation dominated societies where the past rests like a nightmare upon the living souls of so very many of our people.

This explains today's dearth of intelligent conversation on matters social, economic, political and civic.

Clearly, then, today's supposedly modern Bahamas yet bears the stigmata of backwardness and ruin bequeathed its people by their long and ruinous embrace of and by slavery and colonialism.

And thus it follows: Whether we reference matters concerning rights for all or death by way of capital punishment for a motley crew; the fact remains that the Bahamian people are today mired in a morass of ignorance, brutality self-hate and fear-laced shame.

Evidently, much of this social backwardness is rooted in a society where whilst access to schooling is universal, few students ever wake to find themselves considered as being educated.

This neatly explains that great extent to which so many Bahamians remain baffled by questions regarding the rights of immigrants, women and children, amongst other perfectly salient issues.

Interestingly enough, this parlous state of affairs in these hard times can be directly traced to philosophies and policies in times past which denied the masses the schooling they so badly needed.

A crowning moment in this process of deliberately distressing our people came in the late 1940's when the then ruling mercantile elite in a then-colonial Bahamas spurned efforts being made by West Indians –especially the Jamaicans – when they spurred the development of the University College of The West Indies.

In addition, those elites also did all in

their power to censor and prohibit an already backward but rebellious people from viewing movies that would – if screened – begin to move the scales from their eyes.

These elites also sought to achieve similar results by buying votes and by otherwise seeking to pollute and make a mockery of anything even approaching fairness for the masses in those dread times; but yet in a world where the masses of people were already rising up, so did they in The Bahamas.

And so did they birth a slew of truly great leaders; with some as protagonists and others their antagonists in a mighty human struggle not only for power; but also for bread, justice and freedom.

A pivotal moment in that struggle was that time when change was ripening and where the people were prepared –as it were – for decisive action.

This resolve was epitomized by the General Strike of 1958 when Clifford Darling and his fellow taxi-cab drivers; Randol Francis Fawkes and his Bahamas Federation of Labor and Lynden O. Pindling and his Progressive Liberal Party united themselves in common cause.

Alas! All of that was then.

And thus, whilst all of that might have been useful in those powerful days; the fact remains that as the struggle continues, we –as a people who would be united in love and in service-now face some brand-new challenges.

Indeed: There is no doubting the fact that, there is now a yawning mismatch between elite thinking and response and that of the masses of the Bahamian people.

We see evidence of this in any number of situations where the people out-there have one view and where those who govern and those who run the public administration have other views.

Making matters worse was the fact that, some of this nation's clerics seem to have the view that –somehow or the other- they have a God-given veto over certain highly important public policy matters.

These men and women are mistaken.

And thus the fact remains: If we continue as we have been going, nothing but backwardness and ruins would be our shared fate.

THE BAHAMAS
Sun, Sand, Sea and the
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The advertisement features a collage of newspaper front pages from The Bahama Journal. The main headline on the collage is "Four Bodies Claimed". Other visible headlines include "Haitian Burials Imminent", "Brush Fire Scorches Acres of Land", "22ND MURDER VICTIM Identified", "Debris Hinders Business For Ferry Operators", and "GO TANKLESS". The background of the advertisement is a scenic view of a beach with waves crashing onto the shore.



PUBLIC NOTICE

THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & MARINE RESOURCES

INVITATION FOR TENDERS

TENDER FOR THE PROVISION FOR SECURITY SERVICES FOR THE
GLADSTONE ROAD AGRICULTURAL CENTRE

The Ministry of Agriculture & Marine Resources invites Tenders from interested Companies for the provision of Security Services for the Gladstone Road Agricultural Centre.

All persons/companies are invited to collect the Tender Document between the hours of 10:00a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday from:

Ministry of Agriculture & Marine Resources
East Bay Street
Out Island Traders Building
Nassau, Bahamas
Telephone No. 397-7444

All Tended documents are to be submitted in triplicate (3) in a sealed envelope marked "TENDER SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE PROVISION FOR SECURITY SERVICES FOR THE GLADSTONE ROAD AGRICULTURAL CENTRE" and addressed to:

Chairman
The Tenders Board
c/o Financial Secretary
Ministry of Finance
Cecil Wallace Whitfield Centre
P. O. Box N-3017
Nassau, N.P., The Bahamas
Telephone No. 327-1530

The deadline line for submission of Tenders is Thursday August 30th, 2018.

Persons/companies submitting Tenders are invited to be present for the Tender opening on Tuesday 3rd September, 2018 at 10.00am to the meeting of the Tenders Board at the Ministry of Finance.

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

Phedra Rahming (Ms.)
Permanent Secretary

MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS
BUILDINGS REGULATIONS ACT, 1971NOTICE 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, 1971NOTICE OF DEMOLITION ORDER
IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING ORDER

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

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LANE & DUNMORE STREET NASSAU, BAHAMAS

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March 15, 2018

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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
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Craig Delancy
Buildings Control Officer

March 15, 2018

PUBLIC NOTICE
OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTERTENDER INVITATION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER
TO CONDUCT A LAND AUDIT WITHIN THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS

The Office of the Prime Minister invites tenders for the appointment of a Service Provider to conduct a Land Audit within the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

All companies are invited to visit the Notice's section on the Government's website at www.bahamas.gov.bs, or to collect the Terms of Reference for the tender between the hours of 9:30 am – 4:00 pm Monday through Friday from:

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

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:

- Spatially 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 USRI 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:

Chairman, The Tender Board
c/o Acting Financial Secretary
Ministry of Finance
Cecil Wallace Whitfield Centre
P. O. Box N-3107
Nassau, N.P., The Bahamas

No increase, decrease, discount, reduction or any other changes to initial bid price(s) or conditions will be permitted after the opening of bids. Clarification of bids, as requested by the Office of the Prime Minister, may be accepted provided that the substance and prices of the bid remain unchanged.

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

Permanent Secretary

Education Minister Praises Local Bank



► 9th Annual Parenting Forum: Pictured are Minister of Education Jeffrey Lloyd (5th from left) and Commonwealth Bank's vice president of internal audit and credit Davine Dawkins-Rolle (fourth from right).

Education Minister Jeffrey Lloyd used a parenting forum to issue a public thank you to Commonwealth Bank for its "extraordinary" support to education and to tell parents that the role they play in their child's education cannot be overstated.

The education minister was speaking at the 9th Annual Parenting Forum on August 25, held for the first time this year at William Johnson Auditorium on Joe Farrington Road, a late and unavoidable change of location from the Kendal GL Isaacs National Gymnasium where the event normally draws a crowd of hundreds.

While numbers were small, Lloyd's message and that of other speakers, including Commonwealth Bank's vice president of internal audit and credit Davine Dawkins-Rolle, was loud and powerful –

Parents Matter. "If you want to see a child succeed, sometimes against all odds and with sacrificial needs, you see a parent involved," Lloyd said. "We get \$300 million at the Ministry of Education every year to drive education but at the end of the day, parents, it's you. Your role is so crucial and critical and indispensable that it cannot be denied. It cannot be altered or shared or assigned."

"That shared responsibility between parents, educators and the community", he said, "lies at the heart of enabling individual growth and development."

"This task is not the sole responsibility of the education system, but one which demands the earnest commitment and participation of us all," said Lloyd, commending Commonwealth Bank for the lead it has taken in support of education.

"Over the last decade, Commonwealth Bank has donated more than \$1.1 million to education," said the minister. "This is the kind of partnership we celebrate and honour. They have given 10,000 backpacks with school supplies annually, they have provided scholarships, last year they placed \$50,000 in our care and trusted us to apply it to the best possible use which we will this year with new technology for younger students to ensure a strong start. They did all this without our asking for it, soliciting it or enlisting their support. They did it just coming forward because they believe in the value of education, they understand. We are extraordinarily grateful to Commonwealth Bank and to all our partners who contribute to education." Against a backdrop of celebration of the new school year, the annual

event sponsored by the New Providence Association of Public Secondary Schools and Ministry of Education featured performances by school troops and the Royal Bahamas Police Force Pop Band.

But it was the down-to-earth talk about parenting that most touched the audience. "Parenting," said the education minister, father of five daughters and grandfather of six, "is the hardest job on God's green earth."

Commonwealth Bank VP Dawkins-Rolle reinforced the importance of parental involvement. "Like many of you in this church auditorium today, I did not grow up rich, but, like you who are here with a parent, I was fortunate because I had a parent who cared enough to be by my side whether in school, on a playing field or when my first boyfriend broke up with

me and my world fell apart."

In and out of the classroom, it is parental engagement that helps create the successful, productive citizen.

"The more we learn about how students learn and what leads to success, the more we come back to parenting. Schools with the highest success rate, including lowest drop-out rates and greatest percentage of students who go on to college, are those where parents are involved in their offspring's education. That means getting to know your son or daughter's teachers, knowing what your child is working on every day. That means helping – not doing – helping with a science project or discussing an idea for an essay.

"That also means making it possible for your son or daughter to play in the band or participate in sports and after school

activities. There will be times when you, the parent, have to say 'No' because Johnny has to walk his little brother home and watch him while you are at work late, but please do your best to make sure that student's lives are about education and the excitement that being in a learning environment can generate when it is applauded at home, rather than resented."

"Stay connected with your son or daughter", she urged. "Education is not just about what happens in the classroom. It is how Johnny and Joeisha grow into confident, well-adjusted adults."

Commonwealth Bank is the nation's leading Bahamian bank with \$1.6 billion in total assets, more than 600 staff members and branches in New Providence, Grand Bahama, Abaco and Eleuthera.



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 pfmpmr@bahamas.gov.bs.



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Plight of teen in Bahamas Hits U.S Press

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she was “kicked several times, punched and put in a head-lock by immigration officers” for not having Bahamian documents on her to show her legal status in the country. She was later detained at the Carmichael Road Detention Center in Nassau. Then-Immigration Minister Fred Mitchell said Nonard’s account did not match the official report but acknowledged that her allegations were being investigated.

“It is typical of the challenges faced by people,” of Haitian descent, said Smith.

In July, he filed suit against the government on behalf of Nonard, whose certificate of identity has expired and has yet to be issued citizenship.

Individuals born of Haitian heritage in the Bahamas have long faced discrimination, threats of mass arrest, detention, deportation and political disenfranchisement, Smith said. One recent case involved Rony Jean-Charles, who was born in Nassau, went to school there and then was expelled and sent to Haiti last year without a deportation order after he failed to present documents of his lawful presence in the country. The case is still in the courts.

Smith, who represents Jean-Charles, said while the nationality law is at

the root of the problem, 2014 changes in Bahamian law have caused additional issues for people of Haitian descent living there.

An effort to amend the nationality law through a constitutional amendment in 2016 was overwhelmingly rejected. Among the proposed changes: giving

ship certificate, you can’t get a marriage certificate...you lose your home, all of your possessions. You can’t register for national insurance. You

who earlier this year raised the issue of reducing the flow with Haitian President Jovenel Moïse, has himself come under criticism for a plan

Taranique’s medical problems began last year when the teen complained about headaches, Caty said. After a visit to Doctors Hospital in Nassau, a neurologist referred the girl to Jackson Memorial Hospital in the United States.

Caty said she went to the U.S. Embassy with several documents including a Bahamian document called a “Belonger’s Permit” but was ultimately turned down for a medical visa, based on her lack of a passport.

Caty and Taranique are still hoping to fly to Miami on Saturday. But on Tuesday, after a meeting with the Bahamas’ Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Caty was dealt another setback.

Caty said she was told that she would need to present a letter showing proof that she can pay for Taranique’s medical care in Miami before the ministry of foreign affairs forwards her visa application to the U.S. Embassy. Before that, she said, she had been told all she needed was proof that she paid for the airplane ticket and accommodations.

The doctor’s appointment is supposed to be a consultation, costing about \$300 to \$400, money that Caty had already set aside.

“I was crying when I left there,” she said. “I am just looking to try and save my daughter.”



► Taranique Thurston, 16, needs to get to Miami for urgent medical treatment but she lacks official status in the Bahamas, where she was born to a Bahamian father and a mother who was also born in the country to a Haitian father and Mexican mother. (Journal file photo)

Anyone living in the Bahamas is now required to hold a passport of their nationality in order to legally reside in the country. As a result, Smith said, the children of Haitian immigrants have either been forced to go ‘stateless’ because they cannot get a Bahamian passport until they are 18, or must get a Haitian passport until Bahamian citizenship is possible.

Bahamian women the right to automatically transfer citizenship to their children regardless of where they are born.

“Literally thousands of people have been rounded up since November 2014 to the present. Even though they were born in the Bahamas, they are being deported to Haiti,” said Smith. “If you don’t have your Haitian passport or Bahamian citizen-

can’t get a job.”

He called it “a program of ethnic cleansing the Bahamas of people of Haitian ethnic origin.”

Bahamas officials over the years have responded to Smith and other critics of their immigration policy by saying that they have been inundated by Haitian migration and have to protect their porous borders. Prime Minister Hubert Minnis,

to demolish shantytowns occupied mostly by Haitians in New Providence and Abaco.

Caty, who says she has endured discrimination in the Bahamas, said she’s determined to give her children a better life.

“I have four daughters born in this country and I have a right to speak and to say what I want for them and what I don’t want for them,” she said.

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